

# Government Figures in all Phases of National Life

## NEW DEAL HAS BROAD FRONTS

First-Aid to Needy Given; Farmer Aid Sought; NRA Lines up Industry

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Ten months of "Roosevelt recovery" has carried a new national awareness of government to the hearthstones of every home in the land. The influence of the White House, once looked upon as an intangible majesty enshrined away off at Washington, D. C., enters almost daily into every sphere of life.

The entire recovery program is headed up by the executive council composed of the president and his cabinet and is coordinated by the National Emergency council. Aside from direct congressional appropriations the chief credit source is the Reconstruction Finance corporation. The main batteries for rehabilitation have been the National Recovery administration, the Agricultural Adjustment administration, the Public Works administration, the Farm Credit administration, the Federal Emergency Relief administration, and the Civil Works administration.

### 'First Aid' CCC Object

One phase of the process started with the Civilian conservation corps, directed at immediate relief, and another phase, the Tennessee Valley Authority's experiment in social and economic planning, has an estimated life of 20 years before it is completed.

Sandwiched between is a score of new government functions aimed first at emergency relief and then at a new sociology based on realignment of industry and agriculture. Included are such groups as the National Industrial Recovery board, National Board of Public Works, National Planning board, Labor Advisory board and State Recovery board.

There is a central statistical board and an advisory board to direct the scientific research on governmental projects.

The National Labor board seeks to adjust the relations of employer and employee, the National Compliance board to enforce fair practices in industry and trade and the Consumers' Advisory board to protect the interests of the public.

### Foreign Trade Studied

The administration's future foreign trade policy, important to the pattern for recovery of a great creditor nation is drawing contributions from the accumulated knowledge of the interdepartmental board on reciprocal treaties, the executive commercial policy committee, the interdepartmental trade policy committee and the temporary committee on foreign trade.

The Federal Home Loan Bank board and the Federal Home Owners' Loan corporation constitute the first attempt of the government to relieve mortgage distress threatening disposition of families. The RFC on December 4 had advanced loans of \$68,545,700 to purchase Home Loan Bank stock and \$14,000,000 to purchase Home Owners' Loan corporation stock. Officials reported 19,972 loans totaling \$57,548,536 to borrowers as of the close of business on December 8.

There is a community of interest in operations of the Commodity credit corporation and the Federal surplus relief corporation in their loans to farmers to hold surpluses off the market and in the diversion of burdensome market supplies into channels for relief of the unemployed.

### Farmers Get Advances

The RFC has advanced \$30,327,594 to the Commodity Credit corporation, and it in turn has been making advances of 10 cents

## Y. W. C. A. Service Follows Trend of Times; Employment Help is Featured

Over 500 Women and Girls Daily Receive Some Benefit at Christian Association Headquarters Here

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Business is good at the Young Women's Christian association because the Y. W. meets the needs of women and girls. The Y. W. C. A. has on its membership a d constituency girls and women of all groups and interests, so it is inevitable that the present economic insecurity and consequent unemployment have been of vital concern to its organization. Every outside visitor is amazed to find that from 500 to 800 women and girls are served daily by the Y. W. C. A. through its various departments.

The large lobby provides a place where girls may bring their lunches; a place to read and write; a convenient waiting place for out-of-town and Salem persons. The rest room is in use constantly and often there are calls for emergency treatment for sick folks.

The employment department placed 783 girls and women during the past year. If necessary, the association helped by giving a pound on cotton to be held for higher prices and 45 cents a bushel on corn sealed in cribs against future demand. The Federal Surplus Relief corporation functions chiefly as a purchasing agent for the Federal Emergency Relief administration.

Regional committees of railroads officials have been set up under the Federal coordinator of transportation to avoid duplication of service, effect economies in operation and advance capacity use of facilities. It is said the savings planned for operating costs would have given the nation's railroads a profit of nearly \$500,000,000 in 1932 instead of a \$250,000,000 deficit.

The Deposit Liquidation board set up in October was a colorful assault of the campaign against frozen bank credit. Its immediate problem was to thaw out approximately \$1,800,000,000 of deposits in some 2,500 banks throughout the country. Since state banks report to state officials estimates are lacking as to their liquidation progress but the federal treasury showed that on November 30 only 526 of the some 8,000 national banks remained closed with deposits of about \$446,000,000.

### 16,000 Banks Reopen

It is estimated that about 16,000 of the country's some 18,000 banks have been reopened since the bank holiday and that 10,348 of them are sound enough to be eligible to applications for membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation created by congress last summer to guard against recurrence of defaults such as accompanied bank runs early in 1933.

