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Zartman House: see The Highlands

The Zenith (George Santmyers, 1926) at 3217 and 3221 Connecticut Avenue NW: see Cleveland Park Historic District

Zero Milestone: see The Plan of the City of Washington (The Ellipse): Conceived by good roads advocate Dr. S.M. Johnson in 1919, this inscribed granite marker was inspired by the golden milestone of the Roman Empire, and was intended to designate the point from which the road system of the United States would emanate. The spot was the starting point of Army's first transcontinental motor convoy over the Lincoln Highway in 1919, and the second transcontinental convoy over the Bankhead Highway in 1920. These convoys drew mass public attention and proved the national importance of good automobile roads, leading to the Federal Highway Act of 1921. Dwight Eisenhower participated as a young Army officer in the first convoy, and the experience was instrumental in his advocacy of the Interstate Highway System during his presidency in the 1950s. Erected 1923, Horace W. Peaslee, architect. *US ownership*