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**ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS** — — —  
Newsweek's business expert, Ralph Robey, makes the interesting observation that in recent years there has been a somewhat remarkable "shift in the terms in which businessmen think of the future. They used to talk of 'prosperity.' Now, my apologies to Secretary Morgenthau, it is: 'Does it help recovery?'"

The figures seem to justify this change in terms. Mr. Robey has gone back over the charts and found that during the past six years we have had recovery close to half of the time—that, in 34 out of those 72 months there was a measurable improvement over the month immediately preceding. But we have never had anything honestly resembling prosperity. The Federal Reserve Board's six-year high was reached in 1937, when business averaged 10 percent above that old standby of normality, the 1923-25 average. But if allowance is made for changing times and trends, the index would have to be at least 25 percent above 1923-25 to really indicate even a modest prosperity.

Mr. Robey then goes on to say that business' apparent lack of faith in soon attaining prosperity, as against recovery, "arises not because the basic objectives of the New Deal are unattainable. Rather, it arises because of needless difficulties. They are reprinted here, in abbreviated form, for the reason that they cover the problems which loom largest in the eyes of industrial leaders.

1. The Wagner Act, no matter how sincere and sound the motive underlying it, has caused a great deal of trouble, and even organized labor, judging by views expressed in formal labor union resolutions, object to much of it.

2. We have as yet done nothing tangible to solve the railroad problem or create a workable railroad policy.

3. Due to the lack of a positive utility policy, this immensely important industry "doesn't know whether it's going or coming."

4. Our agricultural policy has perpetuated rather than solve the farm problem.

5. The President's insistence on retaining emergency powers over money breeds uncertainty.

6. Our tax system is "unjust, uneconomic and almost hopelessly complicated."

7. We have imposed so many unnecessary burdens on the capital markets that "risk-bearing capital is almost unavailable."

Not every expert will agree with all of these views. Some may minimize most or all of them. But, as said before, they come very close to reflecting the opinion of articulate business, both big and little. There is a growing school of legislators who have become convinced that we'll never get anywhere until definite, conservative action is taken in changing and defining our labor, utility, agricultural, tax policies, etc. That school is very evident in the current congress. It may not yet be big enough to get its ideas reflected in law—it is big enough to prevent the passage of any additional "radical" legislation, and it is also big enough to stand as an imposing barrier between the more leftist New Dealers and the attainment of their more extreme objectives.

There is an important "practical political" factor here, too. By and large, Congressmen, like state legislators and city councilmen, vote as they think their constituents want them to vote. They go the

way the wind blows—or, to be more exact, the way they guess it is blowing. When Mr. Roosevelt's popularity was at its height, it was political suicide to oppose any part of the New Deal program, and most Congressmen acted accordingly. Today there is apparently a shift in public sentiment, judging by the standard polls of public opinion, in the conservative direction, and this is giving heart to Congressmen who have been sitting on the fence, holding tight to their jobs.

What will come out of all this—and out of the growing underground war between the President on the one hand, and the conservative Democrats led by Garner and Harrison, on the other—isn't safe to forecast. But it throws an interesting light on conditions. Many realistic businessmen are coming to feel that, while they won't get all they want from congress, there is considerably less danger than in the past of new and unexpected legislative kicks in the pants.

Czecho-Slovakia, the latest country to fall a victim of Hitler's greed owes the United States a hundred and sixty-four million dollars on her war debt. Our guess is that Hitler, even though he has the security, will not pay the debt.

### OUR HEROES

Oh to be as popular as the wooden dummy named McCarthy! It is the famed Charlie who recently mowed them down when he arrived by train in New York, with his mouth-piece Edgar Bergan. A headliner, the nation's favorite radio artist, the love of young and old, this toast of the town has won all hearts. When you realize that Walt Disney has had some of his drawings hung in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, that a cartoon named Mickey Mouse shares honors with Charlie McCarthy and that a contented Ferdinand and the Bull is coming into his own, you know that Americans are pleased with the simple and wholesome things. We rather like bowing to a mouse and a wooden dummy than to a soldier. We would rather smell the flowers with Ferdinand than watch the marching feet.

