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BUSINESS STILL FORGING AHEAD DESPITE PAUSE

Stronger Buying Power Is Expected To Develop Throughout Nation

New York—Business hesitated a bit to catch its breath last week, after four months of dizzy advance, and then calmly resumed its forward march.

The slowing up of activity was viewed generally as a logical development after the break-neck speed of the recent climb. Another factor which had a bearing on the situation was the momentary confusion arising from the interpretation of the new codes.

Thus, while the vertical rise of some of the fundamental industrial indices is becoming less uniform and more restrained, the net effect is considered in some quarters one of continued progress.

The widespread enrollment under the 'Blue Eagle' code agreements has largely removed any doubt as to the willingness of the country to lock hands with the government in an unrelenting drive for greater employment and higher wages. In fact, business analysts find that already families in all parts of the country are in possession of increased incomes, with stronger buying power certain to develop under the stimulus of vigilant governmental measures.

"It is now apparent," maintains Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., "that the extension of retail and wholesale distribution has been wider than was commonly reported and rested on a real need for the merchandise acquired, rather than a speculative desire to take advantage of any probable fluctuations in price trends."

The leveling off process was evident last week in some of the so-called heavy industries. Steel production remained unchanged at 54 per cent of capacity, it was estimated by the trade review, "Steel," which pointed out that the recent coal strike and uncertainties regarding some of the practical aspects of the NRA program still constituted a deterring force.

Electric power output for the week of August 5—latest reportable period—rose 15.6 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago, one of the best gains registered since the industry began turning in winning scores. Railway traffic amounted to 613,112 cars, a gain of 23.4 per cent over the corresponding week last year, compared with the gain of 24.9 per cent registered in the previous week.

Automobile production showed a moderate decline last week, as estimated by Cram, totaling 53,867 units, a decline of 3,150 from the preceding week. Bituminous coal output, however, advanced substantially, some 62 per cent ahead of the like period last year.

Retail trade continued to hold the gains made during the last several weeks. Wholesale buying spurred vigorously, due principally to the removal of some of the price uncertainties incident to interpretation of the code provisions.

BIDS FOR SCHOOL HOUSE REJECTED

County Board Will Build Its Own School House Near Hassell

Bids submitted by three contractors for the construction of a four-room school building for colored-children in Hamilton Township, near Hassell, were rejected yesterday by a committee of the county board of education. Bids were submitted by Contractors P. T. Hartberger, of Hobgood; A. T. Perry and S. B. Lilley, Williamston, the lowest one calling for an expenditure of \$3,300.

The uncertainty surrounding all activities under the operation of the national recovery act caused a marked increase in the amount of the bids, and forced the board of education to make arrangements for constructing the building with day labor. P. T. Hartberger will supervise the construction work, it was planned.

Messrs. J. Eason Lilley, J. W. Eubanks, and W. O. Griffin, members of the board, opened the bids.

White Man Jailed Here for Disorderly Conduct

Clyde Silverthorne, shell-shocked war veteran, was jailed here last Saturday when he became unruly and threatened to take charge of a Washington Street Grocery Store. He had been drinking, it was said.

The man, considered harmless, is understood to partake freely of the "spirits" and often gets into trouble. Considering his disability, the courts have dealt lightly with him in a number of cases.

Tobacco Harvesting Season About Over in This County

The tobacco harvesting season will hardly last two more weeks in this county, farmers stating that if the crop isn't harvested by that time the worms will have devoured it. A few farmers have completed the harvesting of their crops, and many are nearing completion. There are others who have harvested as little as one-half of the crop so far.

Control measures have been followed by many growers, but in a number of instances the farmers have failed to get results. J. G. Stator, large scale farmer, stated

last night that he had used about one ton of arsenate of lead and 500 pounds of paris green in his attack upon the hungry worms. Where properly applied the poison cleared the fields of the pests. Paris green applied in the middle of the day will not prove very effective, he declared, adding that he had gotten best results when the mixture was placed on the leaves about daybreak or about dark or after.

Mr. Stator said he was about through curing the crop, that he had about 100 more barns to harvest.

