

## Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

Ask the president of your local cement or lumber company how business is—and the chances are that he will say it is bad. Ask the owner of a retail store the same question—and, unless your community is well below the national average of business conditions, he will doubtless say that trade is good, and is constantly getting better.

As Paul Mallon, the well known Washington correspondent, recently put it, "Industry is doing nothing worth talking about, but business generally is better than you think." In August, the durable goods industries were operating at about 67 per cent of normal. (Normal means the average of the years 1923-25.) Non-durable goods producers touched 90 per cent, and the trend was upward. In other words, concerns making cement, steel, metals, lumber and other products which don't wear out rapidly are still at the bottom, while the makers of food, clothes, tobacco and all the things which have a short life are experiencing relative prosperity. Department store sales are well above what seasonal experience would lead us to expect—these stores, of course, deal primarily in nondurable goods.

It isn't hard to trace the reason back of this. It can be expressed in two words: Government spending. Government is dealing out billions for relief through its various agencies, and the bulk of this money goes at once into such necessities as food clothing, fuel. Almost none of it is used for purposes which would stimulate the production of heavy industries. People who, after long unemployment, get three or four dollars a day, buy food and clothing—but they don't buy new homes, automobiles or motor boats.

The problem the government faces now is to bring the heavy industries up to the level reached by the nondurable goods industries. It is starting to attack that problem—and as its first step is giving industry itself more control over its own affairs than it has enjoyed for almost two years. The NRA reorganization indicates the trend. The period of its dictatorship is apparently over. Its new board includes actual industrialists who will be sympathetic to the wishes and problems of other industrialists. As a matter of fact, all late Roosevelt appointments have been comparatively conservative—the experimentalists has been given little or nothing.

The best guessers are now saying that the NRA will gradually retrench, and will voluntarily relinquish most of its power. It will have less and less to say about how business should be run, will be more of an umpire than an administrator. It seems that the only thing it will certainly retain is its power over wages, hours and working conditions.

### CWA IN OREGON

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A survey of the classifications of projects undertaken in Oregon gives an interesting view of the accomplishments of CWA. In all, 1,826 projects were undertaken throughout the state. These were in addition to those of a service nature, which included both the educational allotments and the majority of the projects for women.

Of these projects, 15 or .8 on one per cent of the total were for highways, and 306 or 16.7 percent were for county roads. This work was carried on principally in the strictly rural areas where county roads are important in permitting the farmers to market their goods, and a factor in enabling them to keep themselves on a sustaining basis. City streets accounted for 204 projects, or 11.1 percent.

The largest number of projects in any one classification were for renovating school houses. Projects for this type of work totalled 420 or 22.8 percent of the total projects within the state. Many of these projects, in the larger cities such as Portland and Salem involved more than one school building.

A tour of the state will show the good results of this program. School houses which had not been painted for 20 years are now fresh and attractive to the students. Schools which had not been roofed for 15 or 16 years are now repaired and weatherproof. In many of the counties in the state nearly every school was repaired and repainted. Applications came in and were approved for renovating every school in Yamhill county.

Buildings other than school houses totalled 116, or 6.4 percent of the projects. These included courthouses,

city halls, armories, and miscellaneous public buildings such as community halls owned by cities. Many were repaired and repainted both inside and out, and many reroofed and otherwise improved. In some cases buildings were erected to serve needs which had not been cared for before. In three cities old buildings were completely renovated and now serve as community gathering halls.

Parks and playgrounds accounted for 127 or 6.9 percent of the projects. The major part of this program was the development of recreational facilities for children. An excellent example is the Salem playgrounds. For years Salem had been developing a plan of recreational and park facilities throughout the city. With the opening of CWA this program was entered as a major project. Over \$100,000 was spent on three large fields. Three large concrete swimming pools, modern in every respect, with heated water and bath houses, were constructed. Acres of ground were drained. Football baseball, and handball fields and courts, and seventeen tennis courts were built. As a result of the CWA Salem now has what is doubtless one of the finest recreational developments in the country for a city of its size. The program at Astoria was almost as complete as that at Salem. Municipally operated swimming pools are now available in a number of cities throughout the state.

There were only 10 projects or .6 of one percent for education. The reason is that the educational program as planned by the federal government, including its six-point program, was developed as one unit, and there was no need of any extensive educational program under CWA.

Ninety-seven or 5.2 percent of the projects were concerned with sanitation. Small communities, financially embarrassed, were supplied with new water systems or new sewage systems. A total of \$824,308.50 was spent on these 97 projects an average of more than \$8,000 for each project.

