

22 New Codes Raise Wages, Will Increase Employment

Twenty-two newly approved NRA codes of fair competition for a wide variety of industries, provide for increased rates of pay, and, according to estimates, will result in substantial increase in employment, ranging from 10 to as high as 50 percent.

The latest approval, that for the mayonnaise manufacturing trade, is confidently expected to add 17 to 18 percent more worker and increase pay rolls 13 percent. The distilled spirits industry gives promise of greater reabsorption of the unemployed. An instance of improvement in living conditions is instanced in the scale of wages provided in the code for the talc and soapstone industry, whose workers in Georgia have received as low as 7 1/2 cents an hour and are raised to a minimum of 25 cents an hour "above ground" and 30 cents underground, with 5 cents more per hour in the North.

It is estimated that present employment of 136,000 in the bowling and billiard sporting trade will be increased 33 1-3 percent. The sanitary and waterproof specialties industry calculate weekly work hour reduction will necessitate 20 percent more workers and hourly wage increase will reach 40 percent. The same percentage of new workers will be required by the canvas goods industry and 15 percent by the needlework trade.

The code of the machinery and allied products industry was approved on condition that each of the trade associations representing the 39 subdivisions shall amend its constitution, bylaws and/or articles of incorporation or association to the satisfaction of the National Recovery Administration within 30 days from March 28. In all 39 subdivisions, female employees doing substantially the same work as males shall receive the same pay.

The motorcycle industry declined 68 percent from 1929 to last spring, yet its business has increased and under the Presidential Agreement its pay rolls increased 25 percent and minimum hourly wages 17 percent.

The code of the coal dock industry is expected to increase employment 14 percent and the codes for the printing ink manufacturing and beverage dispensing industries 15 and 20 percent, respectively. Statistics show that members of the covered button industry already have increased their workers 24 percent during the last 4 months of 1933 and the first 2 months of 1934, but further increase is necessary. Ninety percent of those on the pay rolls of the wooden insular pin and bracket manufacturing industry will receive more pay under the terms of that code. About 16 percent more workers will be taken on by the manufacturers of ladies' handbags, with estimated pay-roll increase of 12 percent. Other codes approved were for the following industries and trades: Drinking straw, flag manufacturing, quick-silver, fibre and metal work, clothing, clay machinery, metal lath, and collapsible tube.

Still Ice Queen



NEW YORK . . . Petite little Sonja Henie of Norway (above), has lost none of the grace and daring which made her world champion figure skater as she returns to American rinks to defend her crown.

Governor Denies The Charge Of R. L. Whitmire

Was Not Even Aware That A Contest Was Being Held In Polk County.

Governor Ehringhaus branded the charge of R. L. Whitmire, of Hendersonville, that he had attempted to "manipulate" the selection of the Polk county board of elections in "the interest of a favored candidate" as "entirely unsubstantial and without basis of fact."

"I have never even communicated with a member of the State Board of Elections about the naming of any county board and I didn't even know about any contest in Polk county," Governor Ehringhaus said when informed of Whitmire's charge.

"I know nothing of the matter. The charge is entirely unsubstantiated and without basis of fact." Whitmire asserted he would contend to the last ditch against the chairman of the Democratic state executive committee and the governor in attempting to manipulate the election machinery of the state and district in the interest of a favored candidate.

CROPS INCREASE

Farm crops will yield an increase in income estimated at approximately 55 per cent higher than the income of 1933, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has announced. Administration officials hail the increase as a direct result of the activities of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

BUSINESS BETTER

The nation's business continued to advance last week in spite of labor controversies and unseasonable weather all over the country. Sweeping gains were recorded as against business at this time last year, but the nation has not yet fully recovered from the paralysis of the national bank holiday last March. Dunn and Bradstreet set the increase at 48 per cent.

IL DUCE WINS AGAIN

Nearly ten million Italian voters came to the polls Sunday and voted overwhelmingly for Premier Mussolini and his regime. Early returns of the plebiscite left no doubt as to the outcome. The first official count gave 98 per cent of the vote to Mussolini and his fascists, while only a few scattered thousands voted against them.