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
Windsor at Williamston.
Colerain at Ahsokie.
Elizabeth City at Edenton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
Williamston at Windsor.
Ahsokie at Colerain.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
Ahsokie at Williamston.
Windsor at Elizabeth City.
Colerain at Edenton.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18
Williamston at Ahsokie.
Elizabeth City at Windsor.
Edenton at Colerain.

JURYMEN ASKED TO RECOMMEND WATSON PARDON

Receiver of Stolen Goods Says He Was "Framed" In Martin Court Here

Declaring he was "framed" by the prosecution, J. Neill Watson, the Roseboro merchant who was convicted in the Martin County Superior court last March of receiving goods alleged to have been stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company here several months ago, is appealing to the members of the trial jury for assistance in procuring a pardon, parole or a "time out", it was learned here recently from one of the jurors declaring the defendant guilty.

"You will undoubtedly remember the case in which a quantity of cigarettes were involved," Watson wrote to the jurors in his first letter. Continuing, he said, "T. C. Poole, who entered a plea of guilty to stealing the cigarettes, testified against me and retracts his entire statement and says that he was induced by the prosecution to render such evidence with the promise of his freedom, if he named me as the man who bought the merchandise from him. He is now very desirous of telling the truth and vindicating the correspondent."

The convicted man enclosed a prepared letter for the jurors to sign and forward to the governor recommending executive clemency.

In a second letter received about two weeks later, some of the twelve jurors who had not signed and forwarded the petition to the governor, were informed that "many of the jurors" who had served in the case had recommended clemency to Governor Ehringhaus.

As far as it could be learned here no jurors have signed the petition, asking executive clemency for Watson. Several have said that they had no intention of recommending clemency. The report stating that Poole "had told the truth" is new in official law enforcement headquarters here.

Schedule Two Games Here Wednesday, August 23rd

Williamston and Edenton are slated to play two games here Wednesday next week, the first at 10:30 in the morning and a second in the afternoon at the usual hour, 4 o'clock it was announced today by Manager V. J. Spivey.

The make-up game has been scheduled once or twice but postponement was necessary each time.

Margolis Brothers Alter Their Store Front Here

Main Street here is changing almost weekly, with the several business house owners altering and painting their property fronts. Margolis Brothers have recently completed alterations to their store front, greatly adding to the attractiveness of their building.

Darden's Store Had Very Successful Opening Here

Darden's Department Store, Williamston newest mercantile establishment, reported a very successful opening last Saturday when thousands of shoppers visited the store.

MARTINS ON TOP RUNG BY VIRTUE OF WINDSOR WIN

Williamston Leading The League By One-half Game Margin

All kinds of playing, lengthy arguments, and "hot" umpiring featured the baseball game here last Friday afternoon when Williamston defeated Elizabeth City in eleven innings, 7 to 6, and climbed up a notch to share the top position in the Albemarle League with the Ahsokie Indians over the week-end. Then, yesterday, Windsor defeated Ahsokie, leaving Williamston sole owners of the top position by a half-game margin.

After dragging along over heated arguments caused by bad decisions of the umpire, the game Friday became tiresomely interesting in the ninth inning when the visitors tied the score with the aid of errors and carelessness.

Kugler started on the mound for the locals, retiring late in the game, when Cherry went in and got credit for the win. Earp made a home run with one man on base in the second inning. In the 11th, Gaylord, first man up, got a three-bagger and then Brake batted in the winning run with a clean single.

NEGRO ESCAPES FROM OFFICER

Accidentally in the Way of Pursuing Officers, Drunk Was Jailed Saturday

Lester Williams, young colored man rightfully named "Barrel of Trouble," caused much excitement on the main street here last Saturday night when he broke loose from Officer Ramie and escaped through a crowd just leaving the Watts Theatre. The negro nearly knocked down several people while running through the crowd. When he turned into the vacant lot next to the theatre, Williams was traveling rapidly, but he increased his speed when the officer fired after commanding him to halt.

Williams was arrested when he attempted to assault a man near the Washington and Main Street intersection.

Officer Allsbrooks, hearing a shot, rushed to the scene and started chasing Williams. Hardy before he started he stumbled over one Claude Whitaker, who was stretched out on the ground of the vacant lot drunk. The officer hurt his arm badly in the fall, and Whitaker was jailed, Williams escaping.

