

# SIGNS REVEAL BUSINESS IN SPRING CLIMB

**BY FREDERICK GARDNER**  
**NEW YORK, April 8 (AP)**—Business sprouted more signs last week of a spring revival and The Associated Press index of industrial activity turned up after 11 weeks of decline.

Outstanding in the evidence of a re-awakening were:

- (1) The heaviest buying in Wall street security markets since the autumn war boom faded;
- (2) A rise in steel production;
- (3) Broader demand for textiles in a resumption of forward buying following the winter's slack;
- (4) The busiest week in corporate financing since last July;
- (5) Expansion in private building contracts, notably for home construction.

Skeptics questioned whether these represented anything more than a belated seasonal impulse toward expansion.

Stock market traders, however, seemed to think the budding improvement might blossom into a real swing to higher levels later in the year.

Large-scale buying of steels, motors, rubbers and other industrial shares imparted fresh strength to a spring rise in security prices.

Market commentators pointed out the buying was mostly in shares judged to be most favorably situated to benefit from expansion in the big industries—steel, motor manufacturing and building.

Politics complicated the task of explaining the market's exuberance. The mid-week buying wave in stocks appeared to have been influenced to some degree, at least, by the Wisconsin primary vote, which many Wall Streeters interpreted as a hint of a republican trend.

# WEAK BORROWERS PURGED DURING DEPRESSION, CLAIM

**PULLMAN, Wash., April 8 (AP)**—The depression, had its bright side—even for bankers—by "purging the weakest borrowers," delegates to the annual Pacific northwest conference on banking were reminded by A. L. Mills, Jr., vice president of the United States National Bank of Portland, Ore.

Speaking at the final session of the three-day program, Mills said bank loans at the present time did not seem to furnish a satisfactory clue to the "appropriate state of the business cycle now in progress," because the depression's survivors still were the banks' chief customers.

"No new growth of unsound credits has yet fastened itself on the banking system," he added.

Orval W. Adams, executive vice president of the Utah State National bank, Salt Lake City, urged the bankers yesterday to seek decentralization of relief operations.

# HOMELESS BOY, GIRL MANAGE TO KEEP IN SCHOOL

**MANKATO, Minn., April 8 (AP)**—How an 8-year-old girl and her 7-year-old brother managed to keep in school for a full year while living with their parents in parked cars and hotel lobbies about this city was disclosed today after county welfare officials had paid transportation for the family to Worthington, Minn., where relatives live.

The children, using the address of a house in front of which they had once spent the night in a car, were admitted to a city grade school and were doing fairly well in their studies. They made their toilet in washrooms and picked up food where they could find it. The parents managed to live on meager earnings made by doing odd jobs.

# NO SMALL PROBLEM

**MANILA, (AP)**—Twenty Filipino midgets in Tayabas province had a convention. They passed a resolution asking that midgets throughout the Philippines be granted half fare on buses.

Juan Farcas, 40, three feet tall, contends his followers are no bigger than children.

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# Assisting in Concert Campaign



This week sees the opening of the membership campaign of the Klamath Cooperative Concert association. These three members are active in work of the association. Left to right, Mrs. D. E. Van Vactor, secretary; Mrs. Charles G. Hovey, membership chairman; Mrs. F. Cecil Adams who is chairman of the dinner which was to be given Monday night in the Elk hotel for officers, the board of directors and workers.

# Hitler May Have Muffed Best Chance for Victory By Not Hurling Blitzkrieg

**By WEBB MILLER**  
**United Press Correspondent**  
**LONDON, April 8 (UP)**—Has Adolf Hitler irretrievably muffed his biggest and best chance for victory by failing to throw a great blitzkrieg offensive against the Allies in the first months of the war?

British civil and military leaders feel confident the Germans by their "sitzkrieg" policy of inaction, have now lost forever what opportunity they had to catch the Allies off balance and crash the weakest point in the defense system.