TWO DIE IN WRECK

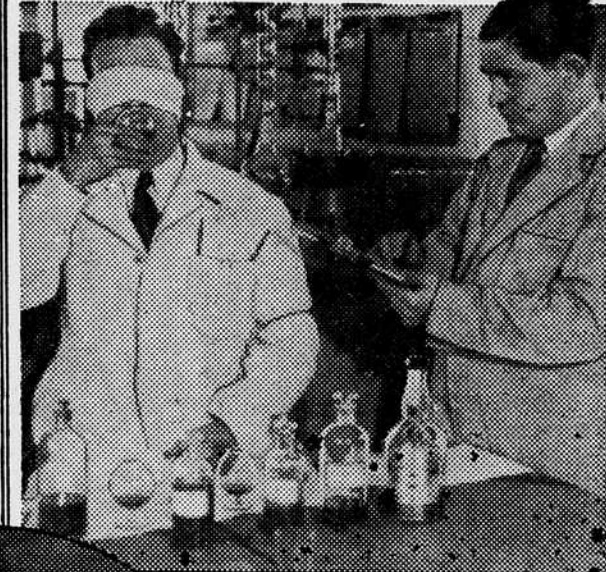
An automobile and a passenger bus of the Old South lines collided Sunday in the vicinity of Gastonia. J. D. Clarke, 18, driver of the automobile, died instantly and Fred Heafner, 35, passenger, died in the Gastonia hospital later. Both were residents of Crouse. None of the 20 passengers on the bus was injured. S. W. Arnold, of Greenville, S. C., driver of the bus, was placed under a \$2,500 bond for his appearance at the inquest.

Capital and labor can always get along harmoniously, provided they are allowed to soak the public.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



SHACK IN ARKANSAS HOME? A shack in Arkansas, where living conditions are being investigated by Government representatives, houses a family of five. It has no conveniences and the stove is a discarded oil can.



BLINDFOLDED TEST — The old blindfold test for comparison of liquors is a daily morning feature of the laboratory duties of experts in the Continental Distilling Corporation plants. No one is born a whiskey expert, it is a cultivated taste that soon becomes an extra sense.



FRED ALLEN, famous air comedian, and his wife, Portland Hoffa, appearing in a new show, "The Hour of Smiles," every Wednesday night.



GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS—On Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's return to the capital from trip to Puerto Rico, President Roosevelt went to the station to meet her. It was their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary.



RADIO VOTE-RECORDER—An instrument which permits radio listeners to push one of three buttons indicating whether he liked, disliked, or reserves opinion on a particular broadcast has been made public by Dr. Nevil M. Hopkins of New York University.



NEW BEACH OUTFIT worn by Ida Lupino is composed of a plaid seersucker blouse and matching wrap-around skirt worn over the bathing suit. Miss Lupino is now appearing in the screen success "Come On Marines."

CITY and COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

MOTORISTS FACE INDICTMENTS

April 1 is the deadline for those not buying their city tags. On that date those operating cars without the proper city license tags will face indictments, declared city manager H. C. Holmes.

CLOSED MONDAY

City Manager, H. C. Holmes announces that all city offices will be closed Easter Monday.

A noted hunter says that no other animal is so poorly put together as man, but no animal known around here has to be put together with suspender buttons that weren't sewed on properly, and with flimsy neckties that keep loosening and dropping down.

SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE

In the event that the attendance of any of the schools in Rowan county should drop below 65% of the attendance for the first six months the board of education has the authority to close such schools, declared superintendent S. G. Hasty.

BEAUTY PAGEANT TONIGHT

The senior class of the Cleveland high school will present a beauty pageant tonight in the school auditorium beginning at 7:30 o'clock. At the pageant, Miss Cleveland of 1934 will be crowned. Proceeds from the pageant will go to the school.

SUNRISE SERVICES EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise services will be held at old Christ church, Cleveland, beginning promptly at 6 o'clock.

A band from the Boyden high school, under the direction of John O. Winks, will render a special program of Easter music. The public is invited to attend.

ROWAN BAPTISTS MEET SUNDAY

The Rowan Baptist Sunday school association will meet at the Oakdale Baptist church, Sunday, April 1. Special music will be given by the Mills Quartet from the Baptist orphanage.

STEALS COAT; GOES TO ROADS

Mayor Pro. Tem, W. H. Shannon, of Spencer, sentenced J. A. McCade, of Columbia, S. C., to a

term of 60 days on the Rowan county roads the sentence growing out of a charge preferred by Henry Hicks, of Gastonia, who stated that his overcoat was stolen on a train just before reaching Spencer and reported the incident to policeman Evans and McCade was arrested and brought to Spencer for trial.

