

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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Washington, D. C., June 4.—It seems strange indeed that a nation enjoying the natural resources to be found in the United States and possessed with a productive capacity unequalled by any other country should find itself in the midst of hunger, want and suffering. It is difficult to believe, much less understand. If we were not actually experiencing just such a condition we would probably not believe it.

During the past several years many plans or solutions for the problem have been offered. Any number of them have been sent to me personally. I would not attempt even to list the different proposals for a solution that have been embodied in bills and actually introduced into Congress. They are too numerous. It has often been said, although not true in fact, that every Member of Congress has his panacea, the sure-cure for our economic illness.

The factors and forces which produced this depression are many. There is no "sure-cure" to be found in the enactment of some one piece of legislation. I would that such magic could be found in an Act of Congress to effect a solution.

From the experiments of the last five years we ought to have learned by now certain truths. One is that our problem is not one of overproduction. It seems to me cruel to say that it is when people are crying for sufficient food. How can one say that we produce too much when millions of our people do not have sufficient to put them on a decent living basis?

For centuries men have struggled to devise ways and means to produce more to wear and to eat. Even today, with all the advancements of science and modern inventions, we are not capable of producing sufficient to meet the needs of the people. Surely by now we see the folly of this doctrine of scarcity adopted by the national government: Surely the people now recognize that limitations upon production are not a remedy and in the long run only serve to add to our difficulties.

A second fundamental truth which the experience of the last five years should teach us is that promiscuous "government spending" is no remedy. It can only be an expedite method of dealing with a pressing and extremely difficult situation. In the long run it, too, adds to our difficulties, serving to undermine the financial structure of the nation and destroying confidence.

For the last few years the national government has pursued both the policy of limiting production and of large government expenditures. That has been the sum substance of the New Deal program for recovery. It has failed and failed miserably. The failure should convince us that we have not been adopting remedies but only expedients.

That which has been noticeable in the last month is the growing sentiment in Congress that a truly practical approach to a remedy is in abolishing monopolies. For many years Senator Borah has been contending that the problem confronting us is essentially one of distribution. He has repeatedly argued that the first step to be taken is to restore competition in the economic system by destroying monopolistic practices.

Space precludes any discussion of the pros and cons of the theory of

Senator Borah. But whatever may be the one's personal point of view with respect to the Senator's contention, it will have to be admitted that his following in Congress is steadily increasing. When the Senator took the floor a few days ago to express his opinion on the "pump-priming bill", stating in effect that it was useless to seek to increase purchasing power by spending methods so long as monopolies were allowed to exist, the sympathetic hearing he received was quite noticeable.

It is folly to predict, but I venture the prediction that the nation will soon witness an extensive anti-monopoly campaign. It is not without significance that the Senate recently passed a bill dealing with the "motion-picture monopoly" without even a record vote. Right or wrong, Senator Borah's remedy for our economic ills is rapidly gaining adherents.

"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" at Deerpath

"Jezebel," "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," and "Judge Hardy's Children" at the Deerpath theatre this week.

Bette Davis, the greatest actress on the screen in the greatest romance of the South, "Jezebel," brings the heartbreaking romance of a heart-breaking southern beauty to the screen in some of the finest acting of the year. George Brent and Henry Fonda play the male leads. Coming to the Deerpath theatre Friday and Saturday.

Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper form Hollywood's newest comic-romantic partnership in "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," which opens Sunday for a four-day run. The story concerns a much-married American multi-millionaire who marries and gets rid of seven wives only to be completely bested by the eighth whom he marries for just another thrill. The cast of popular players includes Edward Everett Horton, David Niven, Elizabeth Patterson and Herman Bing.

Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden and the rest of the "Judge Hardy" family return to the screen in "Judge Hardy's Children," sequel to "You're Only Young Once," which comes to the Deerpath Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. It is the third of the "Hardy Family" series and this time takes the family to Washington for a series of thrilling adventures.



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Highwood League Leading Boosters Trounce Highland Pk.

The powerful Highwood Boosters retained the lead in the Illinois State Amateur league by trouncing the Highland Park nine by a score of 20-0. This was the Boosters' fourth straight triumph of the season before a crowd of several hundred at the Highwood field.

"Bruno" Simenzi won his third game of the season by allowing only one hit in seven innings while striking out 11. Harry Skidmore, well known Northwestern university ace moundman, hurled the last two frames in a very remarkable style, by striking out the first three batters to face him, while nobody was able to reach first in the final inning.

The Highwood 27 hits rampage attack was led by "Primo" Palmet, Booster shortstop, who collected a triple, two doubles and a single on four official trips to the plate. "Plug" Thompson, slugging third baseman, clouted a 400 foot circuit over the left center field fence.

Illinois State Amateur League

	W.	L.
Highwood (Boosters)	4	0
Lake Forest (Y.M.C.)	4	1
North Chicago (St. Joe)	3	1
Grayslake (Pirates)	3	2
Libertyville (Y.M.C.)	3	2
Waukegan (Bally Muck)	2	3
Highland Park (Legion)	1	4
Half Day (Vernon A.C.)	0	5

Last Sunday's results—Highwood 20, Highland Park 0; Grayslake 10, Half Day 7; North Chicago 3, Libertyville 2; Lake Forest 4, Waukegan 1.

