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### KEEPING AN EYE ON THE BALL

Sometimes hubbub and colorful happenings, plus the mere passage of time, have a way of sweeping aside far more important issues. We have all of us, at one time or another, seen this state of affairs in operation.

This is likely to be the case with the National Labor Relations Act unless the individual citizen exercises very good judgment and "keeps his eye on the ball." For this reason, periodic reviews of the current status of the Act, and of the principal matters relating to it, are necessary from time to time.

Here, in essence, is the way these matters stand nowadays:

The Smith Committee appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate the National Labor Relations Board has just been granted \$50,000 more to continue its investigations. Testimony before his Committee so far has revealed serious disagreement among Board members, evidences in a number of cases of bias on the part of its examiners, and most of all a need for clarification of the Wagner Act itself to insure fair play for all parties concerned.

Meanwhile, public opinion throughout the country, as shown in various surveys of public opinion, has been strongly in favor of either repealing or revising the Act.

Designed to bring harmony between employer and employee, the Wagner Act saw the inauguration of the bitterest period of industrial strife in this country's history. The public, as well as representatives of all groups in our economy, has registered its desire that the Act be amended to reduce this strife to a minimum. The Smith Committee, by its sound treatment of the whole matter, is pointing the way to these sensible changes.

It behooves the ordinary citizen, then, the man or woman who wants to see industry and the country firmly back on the road to progress, to follow the course of the Wagner Act with close attention. Only through this course, in this case as in all others, can America be sure that the public will is not ignored or thwarted.



The New Deal is getting busy. At Topeka, Kansas, the secretary of war, Harry H. Woodring, made a speech denouncing as "Tories" those who do not like what he calls "the boon of a new freedom."

Well, nine or ten million unemployed men are "free" to keep on looking for work.

The nation is "free" to pay an increase of more than 20 billion dollars in the national debt—a burden on every man, woman and child for many years to come.

About four hundred thousand new government employees are "free" to draw salaries and eat regularly at public expense. You help pay the bills.

Every man or woman earning \$150 a month is "free" to pay out about \$12 or \$13 of it in burdensome taxes. There is no difference between a tax and a pay-cut in the amount you have to spend.

Employers are "free" to keep their plants and businesses shut-down for lack of customers.

The job-holders administering "relief" at high salaries are "free" to go on padding payrolls and squandering billions of funds in an orgy of waste unparalleled in the history of the United States.

You may be able to think of some other "freedom" you now enjoy and have to pay for.

Perhaps Secretary Woodring was misquoted. Maybe he said "the BOOP of a New Freedom."

Boop or Boop, just what did we get for our twenty billion? As Mr. Woodring said, "Expensive? Of course it's expensive!"

### Luneford Traded in Sheepskin for a Baton

A lot of people thought Jimmie Luneford, Fisk University, '25, holder of four college degrees, was foolish in June 1927, when he gave up a position as professor at Manassa High School, where he also led the student band, to go back to his alma mater, as headwaiter. But Jimmie, who on Thursday, March 14, headlines at McElroy's Spanish Ballroom, Fifth and Main Sts., Portland, is living proof that with the proper application, it is possible to exchange a college sheepskin for a baton, and carve out a successful career.

How Jimmie traded in his high school professorship for a career as a bandmaster, makes quite a story. Upon graduation from Fisk he was given a music professorship at Manassa High School in his home town, Memphis, Tenn. There he became the instructor and faculty adviser of a coterie of student jazz lads. Jimmie coached the boys for four years, and when graduation exercises were completed, it appeared that the association between the teacher and his disciples would come to a permanent end, as the boys were preparing to

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enter into higher learning at Fisk, and Jimmie of course expected to continue with his duties at Manassa. But because he had grown fond of his group, and also because he saw their latent genius for music, he tossed up his professorship and returned to Fisk with them, where he took extra curricula courses, earning enough money for himself and his boys by playing dance dates as a sideline.

Through lean days at first and to days of glory later, five of his original nine boys strung along with Jimmie. They are Edwin Wilcox, piano, James Crawford, drums; Willie Smith, saxophone; Moses Allen, bass; Earl Carruthers, saxophone; and Luneford.

These five and the newer additions to the Luneford organization comprise one of the most intelligent orchestras in the world. Every man is a college graduate. They know the classics and they know the popular favorites. Only a short time ago the bandmen decided to compose an original number. Jimmie lent encouragement to the idea. The hit "Tain't What You Do" was the result. A great treat in store for music lovers and dancers at McElroy's on Thursday, March 14th.

