

M'GREGOR, ROCKWOOD BROWN NAMED BY GOVERNOR COONEY AS NEW HIGHWAY BOARD MEMBERS

Governor Frank H. Cooney yesterday appointed Dr. Harry McGregor of Great Falls, and Rockwood Brown of Billings as members of the Montana highway commission, replacing O. S. Warden of Great Falls, present chairman of the commission, and J. H. Rowe of Butte.

To Long Term

After accepting the resignation of L. J. Croonenberghs of Missoula, whose term would have expired two years from yesterday, the governor re-appointed him for a four-year term, to expire April 1, 1939.

Brown, a Billings attorney, was appointed to the commission to succeed Croonenberghs, his term to expire April 1, 1937. McGregor, who Sunday resigned as a member of the Montana relief commission, on the eve of the commission's first meeting, was appointed to the highway commission for a four-year term, to expire on April 1, 1939.

Big Job

The new commission will be faced with the most comprehensive task ever before a highway commission in Montana. The gigantic public works program of the federal government, now in the hands of congress, will soon be placed in

operation and the state highway commission will assume an important cog in the distribution of federal funds for highway improvements.

Since the enactment of the Montana highway patrol bill, initial organization plans have been retarded pending appointment of the new highway commission. The commission named yesterday by the governor will organize the patrol, and place it in actual operation in the next few weeks. The patrol is under the supervision of the maintenance department of the highway department.

Was Surprised

The appointment of Brown and Dr. McGregor came as a surprise to many who have followed the political maneuvers of the state. During the last few days several delegations from Butte came to Helena, endorsing the re-appointment of Rowe. The governor, in naming Brown to Rowe's position, recognized the eastern part of the state.

When questioned concerning Warden's failure to gain a berth on the new commission, Governor Cooney said, "The highway commission has been a closed corporation long enough."

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