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The Plight of the Railroads

Out of the same mailbag came this week two interesting bits of news about the railroads, the bankers' tricks in financing them and the competition offered by trucks. One is led to believe that the plight of the railroads today is not the result of truck competition, but that it is due to the big financiers of the country.

One of the two stories, and both are considered reliable, points out that the House of Morgan got terribly mad with the Chesapeake and Ohio management when it went to the open market and saved nearly one and one-half million dollars in floating a \$30,000,000 loan. The story then explains, "To retaliate for loss of its usual profits on this bond issue, Robert R. Young, head of the company, declared the House of Morgan is now trying to put two additional directors on the C. and O. board, and thus take control of the road away from Young.

It is apparent that the bankers have made one big mess of trying to run the railroads, but it must be admitted that they have succeeded in sucking the life blood out of the roads along with the man who pays the freight.

That is one story, and in that story is securely wrapped one of the big problems of the railroads today.

Much has been said about the unfair competition offered by the trucks. We would like to see the big transfer trucks surrender to the railroad, but however objectionable they may be, the trucks are not the robbers that the railroad interests have claimed them to be. And the trucks have not absconded with all the traffic. A few pertinent facts showing that the trouble with the railroads is not traceable altogether to the trucks are, as follows:

"Trucks carry only five per cent of the nation's inter-city freight.

"More than three million men earned a living in the United States last year driving motor trucks. The railroads employ approximately one million men.

"In 1937, Class 1 railroad taxes (including employee's retirement funds and social security) were \$328,240,524. Motor truck taxes (not including income, payroll and property taxes) were \$417,510,000.

"The more than \$400,000,000 motor trucks pay is part of a total of one and one-half bil-

ions of dollars paid annually in motor user taxes by the 29,400,000 vehicles registered in the United States. This exceeds total expenditures for highway construction, maintenance and administration. Trucks comprise about fourteen per cent of all motor vehicle registrations, but they are paying twenty-seven per cent of the motor vehicle taxes."

If the railroads would shake off the financial leeches, call in and write off those bonds issued against property that has long since been junked, and stop so much high-powered lobbying they would stand an equal chance with the trucks and other competing agencies. It is a bit disgusting for the railroads to harp about taxes, truck competition and what-not when their manager sits back and lets the Pullman Company, the financiers, the lobbyists and others suck the life blood from them and the public they serve.

Travel Interference, Maybe

Robert Rice Reynolds, "Our Bob", they used to call him, apparently doesn't want war to break out just because it might interrupt his travels.

It is difficult for many to understand why after all his extensive travels Bob Reynolds had to stop in Washington. There are so many of his constituents who wish he would just keep on traveling and take Mr. Josiah Bailey along with him. There is some rumor coming out of Virginia that many people there would like to have their eternal bellyaching senators go along too. All of which reminds one that it is about time for another glory-seeking trip to the antarctic.

The Ways of the Democrats

This business of doing away with the absentee ballot in the primary and reviving it for the general election is without foundation. The Democratic party should be at least consistent in its "stealing".

The plan promotes anything but Democracy and opens the party to justified criticism. "We will stop stealing among ourselves, maybe, and center our greedy hands on some Republican's scalp every other November," the boys up in Raleigh say.

If the absentee ballot is good enough for a general election, it should be good enough for a primary.

The proposal is, more or less, typical of the North Carolina Democrats.

This "Crazy" World

Shelby Star.

A growing number of persons are proclaiming this to be a "crazy" world, and they may not be very far wrong when you examine some of its foolish practices.

The League of Nations reports that during 1938 the nations of the world spent the huge sum of \$16,100,000,000 on armaments.

A dollar spent for battleships or bombing planes can't be spent for bread and clothing or houses or pleasure. The \$16,100,000,000 spent for armaments would have bought 16,100 libraries at \$1,000,000 each; 16,100,000 automobiles at \$1,000 each; 161,000 school houses at \$100,000 each; 60,500,000 electric refrigerators at \$200 each; 322,000,000 radios at \$50 each and so on.

But none of these things came to pass. It was invested in destruction. It could have brought happiness.

It still remains the foremost problem of 1939 — That of knowing where you can park and how fast you can jump. —Exchange.

THE LETTER-BOX

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

To the Editor:
After giving the matter careful and conscientious consideration, I have definitely decided not to enter the tobacco warehouse business this year.

