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## An Unfinished Job

CHILOQUIN'S experience with its airport project is indicative of the difficulties that can develop under shifting government policies and divided responsibilities.

Under CWA, the government last winter began development of an airport at Chiloquin. This was to be part of the proposed line of intermediate ports east of the mountains, a sensible and promising project.

Viewing the opportunities afforded in the government's interest in the program, Chiloquin agreed to generous local contributions. This included the purchase of the airport site and the furnishing of certain materials and equipment, the total running into the neighborhood of $2000.

The airport work got well started under CWA, but that program came to an end in the middle of it. CWA gave way to SERA.

The department of commerce, which handled the airport development plans, had a definite program under CWA. It apparently hasn't established that relationship with SERA and the Chiloquin project, as well as the whole intermediate airport program, has come to a standstill. Nobody seems to know just what can be expected for the future.

Chiloquin, of course, wants its airport. It has carried local financing about as far as it can go with the expectation that there would be a continuous government program at least until the job could be completed. Having started such projects, and encouraged local contributions and hopes, it would seem that the government has committed itself to carrying them through, in one way or another.

## Not So Good

NOT much enthusiasm greets State Grange Master Ray Gill's new scheme for helping finance the schools, offered presumably as an alternative to the sales tax which Master Gill helped defeat. He has obtained now a ballot title for an initiative measure to amend the constitution, permitting diversion of excise taxes to the common school fund. The estimate is that this would furnish about $1,250,000 for school relief.

But an important feature of the sales tax which Mr. Gill so valiantly opposed was the relief it offered property taxpayers, including grangers. The Salem Capital-Journal makes this comment:

> This diversion of corporation excise taxes from the state will, however, spell no relief to the over-burdened property taxpayer, for it will mean an additional levy to make up the deficit in state funds, so the property taxpayer will be soaked again. The corporation tax relieved the property taxpayer to the extent of its revenues, and without it, he must pungle up the deficiency.
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> Transferring the excise tax from one department to another furnishes no relief. It furnishes no new revenue but makes a bad mess worse, and will increase tax delinquency. Half the people are still permitted to go untaxed and educate their children at taxpayers' expense.

If the sales tax opponents have a satisfactory alternative, they haven't shown it. This scheme, certainly, doesn't seem to offer the burdened property taxpayer advantages promised in the sales tax program.

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In England a gunman shot a policeman. The whole country became incensed over the incident, and it was only a matter of a very short time before the gunman took his own life as an angry but efficient posse closed around him. In this country, the newspapers tell almost daily of policemen being shot by gangsters, and many of them get away with it. The news is so common that it passes almost without notice.

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This talk of revitalizing the republican party means, we suppose, that they are going to give the elephant new glands.

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Captors of "black widows" have found a new use for old bottles.

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We've got the armory again.

## SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark

"This would be perfect if we only had a murder mystery to read."

## WASHINGTON

### News Behind the News

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The Inside Story From The Capital

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By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, June 1.—If all the whispers about President Roosevelt's inner circle were consolidated into one big wind, it would at least blow the roof off the White House.

More windy misinformatiin has been circulated on that subject than on any other since the new deal started.

The president is peppered by blowhards as a rather vacillating person under the domination of (A) a crowd of college professor theorists, or (B) a gang of inexperienced intellectual radicals, or (C) the feminists of his private or official household.

The most popular current yarn is that the man who is really running the country is Professor Tugwell. Another concocted by a prominent democrat is that Mrs. Roosevelt is the No. 1 adviser of the new deal.

If the roof ever goes off the White House you will find a somewhat different inner situation.

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TUGWELL

The Tugwell illusion has grown up around the fact that he is the most talkative of the new dealers. He writes for magazines and makes speeches giving interpretations far beyond the scope of the agricultural section in which he is involved. People who read and hear naturally are led to the conclusion that he sits at the right hand of the presidential chair.

The truth is that Professor Tugwell rarely goes around to the White House. He has a theory, apparently, for every issue, but the only Tugwell theories which reach the executive mansion are those concerning the farm problem. Even these are not usually conveyed to Mr. Roosevelt by Tugwell, but by Agriculture Secretary Wallace, who really is in the first circle of White House advisers. Tugwell works with Wallace, and Wallace works with the White House, but almost entirely in connection with farm policies.

Tugwell is not at all a No. 1 brain truster in the same sense that Professor Raymond Moley was. Moley ran in and out of the White House on a dozen subjects every day. His influence was widespread.

Tugwell's influence outside the AAA has not even been strong enough to get his pure food and drug bill through congress.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT

In the matter of feminine influence, the White House appears to be just about an average American household. Mrs. Roosevelt is deeply interested in social problems and teachings. She is interested also in the women's organization end of politics, but not in politics generally.

There have been obvious occasions when the first lady initiated new deal moves. The two outstanding ones are the West Virginia homesteading project and cleaning up the alleys of the District of Columbia. Those are the types of problems in which her influence is important.

Regarding several other matters, she has been unable to convince Mr. Roosevelt that she was right.

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POWER

Whatever influence is wielded by the college professors is similarly restricted.