The federal alcohol control administration is designed to bridge the gap between repeal of the eighteenth amendment and new liquor control legislation by congress. It sets up a code authority for distillers and brewers and provides licensing of imports from foreign customers for American produce.

### The TVA Project

The TVA is a small board of citizens appointed by the president to experiment with his long-cherished idea of a planned social and economic order.

One reason the Tennessee basin was selected as a test laboratory was the fact that congress, after years at cross-purposes, had voted public peace time pursuits for the government's huge nitrate and power plants at Muscle Shoals. Part of the program was to determine how cheaply fertilizer and electricity could be manufac-

credit or making other adjustments in cases where employment could not be found.

Information of all kinds is sought constantly at the Y. W. and there is someone on duty ready to aid and talk to any girl or woman about her problems. Recreation and an opportunity for cultural growth is given through the various clubs sponsored, which include 12 units of the Girl Reserves in the high, junior high and grade schools here; the Cadens club, a group of girls employed in household services; the Escalero club for junior business girls; and the Encinitis club for senior business girls.

A stringed orchestra for men and women meets Monday nights for group instruction and from this training and association many women and girls are deriving pleasure and benefit. Classes in swimming and gymnasium are conducted in cooperation with the Young Men's Christian association.

A summer camp on the Santiam river above Mehama is used by various groups for weekend and

summer outings and an organized camp fire conducted during July and August by trained workers.

The work of the Y. W. C. A. is carried on by a board of directors elected by the membership and this year has as its president Mrs. L. O. Clement. Any woman or girl from age of eight years up may be a member if she accepts its purpose.

That the Y. W. C. A. in Salem has been able to weather and overcome all difficulties, and carry on an even larger program of service than in normal years, is due to the loyal support of the people in Salem, who by their hearty cooperation and in some instances known sacrifices, have shown their earnest desire to help the women and girls here.

Many associations in other cities have curtailed their work or closed their doors, and Salem citizens are to be commended on their broad vision.

Through the entire association movement, opportunities have been given for growth which makes for finer womanhood and better citizenship.

Another provided for flood control and improved navigation. It was a long time process and Mr. Roosevelt saw ample opportunity to harness natural resources to the proper balancing of industry and agriculture. His pictured reclamation of marginal and worthless land, development of part-time industries producing for domestic consumption and a readjustment of a agriculture which would make for a comfortable existence. The program is expected to require 20 years for developing.

### Providing Farm Credits

It was one of the Roosevelt campaign pledges to centralize the sources of farm credit and facilitate the refinancing of mortgages.

The FCA brought together the functions of the three main lending agencies, the Federal Land Banks, the Joint-Stock Land Banks and the Intermediate Credit Banks along with the other credit sources including the cooperative marketing section of the dismantled farm board.

Total FCA loans were reported past the \$100,000,000 mark by the first of December. They included new first mortgage loans, refinanced mortgages, and second mortgage loans to liquidate accrued indebtedness on a readjusted valuation basis. Nearly 500,000 farmers applied for \$1,700,000,000 in mortgage loans between May 12 and December 1. By the end of November mortgage loans were being made at the rate of \$3,000,000 a day.

As of December 8, the federal treasury had advanced emergency funds totaling \$57,223,506 for use in farm credit expansion. From December 2, 1932, to December 4, 1933, the reconstruction finance corporation had advanced loans of \$349,691,067 for the same purpose, \$138,071,987 of which had been repaid.

### The Purpose of the AAA

Processing taxes, benefit payments to farmers, reduced production and marketing agreements evidence the efforts of the AAA to adjust domestic production to domestic consumption.

Secretary Wallace has estimated there are 50,000,000 acres of surplus crops in the United States. By paying farmers \$110,000,000 in benefits from a fund created by a processing tax of a few cents a pound on cotton manufactured for domestic consumption and advancing about \$200,000,000 in loans of 10 cents a pound

on cotton stored for higher prices, the AAA succeeded in getting an estimated 10,400,000 acres of the 1933 crop destroyed.

From a processing tax on wheat, checks expected to total about \$102,000,000 in benefits started going out to farmers in November on their agreement to cut next year's crop by about 8,000,000 acres.

To reduce the pork surplus the government paid \$31,000,000 to farmers for 6,200,000 pigs and 220,000 sows. Commitment was made to lend up to \$150,000,000 at 45 cents a bushel on corn held on the farm.

Expected from processing taxes are \$200,000,000 to the 1933 farm income and Secretary Wallace estimates higher (Turn to Page 14)

### December Biggest Month for Boys In History of Community Y.M.C.A.

Statistics Cited to Show Great Is Daily Use of Service Institution

Reference to the "depression" is decidedly in the past tense at the Young Men's Christian association building on Court street where December, 1933, was the busiest month on record. Not only did more boys avail themselves of the Y. privileges, which during the week from Christmas to New Year's day were offered free to school boys, but a greater number joined the association than during any other December.

