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## SCHOOL SYSTEM FACES COLLAPSE

The next session of Congress will probably be asked to vote something like \$60,000,000 for the relief of the nation's public schools; and when the question comes up for debate we are likely to get a look at one of the most critical phases of the entire depression.

Superintendent Charles A. Lee of Missouri, head of a committee of education officials appointed to present the schools' case to congress, lists a few of the ways in which the depression has crippled the schools. This year will see 80,000 fewer teachers on the job in America than were employed last year—although the NRA has released at least 100,000 boys and girls of school age for further study. Teachers' pay has been reduced, on the average, by 20 per cent. In some regions the cuts are as high as 60 per cent.

Half of all the teachers will get less than \$400 for their year's work. Some are actually getting less than \$35 a month—the day labor wage in NRA codes. In many localities schools will be in session for only three or four months. Many high schools have had to go on a tuition basis, which means that thousands of youngsters won't get the education they are entitled to.

On the other hand, there is not a city nor a county in America that is not pressed for money. Tax revenues have fallen off, both because of the depression and because of antiquated tax systems. Furthermore, we are beginning to hear a wave of propaganda in favor of still further economy in the schools—propaganda backed, for the most part, by wealthy individuals who have far less reason for complaining about school expenditures than the ordinary middleclass citizen who pays his taxes without a whimper.

It is a critical situation. The school system is in the process of collapsing, and it is supremely important that the collapse be averted. If no one but Uncle Sam can do it, it looks very much as if he would have to dig down in his pocket for whatever funds may be needed.

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## The Weather

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Fair tonight, Saturday and Sunday; colder tonight with frost in the west and freezing temperatures in the east portion; moderate northerly wind offshore.  
**LOCAL WEATHER**  
Thursday: maximum 62, minimum 47 above. Rain .11 of inch. Cloudy.  
Today: minimum 36, 7 a. m. — 37 above. Partly cloudy. Frost.

## In Washington

By Herbert Plummer  
**WASHINGTON**—As yet there never has been defined clearly what President Roosevelt regards as the "emergency" phases of his administration and those he looks upon as parts of his promised "new deal" in government.

During the campaign much was heard of the "forgotten man" and what would be done to improve his lot. Many felt there was an implied promise of the building of a new economic order in this country.

Then came March 4 and with it the series of unprecedented crises. Machinery was installed hastily to cope with the emergency. The "new deal" in the minds of almost everybody, became synonymous with everything that was being done to bring the nation back to its feet.

Those close to the president, however, are of the opinion that he draws a clear distinction between his emergency program and the "new deal."

Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, in a recent discussion of the TVA, brought this out clearly when he said that the project should not be considered primarily as a dam building job, a fertilizer job or power transmission job.

"When I first went to see President Roosevelt," said Morgan, "he talked for an hour about the TVA and there was scarcely a mention of power or fertilizer."

"He talked chiefly about a designed and planned social and economic order. That was what was first in his mind. At the time I did not realize how far-reaching his ideas were, because his recovery program had not been revealed fully. The country as a whole didn't realize how great a change in private and national life was to be made."

"I have spent possibly 10 hours with him since talking over the TVA and I may say that to him this is not a part of the emergency program."

**Looking To The Future**  
Morgan points out that the government is providing about five billion dollars for the emergency programs and that about 1 per cent of this is to be used for the TVA.

"If we can make the work serve an emergency purpose, however," he says, "that should be done, but it should not be looked upon as emergency work."

"With five billion dollars providing for emergency work in the United States, the President wanted somewhere an undertaking that was a deliberate social planning for the future. The TVA is an expression of that desire of the president and is not trivial matter with him."

## Clark Wood Says

"Hard work is the secret of success." Yeah. Hard workers who work while the successful boss is golfing.

The ant hasn't changed much in millions of years, we read, but we doubt that he's ever been such a happy little explorer as he now is at a nudist picnic.

Einstein's latest theory is that the world is getting better. It will, perhaps, when it finds the getting better.

One suspects that the men who strike when they've a chance to work, merely work because it gives them a chance to strike.

Codified industry isn't so good when it becomes a case of a code defied.

Gold, we observe, is not so heavy that it won't go up.

As a people, we want what we want when we want it, but are not so likely to want what we get when we get it. Herein is the crux of the liquor problem.

The 30-hour work week would be welcomed, no doubt, by the weak worker.

**EVENING GOWNS FASHIONED LIKE GREEK COSTUMES**  
PARIS (4)—The Greeks have furnished the inspiration for several new winter evening gowns. A number of models of white or pale-tinted crepes are designed on flowing lines with long shoulder draperies recalling those worn by the Greeks.

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# Grande Ronde Valley News of Interest

## Elgin Aid To Hold Their Annual Show

**ELGIN (Special)**—The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church will have their annual quilt and apple show Saturday, Oct. 21. It will be an all-day event. There will be prizes for the most popular quilt, also quilts, and unfinished quilts and rags. Admission is free, the women welcome, and the public is invited.