Railway Mail Clerk Retires After 37 Years of Service

Mr. A. R. Dupree, sr., for 37 years railway mail clerk on trains running between Plymouth and Rocky Mount, was retired a few days ago. He completed his long period of service with the postal department last week and started a well-earned rest.

Mr. Dupree has handled thousands of letters coming to and going from this place, and in his little compartment he rendered a courteous and efficient service.

Farmers To Get Over Five Millions for Cotton

Farmers in North Carolina will receive \$5,045,136 for the plowed up cotton if the cotton held on option sells at 10 cents a pound. For each penny under 10 cents that the cotton brings this total will be reduced by \$536,775.

Buncombe Woman Trains Bull To Work in Harness

Miss Helen Gottfried, of Buncombe County, has trained her pure-bred Jersey bull to work in harness. The animal hauls a cart over the farm and does practically all the work with the road drag.

BOARD MEMBERS TALK BUDGET AT MEET LAST NIGHT

Budget About the Same As One Last Year; A Marked Increase in Rate Likely

Meeting in delayed session here last night the town commissioners discussed the 1933-34 budget and heard two complaints from water customers. Unable to establish a rate for the current year, the commissioners referred the budget to a committee for further study. Mayor J. L. Hassell and Commissioners Green and Lindsley are to go into the budget in minute detail and determine a rate within the next few days.

With a reduction in property values of more than one-half million dollars, a marked increase in the rate is predicted. The town authorities stated they were not in a position to say just what the rate will be this year. Considering the valuation decrease and an increase of about \$6,000 in bonded indebtedness due this year, it is believed that the rate will be around \$2.80 or more on the \$100 valuation, or an increase of 70 cents.

Budget figures have not been definitely determined, but the tentative report indicated sizeable savings in several of the municipal departments. Had the property values remained about the same this year as they were last, it would be necessary to alter the rate but little if any at all. Property values dropped from more than one and one-half million dollars to around one million during the past twelve months.

PRESERVE 23,000 QUARTS FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Marked Success Indicated for Canning Program In This County

Approximately 23,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables have been preserved in this county under the direction of welfare workers so far this season, it was learned this week from county welfare headquarters. The work continues and it is believed that nearly 33,000 quarts of food will have been canned by the latter part of this month.

While some districts have preserved more food than others, the canning program has been carried to every section in the county, and both white and colored have taken an active part. That the project will provide sufficient food for the needy during the winter months is not at all certain, but welfare authorities are convinced that hunger and want will not be as widespread in this county next fall and winter as was the case last winter. In fact, the needy are in a better position to face the cold months than they have been in several seasons when it comes to food.

Welfare workers are spending much time investigating the use of the free containers, and those subjects who have been cared for through relief agencies and who have failed to take part in the canning work will be denied aid later on, it is understood. The free seed distributed to thousands last spring have meant much to the needy, and relieved a situation that was fast becoming acute.

Approximately 17,000 quart cans and 11,000 quart jars have been distributed to the canning centers and an order for 3,000 more containers has been placed that the program might be continued. Little canning will be done after this month, it is believed, and those in charge of the work are now making a concerted effort to push the project to completion.

The following canning schedule is in effect this week with Miss Mary Wildman and Mrs. Lee Hardison, canning specialists, in active charge:

Monday: Lilley's Hall, white; Williams Lower, colored.
Tuesday: Robertsonville, white; Jameville, colored.
Wednesday: Hamilton, colored; Oak City, colored.
Thursday: Sandy Ridge, white; Hassell, colored.
Friday: Free Union, colored, and Jameville, colored.

While most of the food preserved goes to those donating the vegetables and fruit, a small amount is turned over to welfare authorities for distribution among the needy next fall and winter.

RESULTS

Friday, August 11
Williamston 7, Elizabeth City 6.
Ahsokie 7, Edenton 6.
Windsor 4, Colerain 2.
Monday, August 14
Windsor 3, Ahsokie 1.

N. R. A. Codes Complicate Local Farm Labor Situation

Labor strikes on farms operated by day laborers were reported here yesterday when a few workmen left their jobs unfinished because industrial plants were paying \$2 for an eight-hour day. Those farmers depending finding it difficult to get certain work done even though the better skilled workers were receiving as much as \$2 a day. No strikes have been reported where actual harvesting work was underway.