Mr. Roosevelt's advisers cannot be listed accurately as No. 1, 2 and 3, in relation to their importance. They do not work that way. They are worked in relation to subjects which they handle.

Imagine a large wagon wheel and you will get the idea. Mr. Roosevelt is the hub. Equally powerful spokes run out to the rim. Each spoke is a subject. They could be identified as follows:

Social reforms—Miss Perkins, Senator Wagner, General Johnson.

Legislation — Senator Byrnes, Representative Rayburn and, occasionally, the nominal leaders.

Farm—Wallace, Tugwell.

Relief—Harry Hopkins.

NRA—General Johnson, Richberg.

Politics—Louis Howe, General Farley.

Securities—James Landis.

Each of these people is a strong influence in his own field, but few have any influence outside their particular field. They consult the president and sometimes put over their ideas. Sometimes they fail.

There never has been an occasion when they all got together at once in the presidential presence.

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CLOSE FRIENDS

Only a few of these really are close friends of the president. If you started picking his inner circle of friends, you would have a different list of names. You would start off with the White House clique. It is the Louis Howe gang, including Stephen Early, Miss Marguerite Le Hand, et al. They are the official family circle.

Close also are Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, Miss Perkins, Prof. Raymond Moley and Hopkins.

None of these talks turkey to the president except possibly Howe. All are unswervingly devoted to the cause of the boss, no matter what he may decide it is.

## Editorials on News

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up onto his blankets and tried to get into bed with him.

He says he let off one wild yell, and when he came to he was over in the next county.

It's odd what a good job of running a fellow can do when the incentive is there.

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DR. J. M. HILTON tells one about a cowboy who was bitten through the boot by a rattlesnake and died. After his death, they sold all his effects, including his boots, and after a while the buyer of the boots sickened and died.

His friends investigated, and in one of the boots they found the fangs of the rattlesnake. The fangs had scratched his leg and the venom had thus entered his blood and caused his death.

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HERE Walt Waggoner chimed in. "I've heard that yarn in every state I've ever lived in," he said.

Some cynic is always taking the kick out of every good story.

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THEY tell a snake story on an early ancestor of this writer.

He was out in the woods one day, and a rattlesnake struck at him, hitting him in the leg. He started home, but sickened shortly. When things began to get black before his eyes, he lay down to die, picking out a pleasant, grassy glade as a likely spot in which to pass on.

He could feel the venom coursing through his veins, and figured it was only a matter of minutes.

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BUT, oddly enough, he didn't seem to die worth a cent, no matter how hard he tried.

Finally, reviving a little, he began to investigate, and investigation disclosed the fact that the snake's fangs hadn't penetrated his heavy cowhide boots.

So he got up and went on, as good as new.

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HE WAS just scared, and as soon as he got over being scared he was all right.

As soon as we get over our scare about the black widow spider, we'll be all right.

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Scotland is testing the innovation of sending life lines by rockets shot from ship to shore instead of the other way around.

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Newfoundland supplied the United States with $900,000 worth of blueberries in the last six years.

## Returns to Klamath Falls

J. G. Jackson, formerly manager of the Piggly Wiggly store in Klamath Falls, but for the past year manager of the Piggly Wiggly Stores in Oregon, with headquarters in Portland, has returned to Klamath Falls to resume management of the store here. "I'm tickled to death to get back to Klamath Falls," Mr. Jackson says, "for it is far and away the livest city in Oregon, and besides I'd rather live here than anywhere else on the Pacific coast."

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are staying at the Elk hotel while looking for a house.

## Society

Cleone Stoner and Miss Marjorie Freeman of Ashland are spending the week in Klamath Falls as guests of Bonita Duracha, 328 Lincoln street.

On Friday evening Miss Bonita planned to entertain her house guests, Ruth Hendricks and Rosemary Salome, with a theatre party.

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MERRILL.—Wednesday afternoon, Mesdames T. W. Laird, Terry Edwards and M. A. Bowman entertained at a bridge party at the I. O. O. F. hall. The rooms were gay with cut flowers, the dining room being especially attractive. The color scheme used was yellow and purple. High score was won by Mrs. J. B. Kidwell, second high by Mrs. Charles Ivan Snyder, low by Mrs. H. P. Blanton and second low by Mrs. Yel Dillard. Refreshments were served at the close of the play. Guests were Mesdames Anice Anderson, Charles Ivan Snyder, W. C. Bartley, N. H. Bogue, E. C. Stukel, J. B. Kidwell, J. F. Adams, W. F. Fruits, F. E. Trotman, R. Kattenhorn, R. L. Dalton, J. R. and R. W. Steele, Geo. Day, Grive, L. Stewart, T. Chatburn, Otto Ellis, H. J. Hendrickson, J. S. Johnson, John Galcomini, N. P. Blanton, Hugh and Nora O'Conner, J. S. Wilson, Ray Merrill, Scott and H. McKendree, K. C. Burkes, U. Dillard, Walter Lassette, W. Loomis, Almo Newton, M. L. Moore, Roy Hodges, Fensler and Misses Ellen McVeigh and Marjorie Bowman.


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