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In 1939 when farm income was already nearly \$1,500,000,000 higher than in 1934 government payments had risen to almost twice as much.

More than half the Federal expenditures during the last few years represent government agencies and functions that did not even exist until the advent of the New Deal according to a survey made by the New York Sun.

In States like New York, where the citizens are rushing to the defense of their shrunken income and depreciated property, legislators have been amazed by the newly discovered strength of public opposition to tax incomes.

U. S. Civil Service Commission reports show that the Roosevelt Administration has added workers to the Federal payroll at the rate of about 60,000 a year.

Huge government borrowing has raised bank deposits above the level of 1929 but turnover of these deposits is about 60 per cent less.

TAXPAYERS SUPPORTING TOO MANY ON STATE JOBS

To the man who pays the taxes the principal reason for the existence of the state unemployment commission appears to be the need of a lot of pap-suckers who are unable to make a living otherwise to draw pay from the fund paid to the commission for old age relief. The members of the state relief body are on pay (and incidentally the county relief committee members are not) and the state body hires a horde of employees to ride around the state harassing legitimate business which has to pay the pap-suckers for this harassing.

It is to be hoped the next legislature will have intelligence enough to cut off a lot of these easy-living fellows.

Nor is the unemployment commission the only one which is entitled to condemnation. There are a lot more boards, commissions and bureaus in the state whose principal aim seems to be to draw salaries for employees who make it as tough as possible for the ordinary business concern.

THEATRES, DANCE ORCHESTRAS PAY TRIBUTE TO ASCAP

How many people know what the "Ascap" is? Very few, probably. It is the Associated Society of Composers and Publishers of music and from the daily press and local experiences with a representative from Portland, its operations are startling in the extreme. Probably the press item telling of the president of the company's refusal to agree to extradition to Missoula, Mont., is the result of the same procedure as was attempted here.

The strange part of it all is that there is a federal law, upheld by the supreme court, which makes use of any of the Ascap music by orchestras for profit an infringement of their copyright.

The matter came up in Coquille a few months ago when the Ascap wanted Don Estes to pay \$60 a year for the Ascap music he used at dances in the Community Building. When he couldn't see it, the Portland branch of Ascap put it up to the city to pay, claiming that their \$60 bill per year was a lien on the building.

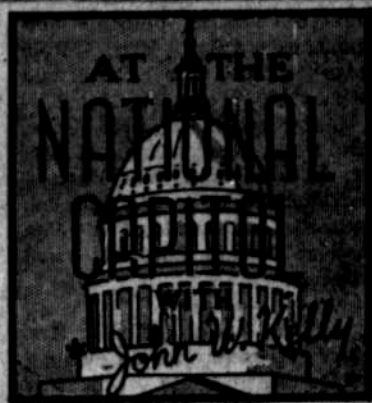
The city council declined to have the city milked and a short time later a diminutive representative called at the city hall and in a bombastic manner told Recorder Leslie the city would have to pay.

One word led to another and the recorder finally told the little fellow that he thought "the Ascap was a huge racket."

Then the fellow did blow up and Mr. Leslie told him he wouldn't strike him but he would slap his face if he didn't get out of his office, and finally had to eject him forcibly from the room.

However, the Ascap must have some claim on those who use the music of its members, which is on sale at all music stores, at shows or performances where an admission is charged, for we are reliably informed that theatres pay a charge of so much per seat in their houses because of their use of canned music!

Cut flowers for any occasion. Just think of Bergen's when you need flowers. They have reasonable and unseasonable varieties.



Washington, D. C., February 29—Bureaucrats in the national capital direct the lives of an army of residents in the Pacific northwest by remote control. In addition to owning millions of acres not on the tax rolls (administered by bureaus) Uncle Sam, through bureaucrats, has the people well regimented. Here are a few things bureaucrats are doing:

Employers (except farmers) are told how many hours they can work their employees and how much an hour they shall pay. Employers are told what unions they must bargain with, and a non-union worker is practically forced to join the union having the bargaining agreement or go hungry. An employer is guilty of unfair labor practices if he voluntarily raises wages without first notifying the business agent of the union. Then another bureau taxes the payroll for social security benefits.