I have been living in Williamston for the past ten years and a majority of the time I have been in the warehouse business. May I use your columns to express my deep appreciation to all the farmers, business men and friends who have, in any way, assisted or patronized me during these many years.

It was with some reluctance that I gave up the idea of again operating a warehouse in Williamston but due to business conditions I don't feel that I can profitably enter the warehouse business this year.

I shall continue to make Williamston my home. I have made no decision as to what I shall do this year but regardless of what I may do, I shall always feel grateful to those who patronized me over a period of several years.

Although I am quitting my active connection with the warehouse business, I will as a citizen of Williamston, continue a keen interest in the market and its successful operation, and to the proprietors I extend every good wish and my support as a citizen.

W. R. Ingram.

Three Bills Passed To Aid Unemployed

Three bills, embracing several amendments to the State Unemployment Compensation law, were passed on their final readings by the general assembly last week and were due to be ratified early this week, thus becoming a part of the law. Those amendments were proposed by the state advisory council, composed of three members each representing the public, the employers and the employees of the State.

The most important, probably, is the one providing for "experience rating" of employers, designed to help stabilize employment. After rating for three or more years, those employers who have had little employment and very little has been paid from their individual fund for unemployment, will be subject to a reduction of contributions. Of the constitutions, 25 per cent goes into a pooled fund, which serves as an emergency fund, and 75 per cent goes into the individual employer's account, to be used for paying benefits to his former employees. Several other amendments are included in the measures.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court.

M. D. Wilson et al v. William Andrews et al.

The defendants, Charles Smith and wife, Fraunsa Smith, Mrs. Ruth Downing, William Blackwell and wife, Clavon Blackwell, Moody Hicks, Hattie Randolph and Missouri Moore and husband, Will Moore, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court Martin County, North Carolina, to sell the Moses Andrews land for division said defendants will further take no-

notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk Superior Court Martin County at his office in Williamston, N. C., within ten days after date of service hereof and answer to the complaint which has been filed in the Clerk's office or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 28th day of Jan., 1939.

L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between the undersigned under the firm name and style of VANDYKE FURNITURE COMPANY, with stores in Williamston and Greenville, North Carolina, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 15th day of January, 1939.

The business in Greenville, North Carolina, will be carried on in the future by Adelaide T. Vandyke, Zack P. Vandyke, Annie S. Vandyke, Rosemond Vandyke, and Allen H. Vandyke; Inez V. Woolard having no interest therein.

The business in Williamston, North Carolina, will be carried on in the future by Inez V. Woolard only, the remaining parties hereto having no interest therein.

This the 15th day of January, 1939.

ADELAIDE T. VANDYKE,
ZACK P. VANDYKE,
ANNIE S. VANDYKE,
ROSEMOND VANDYKE,
ALLEN H. VANDYKE,
INEZ V. WOOLARD.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Mrs. Martha Sexton, Administratrix of the Estate of T. J. Holliday vs. W. J. Holliday, Jr., Mrs. F. S. Daw, Grace Holliday, Lula Mizell and husband, L. W. Mizell, Vera Warrington and husband, Dan Warrington, Roxanna Smithwick, Celesta Blissette and husband, Hubert Blissette, Bernice Davis, Theresa Davis, Isolene Warrington

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and husband, Peter Warrington, Joseph Martin, Bertie Martin, Grace Martin, Edward Lee Martin, Albert Martin, Thomas Martin, Bill Martin, Lucille Martin and Esther Martin.
The defendants, Vera Warrington, Dan Warrington, Celesta Blissette, Hubert Blissette, Bernice Davis and Theresa Davis will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for the purpose of selling the lands of the estate of T. J. Holliday for the purpose of making assets to pay the debts of the estate of T. J. Holliday; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at the courthouse in Williamston, N. C., within ten days after the completion of this service of notice by publication and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This the 21st day of Jan., 1939.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.



SMOKERS FIND: CAMELS NEVER JANGLE THE NERVES

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George Washington

might have been "first in the field of petroleum", says the recent advertisement of an oil company, if he had not been first in so many ways indispensable to his country. In his will he listed among his valuable possessions some Pennsylvania land where he found a spring whose "water" took fire from his flint spark and burned "as freely as spirits and nearly as difficult to extinguish."

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