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## INVENTIONS MAKE JOBS

In the midst of a period when for the first time in many years national prosperity seems to be on the way back, it is disconcerting to read that persons in high places are again publicly uttering an old and discredited piece of misinformation.

We refer to the hoary declaration that "inventions take away jobs."

Actually, this is a time when the statement that inventions take away jobs is most meaningless, coming as it does in the face of plans being made all over the country for commemoration next month of the 150th anniversary of the American patent system. During this celebration of "Modern Pioneers Day" nearly one thousand inventors whose achievements in recent years have created new industries and hundreds of thousands of new jobs will be honored.

Sometimes there has been temporary displacement due to technological changes, and the record abundantly shows that industry is doing everything possible to cushion the shock of this change. But over the long run, invention has created infinitely more jobs than have been destroyed by these changes.

Here are a few facts that help to show the truth: 84 per cent of all machines invented in this country are "labor saving" rather than "labor saving." That is, they are designed to create entirely new products or services, or improve old products and services.

One out of every seven persons employed in American industry today works for one of 14 new industries that did not exist in 1870. These new industries owe their existence to invention.

Between 1900 and 1930, the period of most intensive machine development in this country's history, the number of jobs increased at the rate of 68 per cent while the population was increasing 62 per cent. The inventor was behind those extra jobs.

Today, with manufacturing industry employing more workers than it did in 1929, and with thoughtful Americans looking to invention to create still more jobs, attacks on the inventor come at an unfortunate time.

They seem to resemble all too closely the attitude of the stay-at-homes who moaned that progress was at an end at the same moment that covered wagons were moving westward and the whole new world of American life was being built by adventurers with courage and faith in the future.

## "MAKING LITTLE FARMS PAY"

By EL. MARTIN

You often hear farm folks say "You just can't make it these days on these small farms, so much expense and all that, taxes, etc."—and some having from 20 to 60 acres have various complaints, some well founded and some not. It takes work and a lot of time to make any farm pay. S. L. Philip of Dakota avenue, route 1, Tigard, a short distance from Greenburg station, has three acres, a fair sized, comfortable home, though not elaborate. They keep a mighty good cow, make an average of a pound of butter per day besides having all the milk and cream the family can use. Mrs. Philip churns about twice a week, you couldn't find nicer flavored butter.

They keep about 35 good laying hens, some White Leghorns and a few R. I. Reds and besides their family supply of eggs they sell some to defray feed expense and apply some on grocery purchases. They raise all the vegetables they need

each year and Mrs. Philip is expert on canning vegetables. They raise chickens for canning, having them in the cans is best all around. Nice fried chicken any time of the year.

Their daughter Hazel attends Tigard High, Margaret is a sixth grader at Tigard grade school and their son Samuel, 13, is a seventh grader. William, their oldest son is in the Marines, now at San Diego. Mrs. Philip does most of the managing around here as Mr. Philip is employed in the tile and mantle business in Portland. One thing in favor of the Philip family is that they keep their ground up to a high degree of fertility and every tap of work is done on time and with regularity and the children have been trained to help at home and to cooperate. Next week you'll learn about another little farm that pays well.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement and also for the beautiful flowers.

THE SNIDER FAMILY

## In Passion Play



Clarice Hume Meir, as Mary, mother of Jesus, will appear in the Luenen Passion play, to be presented at public auditorium for four days, starting January 30, under auspices of the Portland Council of Churches.

## Majority Traffic Fatalities are Pedestrians

Sixty-five percent of the traffic fatalities during January of 1939 were pedestrians, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today in a statement urging motorists and pedestrians to exercise care in walking and driving so as to avoid a repetition of this toll this January.

Of the 20 persons killed in traffic accidents a year ago, 13 were pedestrians. Four of these deaths were on rural highways and the rest were in cities with Portland alone accounting for six. Of the seven persons killed in other types of accidents, two died in auto collisions, two in train-auto collisions, two in non-collisions, accidents and one from carbon monoxide.

Bad weather conditions and long hours of darkness are important factors contributing to auto-pedestrian accidents during January and other winter months Snell pointed out. On a stormy night, it is often impossible for the motorist to see a pedestrian till too late to avoid striking him, thus the responsibility for the pedestrian's safety must rest largely upon the pedestrian himself, he said. "One of the common imprudent actions of pedestrians which lead to fatal accidents is the practice of taking a few steps out into the street or highway and then looking for traffic," Snell declared. "If this happens on a dark night and the pedestrian is wearing dark clothing, as is usually the case, an accident may occur. It is much safer to look for cars while you are standing on the curb, always looking to the left first as that is where an approaching car will be nearest."

In one study of pedestrian deaths, made in a large eastern city, it was found that 45.9 percent of the accidents occurred while the pedestrian was less than four steps from the curb.

### BARBARE BELL



Three Great Vegetables  
You know folks, of three great vegetarians, Hitler, Mussay, an' Stalin, the waratarians, I always sorter thought the meat eaters  
Wuz shore enuff the big fire war eaters  
But now I'm havin' to revise my mind,  
While them Dicktaters are annexin' every find.  
Think of vegetarians a actin' like them fellers  
Who cause the whole earth to hear their bellers.  
While they plan to conquer earth, sea, and sky,  
An put the whole shootin' match in their gall pie;  
They use no coffee, no whisky, er nasty terbackers,  
Yet act like the ole devil's big nasty firecrackers.  
Three Big Dicktaters what all live on vegetables  
Yet they are the biggest of all our war basters;  
Rulers whose common folks live mostly in huts;  
Rulers who bomb wimmin' an babies an boast guts;  
Rulers where folks all get their bread cards;  
Rulers who dip swords in blood to make pards;  
Doggone, what more can I say about such men,  
I can't say it by mail without goin' to the pen  
Disgustedly, BILL.



