

# GREAT RECORD MADE BY HERBERT HOOVER

(The Washington Hoover for president committee has issued a little folder under the title of "Achievements and Public Service of Herbert Hoover," which makes inspiring reading for the American youth and gives informative and interesting facts to Mr. Hoover's friends everywhere, and especially in Oregon and in Salem, where he spent his boyhood days, and where he still holds his church membership. Following is the language of the folder:)

1. Supported himself since age of 13.  
2. Earned his own way through college, graduating as an engineer.  
3. Twenty years of successful engineering practice in the U. S. and installing American methods and machinery in various parts of the world.

4. 1912—Elected trustee of Stanford university; raised money for and built the Stanford Union for the students.  
5. April, 1914—Represented the city of San Francisco in Europe, securing participation of various governments in their expedition.

6. August, 1914—Organized and directed the American relief committee in Europe and assisted 160,000 stranded Americans out of the war zone.  
7. October, 1914—Organized the Belgian Relief commission, which under his administration fed 9,000,000 Belgians and French people for over four years and raised the finance thereof, amounting to over \$1,400,000,000.

8. June, 1917—Organized the U. S. Food administration, directing it until June, 1919. During this time so organized American production and so reduced consumption as to raise our food exports from 6,000,000 tons annually pre-war to 20,000,000 tons, thus providing the margin which held the Allies in the war and supplied our own soldiers abroad. Handled food purchases to the value of over \$7,000,000,000 and not one single scandal or charge has ever been developed.

9. Chairman, U. S. Food administration, 1917-1918. Member War council, Export council and affiliated councils and boards.

10. After the Armistice, November 11, 1918, organized the disposal of the farmers surpluses created for war purposes which were then in competition with surpluses of cheap food from the Southern Hemisphere, and in doing so maintained the price of all farm products until the entire production of 1918 as well as the surplus reserves accumulated during the war were disposed of.

11. 1919—Organized the food supplies of enemy and liberated countries of Europe as part of the Supreme Economic Council activities, of which he was the American member—including Poland, Germany, Austria, Serbia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania and Latvia. Directed many activities in the rehabilitation of Europe; opened ports, canals and reestablished communications and railway services between countries; directed goal movements; and generally stimulated economic life and restored stability.

12. Organized American Relief Administration for care of destitute children of enemy and liberated territory, feeding, clothing, and giving medical care to over 10,000,000 children, and carrying this on until July, 1922, raising therefor over \$80,000,000.  
13. Organized the great campaign against typhus epidemic raging in Eastern Europe, reducing it from 600,000 to 10,000 cases in six months.

14. In September, 1919, founded the Stanford University War Library, now the greatest library in the world, with students from all parts of the world.

15. In January, 1920, organized and secured the endowment for the Food Research Institute at Stanford University.

16. In June, 1920—organized the national campaign for \$33,000,000 for continued feeding of destitute European children, completing this campaign in January, 1921.

