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AN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY

Legislation which unjustly discriminates against or threatens a basic business or industry with ultimate destruction, simply knocks the pegs of prosperity from beneath the entire economic structure.

The chain food stores, for example, purchase \$2,024,000,000 worth of goods annually from American manufacturers and producers. In addition, they pay \$334,000,000 annually in wages to 218,000 employees; \$85,000,000 annually in rents to more than 45,000 local property owners; \$37,000,000 annually for freight, trucking and other transportation services; \$52,000,000 annually for repairs, supplies and other up-keep expenses; \$25,000,000 annually for advertising—practically all of it locally; more than \$13,000,000 annually for state and local taxes exclusive of the real estate taxes paid in the form of rent, and federal income taxes. Thus, the total sum expended by the food chains annually in the United States amounts to more than \$2,570,000,000!

Proponents of chain-killing legislation seek to justify their position largely on the ground that, because of size and efficiency, the chains are a dangerous monopoly. As a matter of fact, the chain stores do a minor percentage of total retail business, and are far behind independents in both number and volume. Moreover, the chains have no exclusive patent on efficiency. Many independents operate in much the same manner as the chains—so much so that far-sighted independents predict that the politicians will soon be attacking them also. Hence they are opposed to the present attack on chain stores. They fear the dangers of radical taxation and regulation more than they fear chain store competition.

Those who would destroy the chains would simply destroy an essential industry—not a monopoly.

SPRING'S A GOOD TIME TO STAY ALIVE!

Spring is a happy season, with old mother nature reawakening. You can add to the joy by making a contribution to safety in your own home.

There is a real need for this after the long winter months, when many dangerous conditions develop. Now is the time to clear out all accumulations of papers and rubbish from attics and cellars, before they cause a serious fire.

When burning trash and papers outside, an incinerator should always be used. Field grass and papers should not be burned on windy days, and never without close supervision.

Now is also a good time to make a complete check-up of anything else that might cause fire. Look for such hazards as defective electrical equipment, frayed and worn wiring, pennies behind blown fuses, defective heating plants and chimneys, fireplaces without screens and hot ashes in wooden ash containers. Cleaning with gasoline is very dangerous.

After painting jobs, which many do in the spring, be sure to dispose of oil or paint soaked rags and clothing. A warning from the National Board of Fire Underwriters states that many homes are burned by spontaneous ignition fires from paint rags left in a heap.

For results advertise in The Pilot.

GRAINS OF SAND

We have a way of setting aside a week at a time in order to celebrate some of our cultivated habits. Human beings are victims of habits, and it seems as if there is a scheme on foot to revise a good many of them. To keep up with the idea which is growing in popularity, you occasionally have to hunt up the calendar in order to understand what we are supposed to do next because, if it isn't National Cheese Week, it may be Safety Week or something else equally important. From the 24th to the 30th it happens to be Humane Week and for one week we are charged to observe the order, "Be Kind to Animals." It is suggested that we don't kick the dog or chase the cat or scare the goldfish or be rude to any animal for seven whole days.

A week is not long in which to form a habit, but the American Humane Federation has an idea that in a week of training a tendency or inclination toward a habit might be developed among school children which would be of enormous value. Repetition of an idea frequently leads to spontaneous action. In learning some of the rudiments of the art of kindness to animals, a child learns more than the beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful." He learns to extend consideration and fairness not only to the beast but to the man, a mighty important factor in our complicated scheme of living.

It isn't everyone that would select a foggy day for starting out on an automobile trip. But if you are interested in traveling at a time when the elements of danger are greatly reduced, pick out a time when the road is blanketed with fog and the visibility is next to nothing. Startling and foolish as this may seem, you are only taking 2.4 chances out of a hundred of being returned home feet first. Driving in a snow storm, offers even greater safety, as your risk then is at the low ebb of 1.9 per cent. On a clear, day with dry pavements, the danger mark soars to the high percentage of 83. The table that gives these figures for weather and road conditions prevailing in accidents for 1937 adds a moral to the bottom of the page—"A little less speed, even under the best of conditions, is advisable." If we are to manage without the protection of fog and snow, there are some of us who would be glad to see a little less speed on the highways.

When Greensboro opened its 19th annual High School music contest last week it drew over 4,000 students from the state's schools. The Girl's Glee Club of Southern Pines was in first place along with such ranking schools as Red Springs and Charlotte. Mr. Smith has developed talent and brought recognition to the town. Mrs. Claude Hafer, another music teacher of ability, has had the satisfaction of seeing two of her pupils, Jean Chester and Dorothy Phillips, win honors away from home.

