

### Student Handout 3-The Excitement of the New Road

Turnpike Commissioner Walter A. Jones Recalls Excitement at the Groundbreaking Ceremonies October 27, 1938

"As we walked...a lady came forward. Her name was Mrs. Eberly, the wife of the farmer on whose land we were starting. She had five children...clinging to her. She wanted the autograph of each member of the commission...I said to her 'Mrs. Eberly, why do you want these,' and her answer has been the inspiration from that day...that has urged the commission on. She said, 'Mr. Jones, I want these autographs so that my children can say that they saw history being made...when the greatest highway, a new era of road building was started.'"



Ground breaking ceremonies on October 27, 1938

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Opening of the Irwin Exchange of the Turnpike

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