

What we all want is a balanced budget. Collectively everybody wants expenditures reduced but too many object to having the expenditures reduced if it affects them. The farmers do not want the benefit payments curtailed. The merchants do not want buying power diminished. The states do not want the Government to reduce its donations to them for relief, for roads, for public works. I notice by the newspapers that a certain western state which is proud of its balanced budget was not loath to appeal to Washington for its share of Federal funds to aid the victims of drought. And I was not even surprised to read that the Governor of that state, while inveighing against Government spending, insisted that his state could not possibly provide drought relief and that the Government must come to the rescue of Kansas as well as the other afflicted areas. Oh yes, we all want a balanced budget at somebody else's expense just as we all want taxes to be placed on the other fellow. Too many appear to want boom time incomes and depression prices. If anyone can tell me how to accomplish that miracle I will be glad to know. The Government, of course, cannot please everybody.