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Keeping Step With Progress

Contrary to general expressions, the removal of passenger trains from the railroads of this section does not denote a downward trend in business. This section has merely moved forward and is now enjoying a more modern service offered by the bus line operators, abandoning the old iron horse and the allied slow schedules.

Where the railroad once offered four trains daily, the bus operators are offering seventeen schedules daily and added ones over the weekend. Briefly stated, the rail service was simply out-moded, the traffic turning to the bus operators who offer four connections to Raleigh, five to Norfolk two to Columbia and six to Washington and Wilmington daily.

The action of the rail operators in discontinuing their passenger trains is puzzling in that there has been an apparent increase in travel, and that they will have to maintain virtually the same equipment and personnel in carrying on its remaining activities.

Industry Speaks

Speaking for the tobacco industry recently in White Sulphur Springs, Mr. J. S. Ficklin, president of the United States Tobacco association declared that there was danger in a control law, and that a disastrous effect had followed the wage and hour law in this industry.

Before a control law was ever thought of in this country, there was danger in the tobacco business. Thousands upon thousands of tobacco farmers lost their farms and the shirts from their backs trying to raise and market a crop below the cost of production while just on the opposite side of the fence there were the many rolling in almost unlimited wealth wrung from the weed.

The control law may be loaded with potential danger; it may upset the economic system, but thank the powers that be, the fellow on the other side of the fence was for once recognized as a human being. For once the farmer's problems were given consideration as they relate to cost-of production, mortgages, debt and underfed and overworked children who have been denied an opportunity of a common school education on large numbers of farms right here

in Martin County and in Mr. Ficklin's domain of Pitt right near by.

The wage and hour law may effect a change in industry, but long before the wage and hour law, industry was wrecking the human man, the row upon row of human misery in sight of tobacco factories offer mute evidence to the rapid downfall of man before the wage and hour law came into being.

We have talked about industry, we have talked about manufacturing, we have talked about the budget, debt and relief burden. They are worthy of consideration, and no one denies that they should not be given due consideration. But in doing all that talking there hasn't been a great deal said about the farmer, the worker and the unemployed. We forget that under the old order of things, conditions were rapidly growing worse, a climax having been reached in the early thirties when workers in a tobacco stemmery in one of the larger tobacco marketing centers ripped boards from their homes and burned them to keep from freezing. It is possible that those who are attacking the control law, the wage and hour act and other similar measures never saw or have forgotten those conditions, but those very conditions prompted the changes that are called radical. Those conditions in the early thirties prompted the construction of a \$76,000 amusement park in a little tobacco center, an armory in another, an amusement park in another, and so on and on until we have spent billions trying to rectify the impossible that the country is doing well if one-half is underfed and the other half is overfed.

The prosperity enjoyed prior to 1933 in this country was based upon the poverty of the farmer and common laborer. It was a known fact that heads of families were drawing 75 cents a day and paying \$3 a week house rent. Figure out the difference and see how much the man with his average family of five had to live on. Present conditions may lead to one of the greatest explosions ever heard, but the report will be no louder and the results no more than those that were certain to follow had the policies of 1930 been continued.

Labor has been wrong in many cases, and the farmer may have wanted more than a fair price for his products, but agriculture and labor are necessary and they must be given fair consideration. If the control law is not the best plan for solving the agricultural problem and if the wage and hour law does not offer the best solution to the labor problem, then let those who denounce them offer plans of their own and not merely slip back to the old system where alleged prosperity of one-half the people was based on the poverty of the other half.

More Education Needed

If the general public had seen two little white children eating out of a backlot garbage can here a few days ago, they would likely hesitate a long time before openly opposing greater appropriations for health work and education in general.

It was not a matter of poverty that the two little children fanned away the flies and pulled half-rotten oranges from the garbage pail and sucked them. The trouble in the particular case is traceable to the home where the parents apparently failed to teach their children the danger of eating decayed foods. Or it is possible the parents do not include an occasional orange in the diet, but center their food purchases on fat back, lard and soggy biscuits.

The case at hand and others, too, offer a problem, a problem that only education in health can solve.

This is the season when mothers learn how well teachers earn their money. Greensboro Daily News.

Rents On Modern Homes Reach New Low Point In U. S.

Washington, D. C. — The lowest rents for decent modern homes ever reached in this country have been achieved in some of the first housing projects nearing completion by local authorities with the aid of the United States Housing Authority. This fact was revealed today by Nathan Straus, USHA administrator, in announcing the rent schedules actually set by the local authorities of Austin, Texas; Jacksonville, Fla.; Buffalo, N. Y., and New York City.

"With an average shelter rent of \$6.59 monthly for a family dwelling, Austin has set a record," Mr. Straus said. "Higher costs for materials, labor and maintenance in the other free cities compel rents higher than this unbelievably low figure. Yet in all of them the rents for the well-built new homes are actually lower than the average rents now paid for slum dwellings."

The average monthly shelter rents per family announced for the Jacksonville project at \$10.58; for two projects in Buffalo the average is \$13.25; for the Red Hook project in Brooklyn, it is about \$17.00.

