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## EDITORIALS

### ONE FOR ALL

"Most manufacturers are aware of the interdependence of industry and agriculture. They should be more so because these two great producing agencies—farm and factory—produce virtually all the real wealth of the country. . . more than thirty million people are directly dependent upon returns from the farm—a vast sector of the manufacturers' market. . . although detractors of the American System have defamed business for being otherwise, the Industrialist has been, and will continue to be, substantially concerned over the general welfare of this nation."

So states Lewis H. Brown, chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers' Committee on Agricultural Cooperation. The Committee is at work. It does not have a farm plan; it does not seek to tell the farmers how to run his business. It does seek to learn all it can about the farm problem and transmit that information to manufacturers as a means of developing a more sympathetic understanding.

As its first steps, the committee has agreed to study 14 phases of the problem, including per capita consumption, imports, exports, farm buying power vs. urban buying power, farm mortgage and interest problems, new industrial uses for agricultural products, and farm taxes in relation to cash income and costs of farmers.

That is a pretty big slate. It includes things which many have studied. But it shows clearly that the manufacturer is interested in, and desirous of, understanding the farmers' problems. If the farmer, in turn, can interest himself in industry's problem a great new day will dawn.

### POLITICS AND JUSTICE

Critics of the Supreme Court, most of whom would usurp for themselves the powers given to the Court by the Constitution, are indulging in a breathing spell. The reason is that they found the mind of the general public not yet ready for anything that would hamstring the agency that has kept our government from becoming a dictatorship, socialism or monarchy.

The talk started when the NRA was ruled illegal. But the NRA was unpopular anyhow. Then the AAA fell. It now appears that the AAA's friends were decreasing in number. Attacks on the court, therefore, fell on barren ground. The intelligent Americans realized that no one branch of the government—executive, legislative, judicial—should be made all powerful.

But the campaign is not over. The Court's critics are biding their time; holding their breath in the hope that they eventually will be supplied with really popular ammunition. They may even renew their campaign anyhow, for personal power is a thing that all men like.

One talking point in the past has been the implication that the Supreme Court played politics. The facts belied that, because frequently the justices voted for things which were politically and personally objectionable but which at the same time they felt were legal.

Arthur Kroek, able Washington correspondent for the New York Times, summed up the political aspect recently when, after a study of history, he wrote:

"The records of Congress and the Chief Executive, with respect to political motivation, do not compare favorably with the record of the Court. This, with the added circumstance that no safe substitute for the system of judicial supremacy has as yet been responsibly made by a major party leader, accounts for the fact that, once more, in the fire of criticism, the Supreme Court is still stronger than its assailants in the forum of public opinion."

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## The Administration's New Hope



## Washington Snap Shots

Spring has definitely arrived in Washington. The sign: A lot of Congressmen who dislike the sulphur and molasses treatment are having to swallow another bitter pill just the same.

Publicly, they say they like the medicine. But privately, they storm and fuss because politics is forcing them to take their medicine and vote to appropriate another \$1,500,000,000 for "work-relief" and boondoggling.

Until three years ago, when the depression was at its worst, Congress had zealously guarded its right to stimulate where virtually every dollar of federal money was spent. But under pressure, it finally got into the habit of appropriating lump sums without any strings and letting somebody else say where it should be spent.

The legislators saw the error of their ways, they say, when they discovered that money was being used for things Congress had refused to approve, such as the Florida ship canal and Passamaquoddy tides-harnessing and hundreds of other projects.

They want now to tighten up: to say again that the money shall be expended only on things previously approved by Congress. All they can do is wish.

The dilemma of Democratic members, who are torn between desires to "go along" politically and to stop being "rubber stamps", was heightened when General Hugh S. Johnson's attack on the present relief program became public after being suppressed six months.

Johnson described the WPA program, as he had to administer it in New York City, as "stupid and cruel". Sixty per cent of the created work, he said, "is needlessly expensive and a fatuous gesture."

"The money should be disbursed as direct relief except for worthwhile and necessary work on a basis of cost competitive with contemporary public construction," he added. Some Congressmen already had decided the same things. But the political situation is making them take their medicine.

Another complication was the ease with which the American Red Cross handled the flood disaster. The government had taken over the job of administering relief on the ground that no private organization could do it.

The Red Cross won much praise for its flood work. It accomplished it with a minimum of overhead cost and with no politics at all. Which, the Congressmen say, makes it difficult for them to convince folks back home that relief must be in politics.

Almost simultaneously, too, came disclosure by The New York Times that the cost of relief in New York City had gone up 50 per cent since WPA's birth. The Times' survey showed that the number of persons on relief had risen 25 per cent in the same period. Almost simultaneously with The Times' disclosure, the American Writers' Association made a formal report on New York City charging that the City Projects Council, an organization of relief workers, is dominated by Communists whose aim is to foster dis-

content and the subsequent overthrow of the American government. They reported a constant process of "boring from within."

