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## EDITORIALS

### TWENTY BUREAUS FOR ONE JOB

In a plea for reorganization and consolidation of Federal bureaus, Senator Byrd of Virginia, recently pointed out some astonishing instances of duplication and overlapping.

For example, at least 24 agencies have been created to deal with lending government funds, and five similar agencies are now in liquidation.

At least 3 agencies have been concerned with insuring deposits and loans.

At least 10 agencies have been concerned with government construction.

At least 9 agencies have been concerned with credit and finance.

At least 12 agencies have been concerned with home and community planning.

At least 16 agencies have been concerned with wild life conservation.

So it goes, down a long list. Every one of the purposes for which these agencies have been created may be beneficial and legitimate—but certainly there can be no excuse for setting up 20 bureaus to do one bureau's job. Nor can there be any excuse for permitting bureaus to grow unchecked and to eat up tax funds in unimaginable quantities. Senator Byrd also points out that one bureau has 13 addresses in Washington alone.

Untold millions of public dollars are thrown away annually through

duplication. Congress can have no excuse for failure to adopt at once a reorganization plan such as the President recently proposed.

### NATURE FOOLS THE "EXPERTS"

The danger of plans, however well meant, that would artificially curb basic crop production to a substantial degree, are found in the current wheat outlook. Best estimates show that the world crop this year will be almost dangerously small. And much of our wheat acreage in America has been deliberately removed from service.

Nature frustrated the plans of the crop experts—as she often will.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that movements and policies that really and permanently help agriculture—to say nothing of the public at large—stem less from government farm programs than from the farmers themselves. While "farm relief" programs have changed and officeholders have come and gone, the farm cooperative movement to improve production and distribution methods, has been going ahead, and each year has witnessed new achievements. Such cooperatives have a permanent, non-political program based on sound, proven principles, as contrasted with governmental programs which are necessarily transitory, and are usually infested with politics.

### DRIVERS' LICENSING RESTRICTIONS VITAL

It is widely believed among safety authorities that passage of the standard drivers' licensing law by all of the 48 states is an essential step in solving our automobile death and accident toll.

States which have adopted the law find that it is definitely in the interest of public safety and better driving.

The law is not designed to materially lessen the number of persons operating cars—it is designed to force them, if need be, to become reasonably competent and careful. Under the terms of the law applicants are given an examination on traffic rules and a driving test. If they fail the first time they may take the examination again later. Ultimately, only a small percentage of drivers fail to earn licenses—and all licensed drivers are more capable pilots of automobiles.

But the law does prevent the li-

ensing of persons whose presence at the wheel of a car would constitute a menace to life, property and health. These include persons under the legal age limit, habitual drunkards, narcotic addicts, the congenitally reckless and incompetent, etc.

Today many states have no provision whatsoever for examining drivers. Other states have outmoded or ineffective restrictions. In these states thousands of men and women are legally entitled to drive cars, who are mentally and physically incapable of operating the machines safely and prudently. That is largely responsible for the automobile's horrible annual harvest of 35,000 lives.

### HISTORY MUST NOT REPEAT HERE

The theme song of the average politician, whether he be a minority or state official, or a congressman at Washington, usually runs to the tune of "soaking the rich and big business." How long this popular but fallacious tune will continue

to produce votes is a matter for conjecture.

It is safe to say that when the policy has been continued long enough to reveal its vicious characteristics it will go "out the window" as have all other radical schemes tending to restrict individual freedom.

A policy of persecution of groups will inevitably spread until it hits every individual. Exorbitant "class" taxes on business will be of necessity passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices.

Confiscatory gift and inheritance taxes will deprive the public of fortunes left by their owners for education, medical research, museums, public parks and innumerable other services essential to a cultured society.

Wealth persecution kills the initiative of the individual to forge ahead on his own initiative with the hope of personal gain. History shows that every country that curtailed or restricted the free play of ambition and enterprise of the individual soon reached a point of national stagnation.

History is repeating itself with many of our European neighbors but it must not be allowed to do so in this country.

