HOOVER'S LETTER QUOTED TO BE HELD NEXT MONTE

Although Number of Cars Reg- Purpose Is to Determine Which istered In U. S. In 1926 Showed Big Increase, Rubber Use Less

was almost 10 per cent greater than May for the purpose of ascertaining best be depended upon for constant in 1925 and although the number of the most dependable amateur radio communication. Chicago Motor club.

Hoover, in a letter to the American receiving station. Automobile association says:

in protection to the tire consumers station. against the price control inaugurated

glad to read a recent statement from munications manager of the league, the Department summing up the re- points out that the transmitting amasult of that campaign and thus realize teur has been working toward such the importance of their effort.

'This occasion offers me an opportunity to express my appreciation to the association and its members for their co-operation.'

Mr. Hoover points out that:

### Rubber Consumption

'In 1925 the consumption of raw rubber in the United States amounted take on an international aspect. to 368,000 tons. With the increased number of automobiles in use during international reliability contest was 1926 the consumption at an equal rate with 1925 would have been near- try and Australia. The test was emial 1926 consumption was only 366,000 tons. Accordingly, a saving of about 60,000 tons of rubber resulted from the conservation measures employed by manufacturers and users of rubber goods during 1926.

'In addition to this, the stocks of automobile casings held by manufacturers increased by 2,314,000 while inner tube stocks increased by 4,887,-000, a further saving equal to 12,500 tons of rubber. Even the combined total saving thus achieved of 72,500 long tons does not represent all that was accomplished, since nearly 2,000 more tons of rubber were required in original equipment for new automobiles, the production of which increased in 1926.

'The stocks of rubber on hand in America increased from 51,215 long tons at the beginning of 1926 to 72,-520 at the end of the year and stocks in London during the same period increased from 5,697 to 48,921 tons. The total increase in stocks, 64,529 tons, was therefore less than the amount rubber saved in the United States a id but for the conservation measures employed here the rubber situation would at present be no better than during the period of short supplies.

Production and Restriction 'During both 1925 and 1926 the rubber production was under restriction by the Stevenson Act, spot prices having been forced up to over \$1.00 per pound in 1925, but the average of spot prices was reduced to 48.69 cents per pound in 1926 by the conservative measures. Owing to the necessary forward buying of rubber the high price levels of 1925 to some extent carried over on imported rubber into the first half of 1926. The total im-(part of which went into stocks) for the first half of 1926 were 462,015 pounds valued at \$321,988,282 or 69.57 cents per pound as against 463,043,697 pounds valued at \$183,829,-525 or 39.70 cents per pound for the last half of 1926.

### Tire Prices

'Tire prices at the beginning of 1925 were at the lowest point in the history of the industry; during that year of rising rubber prices the aggregate wholesale price of four commo izes was raised about 55 per cent to 170 per cent in the price of rubber Although rubber prices are still about 5 cents per pound higher than in Jan-uary, 1925, manufacturers have during 1926 reduced wholesale tire prices to below those previous to the great The fall in rubber prices has been passed on by manufacturers to dealer \$55 before the rise in rubber, \$87 in December, 1925, at the highest of rubber prices, and about \$53 at the present time

In Malaya and Ceylon The degree of restriction in British Malaya and Ceylon continues at per cent below the possible proproduction possibilities. The restric-ed area produced 64 per cent of the world's rubber in 1922 before restricons, and produced about 56 per cent 1926. Whether this further restriction will again raise prices re-

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Are Most Dependable Amateur Stations, According to Report

tires manufactured increased slightly, stations in each country, and to be nevertheless the net consumption of participated in by amateurs all over all rubber showed sharp reductions as the world, has just been announced a result of conservation effort," says by the communications department of Charles M. Hayes, president of the the American Radio Relay league, the amateurs' association, with head-"The Chicago Motor club and other quarters in Hartford, Conn., says the American automobile clubs through- Christian Science Monitor. The test out the country have made a strong will start on May 9, to last for two and persistent effort for tire conserv- weeks, and will be open to any amaation. In recognition of this work, teur in any country in the world pos-Secretary of Commerce Herbert sessing an amateur transmitting and

