

**This Week in Washington**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 11—On Monday, April 6th, the Supreme Court of the United States took cognizance of the growth of bureaucracy in the Federal Government. In the case of the Securities and Exchange Commission vs. J. Edward Jones the Court decided that when an application is made to the commission for the right to issue certain securities and that application is subsequently withdrawn, it is not necessary for the applicant to comply nevertheless with the commission's demand for an investigation of his records. The Court determined that the rights of the commission end when the application which it was to pass upon is no longer before it.

In the opinion written by Associate Justice George Sutherland the Court called attention to the growing number of bureaus and agencies in the Federal Government and their tendency to exercise arbitrary powers. The Court said in part:

"Arbitrary powers and the rule of the constitution cannot both exist. They are antagonistic and incompatible forces, and one or the other must of necessity perish wherever they are brought into conflict. . . . To escape the assumptions of such power on the part of the three primary departments of the Government is not enough. Our institutions must be kept free from the appropriation of unauthorized power by lesser agencies as well.

"And if the various administrative bureaus and commissions . . . are permitted gradually to extend their powers by encroachments—even petty encroachments—upon the fundamental rights, privileges and immunities of the people, we shall in the end, while avoiding the fatal consequences of a supreme autocracy, become submerged by a multitude of minor invasions of personal rights, less destructive but no less violative of constitutional guarantees."

The Court indirectly pointed out one of the real dangers. Over the framework of our government there has been interwoven a maze of bureaus, agencies and commissions to which have been delegated a combination of administrative, legislative and judicial powers. This phenomenal development in recent years has been popularly called "the growth of bureaucracy."

Power feeds upon power. It seems to be characteristic of these governmental agencies to seek to perpetuate their own existence, to enlarge their primary and originally intended functions, and to clothe themselves with more and more authority.

A particular agency or commission may have its origin as simply a fact-finding organization as a temporary arrangement, with relatively few employees and with relatively small operation expense. It will not be long before that same agency will be before some committee of Congress explaining why it should have a permanent place in the government. A little later it will be asking for this power and then that power; and, of course, it will be requiring additional funds to carry out its additional functions.

Gradually, slowly but surely, an investigating organization becomes a legislative, administrative and judicial tribunal, a few employees increase to several hundred, and an appropriation of a few thousand dollars increases to several thousand.

There daily comes to my desk some circular or pamphlet issued by someone of these agencies or bureaus. It is quite significant, I think, that the publication always explains the "wonderful" work the agency is performing and it invariably arrives when some appropriation bill is before Congress which would provide the funds for this agency's continued operation.

We cannot much longer allow "the growth of bureaucracy" to continue. There is not only involved the very important question of the increased expense in operation of the Federal Government and the burden upon taxpayers, but there is also involved the question of encroachments upon personal rights and liberties by administrative units in the exercise of "quasi-legislative" and "quasi-judicial" powers.

**Deerfield Rotarians Eat Smelt Today**

Boxes of smelt, sent as souvenirs from the Escanaba Smelt Jamboree held annually in April in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan will provide a fish fry for Deerfield Rotarians at their weekly luncheon, today, at Shugrue's restaurant. Harold Vant, vice-president, will preside in the absence of Carl E. Bates, who is in Iowa this week. W. K. Hout has charge of the program. Motion pictures will be shown.

**D.A.R. BETTER FILMS COMMITTEE REVIEW**

"Society Doctor." Cast: Chester Morris, Robert Taylor, Billie Burke, Virginia Bruce, April 16, Thursday. Ambitious, progressive—youth vigorous self-satisfied conservative age—is clearly portrayed in this fast, with honors going to Chester Morris and Robert Taylor and efficient direction which is smooth, lively and convincing. A scene in the operating room is tense, interesting and thrilling. Family.

"First a Girl." Cast: Jessie Matthews, Sonnie Hale, Anna Lee, Griffith Jones, April 17, 18, Friday, Saturday, a delightfully amusing blend of comedy, music and unusually good dancing. Set against the background of the English variety stage and the French Riviera, with real substance and flavor, the perfectly patent masquerade of a girl impersonating a boy who does female impersonations is unraveled. It is an original plot and affords excellent opportunities for the remarkably versatile talents of Miss Matthews. Family.

"Ceiling Zero." Cast: James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Stuart Irvin, Isabel Jewell, April 19, 20, 21, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. This grippingly realistic drama of the air concerns a reckless but skilled aviator whose philandering habits and dare-devil stunts bring tragedy not only to himself but to his wartime buddies in the air mail service. Each member of the able cast gives a fine delineation of character, while expert lighting, sound effects and dramatic silences intensify the realism of the picture. Adults and young adults.