Box score of Highwood-Highland Park game:

	AB	R	H
HIGHWOOD			
Trucano, lf	2	2	1
Maestri, lf	4	2	2
Bertucci, cf	2	0	1
Paquesi, cf	4	3	3
Traini, ss	0	0	0
Palmet, ss	4	3	4
Thompson, 3b	6	2	4
Russell, c	6	1	3
Notaciacomo, 2b	1	1	0
Lenzini, 2b	4	1	2

Biancaini, rf	5	1	2
Campagni, lb	5	0	0
Somenzi, p	5	3	4
Skidmore, p	0	1	0
Totals	48	20	27
HIGHLAND PARK	AB	R	H
Zimmerman, 2b	3	0	1
Zimmer, lb	3	0	0
Dewar, cf	4	0	0
Sordyl, ss	4	0	0
Rogan, c	3	0	0
Hall, 3b	4	0	0
Inman, rf	3	0	0
Austin, lf	0	0	0
Bowden, lf	3	0	0
Delavala, p	2	0	0
Hickey, p	1	0	0
Totals	30	0	1

Building Permits Here Total \$103,721

Although the Highland Park building permits of \$103,721 for May were an increase over the preceding month, they were less than half of the figure for the same period a year ago.

The total for April was \$66,457, while in May 1937 permits for \$257,805 were taken out.

Construction during the first five months of 1938 is but 36 per cent of the total for the corresponding period last year, city official said.

Permits in Highland Park to date amount to \$366,963, while at this time in 1937 the figure was \$1,011,217.

Sidney Morris, building inspector, looks for a revival in the last half of this year. "In 1937," he explained, "the first six months were good and the last half bad. We confidently expect that trend to be reversed."

Permits for 10 new dwellings es-

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timated to cost \$97,900 were among 21 issued during May. Of the remaining permits, four were for private garages and seven for residential alterations.

Among new homes started during last month were those of H. G. Paul, 629 Brownville road, \$12,000;

