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BEFORE THE HORSE IS STOLEN

The Pilot has been informed of several narrow escapes from accidents on avenues crossing the railroad tracks in Southern Pines since the introduction by the Seaboard of the diesel trains. Some of these trains do not stop here, but pass through at a high rate of speed. All are in the night time.

Before we suffer loss of life or limb is the time to think about safety measures. Here, it seems to us, is one simple solution:

At the Vermont avenue crossing there is an automatic signal warning of an approaching train by red lights and ringing bell. The Pilot suggests the installation of a similar signal at the Massachusetts avenue crossing, and the closing at nights of ALL OTHER crossings. Chains can be stretched across these crossings, with a red lantern hanging from them.

This provides adequate crossing facilities for the little traffic there is from 11:00 p. m. to daylight—one passageway at either end of town. And it eliminates four dangerous crossings.

In exchange for the cost of erection and maintenance by the Seaboard of the additional automatic signal the town of Southern Pines agrees to the closing of the four avenues during the hours of danger providing and maintaining the necessary chains and lights.

Southern Pines has been fortunate in the few serious accidents happening here as a result of the operation of trains at street level. But with the coming of the non-stop diesel trains a new factor of danger is introduced against which safeguards should be set up before there are casualties.

DID IT SPEED RECOVERY ?

On December 1, more than 55,000 Chrysler employees and some 15,000 workers in the Briggs Body plant had been idle for fifty-six days.

What this tie-up of production, climaxing a C. I. O. inspired "slow-down," has cost is not pleasant to contemplate.

Seventy-thousand workers, on an average wage of \$6.00 a day have lost pay at the rate of \$420,000 a day.

Another twenty-five thousand workers, idle in the rubber, steel, parts and other related industries, have lost \$125,000 a day on the basis of an average \$5.00 a day wage rate.

The losses of eleven thousand Chrysler dealers, salesmen and service men are beyond estimate, as are those of merchants, landlords and many others in scores of communities over the country....

The Detroit Board of Commerce has asserted the Chrysler strike is reducing purchasing power in the United States by at least three million dollars a day—a dead loss so far of about 168 million dollars.

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IS "LITTLE BUSINESS" NEXT IN LINE?

The government already has its arm into "big business" up to the elbow. By making loans, by passing new regulatory legislation and, in some cases, by actually going into business and using tax-subsidies and special privileges to undersell its private competitors, it has extended "state capitalism" on a considerable scale.

Now, if a new plan recently proposed is adopted, little business will also come under the wing of government to an unknown extent. This latest proposal comes from the Securities

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and Exchange Commission. It would establish a government-sponsored corporation to buy equity shares in small businesses, in order to avoid the expense attendant on floating security issues. "The simplicity of the proposed mechanism for making funds available to small business enterprises appeals to me," said the chairman of the Commission, and he added that he has urged the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to make a detailed study of the proposal, with a view to pressing legislation at the next regular session of Congress.

The plan is simple, all right, and superficially it will doubtless exert a strong appeal to "little businessmen" who would like a pocket full of "free" government money. But to the thoughtful, it is about as dangerous a law as could well be imagined. Whether or not its backers so intend, nothing could do more to achieve socialization of American business, small as well as large.

If government buys shares in a business, it must take an interest in the management of that business, in order to protect its investment. And government, even though it may not purchase a majority interest, is certain to become the "senior partner." You can trust the politicians to see to that. Wielding the tremendous power that the government's financial interest in business would give them, it wouldn't take long for our "public servants" to become "public masters." Business would be largely run by arbitrary rules prescribed at Washington—and businessmen would become figureheads.

Pinehurst Library Gives 200 Books Away

That tiny Pinehurst Library is a source of literary nourishment to many deserving Carolina institutions was revealed this week, when Mrs. T. H. Craig, librarian, stated that 200 books had been recently given to the State Sanatorium and the Eagle Springs School.

These books, Mrs. Craig stated, were the type which would not repay rebinding costs, although their pages were in readable shape. One hundred and forty-seven volumes, mostly detective and mystery fiction were disbursed to the Sanatorium, while 60 were contributed to the children of the Eagle Springs school.