17. February, 1920—organ-

ized from the Belgian Relief Commission's remaining funds the C. R. B. Foundation for support of education in Belgium and exchange of Belgian and American students and professors, acting as Chairman since that time.  
18. In 1921—organized the American Child Health Association for promotion of health protection to American children, raised the annual cost of \$350,000 and acted as its president since that time. This association in cooperating with public authorities has brought the health protection of American children to the forefront. The establishment of "May Day" as child health day is the work of this association. Incidentally it has assisted the health of our children and benefited our farmers by increasing milk consumption and facilitating distribution.  
19. As Secretary of Commerce he brought about an entire reorganization of that department, by which it has been lifted from the most obscure government department to among the first rank in the public service it performs. The department has expanded by the assignment of functions from other departments and the added duties imposed by Congress, each division growing steadily in efficiency and usefulness under officials of the highest type.  
20. Reorganized the Foreign Trade service of the United States in cooperation with American manufacturers and merchants through which American exports have been enormously expanded. As an indication of its success, the individual demands of our merchants and manufacturers for some sort of service have increased from 200,000 annually to over 3,000,000 annually. Today the foreign trade of the United States is 35 per cent above pre-war even after allowing for the difference in the purchasing power of the dollar, whereas other nations engaged in the war have only barely recovered their pre-war trade.  
21. The great after-war collapse and vast unemployment which followed was universal throughout the world. Hoover met this situation in 1921 by calling a national unemployment conference of labor leaders and leading employers of the country; inaugurated a campaign for resumption of employment through public works, and the redistribution of employment so that more individuals received some income each week through the general clean-up campaign. The result of increased employment by these means soon brought larger buying and the wheels of production started so rapidly that within six months our unemployment problem had disappeared, whereas that of foreign nations has only been met by doles and continued failure.  
22. Inaugurated the country-wide campaign for elimination of industrial waste by cooperation between manufacturers, merchants carriers and consumers; by overcoming seasonal employment; by development of commercial arbitration; reduction of labor strife; improvement of transportation; establishment of standard grades and qualities in products to protect the consumer; the elimination of waste by unnecessary varieties in commercial commodities; the establishment of standard forms and business ethics; and simplification and improvement in business practices, etc.  
23. Being convinced that both from a social and economic point of view home ownership and home building are of the greatest importance, both for the comfort and security of our people and for the maintenance of employment in the construction industries, Mr. Hoover undertook to direct a nationwide movement in this direction. He undertook to bring about decreased cost of construction by decreasing seasonal employment in these industries through a cooperative movement between labor, contractors, building material manufacturers and real estate men. As a result of this cooperative movement the building season has been lengthened nearly 60 days, thus using the same machinery and equipment for a longer period; more construction has been done, resulting in cheaper costs and a longer season's employment for labor. He established committees for simplification of municipal building codes, in cooperation with the industries and municipalities, and effected reduction of costs of home construction. He initiated the Bet-

ter Homes movement in which 4,000 different committees in the United States now actively take part, and made a further contribution through the standardization and simplification of dimensions in building materials.  
24. In cooperation with the lumber industry he aided the conservation of our forests by the elimination of waste in production through the establishment of standards in quality and simplification of dimensions in the use of waste products. For many years bills were introduced in Congress to improve the lumber industry by cooperative movement in the industry itself. These things have been accomplished without legislation and with enormous benefit to the public. This industry estimates that \$250,000,000 a year is being saved as a result of this organization.  
25. He gave new life to the movement for the development of internal waterways by visualizing them as a single great transportation system to be interconnected and completed as a whole on modern lines. He greatly aided the Midwest in securing the necessary legislation and appropriations by developing national understanding of the great importance of the problem.  
26. Instituted investigation and study of the development of commercial aviation in foreign countries and the preparation of plans for its development in the United States; cooperated with Congress in creating the Commercial Aviation Division in the Department of Commerce through which we are now excelling all foreign progress and without the government subsidies upon which foreign development has depended.  
27. In 1922, with the aid of leading business and labor leaders he conducted a national research of the causes and remedies for the "business cycle," i. e., the periodic occurrence of hard times and unemployment. The conclusions of this committee were adopted by the government and business world to an extent which has contributed materially to the

recovery from the war and the growth of stability in the country.  
28. Organized the campaign against the British East Indian Rubber Monopoly which had raised the price of rubber (of which we import 900,000,000 pounds annually) to \$1.10 a pound, the final result of which was a reduction in price to 33 cents a pound or a saving of \$700,000,000 a year to the American automobile user.  
29. Organized the Relief of the Russian famine in 1922 which prevented the starvation of 15,000,000 people and continued to care for 3,500,000 children for a year after the famine.  
30. Was Chairman of the President's St. Lawrence Waterway Commission, and secured a joint report on the project by the Canadian and American Engineering Commission, upon which negotiations were instituted with Canada. Secured also a joint report on the causes of the falling lake levels, so damaging to navigation, with recommendations for their remedy which are now under negotiation with Canada.  
31. Was President of the International Radio Conference of 74 nations in 1927 which unanimously agreed upon treaties protecting the radio listener and lives at sea through control of international radio communication.  
32. Took part in encouraging American Merchant Marine through the Department of Commerce agencies and in support to Congress of measures for its upbuilding.  
33. For four years carried on promotion of radio broadcasting and its voluntary regulation through annual conferences, ultimately developing the radio law which secures the control of radio wave lengths to the people through the Federal Government.  
34. Opposed the cancellation of the war debts and as a member of the War Debt Funding Commission participated in bringing about settlements which yield a large annual saving to the American taxpayer.  
35. Chairman of the Colorado River commission which agreed