Mr. Straus pointed out that these low rents mean that the local authorities participating in the USHA program will actually rehouse low-income families now compelled to live in the slums. He said that the projects will serve families with average annual incomes estimates as follows: Austin, \$400, with some as low as \$300; Jacksonville, \$750, with some as low as \$500; the project for white families in Buffalo, \$850, with some as low as \$600 and the Negro project in Buffalo, \$750, with some as low as \$500; New York City, \$950, with some as low as \$700.

"Private capital cannot provide new housing for income groups much below the \$1,750 class," said Mr. Straus. "These figures reveal how far from competing with private capital is the USHA program. Only those families living in slums and definitely substandard housing and having insufficient income to pay for decent housing are eligible for projects built with USHA aid."

Under its present program to rehouse 160,000 low-income families, the USHA lends local authorities 90 per cent of the total development cost of approved projects. To bring rents within the reach of low-income families, the authority makes an annual grant and the local authority supplements this with an annual grant, usually in the form of tax exemption.

Wilkes County Watches Crotalaria Demonstration

If the 20 crotalaria demonstrations now being conducted turn out successfully, this legume crop will be added to the list of soil improving crops in Wilkes County.

Clean-Up Drive By Beer Distributors

Raleigh — With the institution of license revocation proceedings on June 20 against Mecklenburg county retailers of malt beverages, law-flouting retail beer outlets were served with a stern warning by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, pledged to a "close-up or clean-up campaign."

Col. Edgar H. Bain, State Director, appeared before the Mecklenburg board of county commissioners to request that the surrender of three licenses be ordered. In all instances, licensees had recently been convicted in the courts of law violations. Hugh McAuley, solicitor of the Mecklenburg County court, appeared with Col. Bain to certify to the court records and to urge revocation.

At the conclusion of evidence, the board instructed Sheriff Mack Riley to summons the licensees to appear the following week "to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked."

Despite the fact that the number of licensees involved in the Charlotte proceedings was small, law-enforcement officials described the action as "highly important" in view of the fact that it marked the first effort of the distributors organization in its statewide self-regulatory campaign.

Closely associated with the distributors is the United Brewers Industrial Foundation, whose membership is composed of many of the nation's brewers, both large and small. Establishments whose conduct is offensive to public opinion will con-



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Statons Expected Home From Hot Springs Early In July

Continuing to show improvement, Farmer Jim Staton, who is catching up with his baths out in Hot Springs, Ark., will likely leave the health resort some time next week and follow an easy driving schedule back home. Mr. Staton is definitely better, advances from his hotel Tuesday said. He went there on a cot, unable to raise his feet. He is walking about now and can dress himself with the exception of tying his necktie.

Taken ill on April 27, Mr. Staton continued to grow worse until he left on June 11 and started receiving treatment at the health resort. He now weighs only 204, looks very well and is quite cheerful, a direct report from his doctor this week stated.

Seed Treating Demonstration Conducted In Polk County

Demonstrations conducted in Polk County this year showed 5 per cent ethyl mercury chloride dust to be more effective than the 2 per cent dust in controlling damping-off disease of cotton.

stute the target for proceedings similar to those recently launched in Mecklenburg, which will be instituted on a statewide basis. Members in the ten districts of the organization have been apprised of committee plans at organization meetings before which Col. Bain has appeared.

Extension of the initial activities, explained Col. Bain, will be completed as rapidly as possible.

IN MEMORIAM

A tribute of love to the memory of my dear mother, Mary E. Revels.

who passed away 21 years ago July 10, 1918.

No one knows how much I miss you; no one knows the bitter pain I have suffered; since I last saw you life has never been the same. In my heart your memory lingers, sweetly, tender, fond and true; there is not a day, dear mother, that I do not think of you. I think of you in silence, no eye may see me weep; but many silent tears are shed, when others are asleep. Mother, dear, may your slumber, be as gentle as your love, and when God calls me homeward, may we meet in heaven above. Your loving daughter, Mrs. Ella Moore.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.

Jonah Council vs. Matilda Wooten and husband, Arthur Wooten, Mary Council, Claudine Council and husband, Loumes Council, Nina Council, Levi Council and Lurline Council, and Rufus Chance, trustee.

Under and by virtue of an order of re-sale made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, in the above entitled proceedings on the 21st day of June, 1939, the undersigned commissioner will, on Friday, the 7th day of July, 1939, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated on the public road leading from Hassell, N. C. to Tarboro, N. C., adjoining the lands of Owens Spruill, George Frank Roberson, J. H. Rawls and Arden Council, containing 24 acres, more or less, and known as a portion of the Luke Council lands.

This the 21st day of June, 1939.

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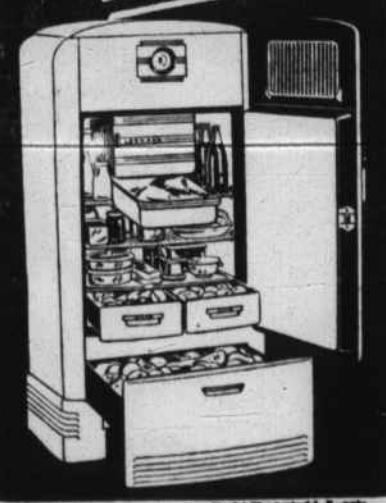
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