April in the Sandhills is a month

that is surpassed by nothing else in the calendar year. Floral displays are at their height. Gardens and forests are a delight at every turn. Temperatures are mild and should suit the most exacting. The golf links, the tennis courts, the bridge trails and the garden paths should be found more enjoyable now than ever. With the setting of the sun, the nights are cool and stimulating. And with the coming of night the April sky shows its most brilliant giants. Ten bright stars now add to the light of the heavens. April exceeds all other months, excepting March, in its starry display. With its alternating periods of showers and sunshine it never ceases to be a hopeful month.

Chances are three to one that the name of the newspaper you take is the News, according to the 1938 Carolina Co-operator Yearbook and Almanac.

"If it isn't that," says the Yearbook and Almanac, "then most likely it is the Times, and if not a paper bearing that name, it may be either the Journal or Herald. Then again it may be the Tribune or the Record, the Republican or the Press, the Star or the Democrat."

"For these are the ten most popular names for newspapers in America. Next to the "Big Ten," in the order of popularity, are: The Gazette, Sun, Courier, Post, Leader, Telegram, Independent, Sentinel, Chronicle, Bulletin and Dispatch."

DOROTHY PHILLIPS WINS 2ND IN MUSIC CONTEST

After winning first place at Durham, in the district music contest, Dorothy Phillips, of Southern Pines entered the state contest at Greensboro and won second honors there. Dorothy is not yet a high school student, but entered the contest playing against students older than she. Her friends and Mrs. Hafer, her teacher, are justly proud of the showing she has made this spring in the two contests.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: Dillard Hardy of Carthage Route 3 and Mildred Blue of Carthage; Paul Eugene Lamonde of Portsmouth, N. H. and Ruth Lee Clemmer of Rockingham.

SPAETH IN KAPPA SIGMA

Walter Spaeth, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaeth of Southern Pines, was recently initiated into Kappa Sigma, national college fraternity, at Trinity College, Duke University, where he is a member of the Sophomore class. He is a graduate of Southern Pines High School.

Miss Catherine McMillan and Ben Beasley of Raleigh called at the N. A. McMillan home in Vass Saturday afternoon.

Robin Hood Farm To Be Opened Near Here Soon

Vocational Training Project Being Made Ready at 2,200 Acre Manice Farm

Providing vocational training for high school graduates without funds to attend college is the purpose of a new project being developed in the Sandhills.

The 2,200 acre Manice farm, situated six miles west of Pinehurst and for many years one of the largest peach orchards in the section, has been purchased and is now being made ready for the early occupancy of this group of young farmers.

Known as the Robin Hood Farms, this novel idea was developed by Thomas L. Vaughan, former citizen of Winston-Salem, tobacco-nist, businessman, and farm operator, who, with several associates, procured a North Carolina charter for a non-profit corporation to carry on these activities.

Colonel John Harrelson, administrative dean at State College, was high in praise of this effort to provide vocational training for young farmers who cannot attend college.

There will be no charge for tuition or living expenses each student paying for his training and sustenance through the production of marketable products.

Being educational in scope and with a provision that prohibits payments of dividends, the corporation is exempt from taxation. All earnings and accruals will go into further expansion of the service.

The Manice farm property contains the largest barn in North Carolina and 16 other buildings and is ideally equipped for the purpose for which it is to be used.

COURT OF AWARDS FOR MOORE COUNTY SCOUTS

A Court of Awards for the Boy Scouts of Moore County will be held in the auditorium of the Southern Pines High School next Tuesday evening, May 30th, at 8:15 o'clock. Many scouts are reported ready for awards and a full attendance is expected. The public is cordially invited to be present.

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Hon. Lloyd Griffin,
Executive Secretary,
State School Commission,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Griffin:
You inquire whether or not the State School Boards and public bodies having the duty of insuring school property may do so in a mutual company, where the policies are made non-assessable.

This question was decided in the affirmative in Fuller vs. Lockhart, 209 N. C. 61.
In this connection, I may call your attention to the fact that up to the time of this Supreme Court decision the ruling of this Department was against the authority to take out such insurance in a mutual company. The question had been frequently agitated and I advised that the interested parties bring a test case, which was done, with the result mentioned.
I know of no legal impediment in the way of taking insurance in mutual companies, either on the part of the State, a municipality, or a school board.

Yours very truly,
A. A. F. Seawell, (Signed),
Attorney General.

The above letter signed by Attorney General Seawell proclaims the soundness and security of non-assessable policies issued by Mutual Insurance Companies.

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