Gymnasium and swimming classes, which in the past have usually show a lowered attendance in direct ratio to lowered temperature, have increased phenomenally during the fall and winter. October an attendance of 1672 was recorded in men's classes compared with 613 in November, statistics for December not yet compiled indicate that even during the holidays there was no slump. October's 993 boys in classes jumped to 1045 in November; 718 women and girls were in October classes compared with 902 in November. With the addition of special class and swimming party groups the grand total in October reached 3,746, in November, 4986.

### Varsity Boys Housed

The Y management boasts that both gymnasiums, swimming pool, both lobbies and smaller meeting rooms during 1933 were used to a greater extent than ever before, while the 4-room dormitory arranged to accommodate 44 men and boys has had a consistently large patronage. Twelve university students are housed there this winter; the Y serves in the absence of a university dormitory for men.

Not only does the Y. M. C. A. serve as a social center for the church and inter-church organizations, the local association also sponsors a recreational program for city and churches which has made marked strides during 1933. The kitball league, outgrowth of the once popular Twilight league which faded noticeably during the last few years of its existence, organized a year ago and com-

## CITY CUTS HOLE IN BONDED DEBT IN '33

Bancroft Improvement Issues Hold at Old Level; One Issue Refunded

During 1933 the City of Salem reduced its general obligation bond debt from \$907,500 to \$715,500 and sold no new bonds of this type. Attempted sale of a \$25,000 block of unissued sewer bonds failed.

The new year will bring a \$17,500 reduction in payments of principal on general obligation bonds of the city. Principal payments will during the year amount to \$65,500 as against \$83,000 the past year.

As the year turns the city's indebtedness in Bancroft improvement bonds is \$848,055.93, the same as one year ago, and interest payments falling due during the new year will be approximately the same as during the old, or \$50,885.17. No Bancroft bond principal payments come due during 1934.

The city will open its new year by clearing its books of another issue of term bonds through sale of \$60,000 worth of six per cent serial bonds to refund the old term issue of 1914. The old issue refunded a part of the original bonds sold to pay for building the city hall and for a Willamette river bridge since replaced by the present highway structure.

Because the new refunding issue was bid in at 95, in spite of the fact that it was for six per cent, one per cent higher than the old, the city council will have to transfer \$3000 from some other fund to pay off the expiring \$60,000 issue. The new issue will be paid off at the rate of \$3000 a year.

### District Gathering Of Rebekahs Planned

RICKREALL, Dec. 30. — Mrs. Mary Adams spent Wednesday and Thursday in Falls City making plans for the convention of District No. 9 which is comprised of the Polk county Rebekah lodges, and the president, Mrs. Esther Bond, has set the date for February 7. The Falls City Rebekah lodge Magnolia No. 140, is hostess for this meeting and Mrs. Adams is chairman of the convention.

## STRAWBERRY CROP HERE RANKS TENTH

In 1929, Marion county was one of the greatest strawberry producing counties in the United States, with 3498 acres in bearing, according to the 1930 census of the department of commerce.

Tangipahoa county, Louisiana, about 40 miles north of New Orleans, with a population of about 47,000, mostly colored folks, ranked first in 1929 with 14,090 acres in bearing, producing a crop valued at \$14,755,057. Washington county, Arkansas, was second with 8128 acres; White county, Arkansas, third, with 6345 acres and Livingston county, Louisiana, fourth with 4471 acres.

For Missourians who live in this part of Oregon it may be of comfort to know that Barry county, Missouri, ranked eighth and Newton county, Missouri, ranked ninth in the production of strawberries in 1929.

And then Marion county ranked 10th of all counties in the United States with a crop in 1929 valued at \$553,066.

### Blackberry Crop Here Near Peak; Sixth Nationally

The blackberry isn't very careful as to where it grows and although only five counties in the United States showed a greater acreage than Marion county, as compiled by the U. S. 1930 census, yet in the list of the leading 50 counties in the country

growing blackberries, 18 states were represented. But Marion county stands right near the top, with 395 farms reported growing blackberries, valued in 1929 at \$126,748. Probably if the road-side blackberries had been included, the value of the crop might have exceeded that of Camden county, New Jersey, estimated at \$207,774.

Anyhow, when you think of blackberries, please remember that Marion is one of the banner counties of the United States.

H. F. Wickham, Jr., Cape Girardeau, Mo., sportsman, brought down a wild goose 300 yards away with a \$0-30 rifle.

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