### WITH JUSTICE

We are apt to overlook real-life drama while we read of tales of adventure. The true story of a chief of a police force, who had served eleven months in a penitentiary for embezzlement fifteen years before he served as a police officer makes good reading. This man after serving his prison sentence in one state, went to another to live. Here he won the respect of the citizens and eventually became chief of the police department. As such things go, one day the people were made aware of the previous record of their chief. In many communities this would have been the end of the story. But this city forgot the

past record and remembered the present record of service, honesty and integrity of their chief. He was voted to continue in office. There are many cases of men beginning over again, of living a new life. They often need our help.

### FREE SPEECH

Americans pride themselves upon their Bill of Rights, which gives them the privilege of free speech. And there are but few Americans who do not exercise the privilege and many who abuse it. There was a recent meeting in New York and several other large cities, where pro-Nazi Germans gathered to instigate and excite class hatred. The meeting was held without objection of the public officials and there was slight interference by outside forces. There are many public-minded Americans who object to such a gathering. Of course, we must realize that another Americanism is the right of assembly and to prevent it would be to play into alien hands. One cannot be surprised if citizens do make a demonstration against such a group, with very purpose. America has been very lenient in allowing utterances against their government, but they will not take too much. They realize that each man has the right to state his opinions regarding national conditions, but will these Americans remain passive when a meeting tries to destroy a government where free speech is made possible? What to do in the matter of permitting such gatherings is a real problem for public officials to solve.

The best way to convert a government ownership of business addit is to have the government get into the line of business in which he is making his living, and in which he has his capital invested. He then sees the matter in its true light.

Kansas, which for the past two years has employed the token method in the collection of the sales tax, will abandon the plan July 1, and collect the tax by the bracket system. The difference is that under the token system it was possible to collect the exact amount of the two percent tax. Under the bracket system the tax may run as high as six percent on sixteen cent purchases. Many states are turning to the token plans as the easiest, fairest and most sensible plan of sales tax collection.

A local business man says if you favor a forty hour week don't get into business. No business was ever made a success by the 40 hour a week plan.

We like to think we are all tolerant and broad minded but talk to the average person twenty minutes and you will uncover something upon which he is intolerant and narrow minded.

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### TEN YEARS AGO—1924

The Three Rivers Growers shipped Kennewick's first carload of spinach to Chiaco on Apr. 10. This spinach brought \$1.25 per 40 pound crate f.o.b. Kennewick. Close to 60 percent of the carload was grown by Harry Yamagami.

The Business and Professional Woman's club were to use the proceeds of their play for the benefit of the education and loan fund of the club.

Smudge pots in the cherry orchards were lighted Tuesday for the first time during the season. The season was said to have been later than the previous year, as the cherries were in full bloom by April 8. The first golf match of the season was to be played the next Sunday here with Prosser.

Burns Brown had returned home from a three months' visit in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gall motored to the coast where Mrs. Gall was planning to attend a state board meeting in Olympia.

Carl Slaybaugh was building a fence for Floyd Hutchinson at Yel-lepit.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Libby of Tacoma were visiting at the W. T. Elliott home.

Earle Jones went back to his work as mail carrier after two week's absence on account of the mumps.

Kenneth Serier returned from Whitman college to spend the spring vacation with his parents here.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO—1914

Frank Maupin had rented the Brown building and was to open an ice cream parlor and confectionery store on April 15.

Harley H. Peter had recently purchased the 60-acre alfalfa and stock farm of E. H. Harsha.

In order to handle the rapidly increasing business the Kennewick Creamery had purchased a Cadillac truck and was planning to establish a cream route between here and White Bluffs.

Neal Tomkins had returned home for a visit after working in the ship yards at Bremerton.

L. E. Johnson, president of the First National Bank was confined to his home with a threatened attack of appendicitis.

T. B. Hauschild was elected as one of the delegates to attend the K. of P. grand lodge in Walla Walla in May.

The city council had decided to give the Kennewick streets another coat of gravel, oil and sand.

Wm. Van Houtte was elected superintendent of the Richland schools with his wife as principal of the high school.

F. R. White was substituting for carrier E. H. Mann on the rural delivery twenty years ago.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO—1909

Gus Henke and Miss Pauline Rauscher were united in marriage in the home to be occupied by the young couple in the Garden Tracts. Miss Edith Moore, acted as bridesmaid and Henry Otte as the groom's attendant.

At a special election the Kennewick voters decided that the Kennewick Gardens should remain a part of the city.