While the situation might prove costly for those farmers depending upon day labor, no serious handicap will result for a large majority of the farmers, it is believed here. Many farmers

are operating their lands on shares, and others are using their own labor. The exchange of labor, a practice generally followed during a greater part of the current harvesting season, is now more popular than ever.

It is understood that those refusing to work unless they are paid wages as high as those fixed under industrial codes, are without jobs and have little hope of gaining employment just at this time.

The N. R. A. does not apply to farmers, but apparently it is affecting them in carrying on their operations with day labor.

Farm wages range from 50 cents for women to \$1 a day for men, it is understood.

DIRECT AID FOR LEAF GROWERS IS BEING STUDIED

No Definite Decision Was Reached at Meeting In Washington Yesterday

Washington—Definite decision on a program for flue-cured tobacco was reserved today after a meeting between representatives of the growers and Farm Administration officials, but a thorough discussion of possible steps to be taken was heard at the all-day conference.

One of these was the possibility of benefit payments to growers sometime within the near future in return for agreement by the farmers to reduce their acreage next year.

The programs already undertaken by the Farm Administration to raise the price of commodities were thoroughly scrutinized to determine whether they, or any of their phases would apply to flue-cured tobacco.

Any step to increase flue-cured prices might entail a processing tax or tax to be paid by the manufacturers of tobacco. This would accumulate a fund for possible benefit payments to the farmers.

A suggestion, heard previously, was raised again at the meeting, for a marketing agreement by the buyers of that part of the flue-cured crop which is consumed in the domestic market.

Before the buyers entered any such agreement they probably would have to be given assurance that the crop would be substantially reduced next year.

Unusual difficulties center about the flue-cured situation because around 50 percent of the product is exported and also because much of the tobacco in Georgia has already moved to market.

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 18

Date Is Tentative. Definite Announcement Will Be Made Shortly

The Martin County schools will probably open the 1933-34 term the 18th of next month, it was unofficially announced this week. The tentative opening date is about one week later than the opening last term.

Faculty appointments are near completion in the six districts, it was learned yesterday, and final arrangements for the term are being made rapidly now. All faculty appointments will have been completed by the latter part of this or early part of next week, it is thought. According to reports received from several of the school principals there will be comparatively few changes in the various faculties this coming term.

A definite opening date will be announced within the next few days, or as soon as more complete information can be received from Raleigh in connection with the operation of the schools, it was said.

CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Williamston	9	6	.600
Ahsokie	9	7	.563
Elizabeth City	9	7	.563
Windsor	7	8	.467
Edenton	6	8	.429
Colerain	6	10	.375

COTTON PLOWED UP BRINGS \$35,790 TO THIS COUNTY

County Farmers Also Hold Options on 1,300 Bales Government Cotton

Martin County farmers will receive within the next few days \$35,970 for their support of the cotton-reduction movement recently conducted through out the cotton-growing states. In addition to that amount Martin farmers have options on 1,300 bales of government cotton, which should net the farmers not less than \$26,000.

According to information coming from the director of the reduction movement in this county, the approximately 500 farmers taking part plowed up 2,764 acres, or 113 per cent of the 2,446 acres allotted Martin farmers as their share in the curtailment program. Actually, there were 1,172 acres pledged, but it is believed the greater yield in this county made the acreage show up really larger than it was.

No checks have been received by farmers in this county as far as it could be learned this week. However, more than 100 contracts have been finally accepted and checks should arrive shortly.

North Carolina 51,022 cotton growers who agreed to remove 64 per cent of the 363,000-acre allotment goal, will receive \$2,871,036 in cash benefits, plus options with an estimated value of \$2,147,100 and with the 39,000 who did not sign will profit further by a \$15,000,000 increased crop value over 1932 Charles A. Sheffield, assistant director at State College said.

A complete summary of the cotton reduction campaign by the College Agricultural Extension Service shows 57 per cent of the 90,000 Tar Heel growers agreed to remove 64 per cent of the government allotted quota. The state's 121,000-bale goal, based on the Southern yield of a third of a bale to the acre, was bettered by 5 per cent.