## NORTH POWDERITES START PRACTICING

**NORTH POWDER (Special)**—The boys began practicing basketball Tuesday, the following reporting: Leonard Henderson, Jack Metcalf, Wayne Ferguson, Forrest Bowman, Quentin Bowman, Bobby White, Roscoe Uta, Reynolds and Danny Atchbury, Forrest Lillard, Timmy Brinton, Alvin Olson, Norman Myers, Millie Sloan, Leonard Oliver, Herchel Tally, Wesley Worthey, William Hutchinson, Reynolds Henderson and Howard West. The first game will be with Imbler, Dec. 10.

## EGG PRICE RISE IS ENCOURAGING

**WALLOWA (Special)**—Poultry keepers are beginning to think that decent prices for farm products are approaching. Eggs have been quoted at 25 cents at local stores, the highest price for more than a year. Some farmers have flocks of pullets starting to lay and feel much encouraged with prospects for making a little profit from their flocks during the fall and winter months.

## FIRST LITERARY MEETING HELD

**WALLOWA (Special)**—A large crowd attended the literary meeting and pie social at the Lone Pine school Friday evening. Pies brought by ladies netted about \$8.00, the fund to be used for lamps for use during the winter. A well-arranged program under the direction of Mrs. Joe Fisher was given and consisted of recitations, songs, a dialogue and jokes. It was decided to meet every two weeks the balance of the fall, with perhaps weekly gatherings when all fall work has been cleaned up.

## Auxiliary Holds Its Installation

**WALLOWA (Special)**—A potluck luncheon was enjoyed by the Auxiliaries Thursday in their club room and following the luncheon their newly-elected officers were installed. Those installed were: Margaret Daugherty, president; Anita Gosbell, first vice president; Gladys Chapman, second vice president; Helen Hood, secretary-treasurer; Ora McKinzie, sergeant-at-arms; and Nellie Poole, historian.

## NO. P. CHURCH WILL PRESENT BIG PROGRAM

**NORTH POWDER (Special)**—The following program will be given at the Methodist church Sunday night: Song, "Send the Light," congregation; piano solo, Geraldine Bach; song, "Win Them For Him," choir; recitation, "Charity," Jean Taylor; recitation, "Crumbs," Mrs. W. D. Bach; duet, "Little Feet Be Careful," Lorraine Johnson and Aurelia Hutchinson; recitation, "Two Ways of Giving," Leona Hobbs; solo, "Workmen of God," Mary Dalton; home missionary talk, Mrs. Bach; duet, Maxine and Margie Erwin; recitation, "What Will Thou Do For the Master," Geraldine Bach; song, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," choir; one-act play, "Aunt Elizabeth's Missionary Tea," and song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

## Birthday Party Enjoyed Greatly

**NORTH POWDER (Special)**—A birthday dinner was held at the Sam Smith home Sunday honoring Mrs. Arlie Reed, nee Miss Elma Cook, a recent bride. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carnes and Oris and Zelpina Carnes, Edward Jacobs, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and son.

## Carnation Club Holds First Meet

**UNION (Special)**—The Carnation club held their first meeting of the season Friday night with their husbands as guests, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Seibert. Following a covered-dish luncheon, the evening was spent in bridge with first prizes going to Mrs. Walter Cook and T. G. Bernard and consolation to Mrs. Edna Bueick.

## UNION PERSONALS

E. C. Ward came from Goldendale last week to see his brother, N. L. Ward, who has been seriously ill at Hot Lake. Mrs. W. C. Trowbridge, a friend of the Ward family, accompanied him. Mr. Ward has been moved to his home in Union and will be cared for by a special nurse.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bell arrived from Ventura, Cal., last week to spend the winter with their son, P. A. Bell, and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Richards and daughters, Eleanor and Jean Ann, left Wednesday for Portland, where they will attend the Pacific International. Mr. Richards will superintend the horse division of the show.  
Dr. Geo. Hoffman, accompanied Bob Quinn of La Grande to Caldwell to take in the University of Idaho and College of Idaho game. Alfred Grosland and Norman Compton came up from Portland Tuesday and Oscar Grosland joined them in a hunting trip to the mountains. A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walling in California on their first wedding anniversary, Oct. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lindsey left Wednesday for Salt Lake to take his father, Mr. Ruffel and Mrs. A. L. McClellan's mother, Mrs. Louisa J. Taylor, who have spent the summer with relatives. Mrs. McClellan accompanied them.  
Miss Margaret Callahan returned to Evans with her sister, Mrs. Harry Hearing, who had been visiting here and will remain until her school work begins at Imbler Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wright visited Sunday with Mrs. Edith Phyllis en route to Portland from Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones entertained the members of the Fifty-Fifty pinocle club Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hutchinson was the guest prize and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tucker the club prize.  
Mrs. Hilda Johnson, Grace and Vera Hailing and Leon Nielsen who had been in Fruitland, Ida., for a couple of weeks, returned home Saturday.  
Mrs. Ray Barnhart was called to Spokane last week by the death of her father.