Farmers are told how many acres they can cultivate and what crop to plant. To coax them to agree to this remote control over their own acres they are offered certain benefits for conservation of soil. Treaties are made with foreign countries which injure the market of fruit growers, cattlemen and lumbermen without the producers being able to protect themselves.

There is a bureau which tells farm housewives how to run their homes, what to preserve gaining this privilege because the farmer has been given a few hundred dollars to rehabilitate himself. Bureaus tell stockmen what they can or cannot do on the range, how many head they can run on a range. A bureau bosses the national forests (13,800,000 acres in Oregon alone); another the national parks; another supervises wildlife; another regulates navigation and the men who go to sea; another sees that there is a retirement fund for railroad men; another says what rates shall be charged for electric power. A bureau controls every acre of the reclamation projects, decides who can settle on these projects and how much money the applicant must have before he is permitted to buy a unit on a project.

A bureau decides whether a farmer can plant sugar beets and tells him what he must pay the workers at various periods during the season. There is a bureau which determines how many unemployed men and women in Oregon and Washington can be given relief on WPA; what they shall receive as wages. A bureau decides whether a family is sufficiently distressed to be entitled to food stamps.

The remote control by bureaucrats extends to white collar workers in the cities; to the calloused-handed handed farmers; to the lumber workers, to the men who labor longshore, to the fishermen.

There is a good fundamental reason for each bureau, but once created, a bureau becomes immortal—wishes to expand, take in more territory, exercise greater control.

Here is the trick used by chiefs of bureaus when their funds are threatened: They announce elimination of an activity or service in a state,

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of March 5, 1920)

Last night's mail train came in about five hours late due to the breaking down of the engine near Beck. The engine was taken from the outgoing freight at Reedsport and sent to Beck to bring the passenger down. Still it was the same old whistle last night late as it was. Indeed, we heard one lady say if she heard it in heaven she would recognize that too.

Tomorrow E. E. Fraedrick intends opening his new grocery store in the Laird building opposite the postoffice. Everything is new and modern and the proprietor is well known to the people of this valley.

Last evening at 7:30, Mrs. Charlotte Helen Mast, mother of R. H. of this city, Will, J. W., Webb and Hardy Mast, passed away at the home of her son, James W., at Bandon.

During the sale of the McDonald lots in this city recently advertised by Henry Sengstacken, twelve lots were disposed of. Several of them were in the Park block where the Catholic church is located. Mr. McClellan and Mr. Burr have begun work there for new residences.

The rains of the past week have certainly settled the dust that accumulated during our exceptional February.

knowing that abolishment will start a local protest and the local people will call on their senators and representatives to save the activity and under this fire from back home the legislators become interested in seeing that necessary funds are provided. This may explain why announcement is made the radio beam at Fort Stevens, needed to guide vessels into Columbia river in foggy weather, is to be abandoned; why many CCC camps are to be put out of commission; why experiment stations are to be eliminated, and county agents fired.

Unless the senate is able to argue the house into making larger appropriations, both Grand Coulee and Bonneville will have to proceed under a slow bell for the year beginning next July 1. Requests for funds by these two projects have been cut deeply. The house is also ordering retrenchment in reclamation. It will probably be April before final action is taken on these various appropriations and the measures are sent to the White House for the president's signature.

Agricultural committee of the house has determined to continue the rate of interest for farm loans at 3.5 per cent. There is some complaint against this rate by high administration authorities, but the committee insists that money is cheap and borrowers of farm loans should share in this benefit.

With the exception of Knute Hill, Washington, every representative from the Pacific northwest—Oregon, Washington, Idaho—voted against the administration's reciprocal trade treaty policy. When the subject reaches the senate every senator from these states will oppose the treaty program, with a single possible exception.