### BARB WIRE BILL



Barbwire Bill Goes Hi Brow

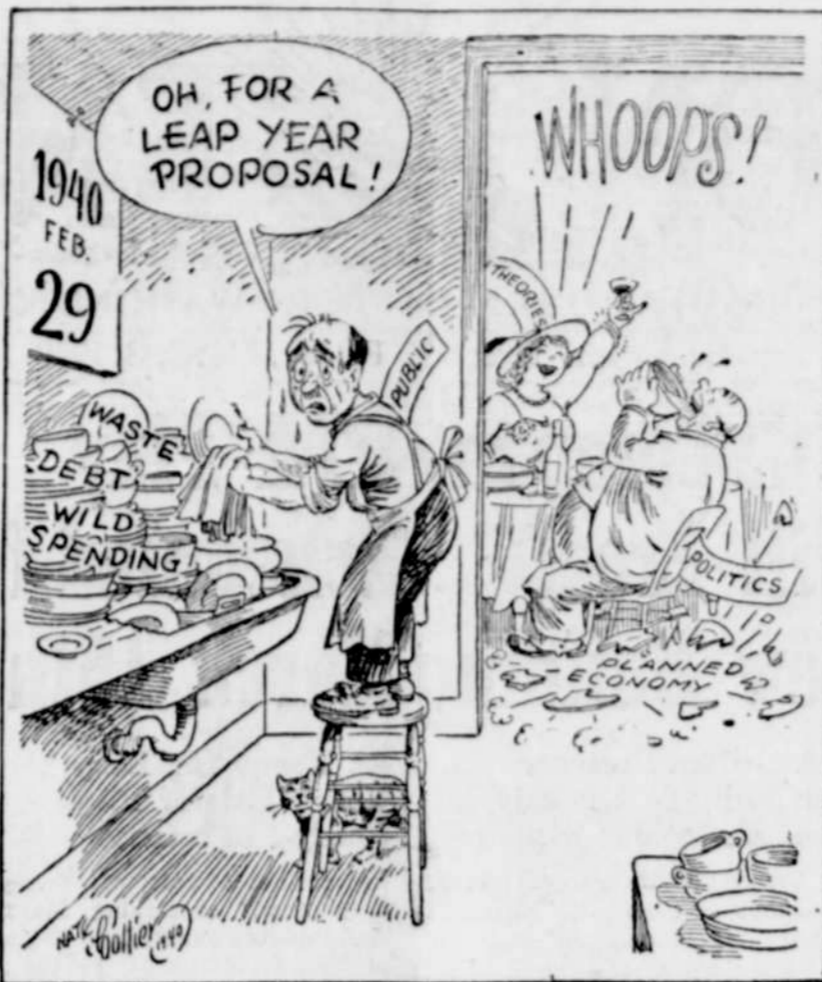
Hello Folks: Ain't got much to say today, so here goes: After many days of arid desiccations, the vapory captains marshalled forth their hosts an poured out on thoroughly incinerated vegetation, dusty earth, dry creeks, sand dune river beds weather beaten humanity an other evolved animals, a serpents that fly in the air on evolved wings, a fine supply of AQUA PLUVIUS, and furthermore, ladies an gents, the heavenly elements were not satisfied with their demonstration of virility they majestically rallied their cosmic forces against the invasion of slightly colder stratas from somewhere, an after a huge battle, there was a general retreat earthward, which resulted in the ground being covered with billowy white formations, called SNOW! The other wuz RAIN! There I filled in my space! BILL

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## Babson Says---

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there have been no such drastic declines in the above group of industries as in steel. Textiles are off 10 per cent, freight traffic 15 per cent, power 5 per cent—the average probably being less than 10 per cent.

**Trade Holding Well**  
Meanwhile, mail orders all over the ment store merchants all over the country report good retail trade. The early Easter this year may account for part of the current gain over a year ago, but it does not explain the entire step-up in sales tempo. Much of the gain can be credited to a substantial improvement in factory pay-rolls, farm income and investors' dividends—all of which are chugging along well above last year's figures. Retail prices are 4 per cent above the level of last March, while increased public buying power has pushed total dollar sales up even higher.

Sparkplug of last fall's boomlet was the sudden revival of the heavy industries. This put the "oomph" in the 1939 recovery. Biggest worry of business men with whom I talked is the current slackening in these industries. The gloom-mongers fear that the heavy businesses such as railroad equipment, road building machinery, steel and iron, construction, and similar lines will sink back in their bog of inactivity. My opinion is, however, that the backlog of war business on hand will make 1940 a good year for these industries—with or without further large allied orders.

**Decline Sooner Than Expected**  
My outlook for the first half of 1940 called for the best six months' period since 1929, but at the same time for downward dips. The drop since the turn of the year came quicker and has been sharper than I anticipated, but the winter has also been more severe. Blizzards have tied up business from Hudson Bay almost to the Gulf of Mexico and from coast to coast. Nevertheless, business is still 14 per cent above a year ago which is in line with the 10 to 15 per cent gain that I predicted. Moreover, I agree with the summary of the Florida business conference that the downturn should soon be halted and the background laid for renewed advance.