The American people would be very much pleased if all their checks, love letters, etc., could be delivered by air mail, but there will be no protest whatever if it is decided to have all bills delivered by the old fashioned stage-coach.

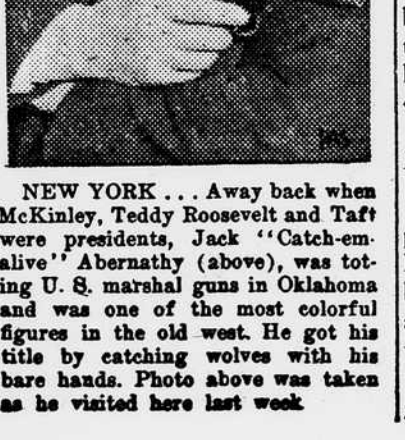
The American people do not probably raise as many flowers as they used to, but the production weeds has not fallen off any.

No!, dear children the colored chicks which we see in the various show windows are not cross-bred with parrots or jays, they are merely from dyed Easter eggs.

If you are away from the old home, this Easter, remember that little word of greeting to the home folks. Possibly a small remembrance in the form of a flower or book may bring untold happiness to the heart of the little gray-haired lady, who, you may be sure, is thinking of you.

NOT GOOD TO HIM

Rector (to villager who has been pouring out his woes: "Really, Brownson, you are not nearly so badly off as some people. Look at Hodges, who has just lost his wife!" Brownson: "Well, that's no good to me. I ain't Hodges.")



NEW YORK . . . Away back when McKinley, Teddy Roosevelt and Taft were presidents, Jack "Catch-em-alive" Abernathy (above), was toting U. S. marshal guns in Oklahoma and was one of the most colorful figures in the old west. He got his title by catching wolves with his bare hands. Photo above was taken as he visited here last week.

Drys May Boycott N. C. Stores That Handle Beer

An appeal to "buy dry," to patronize grocers and other retailers who do not deal in beer or other alcoholic liquors and brews, was one of the high spots in an address delivered in Charlotte last week by Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, president of the Virginia Women's Temperance Union and recording secretary before a gathering of supporters of the Dry cause.

Mrs. Hoge spoke at the final session of an all-day conference held at the Charlotte hotel by members of the Woman's Christian Temperance union from the two Carolinas and Virginia. The conference was marked by passing of recommendations demanding immediate recognition of the rights of all dry areas to full state and federal protection, protesting against repeal of the Reed amendment on liquor advertising, asking for a ban on all forms of liquor advertising, a new program of alcohol education, a boycott of stores and hotels selling liquor, a movement for better and cleaner motion pictures, a basic study of the whole tax situation, and denouncing liquor propaganda.

In her address, Mrs. Hoge asked the W. C. T. U. workers to patronize grocers and other business firms not dealing in alcohol liquors—even in the "so-called non-intoxicating beer of 3.2." She declared that science proves that any amount of alcohol is injurious and said that while prohibition was made possible "by the aroused church recognizing the evil and harmfulness of the liquor traffic," the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment was brought about by "avarice appetite, and apathy."

Income Revenues Reveal Big Drop

Nearly Half Million Behind Last Year, Says A. J. Maxwell.

Income taxes collected to March 17, inclusive, are nearly half a million dollars behind the amount collected to the same date last year, this year's collections on income for 1933 being 4,845,054.60, of \$433,312.15 under the \$5,278,366.75 collected to the same date last year, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell reports.

Budget estimates, included the general assembly figures placed the income tax revenue at \$6,800,000, but few officials believe that this figure will be reached. Greatly reduced earnings of tobacco companies, especially Reynolds, which pays practically all of its income tax in this state, is responsible for the drop, although there have been increases from income from textile mills and other sources. The postponed returns are expected to be about the same as last year, and there is no way of estimating the amount.

Costner Now In Mecklenburg County Jail

Isaac Costner admitted participant in Charlotte's \$105,000 mail truck robbery in November and Basil Banghart in Chicago for the abduction of John Factor, accompanied by a U. S. marshal, detectives and state police, was brought Wednesday night from Asheville, and lodged in Mecklenburg county jail to face trial during the April term of federal court there.

Smiling, Costner said, "I'm glad to be here. I want to tell everything and get it over."

Bock "hiss" Beer



NEW YORK . . . An out of town came down the river from Hastings, N. Y. to win the title "Mr. Manhattan" and pose as the symbol for the first legal bock beer season in some fifteen years. His name was "Pretzel!"

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