Recommendation has been made to change the headquarters of Siletz national forest from Eugene to Corvallis and opposition is now being

Assessor Beyers has sufficiently recovered from the flu to be at work again, and yesterday morning he went down to Bandon to instruct the deputies there in the work.

There is something like a wood famine here in Coquille right now. With the two lumber mills both running the product is not large enough to supply the most urgent demands.

Miss Allie Phillips last week sold the stock she had left at the conclusion of the Ladies Bazaar sale, to N. P. Peterson, of Myrtle Point and on Monday it was shipped up there.

C. C. Farr, county agriculturist, and Minnie Kalbus, home demonstration agent, went down to Parkersburg Tuesday to hold a meeting in the interest of the Farm Bureau organization work.

Dr. Richmond says there were 800 cases of "flu" in Coquille last year and he thinks there have been about the same number here this year. That is not fifty per cent of the city's population, but it is not far from 40 per cent.

Judge Coke did not come over here Tuesday as he intended, the flu situation precluding any attempt to go on with the February term of court. Just how soon it will be possible to call the jury together and go on with the term is not yet known.

registered to this shift. The regional forester reported that he considered placing the headquarters in Portland, Salem or Newport, but regards Corvallis as more strategically situated.

The Younger Drivers Killed Most In January

Out of 20 cars involved in fatal traffic accidents during the month of January, 17 were private passenger vehicles, according to figures from Earl Snell, secretary of state. Other vehicles involved in fatal crashes were one light pick-up truck, one bicycle and one not stated.

Young drivers in the 15-24 age group were most frequently involved in such accidents during January. There were ten drivers in this age group involved in fatal crashes against six in the 25-39 group, the next highest group. No other age classification contributed more than one fatal accident during the month.

Fifty-five percent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents in Oregon

Ralph H. Cake For Nat'l Committeeman



RALPH H. CAKE

Ralph H. Cake, prominent Portland civic leader, partyworker and businessman filed last week with Secretary of State Snell for the office of republican national committeeman.

Cake who is a native of Portland where he was born in 1891 absorbed republican doctrine under the tutoring of his father, the late Judge W. M. Cake, while attending Portland grade and high schools and the University of Oregon where he graduated in 1913. He finished his education by taking law at Harvard and returned to Oregon to join his father's firm. In school he joined the Phi Gamma Delta which he has since served as national officer. He is a past president of the University of Oregon Alumni association. He is a member of numerous fraternal and civic organizations and was president of the highly successful 1938 Rose Festival.

Cake was married in 1916 to Gretchen Sherwood of Coquille and they have two children, Martha and Ralph Jr.

Since the death of his father Cake has been associated in law practice with Lamar Tooze and Nicholas Jauregui. He is also president of the Equitable Savings & Loan association. His extensive legal contacts require frequent trips east and has resulted in making political contacts there which his friends feel can be of value to Oregon. Always active in local politics Cake was chairman of the finance committee for the recent Lincoln day program in Portland which featured Thomas E. Dewey.

during the month reported six years or more driving experience.

Go to Church Sunday, March 3.

SUNLIT CLOUDS

As its wings are to a bird,
 As the wind is to a tree,
 As the breath which lifts a word,
 So are these white clouds to me.
 Past the fir-trees on the hill,
 High their shining slopes arise,
 Ever changeful, ever still,
 Are these mountains of the skies.
 Only hearts can scale such heights.
 Only faith can stand and gaze
 From the sun-touched summits white
 Down the blue, infinite ways.
 Wherein stars are ports of call,
 Wings of joy unfold in me,
 Wings too large for one so small,
 Pinions of infinity,
 And my spirit sings aloud
 Songs I had not known it knew,
 In the language of the cloud,
 And the music of the blue.

—FRANCES HOLSTROM,
 Coquille, Oregon.

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