

SLOWLY SWINGS TO PROSPERITY

Business World Is Brightening Up Over Steadily Increasing Retail Sales—Wholesale Business Also Improves.

New York, May 15.—Reports of the most substantial quickening of retail trade since March served to brighten the business news of the past week, which dwelt primarily upon evidences of seasonal slackening in industry.

Dun and Bradstreet said warmer weather had brought out a large number of shoppers, and the reports from many parts of the country indicated sales volume number 12 to 20 per cent over a year ago, although drought conditions became so severe in parts of the middle west as to impair business.

Steel Production Gains.

Steel production continued to gain, with "Iron Age" estimating ingot output at 60 per cent of capacity, up 2 percentage points and the best level since 1930, but a weakening of steel scrap prices, and knowledge that consumers were taking advantage of price protection existing until the end of the quarter to cover future requirements, tended to detract from the favorable operating rate.

Automobile production declined substantially, although retail sales reports remained favorable. Cram's reports, nevertheless, saw in the second successive weekly contraction in output "increasing evidence that the industry's peak operating levels for the year have passed." Freight carloadings declined a little, in a week in which is a small gain in the seasonal average, and electric power output was off about 2 per cent, or a trifle more than seasonally, but the report reflected the first week of daylight saving.

Combined Index Drops.

Moody's seasonally adjusted index for steel production rose to 64, up 2.1 points, but the figures for freight movement and power production, contracted a little, with the result that the combined index for the three factors declined 0.2 of a point to 77.4 after reaching a new 1934 high last week.

While business quarters were unable fully to appraise the results of the severe drought in the mid-west, most surveys indicated that rural purchasing power in some areas may have been seriously impaired, although higher prices for grains and some other products was the immediate response of the markets. Areas where damage is less severe it was pointed out, might be expected to benefit substantially from better prices.

The pickup in retail trade during the week spread to the wholesale markets, where a somewhat better demand for drygoods cast a little brighter light upon the textile industry, which has undergone a marked lull of late. Standard Statistics company estimates that May business of the cotton, wool and silk mills will be off about 20 to 25 per cent from last year, while steel ingot output will be about 70 per cent, lumber production 50 per cent, and automobile production more than 40 per cent.

Electrical equipment manufacturers are currently operating at levels sharply above a year ago, with the electrical refrigerator

business continuing to break records. Good operating reports also came from various of the glass, fertilizer, chemical, tobacco products lines. Private building products, paper, paints and food contracts let in April were the best since August.

Retail trade reports indicated the greatest activity in apparel and house-furnishings, but interest spread to many other divisions. Retail sales at reduced prices were said to be less in evidence, and merchants' uneasiness over possible inventory losses appeared to have abated.

Southern Tobacco Journal Says Hancock Is Not Farmers' Friend

The Southern Tobacco Journal has never made a practice of participating in politics, nor has it lent its efforts to the advancement of the interest of any particular candidate.

It is concerned, however, with the interests of the farmer, particularly the tobacco farmer, and therefore feels that the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina needs a change in representation at Washington.

His past conduct is the only basis on which to attempt to determine what will be Congressman Frank Hancock's future attitude towards the farmer. In the light of his four-year record, we feel justified in asserting that Hancock has fallen far short of proving himself the farmers' friend. Numerous opportunities to forget self and help "the folks back home" have been passed up.

Hancock vigorously objected to the Administration's effort to reimburse the farmer for tobacco tobacco acreage taken out of production. He termed the benefit payment "a sop to the farmer." If that was a "SOP," what does the farmer call the \$1000 per year salary increase Hancock voted himself. Over the President's veto—when he was already drawing \$8,500 annual allowance for secretarial expense. It's difficult to reconcile such actions with Hancock's claim of being "the farmers' friend."

No sponsor of women in politics, The Southern Tobacco Journal does feel, however, that Lily M. Mebane knows farming, she appreciates the farmers' problems and she is sympathetic with the needs of the soil tillers. Her record in the past two sessions of the North Carolina Legislature proves she is the farmers' friend. She thinks and votes as a farmer. She can be depended upon. She does not consider that her obligation to her constituents has been discharged in her campaign speeches and does not look upon her entrance into legislative halls as a symbol of casting aside the interests of those she is pledged to represent.

For these reasons, The Southern Tobacco Journal endorses the candidacy of Lily M. Mebane as Congresswoman from the Fifth District of North Carolina. Reprint of an editorial from the May issue of The Southern Tobacco Journal.

The thousand Mimosa trees planted along the highway out of Morganton three years ago were pruned recently under the direction of the Burke county farm agent.

CAPTAIN THORE STOKES CITIZEN

(Continued From 1st Page.) taxes in Stokes county for the year for 1934.

Upon the facts we are clearly of the opinion you are entitled to vote and hold public office in Stokes county.

We call your attention to Sub-section B of 5937 Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Qualification of Voters." This section reads as follows: "A person shall not be considered to have lost his residence who leaves his home and goes into another State or county of this State, for temporary purposes only, with the intention of returning."

Clearly, under the facts in your case, you are now located at Elkin temporarily and that it was not your intention, and cannot be so construed, that you intended to be permanently domiciled at that place.

Our courts have held "domicile is defined as the place where a person lives or his home, that is where one has his true fixed permanent home and principal establishment, and to which whenever he is absent he has the intention of returning." Your property is all located in Stokes county and you pay taxes there and it could not possibly be construed that you are not domiciled in that county.