What most Congressmen, including Democratic leaders, really want to do is this: Disband the present relief set-up, stop all boondoggling projects, turn direct relief over to the Red Cross, leave "work" relief to private initiative, and reduce the appropriation to about \$500,000,000. But they can't do that. This happens to be an election year, and they can't admit they have been wrong in a policy which already has cost \$8,100,000,000 and which will eventually cost nearly \$10,000,000,000.

## Girls' Glee Club Entertains Grange

Central Point Grange met Friday evening with a very large attendance. Team number one put on a basket dinner at 6:30 for team number two, winners in the attendance contest for the first quarter.

About 120 grangers were served. A very enjoyable lecture hour was put on by the Central Point school, consisting of numbers by the Girls Glee club, the orchestra, two skits and a chorus by the grade school.

The program was held before Grange opened and the public was invited. Much praise was given the pupils and teachers in charge for this fine program.

Twenty-five members from other granges were present. Mrs. Denton was a visitor from Fort Klamath Grange. Visiting masters were W. W. Robison, Talent Grange; George E. Dunn, Bellview Grange; Perry L. Wait, Live Oak Grange; E. C. Fiene, Gold Hill Grange.

First and second degree practice will be held April 24.

The box social, planned for April 21, has been postponed.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held Friday, May 1 at 8:00 o'clock sharp.

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## Recreational Bulletin

The warm weather and melting snow has maintained a general high level of water in all streams during the past week. Some fish have been caught, but in general fishing has been only fair. In the middle fork of the Applegate below Elliott Creek and the Little Applegate, the water is muddy. However, tributaries, particularly Carberry Creek, are clear and should be fair. In Evans, Trall, and Elk Creek steelhead are reported to be running. Those streams are fairly clear. The main Rogue River is high and cloudy. Two salmon were caught below the Savage Rapids dam Wednesday. The run is expected to increase considerably by Sunday. Conditions remains about the same in the upper branches of the Rogue River with the water high but fairly clear. In Big Butte the water is still cloudy but clearing. The smaller branches of Big Butte are clear. Little Butte Creek has continued high during the week, but has dropped some during the past few days.

Lake conditions remain about the same. Squaw Lakes are open, but the other lakes are frozen over except Fish Lake in which a small area of open water was reported near the outlet. The snow has been melting very rapidly at Fish Lake and according to last reports there was only an average of two feet of snow remaining. No catches have been reported as taken on flies. Night crawlers and eggs will probably be essential during the weekend.

Road conditions have improved somewhat, but no new territory has been open up by the melting snows. In the Applegate territory all roads, with the exception of those at the higher elevations which are closed by snow, are in good condition. Last week the Evans Creek road was reported open to the mouth of Salt Creek. It has been learned since that the State has closed this road at the CCC Camp at the mouth of the west fork of Evans Creek, and no travel by cars is possible above that point. The Butte Falls-Lake of the Woods road is closed by snow 7 miles this side of Fish Lake. The several parties who have hiked into

the lake state that it requires approximately 3 hours to make the trip in over the snow.

Spring flowers, particularly the Lamb tongue and the red flowering currants, are making their appearance in the lower elevations.

In spite of the time of year, fires will spread quite rapidly, and the same care should be taken as during the summer. It is also suggested that the axe, shovel and bucket be added to your equipment now.

Karl L. Janough,  
Forest Supervisor.

## High School Notes

Libby Hamilton spent the weekend at her home at Table Rock.

Joyce Young visited the Tyrell family Sunday afternoon.

Millie McCord and Pearl Hover hiked to Overhead Bridge at Tolo Sunday afternoon.

Norma Holland, Viola Penland, and Barbara Koehler shopped in Medford Saturday.

Erma Thompson went to the show Saturday night.

Richard Jewett motored in the Applegate district Sunday afternoon.

Neldagene Ayers visited Clarabelle and Ruby Brood Saturday afternoon.

Simon Pappé went swimming in

Jackson Hot Springs Sunday afternoon. Norma Holland swam there Thursday night.

Dorothy Smith went motor-boating at Emigrant Lake Sunday. She returned home by way of the airport.

The Girls' Glee Club sang at the Central Point Grange Hall Friday night. After the program they went to Table Rock and gave the same numbers there. Refreshments were served.

Central Point won the baseball game from Phoenix Friday afternoon 6 to 1.

## Many Artists to Appear April 24

An unusually fine and outstanding musical program, featuring southern Oregon artists, will be presented by the Thursday Morning Study club on the evening of April 24 at the Baldwin recital hall. The musicale will begin at eight-fifteen. Chairman for the affair is Roberta Ward Bebb.

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