

## PROSPERITY SHOWS GAINS IN 6 YEARS

### SURVEY IS INTERESTING

#### Department of Commerce Has Figures Indicating How Great Has Been Growth Since 1921

A remarkable history of the progress of prosperity during the past six years is told in a historian's recent assembling of the annual reports of the Department of Commerce covering those years. The summary begins with the year following the slump of 1921, which happens to mark also the year of the appointment of Mr. Hoover as Secretary of Commerce.

In 1923, the secretary was able to announce that "the fiscal year was marked by complete recovery from

the great slump of 1921 in all branches of industry save agriculture, and even in agriculture there was some improvement."

**Continued Recovery**  
During the next year, as summarized in the report for 1924, "there was continued recovery in American industry and commerce, aside from agriculture; great stability of prices; high production; full employment, and an expanding foreign trade."

The outstanding features in the report for 1925, "were the high rate of production, consumption and exports; high 'real' wages, as measured by buying power; absence of unemployment; continued and growing efficiency in management and labor; continued expansion in the application of scientific discovery to such fields as electric power and light, the gas engine and the radio. There were industrial patches where progress lagged. Nevertheless, the standard of living, was the highest in our history, and therefore in all history."

**In 1926**  
Again Mr. Hoover wrote in 1926: "The year has been one never sur-

passed in volume of production and consumption, in physical quantity of exports and imports and in the rate of wages. There has been practically no unemployment. Further progress has been made in the efficiency of management and labor and in scientific research and invention. As in the preceding year, there were a few points where conditions were less satisfactory. On the whole, however, the country was able to maintain the highest standard of living in history. This represents a remarkable recovery since the World war."

Then in November of last year: "The year continued the economic progress which has been characteristic of American industry for six years. It exceeded all previous records in volume of production and consumption, and in quantity of exports and imports. The rate of real wages was higher than anywhere else in the world or than any other time in the world's history."

Looks as if the day is coming when there won't be anything to eat except alphabetical vitamins.—Toledo Blade.

## PARIS REGULATING PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

### Walkers Forbidden by Police To Take Chances; Streets For Vehicles

Pedestrian regulation is now being practiced in Paris, where walkers now are forbidden by the police to take chances, according to information received by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club.

The public is reminded in the decree that the streets are reserved for vehicles and the sidewalks for pedestrians; therefore, pedestrians are specifically forbidden to circulate or stand in the streets. They are allowed to cross only at corners and then straight across in the space provided for them. They may not cross squares diagonally, and on streets where no traffic officers are stationed pedestrians are warned they must give the right of way to vehicles, and are urged to signal drivers or conveyances in crossing.

## 1926 GREATEST YEAR IN HIGHWAY BUILDING

### Reports From Federal Bureau Indicates Great Activity in Country

Reports from the bureau of public roads in Washington indicate that 1926 will be the greatest road building year in the history of the country. Estimates now in the bureau from the state highway departments show that more than 20,000 miles of surfaced highway will be built and about 8,000 more miles will be graded and drained, according to information received by the Chicago Motor club.

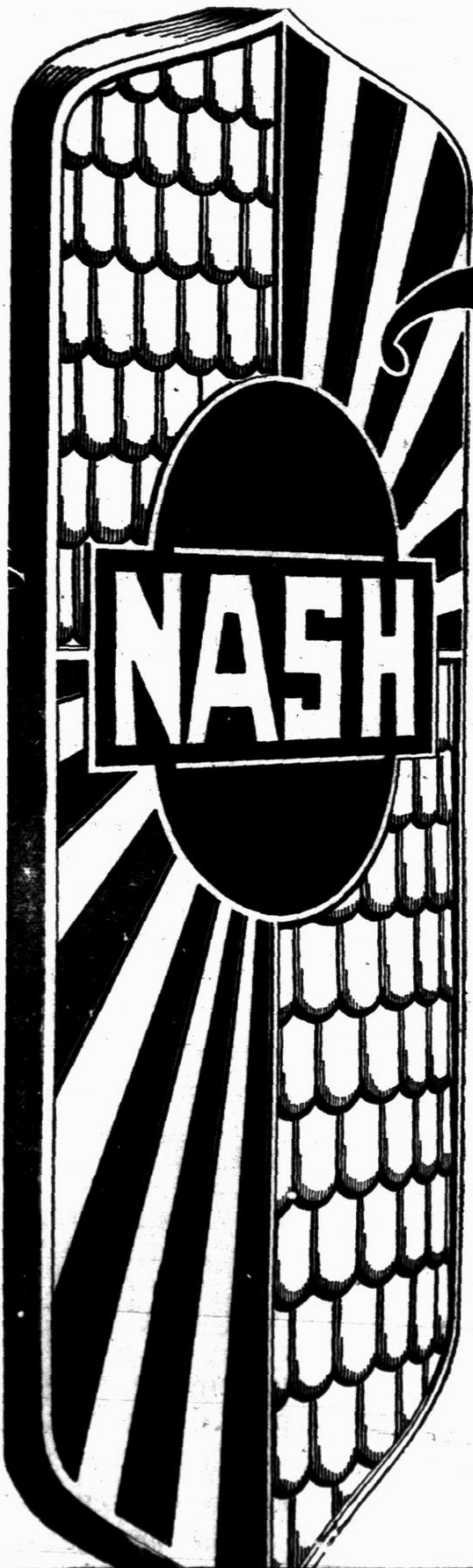
The state highway departments of our forty-eight commonwealths will maintain this year a grand total of 240,000 miles of highway. This means that the American motoring public will have a total of serviceable highway available this year greater than almost the whole of Europe can offer. And the cost? The bureau of public roads estimates that the state

highway departments will spend upwards of \$750,000,000 on road building and maintenance this year and that county and other local expenditures will swell the grand total to \$1,300,000,000. A great sum, but always with the understanding that every dollar spent on roads is an investment that pays the highest possible dividends.

## DUSK IS DANGEROUS TIME FOR MOTORISTS

Extra caution should be exercised at dusk, when neither the daylight nor the artificial light is sufficient to make objects distinguishable at ordinary distance. Clean windshields help to prevent accidents, says a bulletin issued by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club.

Perhaps the best reason for not printing a story telling of all the various signs of spring reported during the month of January is that it's likely to be snowing by the time the story appears.



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