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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

A unanimous ruling of the United States Supreme Court that the National Industrial Recovery Act was unconstitutional threw new turmoil into a troubled America on Monday. Business men, operating under codes for the past two years, knew not where to turn. Congress, in the midst of a feverish fight on the subject of extending the lease of life of the NRA, was halted dead in its tracks. Proponent and opponent of the system under which President Roosevelt has been attempting to lead the nation back to prosperity were alike in seeking the answer, "Where do we go from here?"

It is too early at this writing to know what will be the outcome of the Supreme Court's decision. Codes are not enforceable; that we have from the lips of Donald Richberg, the President's NRA spokesman. If they are suddenly thrown wholesale into the discard, there is no telling what will result. There is no gainsaying the fact that in many instances the codes have been helpful. But while they have boosted some lines of industry, they have hurt others. It would probably be too much to hope for that those favorably affected will voluntarily continue code operation, the others return to systems better fitted to provide a fair return on their investments.

The grave danger lies in the possibility of increased unemployment. Manufacturers have been forced to give employment to thousands they would not have needed under pre-NRA schedules. If they return to former hours of employment it must necessarily follow that men will be thrown out of work.

Opponents of the NRA have been steadily preaching that business will pick up along the line with the removal of the code authorities. They have asked a return to the old law of supply and demand, untrammelled by government interference. Their hour of trial appears to have come. And as everyone pitched in at the start to aid the fight for a return to better times via the NRA, it behooves all to assist in every possible way now to help bring order out of chaos in the face of the decision of the Supreme Court.

BUSINESS BOOMS IN ABERDEEN

Business is booming in Aberdeen. The question of unemployment there this summer would appear to be solved. As exclusively announced in The Pilot last week, the Big Brick Warehouse is being turned into a fabricating plant for the manufacture of CCC camp buildings. W. K. Paxton of the Paxton Engineering Corporation of Knoxville, Tenn., who is in charge of the work as sub-contractor under Worsham Brothers of Knoxville, states that the weekly payroll will be between \$2,500 and \$3,000, that some 200 men will be employed, probably through August.

This good news, on top of the reports of a bumper peach crop in this section, is cheering. The peaches started moving in small volume this week, and Aberdeen, railroad center of the Sandhills, always profits by this. And when peaches and fabricating end, it will be about time for the opening of the tobacco season. Aberdeen's two warehouses did exceptionally well last year and there is every reason to believe they will have another profitable tobacco season in 1935.

Aberdeen is the logical industrial community of the Sandhills section. It appears to be coming into its own as such. Let the good work go on.

MR. PLEASANTS MOVES FORWARD

Ordinarily there is no pleasure in reporting a community loss, but we can but delight in the news of the promotion which takes Herman Pleasants, one of our own boys, away from us. Herman, who claims Aberdeen as his home, has done such a fine job as division passenger agent of the Seaboard railroad during the past five years, that he has been made assistant general passenger agent of the road, with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

This is a big promotion, and a deserved one. We congratulate the Seaboard, envy Atlanta, and soundly pat Brother Pleasants on his broad back. This division of the road, with headquarters at Raleigh, is losing a valuable asset. As division passenger agent here, Herman Pleasants has done more than just handle his job. He has had the best interests of the communities his division serves at heart all the time. He has been a booster for the Sandhills particularly, has cooperated in all things which the villages along his line of travel have endeavored to accomplish.

And he's proven himself a top-notch railroader. It's nice to have ability and perseverance recognized by the "big boss."

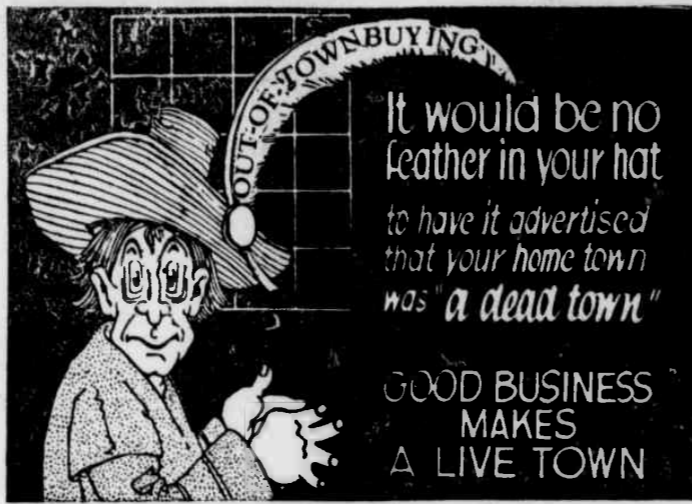
NEW AUTOMOBILE LEGISLATION

Much has been said and written about the hit-or-miss legislation enacted by the recent General Assembly. It is true that the boys in Raleigh marched up the hill and down again a good many times in their efforts to solve the age-old riddle of making income meet outgo; that they performed some strange antics on the liquor question, and that lawyers have been spending sleepless nights trying to unfathom some of the new statutes as written into the law of the state.

But honor where honor is due. There was one subject which appears to have been wisely and intelligently handled by our representatives. We refer to automobile legislation. The Pilot has long been preaching for legislative steps to curtail the destruction of life on the highways of North Carolina. The figures, both deaths and injuries, have been mounting each year, with little attempt to halt the casualties. This Legislature has passed two measures along this line.

First, the establishment of a statewide drivers' license law, effective November 1st. This piece of legislation should, if rigidly enforced, save numerous lives on our highways. Primarily, one must prove his fitness to operate a motor vehicle before being granted a license. Secondly, should a driver, after receiving a license, repeatedly violate the laws of safety and common sense, his license can be suspended or taken away from him and a menace removed from the

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The status of John Barleycorn in North Carolina remains unchanged, in so far as his constitutionality is concerned. Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell said he would leave the status of the 18 counties and two townships to the Supreme Court, and that body probably will not act until next fall.

Meanwhile, up to Saturday 10 of the 18 counties had set dates for elections on whether or not they will have legal liquor, and another, Nash, was expected to call an election this week. In McNeill and Mineral Springs

townships of this county no election is necessary, but a majority petition of qualified voters must be presented.

The need of an auditorium in Southern Pines was again demonstrated this week. The Pilot's Cooking School, held in the Curb Market building for want of a larger space, was jammed to overflowing.

Dewberry growers have their troubles, but some of them are quite interesting.

On Tuesday, J. M. Tyson, Vass grower, moved a colored family from a neighboring community into a tenant house on his place for the dewberry season. The following day he moved them home again. It was like this:

Bright and early Wednesday morning the family, consisting of the mother and several children, and the dog appeared at Mr. Tyson's door, greatly excited and somewhat disgruntled.

"You ought to have told me that house was like that," the mother complained. "I haven't slept a wink," and so on and on.

When the astonished man got a chance to get in a word edgewise, he inquired what was wrong.

"The noises were terrible. The place is 'hanted'," the woman said. "I told the children to let's pray and we prayed, but they got so sleepy I told them to go to sleep if they could. I reckon the ghosts wont bother you in the day time, and I'll take you back to Southern Pines today," she was told.

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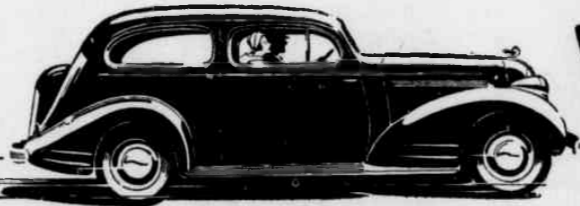
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