They are catching up with the National Labor Relations Board. One after another, U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeal are cracking down on this agency, which has been one of the most persistent pains in the neck to industry in the last three years. In a Tennessee furniture company case, the court told the board it had greatly exceeded its authority. In an Illinois (Inland Steel Co.) case, the court held that the Wagner Act does not compel an employer to sign a contract with an labor organization. Incidentally, the decision said: "This record discloses the danger of imposing upon a single agency the multiple duties of prosecutor, judge, jury and executioner."

Now comes the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in California, advising the board that it must protect the rights of ALL workers, union or non-union. The decision in effect restores equality standing to a company union. The court says that employees have three options—to join one of the great outside national unions, self-organize an inside company union, or decline to unionize and deal individually with the employer. These options have been "almost completely ignored."

We are curious to know whether or not the New Dealers were given allowances when they were little boys.—The Argonaut.

One of these days the boys with the long words and big pencils are going to get right down to earth and talk the language of the Man on the Street. Then you will see something like this:

Smith and Jones both want to buy a house.

Each has \$500.

But the realtor knows Smith has a steady job and can go on making payments. He also knows somebody gave Jones his \$500 and that Jones will not have any more money.

The realtor will gladly build a house for Smith, but he will not take a chance on Jones. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the reason your "pump priming" (and it's with YOUR money did NOT and CANNOT restore permanent prosperity.

Only steady jobs that are created by confidence in the future will put this country back on the track.

Of all the heavy thinkers, Col. Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland, Ohio, comes nearest to talking grocery store English. He says in his recent book, "Turning Points in Business Cycles": "The Erie canal was not produced in response to 'spending' The automobile industry was not created in response to spending." Similar comment might be made about the introduction of the telegraph and telephone, typewriters and electric power, motion pictures and radio, iceless refrigerators and rayon; and so on.

"Our normal recoveries have not come in response to current spending. They have resulted because bold and enterprising men have had faith that future spending could be stimulated into being, and that profits could be derived from it." That's pretty fair for a highbrow.

But highbrow or lowbrow, giving YOU money to somebody else to "prime the pump" doesn't work. However, YOU pay the bill.

The President, ridiculing the "promises" of the Republic in his Jackson Day speech, mentioned a certain promise made at Pittsburgh on November 1932, for "an immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenses... of not less than 25 per cent"; a federal budget annually balanced; a sound currency; the "removal of government from all fields of private enterprise."

Who made that promise? Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

By the way, you don't suppose Mr. Roosevelt wants to be like that aunt of Bob Burns, who dropped in for a drink and stayed thirty years?

WPA has driven the New Mexico construction Company, a firm well known in Denver and the Southwest, out of the construction field. The relief agency started on projects which probably would not have been built under contract. Soon it ran out of them. Then it began competing with private enterprise, circumventing charter provisions for competitive bidding by calling for bids on material only, according to an official of the construction company.

"Contractors cannot, consistently, offer such apparent bargains, so we realized we were being 'undersold.' The company will continue its activities to producing construction material which it hopes to sell 'on some of the Government force-account projects.'"

From here and there: Apropos the resignation of able John W. Hanes as Undersecretary of the Treasury:

"Time after time he has seen the President's advisers swing him away from a sound fiscal stand to cock-eyed positions where two and two no longer made four."—Frank R. Kent.

"How much of your rent goes for taxes? You don't know. You should. If you rent a house in a large city, about three months rent goes for taxes. If an apartment about seven weeks rent for taxes. Sometimes I think if everybody in the U. S. knew exactly how much of his pay check went for taxes there would be a revolution."—E. V. Darling.

Twenty billion dollars could be profitably spent in modernizing U. S. industrial plants. Ample bank credit is available. All that hinders is that "a political cult, experimentally inclined, spends its time finding flies in the ointment and wastes the national power in swatting them."—Sphere, Washington monthly.

## Tualatin Woman Killed in Crash

Mrs. Ada Strong, 60, Tualatin, was injured fatally at 2:15 p. m. Saturday in an automobile collision two miles south of Tigard. Her husband, Perry Strong, said by state police to have been the driver of the car, escaped with minor injuries.

State police said a car driven by Mrs. Irene Swindell, Dallas, crashed into the Strong machine from the rear and that Mrs. Swindell and her father were not hurt. No arrest was made.

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## Burrage Tract Building Rapidly

The Greeley Development Co. Inc., announces completion of the 6th house in one of Portland's largest subdivisions for the owners Floyd V. and Helen D. Wright. The builders state they are starting construction on two more residences to be finished 90% FHA, which with new construction can be handled on 10% down and very reasonable monthly payments, including taxes, fire insurance and 4 1/2% interest. It is further noted that the Burrage tract consisting of 120 choice homesites gives the prospective home buyer a wide selection in lots all of which have 90% full FHA approval. Some of the many advantages Burrage tract affords the prospective homeowner, consists of its close proximity to schools, transportation, shopping areas and its location 10 minutes from city center via the Greeley Cut-off with no busy traffic to contend with.

Burrage Tract, in the opinion of Lowell C. Pagett of the Pagett Mfg. Co., whose firm has been very active in making loans in the area, considers it one of the most desirable tracts in the medium price field in the city.

## Tools Stolen

M. Cavanaugh of Beaverton, reported to the State Police that \$600 worth of mechanic tools was stolen from his truck while parked at the rear of the Beaverton high school Tuesday night.

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