

VAST ROLL OF CORD USED MAKING TIRES

Enough for Kite to Fly to Moon Goes Through Miller Plant Monthly

AKRON, Ohio (Special)—Most every boy has tried to fly a kite out of sight, into the clouds—some have succeeded. Boys have even been known to yearn for enough kite cord, and strong enough, to fly a kite to the moon. They have wondered what it would land on there, if the cord should break.

These imaginative youths could realize their fondest dreams, perhaps, if they could have the vast roll of uniflex cord that is used, in a year, in making Miller tires. They could fly twenty kites to the moon with the great ball of about 5,000,000 miles of cord that this company works into automobile tires, every twelve months. In other terms these miles equal about 7,500,000,000 or 22,000,000,000 feet.

Scientists say that it is 238,840 miles to the moon, from the earth. Enough uniflex cord that is made into tires each month, at this factory, to fly a kite to the moon with plenty to spare. The circumference of the moon is said to be about 6,500 miles. The cord used in tires at this factory, during a year, would encircle the moon 700 times. The earth is nearly four times as large as the moon, but a white band of 206 strands would make a white equator line, if this great production of uniflex cord was wrapped around it.

A youngster, dreaming of so much cord, would probably permit his enthusiasm to cloud his imagination. This great mass of cord weighs about 7,000,000 pounds and would require a train of about 60 tons capacity each, to transport it.

Although the cord is not large, it is unusually strong. It has far greater elasticity than the average and is made under the direct supervision of textile experts, to keep into the exacting standards.

Aviation Will Stimulate Road Building, Declared

WASHINGTON.—The development of aviation will stimulate rather than retard the construction of highways, the American Road Builders' association stated here in commenting on the accomplishments of Byrd, Lindbergh and Chamberlin.

"Great municipal landing fields will be constructed along the prin-

cipally travelled highways within the near future," Charles M. Upham, business director of the road organization, said. "Aviation will serve as a supplement to highway transportation and there will be the same coordination between airplane and the highway as has been finally reached between the railroad and the highway."

"For the first time in transportation history, the subject of aviation and its influence on highway construction will be discussed by a meeting of road builders, when the annual convention and road show of the American Road Builders' association convenes at Cleveland on January 9, 1928. Some 30,000 highway engineers, contractors and officials are expected to join in a wholehearted encouragement of aviation and the construction of landing fields."

Wife Occupies Back Seat When Wise Driver Travels

It's a wise father who arrives at his destination with the original number of children that filled up the family fliwver when the trip

started. Bill Brown, Friend Wife and their four youngsters, reinforced by enough lunch to feed a young army, left for an outing last Sunday. Pa and Ma sat in the front seat and the little Brownies occupied the rear. They had gone about a mile when Baby Bobby was reported to be among the missing. The boy had opened the door and fallen out of the machine. Luckily, he wasn't injured, either by the fall or other automobiles, having landed in a pool where he was enjoying himself when the family located him. Brown thus learned one of the lessons which should be remembered by family men who go on auto trips, i. e., that it is better to have Friend Wife a back seat driver than to be minus a baby.

Forty Per Cent of Cars Replacements, Reported

WASHINGTON—Two out of every five cars, or 40 per cent of world production, were used to replace old automobiles last year, Irving H. Taylor, assistant chief of the automotive division of the

department of commerce reports. Sales of automobiles in the United States for replacement totaled 1,850,838, or 47 per cent of the consumption in 1926. Nearly every other automobile sold in the United States replaced one discarded.

Replacements in Canada in 1926 accounted one-fifth of the total sales or about 21 per cent less than half that of the United States. The total replacement sales were 30,285, while the increase in reg-

istration of automobiles was 112,956 units.

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Last year 8,821 automobile drivers were taken from the roads of Connecticut for varying periods because of violations of the law. This was an increase of nearly 400 suspensions over 1925. This state is making a determined effort to reduce motor vehicle accidents by eliminating dangerous drivers. Motor Chat.

According to the Springfield Republican the inventor of the circus calliope died in comparative

poverty. This is regrettable as the steam calliope has delighted the hearts of thousands of young-

sters. What we would like to know is what became of the fellow who invented the saxophone.

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