Thirty projects or 1.7 per cent of the total were concerned with fish and game. These were all carried out under the supervision of the State Game Commission and the State Fish Commission. Materials valued at about \$50,000 were contributed by these bodies. Production capacities of the fish hatcheries and game farms were increased 50 percent. This program cost about \$78,000.

Airports and federal projects started numbered 78, or 4.2 percent of the total.

Projects of miscellaneous character totalled 393, or 20.9 percent of the total. Among these miscellaneous projects are to be found such things as city planning, studies of diking and other artificial flood control projects throughout the state.

## HI-WAYS TO HEALTH

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### BUTTER-BOILING VEGETABLES FOR PALATABILITY

If you are not already butter-boiling your vegetables, you have a new culinary thrill ahead of you. It isn't really new, of course, this butter-boiling, but it is a novel and appealing idea to those who have cooked one or more vegetables a day, in the same old fashion, for years on end.

Like many others of our so-called new methods, this one perhaps dates back to ancient days. For instance, the Chinese never boil their vegetables to death as so many occidentals do, but cook them in a manner similar to butter-boiling, just long enough to make them tender.

Butter-boiling retains the minerals, vitamins, sugar and color of fresh vegetables, beside preserving their firmness and succulence and imparting to them a rich flavor. Peas, for instance, retain their roundness, rich green coloring and sweetness; carrots are firm, sweet and deep yellow as when raw; squash not only has a finer flavor, but does not require careful draining to remove the usual superfluous water.

Following is the approved method of butter-boiling vegetables. No special type of cooking utensil is required.

#### Preparation of Vegetables

Each vegetable may be prepared as for ordinary boiling—carrots cut in rings about 1-4 inch thick unless exceptionally young and small, when they may be cooked whole; cauliflower heads broken into flowerets, and cabbage cut fine.

Place prepared vegetable in a colander and rinse thoroughly. Turn dripping into a cold saucepan into which butter (1 tbsp. to a lb. of vegetables) has been placed. Do not melt butter. Cover carefully with freshly washed, drenched lettuce leaves, tucking them around the edges of the vegetable to retain the moisture while cooking. Cover the saucepan with a snug-fitting cover and put over a very low heat to cook.

#### Heat and Time of Cooking

When gas heat is used the flame should be turned low as possible.

More than \$1,000,000 was spent for miscellaneous structures.

As will be seen from this review, Oregon has been extensively "renovated," and will come out of the depression with modernized community buildings and up-to-date public facilities.

without danger of its becoming extinguished; "low heat" should be used on an electric stove and on a wood, coal or gasoline stove the same care should be taken to have the heat as low as is practical.

Cooking time will depend upon type of vegetables, freshness and atmosphere. In other words, you must make your own time chart, but for the most part vegetables will require the same amount of time as for ordinary boiling. Each vegetable may be tested with a fork the first time it is butter-boiled, and when tender the cooking time recorded on an individual chart.

The vegetable should be removed from the stove when tender, seasoned and served hot. If you have been in the habit of cooking vegetables until they are soft enough to fall apart, try shortening the time so that they will be tender, but firm enough to retain their crispness and shape.

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## INTEREST SHOWN IN EXPOSITION EXHIBITS



Above is shown the Fish and Game Exhibit at last year's Pacific International Livestock Exposition which will be repeated again this year. This display is one of the most popular of the many housed in the large entrance hall on the exposition grounds.

Due to improved farm and business conditions, early indications give promise of more extensive exhibits and greatly increased attendance at the 24th Annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, according to exposition officials. This year's exposition will be held in Portland, Oregon, October 6 to 13.

R. C. McHenry, in charge of industrial exhibits, states, "Industrial displays this year are more extensive than they have been for some years past. Space has already been reserved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Standard Oil company, Frostkist Ice Cream, Columbia Steel company, Swift and company and Knight Packing company.

"Also of interest," said Mr. McHenry, "will be a display of fish and game by the State Game Commission, the Dairy Products show, Flower show and Truth in Meats display, as well as those arranged by the several counties in the state.

"The usual livestock exhibits, including dairy animals, beef cattle, swine, draft horses, sheep, poultry and pet stock, wool and

mohair, will prove educational and of interest to all exposition visitors."

Because of the interest shown in the Horse show and Rodeo, a feature of last year's exposition, officials have arranged to repeat this colorful event again this year. It has been agreed to make this the final contest of all western rodeos for this year, when you will see the grand champion cowboy chosen.

Only ace riders of the rodeo world and open range have been invited to participate by McCarty and Elliott, managers of the Rodeo who are bringing their string of famous outlaw broncs, Brahms steers and tough necked long horns.

Keen competition is assured by the offer of liberal cash prizes for bronc riding, bull-dogging, steer riding, calf roping and other events.

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