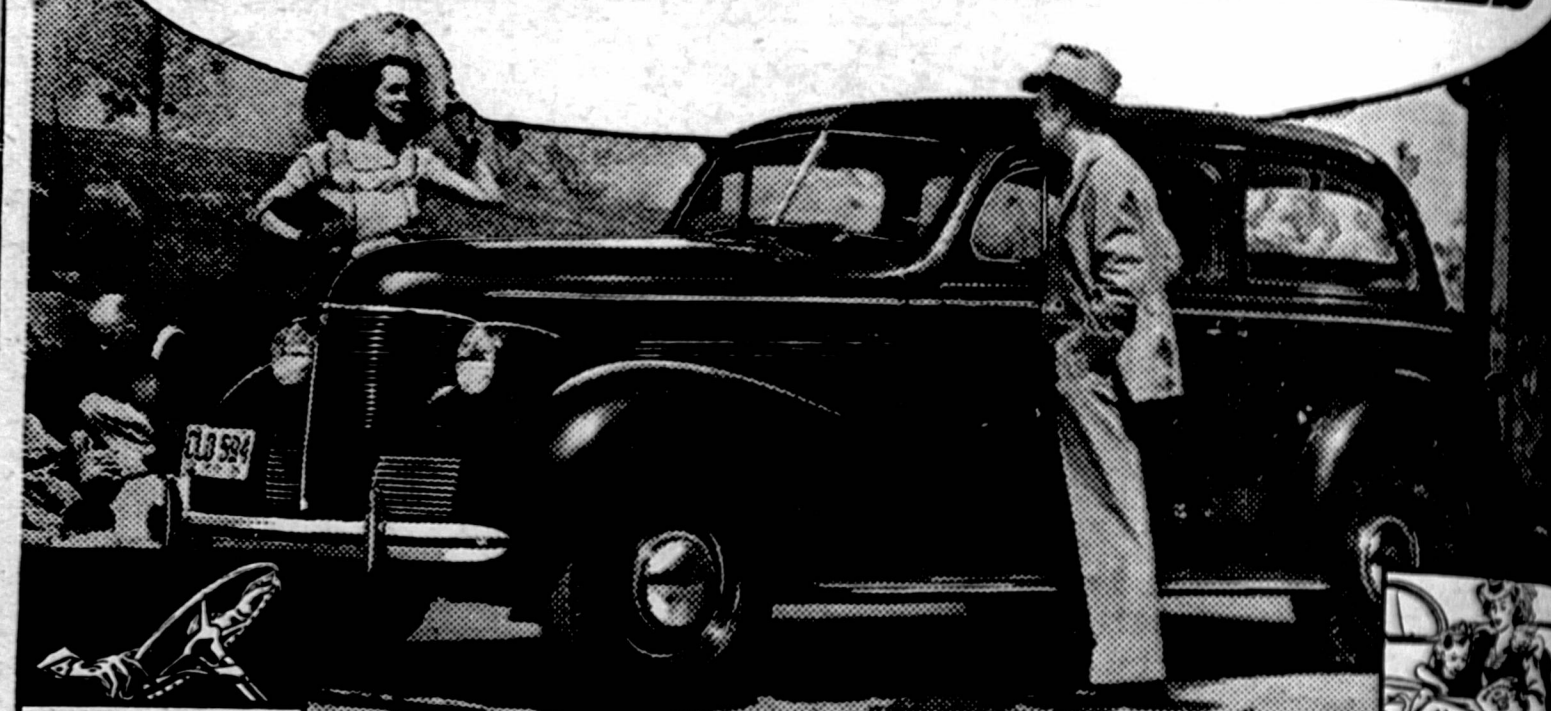
Some Kennewick residents had started out on a trip from Kennewick to San Francisco by water. They left on the Inland Empire and with the exception of a few miles over the portage around the Celilo Falls the trip would all be made by steamer. Those taking the trip from her included Dr. A. M. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. LaPorte and Miss Florence Oliver.

While snow was falling in Walla Walla the past week Kennewick was enjoying bright sunshine and gardeners were marketing their produce. Mrs. Dimmick of Hover was suffering from poisoning that was caused by a tick being embedded in her hand.

The Kennewick Transfer company had received from Walla Walla a number of fine horses and having a surplus, they planned to sell the pick of 40 in span or single. A cement sidewalk was being laid from the drug store to the Bismuthers restaurant.

Owing to the fact that there were four cases of scarlet fever in Kennewick the board of health and the city council decided to close all public meetings until further notice.

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Average serving 1 green vegetable  
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1 glass milk (½ pint)

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