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The HIGHWAY
The MOTOR VEHICLE
and
The COMMUNITY

*A study revealing how good roads and automotive
equipment meet the transportation needs of
communities and help railroads to
abandon unprofitable lines*

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FOREWORD

THIS period evidently can be described as "The Highway Era" in the United States. By so describing it, the thought is not expressed that one method of transportation will, or ever can, completely supply the transportation necessities of the nation. But it is timely to present a study which makes an effort to show that the highway fits into the transportation plan of the nation, and, in so doing, aids in supplying communities with their transportation requirements.

When economic and social factors are changing progressively, and, in some cases, rapidly, it is well to analyze conditions sanely, and not become frightened for fear some present methods and facilities will wholly disappear to be supplanted by other present or new forms of transport.

This study is presented as a contribution to the solution of the transportation problem of the present day. It is intended to be an aid in solving the railroad problem as much as a demonstration of the ability of the highway and the motor vehicle to supply the needed transportation in a community.

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