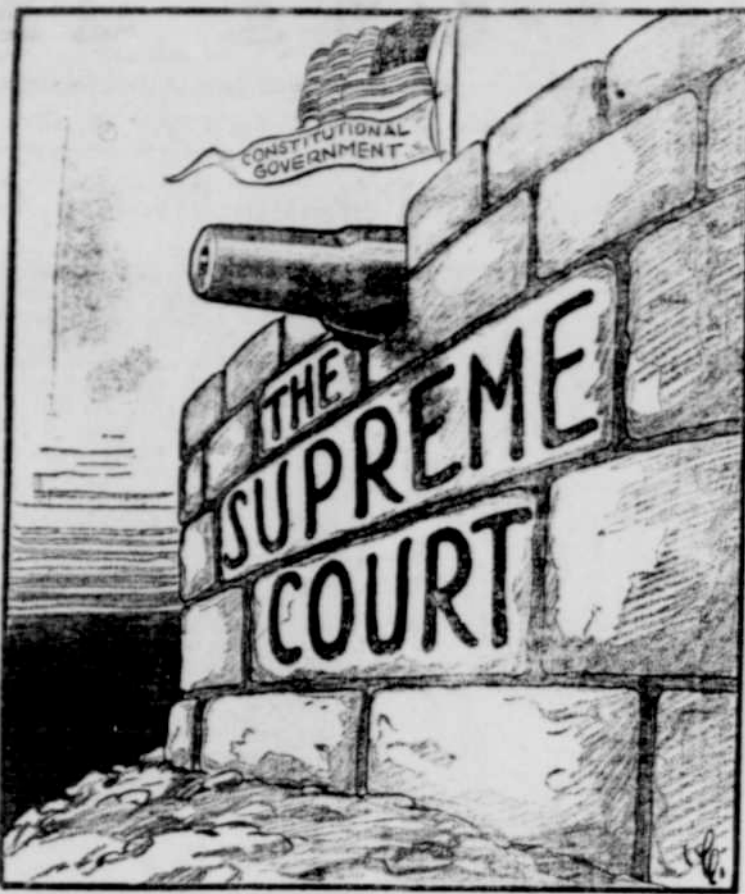
### Oregon Expected to Receive Big Share Public Work Cash

When actual distribution of funds to carry out President Roosevelt's \$5,000,000,000 public works program gets under way, Oregon is expected to receive several million dollars for development of its water resources, and the section of the state in which Central Point is located contains a number of proposed projects, reports now on file at the Oregon state planning board office show. Planning board staff members and experts on committees completed in time for inclusion in the president's program a thorough survey of all projects in all drainage basins of the state.

Under the direction of V. B. Stenberg, planning consultant and executive secretary of the board, and C. A. Mockmore, Corvallis, the board staff has been quietly working for several months, gathering all available data, carefully weighing the worth of each project, and setting up, not only an immediate program, but an outline of future development for many years to come.

More than 120 projects for the state are listed in the findings, and should only those deemed of immediate importance be completed, the state will be able to take of the thousands of new settlers who are expected to come here from other

### THE LAST FORTRESS



sections of the country, the reports show.

Oregon, for purposes of the national water resources study, has been divided roughly into seven regions, some of which also include parts of Washington, California, Idaho and Nevada. These are designated as Willamette-Columbia west of the Cascades, Middle Columbia, Oregon Pacific, North Pacific-Kamath, North Minor Great basin, Snake river, and Sacramento river. Central Point is located in the Oregon Pacific basin.

Priority in the Oregon Pacific Basin is allotted to the Roseburg sewage disposal plant, for which PWA plans have already been drawn, at a cost of \$85,500. Second place is accorded the line tunnel at Talent City to prevent cave-in, to cost \$10,000. A permanent diversion dam in the Bear Creek district on the Rogue river valley, to cost \$25,000 is placed third. Extension of the south jetty in the Umpqua river, a project estimated at \$900,000 is listed next. Construction of a pumping plant and reservoir, at a cost of \$129,090, at Toledo, is included next. A total of 17 projects is listed for this area.

Each basin report gives a wealth of data on the region it covers, including population, need for the projects, and definite data should projects be included immediately.

Many of the projects have already been suggested in previous planning board reports, and others will further described in reports now under way, planning board officials state.

