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CO-OPERATORS OF AMERICA

A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION

HAROLD R. PEAT
DIRECTOR LECTURE ACTIVITIES
2 WEST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Bass River, Cape Cod
Massachusetts.
January 16, 1936.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

The enclosed speak for themselves.

The trial heat during the past six months has proved the scientific and social soundness and success of the undertaking. Twelve cities have been tested. Four more are being added. Twelve speakers have been used for 76 engagements to date. Attendance has been from a little under 1,000 to over 1,600, a total of over 76,000 people. When the 16 cities and 160 dates are completed the results so far indicate over 200,000 attendance.

As a result we are about to incorporate as per enclosure and ask you to become one of our NATIONAL ADVISORS for LIFE. There is no responsibility incurred by you of any kind whatsoever, financial or otherwise, save approval of the idea as expressed herein. There is no work or time involved save as you chose to accord as a Life Advisor.

We are asking you as one of the active leaders of thought and worthwhile purpose to join in this co-operation for the preservation and advancement of our civilization. We hope for your co-operation to the extent of your opportunities and abilities but without incurring responsibilities or obligations of any kind save assumed over your signature.

The Founders provided for in the proposed incorporation have not yet been selected. It is likely that they will be tentative for the first year to be later expanded to include outstanding men and women representing a cross-section of our body politic.

We hope for your co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles Davis
for FOUNDERS pro tem

P.S. We are about to organize 240 cities for the coming season. This means attendance of much over 2,500,000 people and maybe far more. Another large edition of the enclosed is going to press at once, and we hope to include your name as a "Co-operator of America". Please advise us if possible by return mail and greatly oblige.

# CO-OPERATORS OF AMERICA

## Certificate of Incorporation

We, the undersigned,

all being citizens of the United States, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a non-profit, non-partisan Corporation under the provisions of Section 599 of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, and certify as follows:

First: The name by which said Corporation shall be known in law is "CO-OPERATORS OF AMERICA."

Second: The term of said Corporation shall be perpetual.

Third: CO-OPERATORS OF AMERICA, being the Owners and Wayfarers of the Nation, the object of said Corporation shall be to exist thru the acts and deeds and the written, printed and spoken word of individuals and groups debating and discussing in public and private forums, at round tables or symposiums, freely, independently on their own initiative or otherwise brought together for the purpose of contributing and co-operating to gain and hold the "goal" to favor, foster and further the educational, social, cultural, artistic, civic, moral, spiritual and joyous activities of the People of the Nation thru the establishment, beautification, development, care, preservation, growth, protection, welfare, and use of all worthwhile structures and undertakings and their surroundings and activities in the length and breadth of these United States of America and to secure the benefits, pleasures, happiness and joy-- social, moral, cultural, civic, economic, commercial, industrial, material, educational, spiritual and personal-- in the progress and uplift of the American People which follow thru the co-operation, contribution and fellowship of mankind as we pass thru life over our highways, streets and by-ways and thus "to bind the States together in a common brotherhood and thus perpetuate and preserve the Union."

Fourth: The management of said Corporation shall for the first year of its existence be vested in a board of National Founders

who shall have full rights, powers, privileges and discretions to adopt by-laws and to do all and everything else in the affairs of the Corporation that they may deem wise, desirable, necessary or otherwise in their sole and absolute discretion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this day of 1936.

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CHARLES DAVIS

BASS RIVER, CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS
NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA BOSTON

Mr. Davis' introduction of himself, for lack of a better means, is to indicate the scientific, intellectual and social approach to the organization of "Co-operators of America" and its personnel.

1889 First to designate capacity of generators and motors by a heat limit above atmosphere - now universally called for.
1890 Designed first sky-scraper - 30 stories, 12 was then the highest.
1891 First suggested double truck trolley street cars reducing operating cost 25% equal to more than all other reductions combined.
1892 First concealed private electric lighting - residence George F. Baker, New York City.
1892 First concealed public electric lighting - Carnegie Music Hall, N.Y.C.
1892 Built first high-speed cross-country trolley road.
1892 Designed first "panel board" distribution for lighting and power - now used in every installation.
1892 First suggested iron pipe conduit interior wiring - now universally used.
1892 Designed saddle making underground trolleys successful.
1897 First suggested tunneling Hudson River.
1897 Designed first "stream line" railroad train - they will now soon displace others.
1897 Designed first electric signals and control for fast trains at close headway - used on N.Y. subway, they could not otherwise run as fast and as close as they do.
1898 First to suggest what was to be the "Flivver" - but my people thought this was visionary and would not put up the money.
1905 Designed first fire-proof vertical filing units - now universal.
1911 First suggested NATIONAL HIGHWAYS - Roosevelt's message to Congress, on its opening 1935, advocated their building.
1911 To date suggested many of the advances in road building -

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| (a) | Flat Roads | (f) | Federal Aid |
| (b) | Sea rules for roads | (g) | Highway Road Exhibits |
| (c) | Lighting Signals | (h) | A. Ass. S. Ry. Officials |
| (d) | Two-ways | (i) | Mfg. Asso. |
| (e) | Banked Curves | (j) | U. S. Highways |

Author of more writings on more subjects than most men.
President various corporations - Trustee various estates.
Member many U. S. and Foreign engineering, technical, social and civic organizations.

Founder:
National Highways Association
Individual Psychology Foundation
Davis Library Highway Engineering and Transport
Co-operation League of America
"One Flag"
Co-operators of America

See: - Who's Who in America
Who's Who in the East
Who's Who in Commerce & Industry
American Men of Science
Who's Who Among Association Executives
The National Cyclopedia of American Biography (in print).

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