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SUPPORT YOUR OFFICIALS

Three capable officials are candidates for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket this fall. They all have held long residence in their communities; they are all heavy tax-payers, they are typical Twin Falls country ranchers and they are all reliable, honest, substantial citizens.

Mr. Barnes has served two different terms as a member of the county board, and Mr. Hart has served one term, and the third, Mr. Ray, has a long and honorable record as a member of the board of commissioners of the Twin Falls Highway district and is a resident of the Salmon tract.

The two former are seeking re-election, while Mr. Ray is a candidate for his first term, being an aspirant to the position now held by Mr. Finch.

These men are all highly experienced in the administration of the complex affairs of government, and have brought to their respective offices diligent attention and sound judgment.

During the exigencies of mounting-indigent-relief requirements, closed banks, and delinquent tax payments, they have been confronted with the same kind-of-tasks—individual farmers and business men have faced in their own affairs, and despite the opposition of patronage-seeking critics, have kept cool heads and steered a straight course through the difficult maze of universal problems over which they certainly have had no control.

Their records are as open books, and while no one in this hectic period claims perfection for his every act, all three of them are entitled to have earned the commendation of an appreciative electorate for their conscientious and honest labors in behalf of local government.

They deserve whole-hearted support and cooperation in their work, the same as do our school, highway, village and city officials in theirs.

THE PRESS

BY BRUCE CATTAN

When Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Columbia University School of Journalism remarked the other day that American newspapers have maintained exceptional high standards of service in spite of the depression during the last year, he touched on a point that is worth a little extended comment.

The last year has been a hard one for everybody, and the newspapers have felt it quite as painfully as any other group. But there is not a great deal that a newspaper can do in the way of retrenchment when hard times come. It can't suspend operations for a time as a mine or a factory can; it can't reduce its service; as a railroad or steamship line can; it can't put all hands on half-time work.

For a newspaper exists, first, last and always, to tell people what is going on in the world; and the world wags along in bad times just as it does in good times, and people are just as anxious to know what is happening then as they are at other times. The newspaper has to tell them, and it has to tell them just as completely, just as rapidly and just as accurately in a depression as in a boom.

All of this means it can't relax for a moment. It is somewhat in the position of a manufacturer who must, by the necessities of his calling, keep everything going just as extensively as he ever did.

So it is good to read Dean Ackerman's comment—that high editorial standards have been maintained—that newspaper resources have been mobilized to give thorough coverage to all phases of the economic crisis, that outstanding examples of public service by newspapers are no less frequent this year than in former years, that there has been an increasingly authoritative and accurate reporting of scientific news.

A democracy simply could not function without an alert, honest, intelligent press. That the press of the nation has carried on so energetically and ably during the depression is one of the things for which the nation can be thankful.

THE WHEAT GROWER'S PLIGHT

It is currently reported that the wheat farmer is going to get some good news in the near future. Soviet Russia, it is said, finds its wheat crop far smaller than usual this year, and so does the Argentine, Japan and China are said to be ready to come into the market for large purchases.

All of this, if it would mean an increase in the price of wheat, would be excellent news. And yet the prospect of it simply emphasizes the precarious footing on which the American wheat grower stands.

His market is so disorganized, the conditions under which he operates are so chaotic, that his one chance of getting a decent price for his crop this year depends on misfortune striking the wheat belts of Russia and South America!

Could there be a more striking illustration of the need for drastic and far-reaching action to restore stability to the entire trade?

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