

# Economic Highlights

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

A little over a year and a half ago, Franklin Roosevelt became President of the United States. If, at that time, you had asked a representative group of citizens what the most burning problem of the hour was, the chances are that about eight out of ten of them would have answered, "Unemployment." There were many other problems and issues—but the fact that some 13,000,000 men were unable to find jobs overshadowed them all.

During that eighteen months the federal government, guided by Mr. Roosevelt, has spent billions, passed extraordinary and unprecedented laws, tried a series of daring experiments. Yet today, unemployment is still the most difficult problem the country faces, and very little progress has been made in alleviating the plight of the jobless.

Best estimates say that the number now unemployed is slightly over 10,000,000. That represents a decline of 3,000,000 from the high touched in the spring of 1933—but even so, the problem has been solved to the extent of only 25 per cent. And the remaining 75 per cent looks much more difficult of solution.

The United States News recently broke down unemployment figures to specific industries. According to its findings, the mining and oil industries are employing 300,000 fewer workers than in normal times. The railroad industry is employing 670,000 less. Telephone and telegraph companies show a drop of 160,000. Wholesale and retail distribution industries are down 670,000. And so it goes, throughout the entire industrial structure, with the durable goods industries—steel, cement, etc.—showing an employment shortage of 1,500,000. One of the worst phases of the problem, according to the News, is that even if business returns to the 1929 level, about 3,000,000 men will still be out of work, due to technological advances in the past new industries have taken up the slack caused in this manner.

The federal government discovering that it could not find jobs for the unemployed, turned to relief on a grand scale. Through the FERA, the SERRA, the CCC and similar agencies, the government is providing food, lodging, clothing, and in some cases, work for the unfortunate. But this cannot go on forever—the expense is gigantic. It will be recalled that in a recent speech, the President warned the country that local agencies must do their part that federal relief cannot carry the entire burden, or even the bulk of it. It is a well known fact that many states and cities have dodged doing their share, have simply "chiseled" on the federal government.

Donald Richberg has said that 20,000,000 people will be on the relief rolls during the coming winter. Some authorities place their estimates even higher than that. The greatest drain on the country's resources is imposed by people who, for the most part, are unable to find the productive work they want. Critics who still talk about the possibility of our accepting the dole system are behind the times—the dole, in principle if not in name, is established now.

These are the facts of unemployment. When it comes to the theories there are an unlimited number—most of them impractical, some of them impossible, all of them unproven. It is believed the President feels that a future step must be the 30-hour work week. However, he has said little about it of late, and has resisted efforts to bring it into existence through legislation. He knows that business is finding the going hard, would probably be unable to meet additional expense that shorter hours would cause.

At various times this column has spoken of projected changes in NRA policies. Not until now, however, has there been anything of first importance to report that came from high official sources.

The other day Donald Richberg, NRA's general counsel, and the man who is considered closest of all officials to the President made a speech. He denounced price-fixing as being "lopsided guild socialism" said we must return to the old competitive order. That is exactly what an army of industrialists has been saying for months—the difference now is that Mr. Richberg can do something about it. His speech indicates the future course of NRA.

With price fixing eliminated, the NRA would have little to do with industry save in matters of wages, hours, working conditions. It would thus complete its cycle, and return

## HI-WAYS TO HEALTH by ADA R. MAYNE OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

**THE COOKIE JAR**  
Jim's grandma has  
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For she has got  
A Cookie Jar!

Cookies merit the title 'The Best of Sweets' because of their combination of ingredients and the extent of their usefulness as a food. Of course, cookies are what you make them—plain, wholesome ones for all the family; rich and satisfying ones for hearty appetites, or dainty and decorative ones for special occasions.

The ingredients used in making cookies are of prime importance in determining the flavor and food value of the finished product. For example, cookies made with butter have a distinctive taste as well as a nutritive quality which cannot be obtained by the use of any other food fat. This is because butterfat is the most practical, palatable and dependable food source of Vitamin A, necessary for growth and positive health. Butter also contains Vitamin D which aids in the development of bones and teeth. These facts along with its unique flavor make it worthwhile to use butter in making cookies.

A few practical cookie recipes which can be adapted to even the simplest meal, the school lunch or the tea table are given this week.

### Frozen Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups butter
- 2 cups medium brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp salt

- 1 tsp cinnamon
  - 2 tsp Baking powder
- Cream butter and sugar. Add well beaten egg and beat well. Sift all dry ingredients together and add to first mixture. Pack dough into cookie molds and put into coldest part of refrigerator for several hours. Slice as thin as possible and bake on greased baking sheet 10 minutes at 375 degrees, F. Bake as needed and have freshly baked cookies at any time.

### Sour Cream Cookies

- 2 cups brown sugar
  - 1 cup butter
  - 2 eggs
  - 1/2 tsp nutmeg
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 1 tsp soda
  - 4 tsp baking powder
  - 4 cups sifted flour
- Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add sour cream. Sift dry ingredients and add. Mix well and drop by spoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes at about 275 to 400 deg. F.

### Sugar Cookies

- 1/2 cup butter
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 2 tsp baking powder
  - 2 eggs
  - 2 1/2 cups flour
  - 1/2 tsp vanilla
- Cream butter, add sugar and eggs, well beaten. Stir in dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Add vanilla. Shape into roll and place in refrigerator to chill. When ready to bake cookies slice thinly and bake on cookie sheet in moderately hot oven.

## COMMUNICATED

Mothers, and fathers too, don't spank your child for every annoying prank which he may play. That is, if you would look into the future and surmise what your infant may mean to this ungrateful world. However keep your weather eye to windward and you may be successful in discerning the particular talents with which your youngster has been endowed. No doubt you have heard of this method before, but don't judge

to the position it held when it was created—a protector of labor, an enemy of the sweat-shop. It would no longer be an administrator of routine business matters.

Late reports show a general decline in business. Coal and automobile output are down, and wholesale prices have dropped. Car loadings changed but little. Steel, alone of major industries, increased output.

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Now, DON'T scold sonny if he unduly pulls kitty's tail for the desired effect—for if you do—you may hamper the career of a PSYCHOLOGIST. Neither must you be cross with tiny daughter if she persists in making the JUICIEST of mud pies in a whole vacant lot of mud pies—for she may become a famous (infamous) CULINARY ARTIST. Also if your child has an aptitude for drawing caricatures of his favorite teacher, you should never threaten punishment—even in the mildest form. Instead develop his talents so that he may some day become a famous CARTOONIST and provide the public with a daily cry. NEVER be so tactless as to reproach little Johnny for a fine piece of sleuthing in search for the cookie jar—for you may never forgive yourself if you will have spoiled the career of a "natural" DETECTIVE.

No doubt this advice will be useless to you for your child will probably never pursue such base occupations as have been mentioned here, but is certain for a chance at the presidency, or at least the Senate.

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