Therefore, it is very clear that under the law and the decisions of our courts, you are a qualified voter and qualified to hold public office in Stokes county, North Carolina.

Very truly yours,
J. L. COCKERHAM,
Attorney, Raleigh, N. C.
LAND & SOWERS,
Attorneys, Statesville, N. C.
J. H. FOLGER, Attorney,
Mount Airy N. C.

I wish to say further that I was born and reared in Stokes county, am now and have always been a citizen, a voter and a taxpayer of Stokes county, that my father was before me the same, and that my grandfather was one of those who blazed the trails of the early civilization of this State and county. I own one of the oldest estates of this county, and everything that I own and accumulate has always been put here in my own county where I was born, expect to live and die.

In conclusion, I want to say this one thing to the voters of Stokes county: Whatever your do, send a Stokes county man to the legislature to represent the farmers and citizens of the county, one who is a permanent citizen and property-holder here, and one who feels a sincere interest in the people of this county, and not one who has no interests here and who may be here today and gone tomorrow.

If nominated and elected I will give the best that is in me to represent fearlessly and faithfully the permanent interests of our good county of Stokes.

J. E. THORE.

A cannery and creamery for Haywood county are two new projects now underway by the farm agent.

A Forsyth farmer has salvaged 25,000 feet of timber and over 50 cords of fire wood from his woodland damaged by the late sleet storm this winter.

Stokes County Sunday School Convention

The Stokes County Sunday School Convention will be held at the Pinnacle Methodist Protestant church, Sunday, May 27th, 1934, Rev. A. L. Hunter is pastor of this church. This is the annual convention for Stokes county all denominations. The convention opens at 9:45 a. m., and continues throughout the day with afternoon and night sessions. The night session is in the interest of young people's work and the program will be given largely by young people. A fellowship dinner will be served in the grove at the noon hour and all are asked to bring baskets. Harvey Johnson, of Germanton Route 1, is president, and D. E. Young, of R. 1, Walnut Cove, secretary.

This convention is put on under the auspices of the N. C. Sunday School Association, and in an amount that will prove Rev. Shuford Peeler, State Secretary, Miss Myrtle A. McDaniel, State Dir. of Leadership Training and Miss Edith Krider, State director of Young People's Work will be present and take part on the program. The theme for the convention this year will be "Building Christian Homes," and there will be addresses, group discussions, and special music throughout the day.

All churches in the county are expected to send delegates and a pennant will be given at the close of the convention to the church making the best attendance, based on miles traveled.

Good Gardens Need Proper Preparation

The use of good seed or plants on properly prepared and fertilized soils will do much towards combating the thousands of diseases that attack vegetable plants each year, says Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist at State College.

Of the three thousand known diseases that affect truck and garden crops, 39 appear on cabbage, 23 on sweet potatoes and 21 on peppers. In addition to the heavy loss in yield there is a still greater loss in quality.

Poole says that most soils in the State require twenty or more plant food elements for good growth in plants. Barnyard manure and any high grade fertilizer will supply these elements when applied to the same area, and in an amount that will produce good yields despite disease.

To offset this damage Poole recommends that all soils be carefully examined and the necessary plant food supplied. Only certified seed or plants known to be free from parasites that cause disease, should be used. For next year's planting, select seed from strong, healthy plants. Varieties known to be resistant to certain diseases should also be selected for planting on infected soils, he says.

Certain disease can also be controlled by spraying or dusting and these precautions are most important for effective control and profitable garden operations, Poole says.

Germanton Faculty Entertained At Carolina Theatre

Germanton, May 16.—Misses Mary Taylor and Jessie V. Carson entertained the Germanton faculty at the Carolina theatre in Winston-Salem on Monday evening, May 7. After enjoying a delightful evening with Bing Crosby, the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Those present were: Mesdames R. T. Beck, Jr., R. M. Green, Misses Mabel Ingold, Clara Smith, Leona Guthrie, Winona Williams, Lucy Mae White, Ruth Petree, Eleanor Carson, Mary Taylor, and Jessie V. Carson; Messrs. Tom L. Talor, R. M. Green, David Stillwell, and R. T. Beck.

Honored By Mrs. Beck.

Germanton, May 16.—The teachers of the Germanton faculty were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Ralph Beck in her home on Thursday evening, May 10, with Bridge.

A delicious salad course and punch were served.

Those present were: Supt. J. C. Carson, Mary Taylor, Mrs. Green, Lucy May White, Mabel Ingold, Jessie V. Carson, Eleanor Carson, Joe Westmoreland, David Stillwell, Ralph Beck, Clara Smith, Winona Williams, Leona Guthrie, and Tom L. Talor.

High scorer, J. C. Carson; second high, Jessie V. Carson; low scorer, Leona Guthrie.

Important for effective control and profitable garden operations, Poole says.

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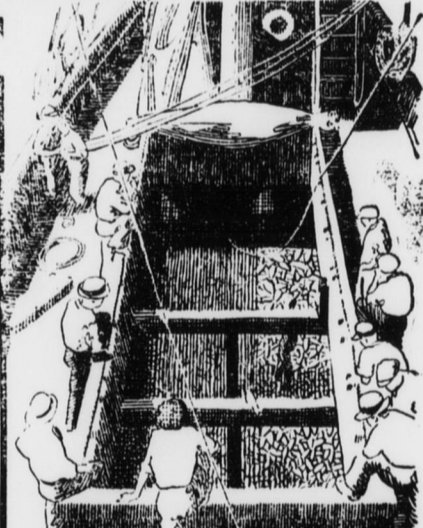
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