"The Ghost Goes West." Cast: Robert Donat, Jean Parker, Thursday. Highly recommended to discriminating audiences for a good story. Splendid characterization and magnificent photography. Robert Donat plays the dual role of the "Glourie" ghost, deemed to walk until the "Glourie" honor has been vindicated and the lone survivor of the "Glourie" clan. Adults and young adults.

**St. Paul's Cantata to Be Given Sunday**

The combined junior and senior choirs of thirty-eight voices of St. Paul's church, Deerfield, will present an Easter cantata, "Christ Victorious" at the church on Sunday afternoon, April 19, at 4:30 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Piepenbrok. The community is invited.

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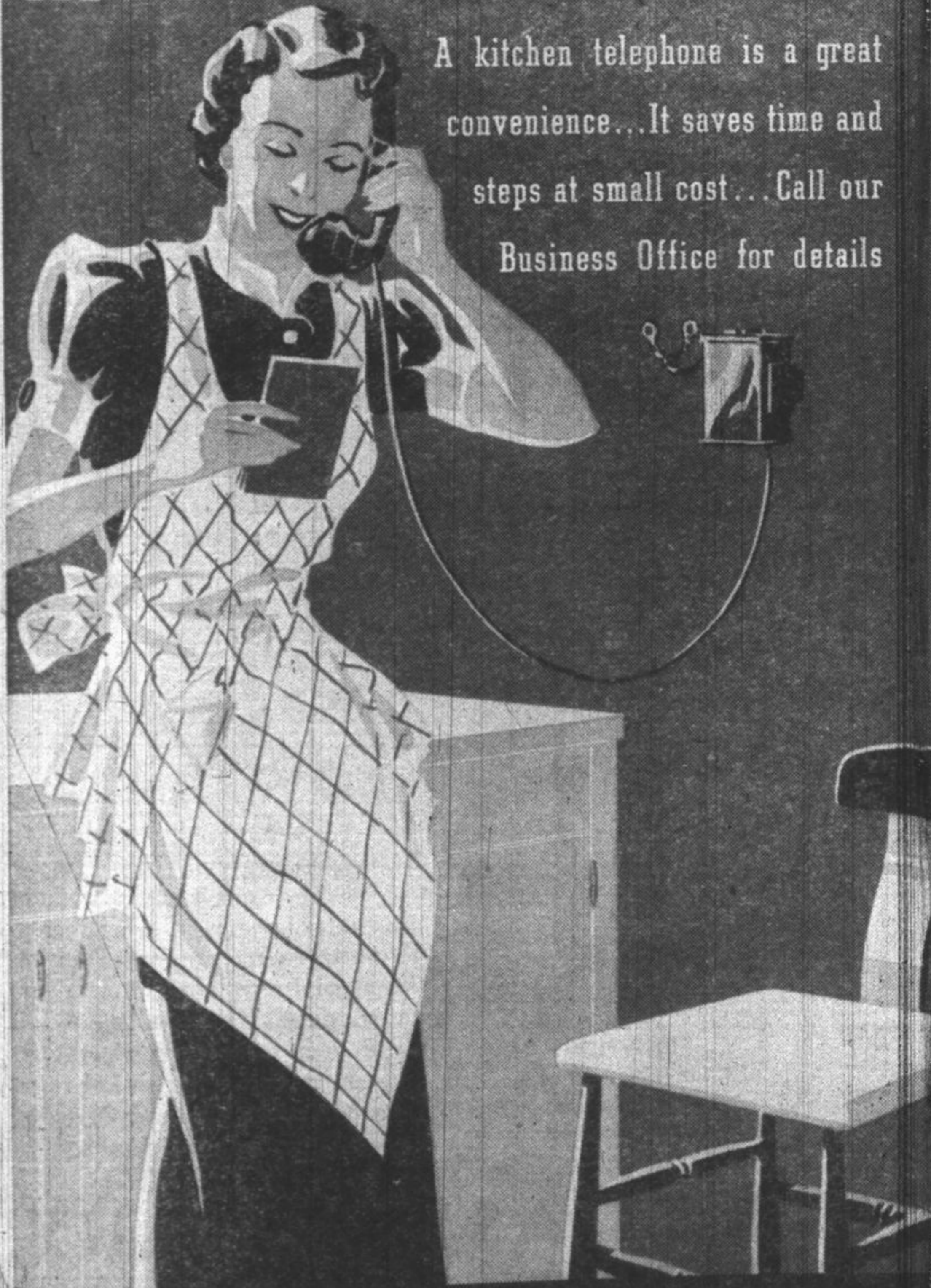


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