To fill the vacancy left on the shelves by these books, the librarian said, there was a large consignment of new best sellers among which were "It Takes All Kinds," by Louis Bromfield, "Miss Susie Slagle's," by Augusta Tucker, "Across the Years," by Emily Loring, "Lost Sunrise," by Kathleen Norris, "Black Narcissus," by Rumer Godden, "Escape," by Ethel Vance, "Family Album," by Humphrey Pakington, "Murder Is Not

Grains of Sand

Nimrods who found a hunter's paradise in eastern Moore county were disappointed the first of the week when State game wardens were around notifying people of the closing of Sandhills and Quewhistle townships for the season. The object of the movement is to protect turkeys being released over the sanctuary and encouraging deer to move further over the territory outlined in the game preserve.

A Carolina orchid went north to a dinner party not long ago, and as the keeping qualities of the flower are one of its attributes it went to another gathering later on in the week. There it met a friend who had visited the home of the Carolina orchid and a request was made for the passenger of the flower to tell them something about orchids. So the life and merry adventures of a Sandhill orchid was chronicled to a group of interested listeners.

For the past hundred years the bell has rung in the steeple of historic Old Market House, to summon the citizens of Fayetteville to breakfast at 7:30 and to dinner at 1.

It rings again at sundown as a sort of New World nagelus, and at nine o'clock at night it rings the curfew. In the old days that was the hour when all plantation slaves had to be in their quarters; now it is the time for the second show at the movies.

The century-old Market House has become one of the historic shrines of American democracy. Once it was the Old Slave Market, and the old name still sticks. It was recently refurbished for the sesquicentennial of the founding of Fayetteville. It was painted inside and out with wear-resisting white lead—in preparation for its second hundred years.

The Old Market House was built on the site of the Old State House, where the General Assembly of North Carolina met in 1788, 1789, 1790 and 1795. Here the Constitution of the United States was ratified in 1789, and in the same year the charter was granted for the University of North Carolina.

The Spanish Colonial architecture of the famed old landmark was suggested by its architect, Louis D. Henry, who was Commissioner of Claims to Spain under President Van Buren. In the long span of its years the building has been a townhall, market house, Masonic Temple and bank. Now it is a library under the guardianship of the Women's Club.

Enough," by Susan Wells, "Country Lawyer," by Bellamy Partridge, "The Nazarene," by Sholem Asch, "Wait for the Dawn," by Stuart Cloete, "Moment in Peking," by Lin Yutang, "Autobiography," by A. A. Milne, "Kitty Foyle," by Christopher Morley, and many others.

Mrs. Craig said that the most popular fiction books so far this season were "Kitty Foyle" and "Escape", the most popular non-fiction was "Country Lawyer."

Former Commander At Ft. Bragg Retires

A long and distinguished military career that included service in three wars ended when Lieutenant General Albert J. Bowley, one-time commander at Fort Bragg, and well known throughout the sandhills, was retired, at San Francisco, Calif., last week.

The veteran officer, who had reached the statutory retirement limit of 64 years, was well known to North Carolinians. He first came to the State in 1920 as commander of the Fifth Field Artillery at Fort Bragg and remained until 1928 in that capacity and later as commanding officer of the 15th Field Artillery Brigade and commandant of the post.

A native of California, General Bowley was graduated from West Point in 1897. Shortly after receiving his commission as second lieutenant of artillery, he got his first taste of actual service in Cuba during the Spanish-American war.

After the close of that conflict, he was sent to the Philippines where he saw service during the island insurrection. He served at various posts throughout the United States and as military attache at the American Legation in Peking, China, in 1914.

General Bowley was a colonel when the United States entered the World War. He went overseas December, 1917, and in France was successively commander of the 17th Field Artillery, commander of the Second Artillery Brigade, and chief of artillery in the Second Army of the A. E. F. After his service at Fort Bragg General Bowley served on the general staff and as commanding general of the Hawaiian division and the third and ninth corps areas.

On August 5, 1939, he climaxed his career by receiving the temporary rank of Lieutenant General and assignment as commanding officer of one of the four newly created Army divisions of the United States forces.

General Bowley's war service earned him the Distinguished Service Medal, his citation pointing out that the artillery support under his direction had much to do with Allied successes in the Chateau Thierry, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Blain Mont, and the Meuse-Argonne offensives.

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