



## \$114,000,000 Expended for Roads

Thirty-five States Report on Awards During First Quarter of 1930

SHOWING an increase of more than 100 per cent over the first quarter of 1929, highway construction expenditures in 35 states during the first quarter of 1930 amounted to more than \$114,000,000, according to a statement by Secretary of Commerce R. P. Lamont, based on reports from governors of the states involved. Expenditures during the first quarter of 1929 in these states amounted to \$50,910,133, the big increase in expenditures, according to the secretary, being "especially significant in connection with the problem of spreading employment throughout the year." Thirty governors of the thirty-five states filing returns report first quarter increases, while sixteen announced contract awards of 100 per cent or more above the corresponding

period last year. Three states that awarded no road contracts in the first quarter of 1929 reported awards in the first quarter of this year of \$4,357,075. Ohio and Idaho show the greatest relative increases, the former reporting first quarter awards 11 times greater than a year ago and the latter 9 times greater. Pennsylvania led the states in dollar value of contracts, awarding \$15,469,853 the first quarter of 1930, as compared with \$2,282,813 in the first quarter of 1929. First quarter gains in Southern states include the following: Maryland, 225 per cent; North Carolina, 155 per cent; Missouri, 144 per cent; Florida, 109 per cent; Virginia, 100 per cent; Texas, 33 per cent; South Carolina, 28.8 per cent.—Manufacturers Record.

### Getting on Nicely, Thank You

"Tell me, Margaret," said Mrs. MacGuire, "how do you and your husband get along together?"

"Very nicely indeed," replied Mrs. Murphy. "Here, Mrs. MacGuire, we've been married goin' on seven months, and I haven't had to call the police in but twice."

Appel: "My son is a jack of all trades. What shall I do with him?"

Sass: "Buy him a drug store."

### The Pun of the Month

First Garage Mechanic: "A Mr. Beard from Calaveras County was in a few minutes ago."

Second Garage Mechanic: "An old timer?"

First Garage Mechanic: "No, a new carburetor."

### The Courteous Motorist

"Which do you like better, balloon tires or high-pressure tires?"

"I like balloon tires better."

"What kind of a car do you have?"

"I don't have any; I'm a pedestrian."

### Music Hath Charms

A mother and daughter were listening to a band in the park.

The mother asked: "What's that they're playing, Mary? It sounds to me like Wagner."

"No, I don't think it's Wagner," said Mary. "I think it's Chopping. I'll go to see."

On her return from the bandstand she said, "We were both of us wrong. It says, 'Refrain from Spitting'."