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**FORECASTS BIT CLOUDY**  
(Reynolds Knight)

There's no accounting for tastes—or, apparently, for the predictions of some economists. Consider the following new year forecasts, both by top government officials: Said one, "An era of prosperity lies ahead," the other, "A short-term boom will be followed by a more serious slump." Evidently somebody's crystal ball is a bit cloudy.

But this isn't surprising. For if we as a nation have learned anything about economics in the first half of the 20th century it is that forecasting is a hazardous art. Out on the "firing line" among the business men and women who move the goods of industry into the hands of consumers we find a divergence of opinion, too.

Nearly half of a group of wholesalers polled by Dun & Bradstreet expect higher sales volume during the year's first quarter than for the same period in 1949. On the other hand, of a group of retailers similarly polled, about half predict a drop in sales.

A third group polled, however, tips the scale toward optimism, at least for the immediate outlook. This group is composed of manufacturers who in most instances have the advantage of reports from nationwide sales staffs upon which to shape their views.

**THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX**

Few taxes touch more intimately—and if one may judge by popular outcry, more heavily—the lives of our citizens than the general property tax. It is, however, a tax which is peculiarly sensitive to public opinion because it is locally imposed and is administered mainly by officers who serve at the will of local electorates. Whether it is well administered or badly administered is up to the people; here, if anywhere, "the public gets the kind of government it deserves." If the public is indifferent, it stands a good chance of getting indifferent administration. If it is penurious, it will surely get "cheap" administration. But if it shows a lively intelligent interest, there is no reason why it should not enjoy a distribution of property tax burdens that conforms closely to the constitutional concept of equity, in which all similarly situated taxable tangible property is taxed uniformly in proportion to its value.—California State Board of Equalization.

**A STATE FACES BANKRUPTCY**

Dorothy Thompson devoted one of her late newspaper columns to conditions in the state of Washington. That commonwealth, she said, "is now up against the inevitable crisis of the welfare state—the same crisis the British people have had to face, namely, the rude awakening that there ain't no Santa Claus."

The trouble stems from a remarkable measure, called "the citizens' security act," which was passed in 1948. Now, to quote Miss Thompson again, "this prosperous and progressive state faces bankruptcy. Although the people voted to increase the already advanced social security benefits, their representatives have not dared to vote the taxes to finance them. That would explode the happy idea that something can be obtained for nothing. The result is a deficit approaching \$100,000,000."

"A study of the condition of this state is recommended to all advocates of socialized medicine and cradle-to-the-grave social security. There are families here who, taking advantage of the multiple possibilities of state aid, are drawing down \$400 per month and refusing, naturally, jobs at \$200 to \$250."

"Exactly this policy wrecked the Roman empire." The state of Washington has been singled out in this instance because it has gone to an explosive extreme. But other states are being tempted to follow the same path. And the national government, with its huge deficits in spite of near-record income, is the worst offender of all.

**Girl Trains Calf to Ride**



Helen Williams, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Lorane route, shakes hands with her calf. Helen has trained the calf and broke it to ride like a horse.

**PANCHO y PEDRO . . . . . por HAP**



NOTICIA: Indonesia obtiene su independencia de Holanda el 1° de enero, convirtiéndose en nación soberana después de tres años de labor conciliatoria de la ONU.

"... se han tardado tres años..."  
"¿Y qué? ¿Hubieras preferido pasarlos en las trincheras?"

**TOP OF THE MORNING!**



**VANDENBERG IS BACK ON THE JOB**



FOR THE FIRST TIME since last October, when he underwent a serious lung operation, Michigan's Sen. Arthur Vandenberg returns to his Washington office where he is shown as he met newsmen. The Republican foreign policy maker was reported in excellent shape. (International)

**It's Not as Bad as All That!**



A worn-out shoe saddens this youngster on a visit to an emergency shoe repair shop, supplied by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in Vienna. But he, like almost 6,000,000 other youngsters and nursing and expectant mothers, will this year have their Christmas dinners supplemented with food sent by UNICEF. Other children will be wearing good shoes and warm clothing, manufactured from UNICEF supplies.