and recommended to the seven states the compact to settle the 20-year dispute over water rights which has blocked all development of the basin.  
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tionally trained and is now able to earn \$150 a month in spite of her frightful disability.  
She has learned to write with her feet, using her toes much as an ordinary person uses his fingers. Mr. Clayton carries with him samples of her writing, and it is better than many people can do with their hands.  
Here is a case where a terrible human tragedy has been averted. This girl, who would otherwise have been a human wreck, has been made into a useful and self-supporting citizen, with an interesting outlook upon life.  
In Oregon the state industrial accident commission through Mr. Elkins, its vocational director, is engaging all the time in this work of human rehabilitation, taking the victims of industrial accidents who have been so injured as to make it impossible for them to practice their former vocations which are not interfered with by their disabilities. It is a wonderful work.  
In the old days in Oregon an injured worker sued his employer, and took what the jury gave him. Usually he shared this sum with his lawyer, getting not more than half of the total. Quite often, he got nothing at all. Where he was more fortunate, he found the sum of his compensation largely dissipated in costs by the time it reached him.  
Now his case is automatically cared for by the industrial accident commission. He gets fair compensation for his injury and gets it at once. And he gets all of it.  
But that is not all. When his

injuries are such as to render him unfit for his former vocation, but not great enough to disable him wholly, the state teaches him a new vocation.  
The old, heartless way was to turn him out on the streets to sell pencils or newspapers, or to beg from door to door. The new, enlightened way is to teach him a new vocation, thus enabling him to make his way as a self-respecting citizen. All of this is paid for out of the industrial accident fund which is contributed by the workers and the employers, and the costs are actually less than under the old, heartless system.  
There are people who claim that

the world is going backward, instead of progressing. They are lamentably ignorant of what is going on all around them.  
Mr. Clayton estimates that in the United States each year there are 3,000,000 industrial accidents, and of these 80,000 result in permanent partial disablement. Here in Oregon, according to Mr. Elkins, there are 80,000 industrial accidents yearly, of which some 6000 result in permanent partial disablement.  
From these figures the tremendous amount of good that is accomplished by civilian rehabilitation may be estimated.

## WORLD IS GROWING BETTER ASSUREDLY

### Remarkable Work in Rehabilitation by Government and the States

(The following tribute to the great work of rehabilitation in this country is from the Eugene Register of May 3.)

F. J. Clayton, whose official title is federal agent for civilian rehabilitation, spent yesterday in Eugene in company with Dillard A. Elkins, who is vocational director of civilian rehabilitation with the Oregon Industrial Accident commission.  
Mr. Clayton is making a special investigating trip through the states to interview rehabilitation cases that are now in training under state departments similar to the Industrial Accident commission in Oregon. The federal government co-operates with the states in such cases on a basis somewhat similar to that involved in roads.  
An idea of the work that is done may be gleaned from an instance at the University of California cited by Mr. Clayton. There a girl, born without arms, has been voca-

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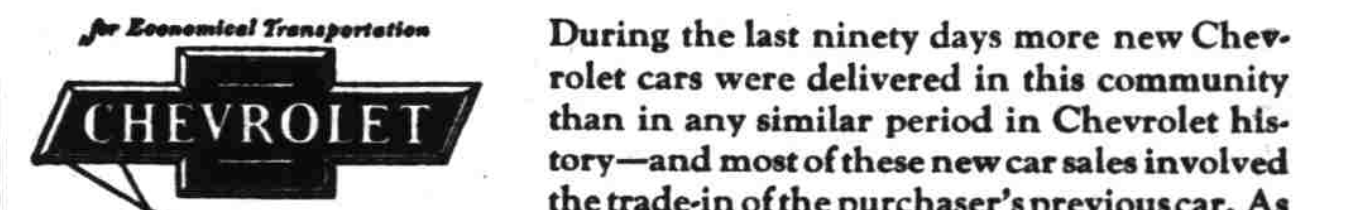
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