Messages will be filed for delivery in all countries, and the amateur station in each locality showing the Your association and its compon- quickest, most accurate and most conent automobile clubs of the country nection with the forwarding of these had a large part in the conservation | messages to their destinations will recampaign in rubber which we were ceive a suitable certificate, designatcompelled to undertake during 1926 ing it as an official foreign contact

Plan World Test

In connection with the announce-"I feel that your members will be ment of the test F. E. Handy, coma world test for the last six years. "Ever since 1921, when amateur signals were first sent and received across the Atlantic ocean," points out Mr. Handy, "the amateur has realized that it was only a matter of time before transmitting and receiving contests would develop from a regional or even national character and would

"Last year the first attempt at an made between stations of this counly 426,000 long tons, whereas the actu- nently satisfactory, and as a result

tests led, early this year, to a similar the United States and South Africa. As with the Australian event, the purpose of the contest was to open wavelengths to use at various times of the year, and also different times of day and night, and to determine "Although the car registration, 1926, An international test to be held in which stations in each country could

Other Tests "The South African tests were as successful as the Australian ones, and immediately requests were received here at league headquarters from amateurs of many countries of the world requesting similar tests with their respective countries. Rather than conduct a series of tests with individual countries it was decided that the time had arrived for a single international contest embracing stations in all the nations of the world."

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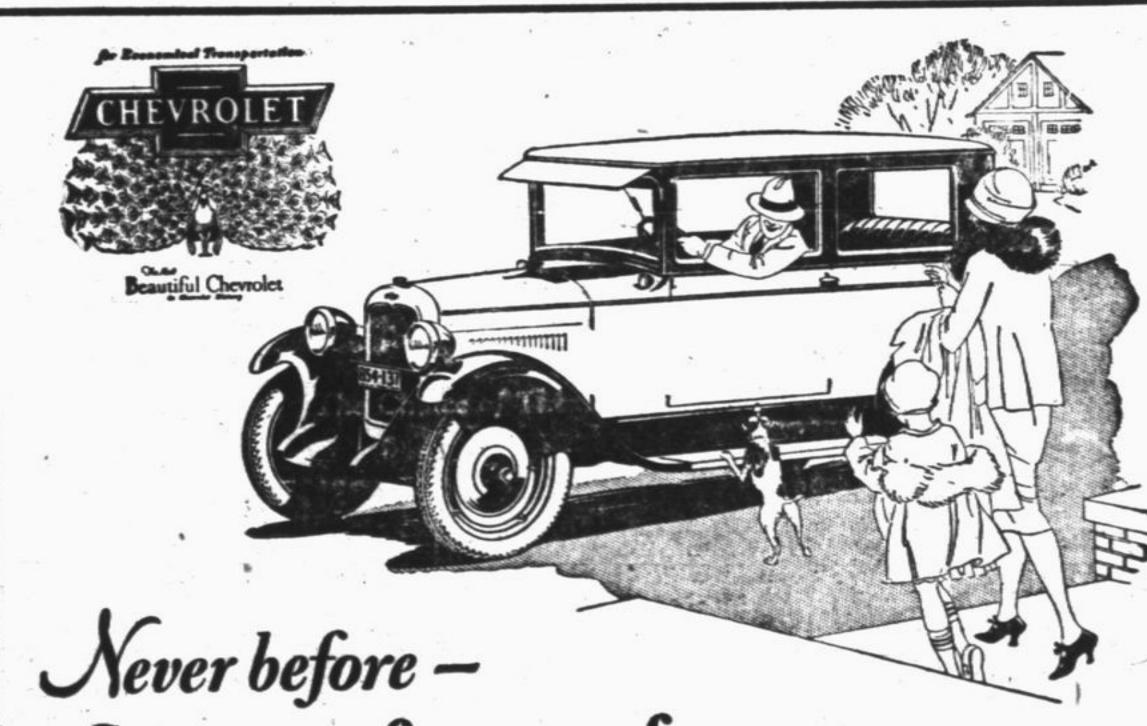
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