**WARD MET ON ARRIVAL IN JAPAN**



U. S. CONSUL GENERAL at Mukden, China, Angus Ward (left) is met by William J. Sebald, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's diplomatic chief, on his arrival at Yokohama, Japan, aboard the S.S. Lakeland Victory. Ward was accompanied by his wife and consular staff of 19. Before he leaves for the U. S., aboard the President Wilson, Ward will give Gen. MacArthur a report on conditions in Communist China. (International Radiophoto)

**OUR DEMOCRACY** — by Mat  
**"HOG-TIGHT AND HORSE-HIGH"**

—A PHRASE, COINED LONG AGO HERE IN AMERICA, USED TO DESCRIBE ANYTHING BUILT SOLIDLY AND WELL...  
ORIGINALLY, IT REFERRED TO FARM FENCES THAT PROTECTED STOCK AND CROPS BY BEING BUILT TIGHT ENOUGH TO FENCE IN HOGS, HIGH ENOUGH TO FENCE IN HORSES.



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As part of its world-wide educational activities the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has joined hands with the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE), in placing books in libraries where the largest number of people will be able to use them. Here, Dr. Thomas Mann, renowned author discusses plans for educational reconstruction with Edward J. Flynn, Director for CARE in the Western part of the U.S.A., and Unesco-Care liaison officer, Dr. Robert Stanforth.

Mint crop in Oregon this year is expected to hit a new record of 609,000 pounds; last year 567,000 and 10-year average, 230,000 pounds.

**Odd Fact**

A pair of rubber pants, which held enough air to keep him afloat until he was rescued, saved the life of a 19-month-old infant when he fell into a river.



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**LOAD LIMITS AFFECT LOGGING**

Hauling logs over many of the state highways was halted by an order from the state highway commission yesterday. The commission imposed new load limits on some highways in this section until the weather gets back to normal or until freezing weather stops.

So far as known no restrictions have been placed on part of the 99 highway, nor on any county road. The principal highway affected is the McKenzie highway as far east as Belknap Springs and that portion of 99 Highway from the McKenzie highway south to the Wilamette highway.

**U. S. DEBT BOOSTED PAST \$257 BILLION**

The government's debt bounded above \$257,000,000,000 on the final day of 1949, as the current deficit mounted to \$3,299,798,921.52 at the mid-way point of the fiscal year ending June 30.

The treasury, reporting this yesterday, showed a \$615,712,000 burst of spending for 1949's final operating day, December 30.

Big items that day included \$375,000,000 spent by the Veterans Administration, \$80,750,000 by the Air Force, \$74,162,000 by the Agriculture department, \$43,948,000 by the Navy and a \$109,536,000 payment of interests on the debt.

Wedding Announcements and Invitations. — The Sentinel.

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Culture is then properly described not as having its origin in curiosity, but as having its origin in the love of perfection: it is a study of perfection. —Matthew Arnold

**Grove Maid KIDDIES**



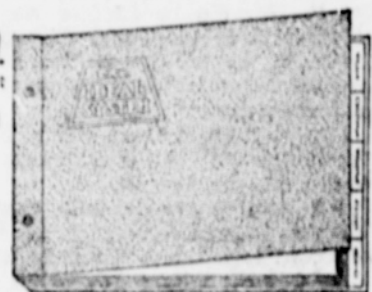
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**JOHN DEERE "CATERPILLAR" DAY**  
Tuesday, January 10th

Be our guest at Interstate Tuesday, January 10th, for a big day full of entertainment, refreshment and profit.  
Everything is absolutely free to farmers.  
We've arranged an interesting program in cooperation with both John Deere and Caterpillar Tractor Co. It's full of variety, with sparkling movies about latest farm machinery, a full length entertainment feature, a free lunch and a display of new equipment. If you were at our show last year, you'll remember the grand time we all had. If you weren't you've a new experience awaiting you.  
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**The Time: 10:30 A. M.**  
**The Date: Tuesday, January 10th**  
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