## Schools

### First Grade News

The following items were written by pupils in the first grade of the Central Point school as part of their regular school work for the purpose of increasing their vocabularies. They will appear each week:

Wednesday, February 17, 1937  
Mr. March is not back yet.  
We hope he comes back soon.  
We will write him a letter.  
Tomorrow is Rolly's birthday.  
He will be six years old.  
Phoebe has the pink eye.  
She has to stay at home.  
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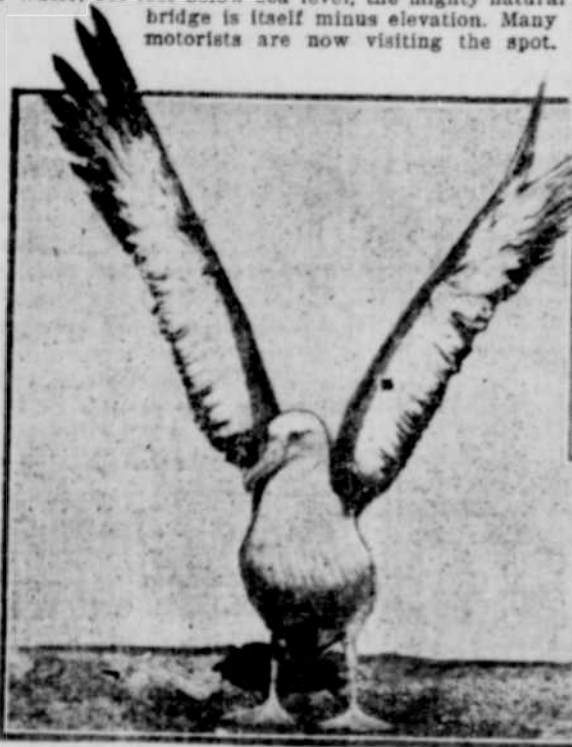
Prices Effective Feb. 20 and 22 at Central Point Store

## So Help Me, It's True

By E. F. (Woodie) Woodman

### Great Bridge Below Sea Level

Another surprising secret of the ages, this massive rock arch was recently discovered in famous Death Valley by Harry P. Gower. It spans a deep unnamed canyon. Near Bad Water, 280 feet below sea level, the mighty natural bridge is itself minus elevation. Many motorists are now visiting the spot.



### Queer Bird Rivals Airplane

Flying 300 to 400 miles a day... and flying more than 3,000 miles in 12 days... is credited to the Albatross, rarely seen in any but Southern seas. Such is the information supplied operators of General Petroleum marine stations. The why of the bird's fame for long flights is seen in its tremendous wing spread.



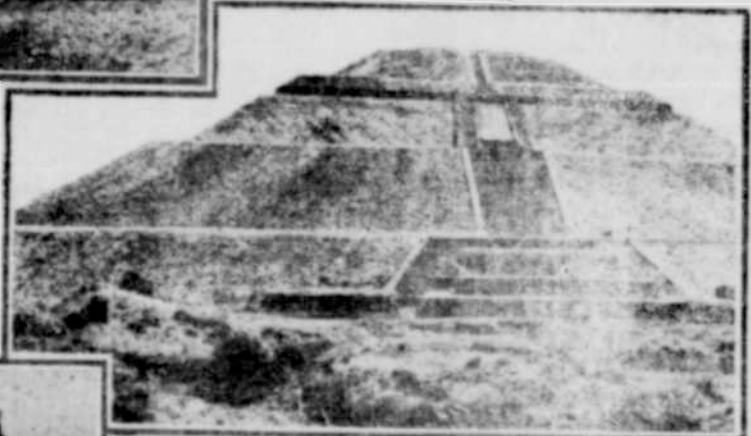
### No, This Isn't Mae

It's Martha Wentworth of Mobilgas radio fame. She's so clever at make-up and voice imitation that it's difficult to tell the difference. Often she has impersonated Miss West before the microphone so perfectly that thousands thought the celebrated screen actress was doing the talking.



### Bigger Than Pyramids of Egypt

Pyramid of the Sun, shown below, was the ancient temple of pre-historic people, in the Valley of Mexico. More than two and a half city blocks wide (761 feet) and 216.3 feet high, it is bigger than some of Egypt's celebrated pyramids. The top, where congregations worshiped the Sun, is 59 by 165 feet.



### No, Not a Church Steeple

This strange-appearing tower is the derrick of the world's first producing oil well. Development of the petroleum industry dates back from "Drake's Folly", so called because most folks thought Drake foolish to dig for "flowing gold". He struck oil at 69 feet, but it took him 15 months. This was 75 years ago. Today wells are drilled more than two miles deep in a few weeks, to produce crudes for Mobiloil and other petroleum products. From Drake's "ridiculous enterprise" flowed a reorganized civilization and a 13 billion dollar industry, an industry upon which autos, trains, airplanes, factories, and farms are absolutely dependent.

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