"The 1933 reduced crop, as a direct result of the cotton program, will bring North Carolina farmers approximately \$34,778,000 against the \$19,778,380 market value last year, or \$15,000,000 more than in 1932, should the crop sell at 10 cents a pound," Mr. Sheffield said. "This is the greatest amount growers have received since 1929."

Growers will receive \$836,162 under the straight cash rental plan, and \$2,034,874 under the rental-option plan in addition to options on 107,355 bales of cotton, estimated to bring \$2,147,100, or approximately \$5,000,000. The reduction was taken from 688,192 acres of cotton with an average yield of 277 pounds, and the average farm will receive \$99.

FIRE DESTROYS TOBACCO BARN

Burned On Wilson Farm Here at 5:00 O'clock This Morning

Fire, believed to have started around the furnace, destroyed a tobacco barn and a fourth pulling of tobacco on the M. D. Wilson farm here this morning shortly before 5 o'clock. The volunteer fire company was called out, but its members were unable to check the flames as the barn was too far from the water lines for a connection with the apparatus, and there was nothing to do except stand around and see the property burn.

The tobacco, crowded into the barn and making curing dangerous, belonged to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bill Keel. Insurance was carried on neither the barn nor the tobacco.

One of the attendants stated he went into the barn to check up on the thermometer reading and heard a fire roaring in the furnace he thought. He saw no fire at that time, but a few minutes later he saw the barn burning from the outside. Mr. Keel who had handled the curings previously, was sick at his home last night.

Mr. Keel lost a packhouse and several thousand pounds of tobacco a few years ago by fire.

Young Pullets Should Be Fed More Than Corn

While a great many farmers are carrying out their feeding program by developing pullets on corn alone where there is an ample supply of green, it is not satisfactory and will result in low vitality of the flock and in many instances leg weakness may appear before the birds come into lay. For best results the developing birds should have a mash where they are at all times. This mash will build up vitality and develop laying qualities.

EFFECTIVE

The owner of a fine flock of chickens in this county has tacked up signs on his coop as a warning to uninvited guests. The owner says on the signs, "Any one found around my chicken house in the night will be found there the next morning."

The sign, while very simple in words, is said to be very effective in purpose.

RELIEF AGENCY WEANS SUBJECTS IN THIS COUNTY

Number Receiving Aid Is Decreased from 412 In June To 150 Now

Weaning its subjects gradually during the past month or two, the welfare agency in this county is now caring for only 150 unfortunate. The number dropped from 412 in June to the low mark this month.

The decrease in welfare activities was mutual, many of the needy going to other folds on their own when they found work and the others going out at the command of those in charge of the relief work. Many of those now in the fold are old and feeble, unable to work and without relatives or friends. What the future holds for them is not very promising, for the federal government is fast withdrawing its support and county and municipal funds created for the needy are forced to a minimum amount.

Work relief projects have been ordered stopped, and those subjects able to work have been directed to the fields and other jobs.

Welfare workers are centering their activities mainly on food preserving projects, and when they are completed it is believed the work of the agents will be stopped.

Hospital costs are no longer shared by the federal relief fund, and donations to other projects have been greatly limited, the federal government now offering \$1 for every \$3 raised by the county or its subdivisions, it is understood.

Spots on Melon Resemble The Moon And Stars

Jesse Bryant, colored farmer of Oak City, was greatly disturbed this week when he found a watermelon in his patch displaying what he describes as the moon and a number of stars, and which he accepts as a bad omen. The yellow spots on the melon, one about the size of a quarter and about 60 others of much smaller but uniform size, are declared to represent the heavenly bodies at night.

The melon displayed here was accepted as an omen of good luck. Bryant was not so sure about the good luck, and if the melon represents bad luck, it is hoped that the bad luck will not strike him a hard blow.

Counterfeiting Increases During Depressed Period

Washington—The secret service finds that as legal money got scarcer from 1931 to 1932 more people began making their own. Latest reports, officials say, show a similar increase in counterfeiting in 1933.

In 1931, for instance, 11 new counterfeit notes were circulated. [The secret service seized \$36,572 in bogus currency and \$44,078 in spurious coins. But the next year, there were 17 new counterfeit notes. Currency seizures reached \$540,538 and coin \$49,773.

The 1933 fiscal year figures will not be made public until W. H. Morgan, secret service chief, sends his report to Congress next January. But a proportional increase has been noted.