But it is not yet clear just how the Allies, even if they have gained an upperhand from the military viewpoint, are going to apply this advantage in order to achieve a military victory in the field. I have inquired into the background of recent expressions of confidence by British leaders, but I cannot ascertain to my own satisfaction how, when or where the Allies can clamp down on the Nazi's undeniably vast military power in any way that would promise a triumph.

The evidence of allied confidence, however, is considerable. Two remarkable statements this week by leaders of civil and military branches in Britain—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Gen. Edmund Ironside—asserted that Hitler had "missed the bus."

For the first time, they took the public into their confidence

and revealed what until now had been a vital military secret. They admitted that a great German blitzkrieg offensive early in the war might have been disastrous for the British.

Chamberlain said he was now ten times as confident of victory as at the beginning of the war, which certainly could only mean that he had some qualms about victory then.

Ironside admitted that he "trembled to think" what would have happened if Hitler had attacked months ago. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, must have had this situation in mind when he once said: "Thank God for the French army."

Now that Ironside has revealed that Britain might have been caught in a critical situation by a big German attack there can be no harm in saying that some correspondents, like myself, who spent the first months of the war at the British front had perceived that, at certain places, the defensive system of the Allies might have great difficulty in stopping a big offensive.

But those gaps in the system have now been adequately remedied and the time of possible danger has passed. With the intensive labor of hundreds of thousands of men, the entire Maginot line system of fortifications has been vastly strengthened and deepened with secondary systems which extend for many miles in depth.

# Irrigation Water Supply Adequate If Drawn From Storage Reservoir Sources

**GRANTS PASS, April 8**—Irrigation water in southern Oregon west of the Cascades will be sufficient for those depending on reservoir storage and larger streams, but will be short for those getting supplies from smaller streams, the southern Oregon water forecast committee decided at its annual session here.

East of the Cascades in the Klamath basin both storage supplies and stream flow appears to be ample for crop requirements. Soil moisture conditions are generally better than it was this time last year and above average throughout the southern Oregon section.

This is the first of a series of six forecast meetings through the state to be conducted by R. A. Work, in charge of cooperative snow surveys under the soil conservation service in co-operation with the Oregon experiment station, state engineer's office and other agencies.

The session here was attended by 25 men representing the vari-

ous agencies concerned with the water forecasts. A brief summary of conditions pertaining to various stream basins and reservoirs follows:

**Rogue River Basin**—The low flow at Ray Gold, below which the Grants Pass Irrigation district secures its water, should be 80 per cent of normal for the April-October period, reaching its lowest flow in September when the mean flow is estimated at 860 cubic feet per second compared with actual low mean flow last year of 1002 cubic feet per second.

**Umpqua Basin**—The flow for the 12 months stream year will be less than last year and probably 75 per cent normal. However, for important tributaries principally depended upon for irrigation supplies, such as Cow creek, low flow is expected to be not over 50 per cent of that in 1939, and will probably not exceed that of 1934.

**Upper Rogue Basin**—Medford city water supply is expected to be about the same as in 1937 and ample for all requirements. Stored water for Medford, Talent and Rogue River irrigation districts will equal only 70 per cent of maximum storage last year and will total about 33,000 acre feet. Water conservation measures will be in order but no crop losses are expected, as supplies in sight and already in storage should be sufficient, if the summer season is normal. Reservoir hold-over at the end of this season will amount to little, if any.

**Klamath Basin**—Upper Klamath lake is expected to have 83 per cent normal inflow as against 70 per cent last year. Inflow to Gerber reservoir should be about 54 per cent greater than average and present storage plus forecasted inflow assures an available irrigation supply for more than two years.

The present storage on Clear Lake reservoir plus forecasted inflow also assures a two-year available irrigation supply for the lands served.

Range conditions—In the Siskiyou forest range conditions this year are expected to be about normal, while spring range will be available in the Rogue River forest earlier than usual. Good spring range conditions prevail in the Klamath

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**Snow conditions**—Practically no snow remains below the 5000 foot elevation in southern Oregon, and snow supplies above that level are generally below last year. This lack of snow has been partially offset by greater rainfall and consequent beneficial ground storage.

