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NATIONAL NOTES ON REAL ESTATE

By HERBERT U. NELSON (Secretary, National Association of Real Estate Boards) So far as we know, nobody in this country has much trouble with landlords who vanish mysteriously into thin air, leaving tenants in a giddy state of free command of the premises. But in England the phenomenon apparently is not unusual. The British Property Owners' Gazette, quoted in a recent issue of "Freehold," tells us that within a few miles of the City of London, in a district where many people have to pay high rents, are houses that have had no landlord for many years.

YES, ABE, OUR FORMER SHOE-REPAIRER, MISTER BLECH, NOW OWNS A BANK—YOU OUGHT TO GO IN AND SEE HIM

I KNEW HIM WHEN WE USED TO LEAVE SHOES FOR HIM TO FIX

HE'S IN THAT BIG ROOM OVER THERE

IT MUST BE A JOKE AROUND THE BANK—WHO BELIEVE IT?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT BUT THEY SAY THAT THE FIRST DAY HE TOOK OVER THE BANK, HE PUT UP A SIGN READING "NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MONEY LEFT OVER THIRTY DAYS"



Michigan Mirror NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

By GENE ALLEMAN Michigan Press Association

LANSING—"Sharing the wealth," a social justice creed for passing around the good things of life, is running into financial difficulty at the state capitol. Embued with the happy desire to do something for everybody, the state legislature whooped through scores of appropriation bills in utter disregard of the budget director's warnings. Having exceeded the most optimistic figure of state revenues by more than \$18,000,000 the financial pique was then thrown into the lap of Governor Murphy with the blanket authority of a dictator to lop off allotments here and there.

public utilities are rushing in to take the cream of the rural areas, leaving only the sparsely settled regions for federal-subsidized co-operatives. Pointing to 1940? The governor may again accede to demands of labor leaders. According to Lansing reports, he wants the labor relations bill, which Speaker George Schroeder claimed will be a perfect and which Rep. Joseph Murphy insisted was the executive's final choice revised to appease the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. on the matter of mass picketing, registration of unions, and other points.

The Michigan act also differs from the Pennsylvania act—and that is of interest in view of Governor Earle's pronouncement as a 1940 presidential possibility—in the power of subpoena invested with the labor board to make investigations of alleged unfair practices and to issue resist and desist orders, which when reviewed by the court, become enforceable. The power of subpoena may be used against either employees or employers to make medication effective and to discourage racketeering and extortion.

The Michigan act establishes the principle that peaceful picketing (which the United States supreme court ruled last May to be a legal right of the employees) should be limited to said employees. Mass picketing by non-employees would be outlawed. A federal statute now forbids transport of strike breakers in interstate commerce.

If the governor again changes his mind, most observers believe it will be another "straw in the 1940" looking forward to 1940. As every gardener well knows, insects are among the many little things that go to make life interesting. Books have been written about ants, bees, and spiders. But the first insect zoo in the United States was just opened this summer in Convention Hall, Detroit, as one of the unique attractions of that motor metropolis, No. 4 in America.

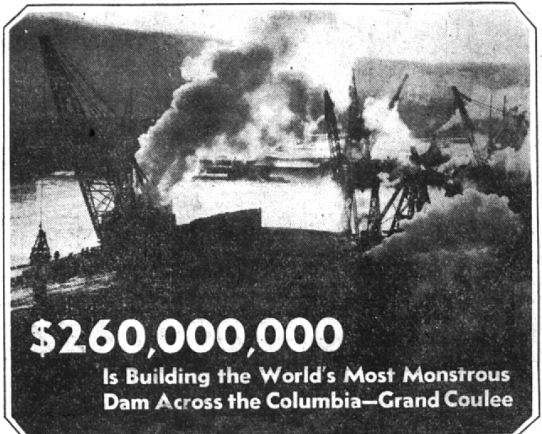
All of which merely proves that distribution of wealth as a principle of social justice is fine and dandy, but someone has to pay the bill. The administration has heaved consistently to the tune that no new taxes must be imposed and that the budget must be balanced. Murphy now must make of his choice: Deprive some citizens of the state's blessing or get somebody to pay the Piper. Otherwise it's a boom-like deficit. Declared Harold Smith, budget director: "The only way we can balance this budget is to do a miracle."

Having "passed the buck" to the governor, the legislature may find the responsibility back on its doorstep on July 29 when the special session begins at Lansing. In addition to creating a fiscal enactment that needs straightening out, the legislature packed up its baggage early Saturday, June 26, leaving a number of important measures dangling amid air. Among these were civil service, a minimum-wage law on the final night; rural electrification along the lines of the federal power policy of encouraging co-operatives, unemployment compensation revisions, and teachers' tenure.