After a two-year vacation, the Lucky Thirteen called a meeting some time ago to reorganize and held their first social affair on Friday, the 13th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Martens. A covered-dish luncheon was served at 6:30, after which the husbands and wives entertained an evening of bridge. The high and low scores were made by Tex Knight and Ray Coles. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Martens, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Cook, Mrs. Willis Phillips, Mrs. J. H. Jacobs, and the hosts.

Mrs. Sarah Caspar who, until recently, was dietitian at Hot Lake, is visiting friends in Union for a couple of weeks before going to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Robinson in Yakima.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lawson, who have been living on the Minan several months and looking after range cattle, have moved in to the Woodruff ranch. Range cattle are being moved out this week.

The first meeting of the card club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Vogel with three tables at play, Wednesday evening. The hosts served a lunch after the games.

Mrs. Burnett Wilson, of Imbler, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Fox for over a week has been quite ill most of the time.

Wilford and Polly Sloper, of Independence, Ore., have been spending this week at the Union hotel with their sister, Miss Mildred Sloper who teaches home economics in the high school. A friend, Miss Emma Kreuger accompanied them.

N. L. Ward who was burned with hot oil about five weeks ago while working on the highway has been quite seriously ill at Hot Lake. He is showing some improvement the past few days.

J. M. Renfrow and son, Richard, of Salem, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Green and family on their way home from Chicago where they had been visiting relatives and attending the fair. They also visited their old home in Nebraska where they and the Greens had been neighbors.

## JOSEPH PERSONALS

Mrs. H. D. Akina, of Milton, Ore., came Thursday to attend the fair and visit her son, Elmer in Imnaha. Mrs. Akina is a former resident of Joseph.

Mrs. T. H. Gaulke entertained Thursday in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Persing. Three tables of pinocle were at play during the after-

noon, high score going to Mrs. Homer Hayes and consolation to Mrs. Maida Stevenson. Mrs. Gaulke served.  
The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church held their dollar day luncheon Friday afternoon. About 40 ladies were present and it was also election of officers. An advisory board consisting of three was elected to serve for one year. Mrs. McKinley—Mrs. Jessie Amey and Mrs. Minnie Dawson. Mrs. C. A. Collinsworth was re-elected secretary and Mrs. E. E. Metzger re-elected treasurer.  
John Rudolph living near Joseph was taken very sick Saturday night. Mrs. Rudolph went to a neighbor's nearby to call a physician and when she returned found him dead.

Mrs. Joe Parks and daughter Mrs. Lora Kitchen, of Fendleton, came in Friday to visit Mrs. Bert Sprague, Mrs. Alvera Roup and Mrs. Art Wilson, who are sisters of Mrs. Parks, and Everett Barton a son.

Miss Lillian Duncan who teaches in Fendleton came for the weekend. Mrs. H. D. Mansfield came with her and was a guest of Mrs. Dora Hamilton. Mrs. Mansfield formerly lived here and has many friends who are always glad to see her.

Mrs. F. D. McCully who has been at the Century of Progress fair at Chicago arrived home Tuesday accompanied by her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mixer.

## IMBLER PERSONALS

The Imbler High school program was given Friday. It was entirely musical, opening with a piano solo by Evelyn McKennan, duet by Lorena Stewart and Ethel Pratt, reading by Marjorie Woodell, song by the girls' glee club, Donna Watson accompanying, solo by Bernice Johnston accompanied by Miss Callahan, piano solo by Donna Watson, talk on the Grange Fair by Tom Craig. The program concluded with a song by the boys and girls glee club.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oliver were at home to a large number of their friends Thursday evening at the home

of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Graybeal. Best wishes and congratulations were offered to the newlyweds and a very pleasant evening was spent. Refreshments were served.

## GRANGE HALL PERSONALS

Three new pupils, Clarence, Beatrice and Bertina Hays were enrolled as pupils in the Liberty school last week. They are in the first, second and fifth grades, respectively. This makes a total enrollment of 12 in this school with six grades represented.

A new 4-H sewing club was organized at the school last Wednesday, with a membership of seven girls, with Regina Kall as president and Mildred Fleishman as secretary. A boys' Camp Cookery club has also been formed with a membership of six. Darrell Lindsay is president, Jos Spencer, vice president, and Ronald Lindsay secretary. Mrs. Mary B. Kall is local leader.

Miss Allice Marquardt, county health nurse, was a recent visitor at the school and made her usual inspection of eyes, teeth and throat. Both teacher and pupils were glad to see Miss Marquardt, and to have a check-up on the physical condition of the pupils again.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conrad, of Lexington, visited several days last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Lindsay and family.

**POSTMASTER FOR 39 YEARS, BUT HE'S QUITTING NOW**  
ATTAPULGUS, Ga. (AP)—For the first time in nearly 39 years citizens of this town will soon be handed their mail and postage stamps by someone other than Miles C. Williams.

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