

**MONTANA ROAD  
BODY PLANS TO  
SPEND \$250,000**

Money Is Slated for  
Work West to the  
Custer National  
Forest Boundary.

**WILL REQUEST  
\$500,000 MORE**

'Booster Dinner' Is  
Held in Red Lodge  
With New Project  
as Theme of Event.

TWO hundred and fifty thousand dollars for construction of a portion of the Broadus-Hardin cutoff to the Black Hills was programmed Tuesday afternoon by the state highway commission here. The portion which this fund has been scheduled for is the stretch from Broadus west to the Custer National forest boundary line.

This action followed a conference between members of the commission and a delegation from various towns interested in the proposed highway which, when completed, will reduce the mileage between Billings and the Black Hills of south Dakota to about 134 miles. The action also provided a "booster" dinner at Red Lodge at which the theme was promotion of the new road.

Rockwood Brown, Billings, member of the commission, will leave Wednesday for a vacation trip to Yosemite. Returning, he will stop at Washington, D. C., to confer with officials of the bureau of Indian Affairs, the bureau of public roads and the forest service with a view to obtaining an allotment of \$500,000 for construction of the highway across the Custer National forest, the Northern Cheyenne Indian reservation and the Crow Indian reservation to connect with United States highway No. 22 at near Hardin.

Contracts for the stretch west of Broadus to the forest boundary will probably be let at a later date, it was announced following the commission's action.

The commission took its action despite the fact that the delegation which included representatives from Broadus, Hardin, Ashland, Milk Pointe, and Red Lodge and Billings-urged construction of "all of more" of the highway. It is with this in mind, however, that Mr. Brown is making the allotment from federal funds for the construction over forest and reservation lands.

Although discussion centered about placing the proposed road on the 7 per cent bond, delegation members were convinced that one federal allotment would be more practical. The same sentiment was expressed earlier by Brown.

W. J. Derrick, supervisor of Custer forest, reported that "the forest is very much in favor of this road and considers immediate construction a necessity."

## Booster Dinner For Broadus to Custer Forest Boundary Road

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