The rural electrification bill is a New Deal pet, making it easy for farmers co-operative to condemn land by right of eminent domain for their right of ways. This bill passed the House but died in the Senate utilities committee. It contained a clause that would discourage private utilities extending their lines into rural areas by a requirement that permission must be obtained first from the state utilities commission. The charge is being made that

the first prefabricated trailer house in America was built at a retail price of \$1000—and undoubtedly on installment payments, too. In the making of prefabricated trailer-houses, mass production methods will be applied with the resultant lowering of cost for the public. Michigan with its world-famous skill of the manufacturing assembly line may be the center of another new industry. The Mt. Clemens experiment will be watched with interest everywhere.

COMMUTERS USE TRAILER. Newark, N. J.—A group of prominent Newark businessmen are using a de luxe trailer in commuting from their homes to the city each day. The trailer is owned by Wm. B. Reilly, who invites a group of his friends to make the trip with him. The commuters usually have breakfast while making the one-hour-and-twenty-minute trip.



\$260,000,000 Is Building the World's Most Monstrous Dam Across the Columbia—Grand Coulee

Dense clouds of smoke fill the sky, and hissing jets of steam pierce the air daily, as huge cranes and excavators swing into action on the Coulee dam site. The striking photo above captures the full spirit of the Coulee project.

COULEE CITY, Wash.—The staccato rat-tat of compressed air drills; the creaking of gigantic winches; the muffled roar of exploding dynamite charges; the dull, steady throbbing of powerful pump machinery—

And 4000 toiling human beings, appearing almost microscopic against the setting in which they work. That's the Grand Coulee, the colossal engineering project which, when finished, will be the largest dam in the world. More than that, it will be the largest man-made structure of all time, surpassing even the Great Pyramid of Egypt.

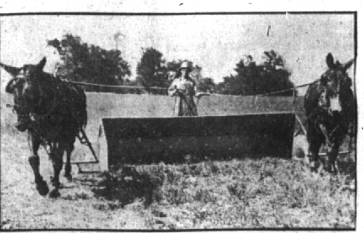
Where the greater part of the laborers reside. Nor is there a rough makeshift form of life. Neat, model homes have been built. Complete electrification and modern conveniences have been installed, and facilities for recreation and relaxation have been developed to the utmost.

Actual work on the project assumes tremendous proportions. To cite a few examples: 1—Grand Coulee will be 500 feet high, 4900 feet wide, 500 feet thick at the base and 36 feet thick at the top. 2—Sixteen million cubic yards of dirt and rock will be excavated. 3—Eleven million two hundred thousand cubic yards of concrete will be poured (enough to build a solid column as large as a city block and almost twice as high as the Empire State building). 4—It will impound waters of the Columbia river to form a lake 151 miles long, holding 5,000,000 acre feet of water, the deepest spot of which will be almost 300 feet. Several years will be needed to build Grand Coulee dam. Several years will pass before this vast store of water and power is marshaled for use for hundreds of miles around. Only then can the results of the time and expense involved be measured.

Although the immediate need for the huge dam is a source of water supply, three purposes are evident. They are: 1—To irrigate the entire Columbia basin for farming. 2—To provide thousands of kilowatts of waterpower for industrial use. 3—To act as key unit in a 10-dam exploitation of the basin proposed by United States Army engineers. On July 27, 1933, the PWA appropriated \$83,000,000 to start work, and on Sept. 25, 1934, the signal to go into action was given. As a result of the tremendous undertaking, cities and towns mushroomed overnight in the area. Largest of these communities are Coulee Dam and Mason City.

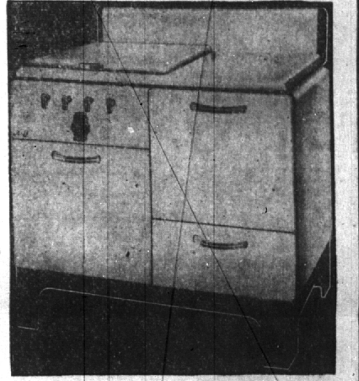
Rising at the north end of a weirdly beautiful natural setting, Grand Coulee is a chasm carved by the Columbia river in a prehistoric age. It is 50 miles long, two to six miles wide, and varies in height from 600 to 800 feet. Ninety-two miles west of Spokane, the project itself is in the hands of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, and the cost of construction is expected to exceed \$260,000,000.

KANSAS FARMER HARVESTING 'HOPPERS'



T. G. Schweiger of Lenexa, Kan., above, used every means at his disposal to combat the grasshopper plague on his farm, which like hundreds of others throughout the midwest and southwest, was in the path of a vast horde of the insects. The contrivance shown here is a 12-foot sled which is dragged over the field. As the sled approaches, the 'hoppers' try to leap over it, hit the backboard and drop into a trap containing an old mixture that kills them.

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