C. L. Makelin, 1863 Lyman court, \$12,000, and Andrew Bloomfield, 501 N. Sheridan road, \$15,600.

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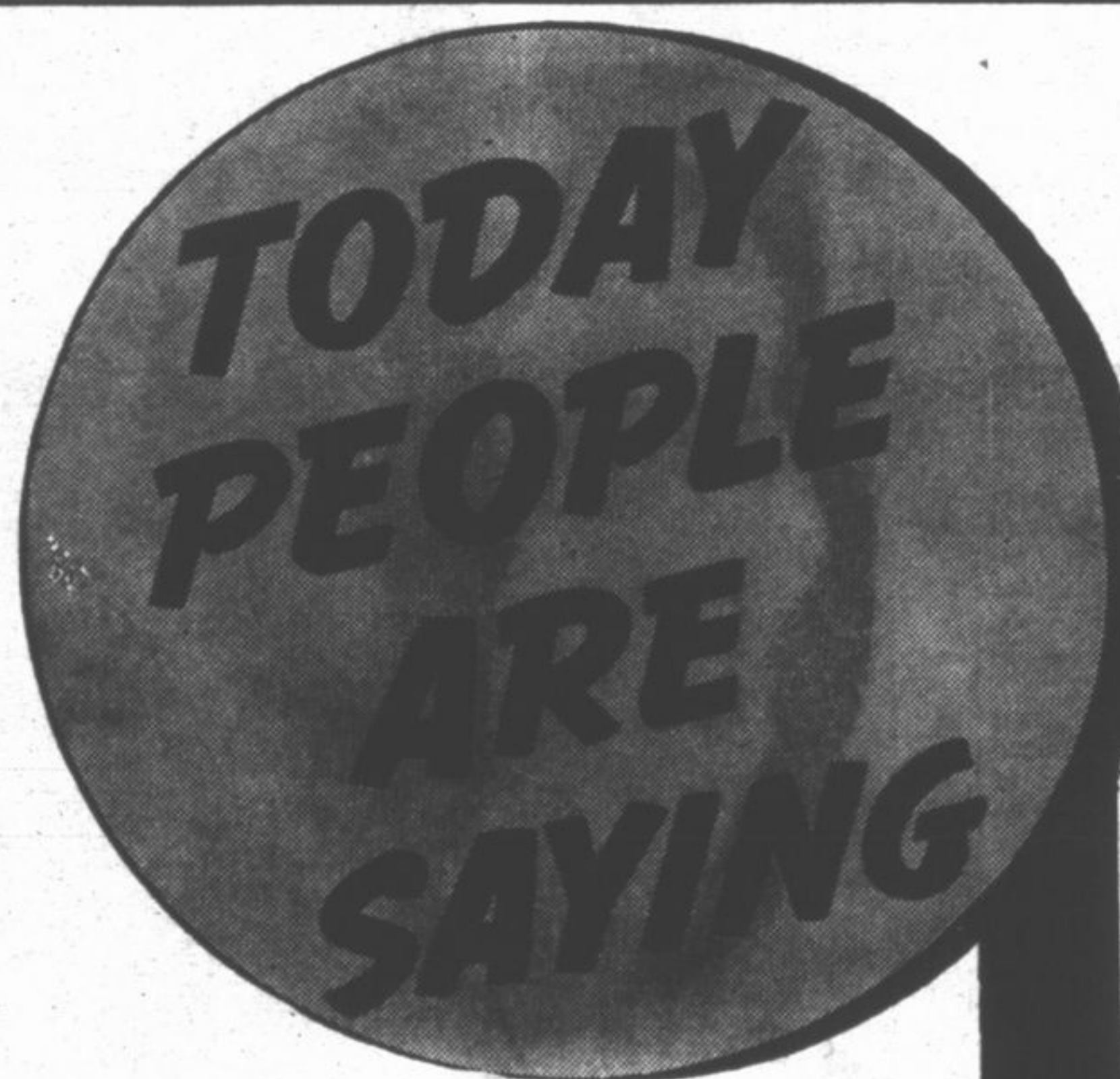
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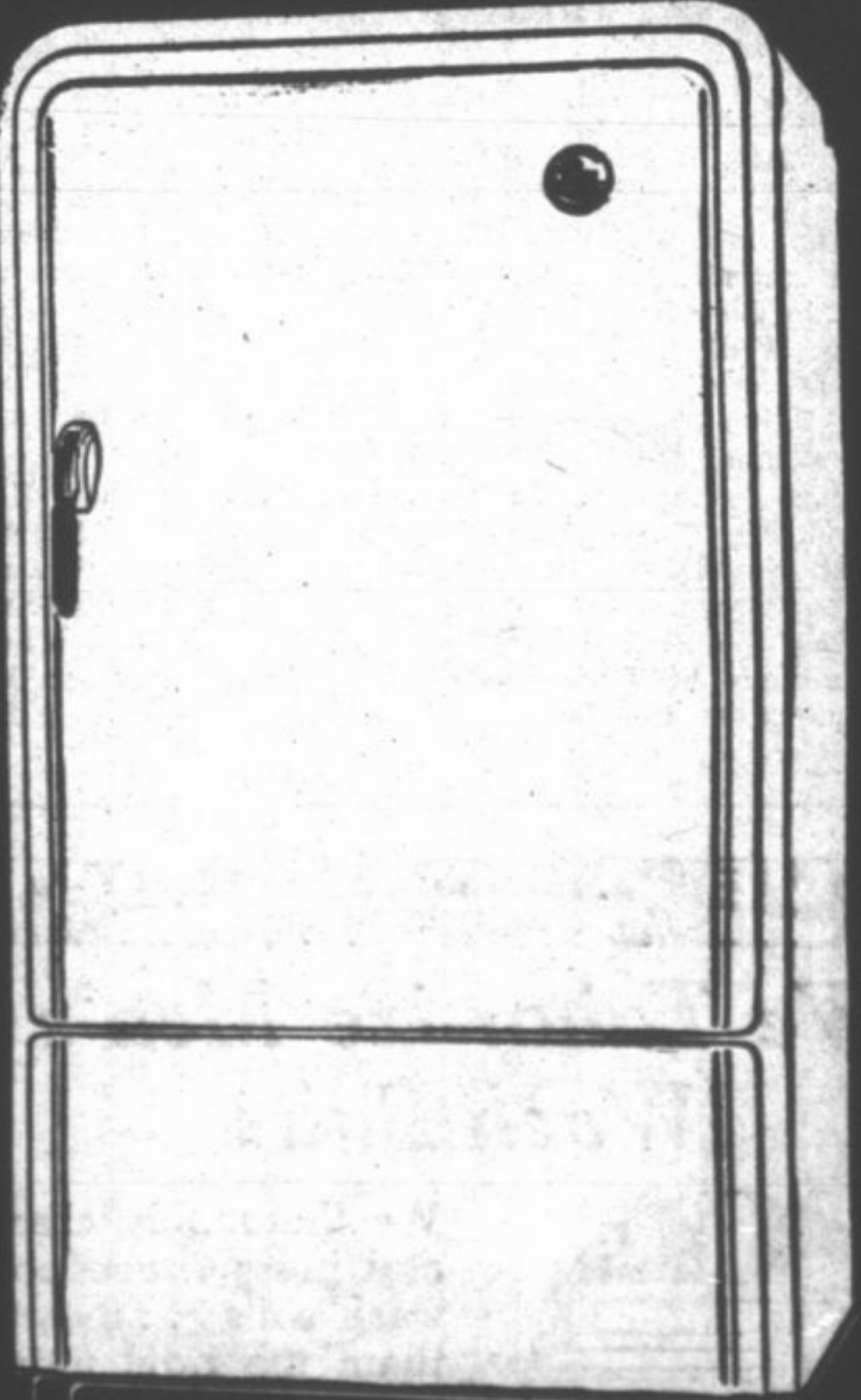
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