Use of stored water will be somewhat delayed by favorable crop land soil moisture throughout the area.

# WORK PROGRESSES FOR SPRING FAIR

Home economics and crafts clubs in many communities are rounding out their work to be ready for the 4-H Spring Fair to be held at the Klamath county fairgrounds April 25, 26 and 27. Two of the clubs that have turned in final reports for their members are the Jolly Workers' Clothing club of Joseph Conger school led by Mrs. Gladys Larson and the Busy Bees Clothing club of Yamsay, Ore., led by Mrs. Ellen Anderson.

The Jolly Workers have completed 100 per cent, which means that all members of the club have finished their projects for this year and filled out a record book on the work. They will receive special certificates of achievement at their Achievement day program, which is to be held at the Conger school before the PTA on April 17.

Both clubs are chartered and turned in programs of work which the clubs followed in holding their meetings through the school year.

Members of all the home economics and crafts clubs in the county will make exhibits of their work at the spring fair which is expected to be a bigger and better show than ever this year.

**FLYING MINISTER**  
**FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)**—The Rev. Paul Benjamin Carlson, 35, is a "sky pilot" literally as well as figuratively. He recently was granted an airplane pilot's license, making him the only flying minister in Alaska.

He is a native of Duluth, Minn., and received flight training at Chicago. He is stationed at Candie, Alaska.

Philadelphia leads the United States in the number of building and loan companies, manufacture of street cars and fox hunting.

**Director of Gleemen**



John Stark Evans, one of the northwest's outstanding personages of the music world, is director of the Eugene Gleemen who will sing in concert here Wednesday night, April 17, at the Pellican theatre. The Gleemen sing without profit, and are sponsored by the Rotary club which hopes to raise considerable funds for the continuation of 4-H club and FFA work and the Junior Livestock and Baby Beef show held each fall.

# KENTUCKY NOT ADVISED TO OKAY "FDR" WHISKY

**FRANKFORT, Ky., April 8 (AP)**—The Kentucky secretary of state was advised today it would be "unwise" to issue a trade mark for an "F. D. R." brand of whisky.

Assistant Attorney General Guy H. Herdman wrote Chief Corporation Clerk Charles W. McKay of the department, who had been asked to issue such a trade mark:

"To allow a whisky to be labeled 'F. D. R.' seems to me to be unauthorized, as the public may assume that the president is in some way connected with the manufacturer or has endorsed this brand of whisky, and I am certain the president would not permit same under any circumstances."

# NON-RESIDENTS SHOW SLIGHT DROP FOR PAST MONTH

**SALEM, April 7 (AP)**—Slightly fewer non-resident motorists registered in Oregon last month than in March, 1939, Secretary of State Earl Snell reported today.

The Ashland station led all others, checking in 1573 of the 4876 motorists who registered during the month.

Other stations reporting included Cave City, 397; Grants Pass, 275; Medford, 239; Klamath Falls, 238; Portland, 173.

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**THE SPIRIT OF 76**

by JOHN CLINTON

Sometimes my cup "runneth over!" This week it splashed right off onto the floor. I not only have a reader, but also a contributor!

First, the contribution of KP of Glendale, Cal. In what reaches almost poetic frenzy, KP writes: "When a driver madly swerves at your car, you've 'Traffic Nerves.' You'll always dodge this sort of a fix. If you use new Seventy-Six."

Try this new liquid dynamite Union's marketing under the same title of "76." KP wasn't kidding. It really does whip you out of tight spots.

My reader, GS of Berkeley, writes: "Say, are you a real person, John? Or another way of writing an ad?"

Yes, I'm a real person. As for writing an Ad, I leave that to experts. This is my idea of how to sell Union Oil products, and have fun doing it.

For example, it's fun to see your name in print. And it's fun to tell people about things they ought to know about. I get a great kick out of passing along tips on beating "Traffic Nerves."

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