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Proof that the citizens of Sandy will not take a beating sitting down was seen in the whole-hearted action of the community in signing up for service in the proposed cooperative telephone company this week. Frank Christensen and Ed Bruns have been in charge of circulating a petition giving phone users an opportunity to subscribe for the new service and to offer stock subscriptions in any sum that they saw fit. These gentlemen found support 100 per cent strong. Not a single one dissented when approached and several voluntarily sought the leaders in the move and signed up.

The organizers of the telephone cooperative claim that modern equipment will be installed and the service will be extended beyond the present limits of service. The residents of the Sandy district are entitled to real phone service and mean to have it. Also, they are convinced that they can have this type of service and keep their money in the community as well. They feel that the present operating company has failed to render service and are justified in their belief.

There is no better time than now for Sandy to step out of the "one horse" town class and have a modern phone exchange. The first step is to prove to the State Utilities Commissioner that the community is solidly behind the move so that there can be no possible excuse for his refusal to grant the necessary authority to proceed.

Mr. Bruns and Mr. Christensen are to be complimented on their aggressiveness and citizens who have not already done so will do well to place their stamp of approval on the project by signing up.

George W. Beers, long time resident of Sandy, gave the editorial writers of the Oregonian food for thought this week, with the following inquiry:

To the Editor: Would you please explain to me what is the difference between President Roosevelt's recession and ex-President Hoover's depression?

George W. Beers, Sandy, Oregon.

If a comparison of intensity and suffering are desired, the inquiry is rather premature. There is at the present time probably less gloom and less hysteria than there was in the years closely following 1929.

There is one marked difference between the "depression" and the "recession," and that is that the "depression" was world-wide and grew mainly from a single world-wide cause. The "recession" is at present confined to America and apparently comes from causes and governmental policies within America.

If prolonged it can hardly fail to have repercussions abroad. A nation which holds an estimated forty-five per cent of the wealth of the world cannot long remain in an isolated slump.

It is only natural that the Oregonian should charge much of the blame to the administration. It is hard to conceive of a newspaper so eminently fair in its handling of news coverages to be so prejudiced in its editorial policies. Also, it is nothing less than a tragedy that editorial writers possessed of such brilliance as those employed by the Oregonian should be required to write only in tune with their bosses. We have no doubt that at least eighty per cent of their writer lambasted Mr. Roosevelt in print during the campaign and then voted for him in the election, but a job is a job in anybody's language in these times.

We admire a man who fights for his convictions, whether he be Republican or Democrat, but we sometimes wonder if the founder of the Oregonian did not stipulate in his will that his paper should be operated Republican for all time in spite of Hell.

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PLANS UNDER WAY FOR FARMERS CONFERENCE

Meetings of advance committees which are preparing material for the forthcoming Clackamas county farm economic conference, to be held in Oregon City, January 29th, are resulting in the accumulation of many important facts and figures regarding the present trends and future outlook for agriculture in this county, reports J. J. Inskeep, county agent.

The advance work for the conference is being handled through four committees this year, which are considering land use, crop production, livestock production, and farm home and rural life. The material being gathered by these committees will be submitted to the general conference for a full day's consideration, at the conclusion of which reports and recommendations will be adopted.

Similar meetings to the one being held in Clackamas county are scheduled for every county in the state this winter. These are being sponsored by the extension service at Oregon State college at the request of farmers and farm organizations, in order to review and add to, if necessary, the findings of previous conferences of this nature.

The forthcoming conference is to be a "family affair," the idea being that the future welfare of the farm home is directly dependent on the economic success of the farm itself, and that plans for the farm and home should be made together.

Leonard Forsythe's Merry-Go-Round

Leonard Forsythe, of Sandy and Portland, who has purchased the timber on the Meinig property east of Sandy, decided the other day that if he had a span of horses he would be able to accomplish much more work each day. So, not very much sooner said than done, he had Paul Muller, formerly of Tygh Valley, but now of Wamic, bring over one of his teams.

It appeared as though the said team had never been worked but only with many other horses in the large fields of Eastern Oregon. After Mr. Forsythe and his entire crew finally at last succeeded in getting the team hitched to the log and ready to start, but instead of going ahead with the log, the horses began turning around and then sat down and looked at the log to see what it was.

At last reports, Mr. Forsythe was putting in a long distance telephone call to Mr. Muller to come and get his horses and take them back to the wide open spaces.

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