

## BROADUS-HARDIN ROAD APPROVED BY F. D. R. AND NEC

Word to This Effect Received Here From Indian Bureau Adds to District's Hopes.

### APPROPRIATION NOT YET MADE

Centerwall Previously Had Said \$450,000 Marked for Project; Is Put at Top of List.

EASTERN Montana hopes for the construction of the proposed Broadus-Hardin road linking Billings with the Black Hills of South Dakota were bolstered Tuesday night with the announcement that the president of the United States and the national emergency council had approved the project.

Word to this effect was received in a communication from the bureau of Indian Affairs by Rockwood Brown, member of the state highway commission.

Despite the optimistic word, the communication also pointed out that a pecuniary endorsement appropriation had not been made. At a meeting of backers of the proposed highway held in Helena October 26, it was announced by W. C. Centerwall, vice president of the Northern Cherokee reservation, that a telegram had been received from Indian Commissioner John Collins stating that "\$450,000 has been appropriated for a Cheyenne highway."

H. J. DeCuir, district road engineer of reservations under the Indian office, announced Tuesday night that a communication from the Indian bureau stated that "the bureau of public roads has set no funds aside for the project."

It was learned by Montana highway supporters of the project that the H. F. H. allotment had already been made when the appropriation announcement was issued.

However, Mr. Brown was assured that the project occupied the most important place of road construction in Montana at the present time, as placed at "the top of the list by the bureau of public roads as well as the emergency council."

Word in this city Tuesday, Commissioner Collier reported that "the road project was in charge of his staff. The commissioner thought the proposed highway to be a necessary construction according to reports reaching him."

Next move in the campaign to obtain the road was being pushed by Billings Commercial club members and other agencies backing the project Tuesday night.

# FDR Approves Highway Promoted By Rockwood Brown

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