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Gratifying Results Reported in Local Campaign to Raise Stone Mountain Fund Quota.

Two important announcements regarding the progress of Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial were given out Saturday by officials in charge of the project.

1. Federal aid has been promised, officially, in constructing a highway to run past Stone Mountain.

2. Work on completion of Atlanta's quota for the memorial fund has gone along quietly and with gratifying results through the past week, and the \$250,000 asked of this city is expected by the end of the coming week.

Letter From MacDonald.

Hollins N. Randolph, president of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial association, made public a letter from Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the federal bureau of public roads, in Washington, in which he states that the bureau has approved a federal aid highway to run past Stone Mountain and continue north-eastward to Washington.

Albert S. Adams, chairman of the

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with reference to Stone Mountain memorial is to raise our quota now, without further delay, and release the association's plans for raising the money which has been pledged outside of Atlanta.

"A good many people have asked me why the association must wait on Atlanta's quota before soliciting funds elsewhere. The answer is simple. When the southern governors met here in conference last April, they pledged the support of their states upon the condition that Atlanta should show her interest in the project, and her faith in the executive committee of the association by subscribing \$250,000, which is less than 10 per cent of the total cost.

"Our committee has been at work all this week, quietly and without publicity, but with very encouraging results. There is a great deal of interest. There is a great deal of concern among the people for Atlanta to do her part.

"Nothing else remains but for Atlanta to come forward and finish her quota. Something over half has been subscribed. Our plans to raise the balance are proceeding satisfactorily and I hope and confidently expect to be able to announce by or before the end of the week that we are over the top."

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citizens' committee in charge of raising Atlanta's quota, gave out a statement saying his committee had been quietly at work the past week, with very encouraging results, and that he expected to be able to announce by the end of this week that Atlanta is "over the top."

Writes to Harris.

Mr. MacDonald's letter in regard to the highway past the memorial was written to United States Senator Harris, who had taken the matter up with the bureau at Mr. Randolph's request. It follows:

"As you know, the federal aid law requires that the states shall submit for approval of the secretary of agriculture a system of roads not to exceed seven per cent of the total road mileage in the state, and after the approval of that system by the secretary no federal aid can be applied to any other road. The system for Georgia has recently been submitted by the state and approved. This shows a road running from Atlanta by way of Stone Mountain, Lawrenceville and Winder to Athens, continuing thence northeastward to Washington. Since Stone Mountain is mentioned as a definite point by which this road must pass, it would seem that this will meet the suggestion of Mr. Randolph that a road be built extending by Stone Mountain to carry the travel approaching the memorial from the northeast."

On account of the large and constantly increasing attendance of visitors at the mountain, Mr. Randolph stated, adequate highway facilities are a very important phase of the enterprise, and the above letter shows that the federal authorities recognize the importance of the memorial and the great public interest which already is making it the Mecca of thousands of visitors every month.

Statement by Adams.

Chairman Adams, of the Atlanta citizens' committee, gave out the following statement regarding the Atlanta quota:

"Everywhere this week I have encountered the question: 'Is Atlanta going to raise her quota for the memorial? If so, when?'"

"Personally, I believe Atlanta is going to raise her quota, and I never have doubted it. If Atlanta should ever fail in a public interest, it would not be in one which meant as much for her reputation and her development as this one means.

"But the vitally important thing