The European situation and the uncertainty of our own political picture

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have given business men another attack of the jitters. When the current period of "watchful waiting" will end no one dares forecast, but that it must end sometime everyone is agreed. When it does, it will sign off with just as big a bang as similar periods have finished up in the past. My message today, therefore, is: Do not be caught napping when the time to move comes. With business fluctuating in these short, sharp cycles, you must be ready to work fast when the business light turns green!

### JAMES A. RANDALL

James A. Randall, late of route 2, box 447, Beaverton, died February 29, at age of 89 years. He was father of Frank L. William A., Portland. Deceased was a member of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Funeral services were held Saturday March 4, at the Methodist church, Lexington, Oregon. W. E. Pegg, Beaverton in charge.

### FLORENCE E. BEACH

Florence E. Beach of Lexington, Oregon, died February 29. She was sister of Mabel Raymond, Beaverton, route 2; Edith Hewitt, Glendale, Cal.; E. E. Armstrong, Chicago, Ill.; also 3 grandsons. Funeral services were held Monday, March 4, at the Methodist church, Lexington, Oregon. W. E. Pegg, Beaverton in charge.

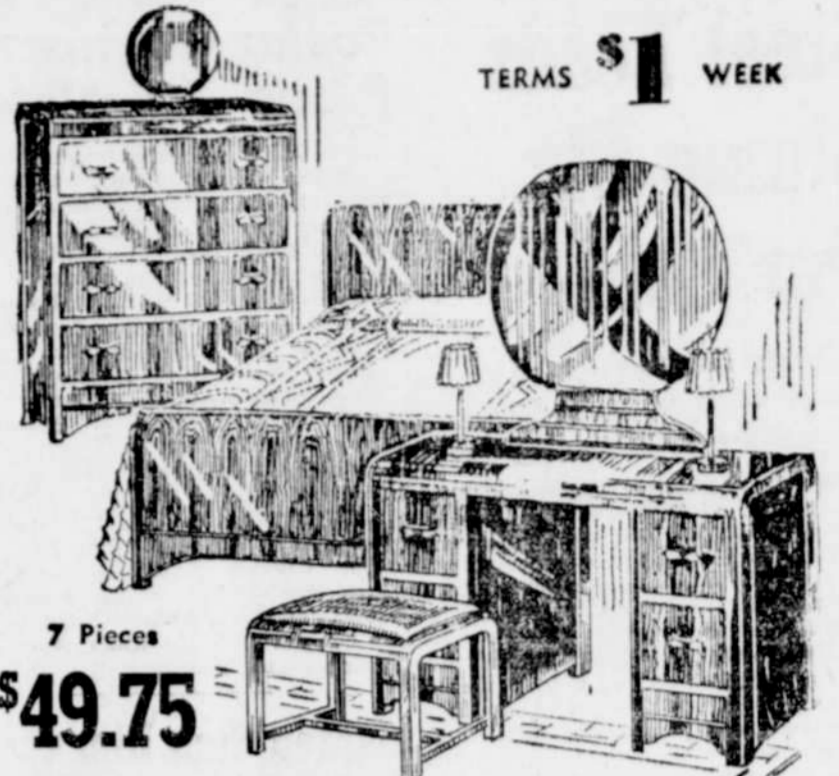
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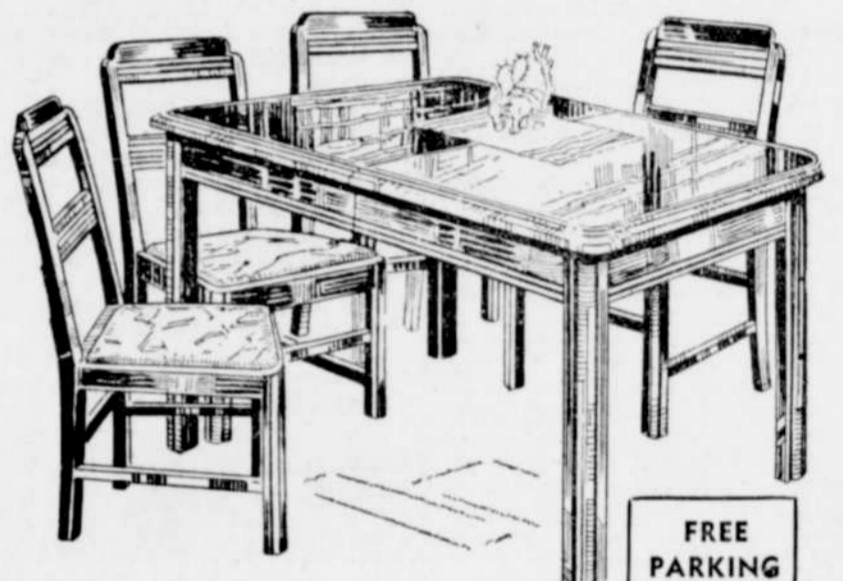
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