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Volunteers Opposition

Other than reminded regularly of its high cost, we know little about insurance, and recent happenings only add to our confusion.

Some time ago there was a move to recognize insurance as an interstate business. Flagrant violations and high-handed policies were in evidence. At that time North Carolina's insurance commissioner and Martin County's contribution to the State's official family, W. P. Hodges, tramped around the State with insurance company representatives in opposition to the move. And now the commissioner voluntarily abandons a neutral position to "oppose strongly" a bill to permit the State to become a self-insurant against losses by fire.

We are not against the insurance companies, and we readily admit they are entitled to a profit. In the interstate fight they have a new lease on life until 1948, at least, and there is fairly even betting the companies will have it extended. Now it comes home to North Carolina and the insurance companies are bigger than the State, leading one to believe that while paid by the people some of the public "servants" are in the service of the companies.

If it is wrong to include insurance in interstate business and if it is wrong for the State to carry its own insurance, then how are the high rates justified. The Martin County Board of Education is spending for insurance premiums

every few years enough money to construct a building the size of the one in Williamston or

premiums seem to be just too doggone high. Ask the insurance department about it, and you are advised that the underwriters fix the rates, that the department, contrary to Senator Josiah William Bailey's all-wise pronouncements on the United States Senate floor, has nothing whatever to do with the rates other than to accept them—and O. Keh them.

A Big Disappointment

North Carolina's General Assembly has ended another session in a state of big disappointment. At the best it will go down in history as a very mediocre session, one in which democracy, pure and simple, was kicked around worse than a mangy hound dog. Possibly at no other time in years and years had there been a greater opportunity for the law makers to settle down and really accomplish something for the people of this State.

A few legislators chaffed at the bit, pleaded and tried to do something for the masses, but the powers that be steered the boat into the placid waters of the privileged few and anchored there.

It made little difference if there was a surplus in the treasury. Heretofore, the small income groups were advised that the revenue was not sufficient for them to receive living wages. Those in the high places got theirs in the past when revenues were low; and they got increases this year, too. Could it be that lawyers voted for larger salaries for judges with an eye on favoritism in the courtroom? Possibly if they did not vote for that reason, they were afraid to stand up and be counted against adding to the salaries.

The people voted for the present administration, but the people came out second in the legislative race, the record would seem to indicate.

Commendable

Martin County has raised an amount considerably in excess of its assigned Red Cross quotas. That's commendable, but before we pat ourselves on the back and call ourselves philanthropists, let us remember that we have got to take in account over \$125,000 spent for liquor in the four county-operated liquor stores in the last quarter of 1944.

It may serve as a comfort to us in all our calamities and afflictions, that he who loses anything and gets wisdom by it, is a gainer by the loss.—L'Estrange.

Love is never lost. If not reciprocated it will flow back and soften and purify the heart. — Washington Irving.

HOISTING OLD GLORY OVER IWO



THIS HISTORY-MAKING PHOTO, radioed from Guam, shows U. S. Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Division, hoisting the Stars and Stripes on the rocky summit of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. The volcanic fortress is now in U. S. hands. Official U. S. Navy photo (International Soundphoto)

Local Happenings In The Enterprise Forty Years Ago

MARCH 17, 1905.

Dr. W. H. Harrell, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is improving.

Mr. J. K. Carstarphen went to Richmond Monday with a load of horses and mules.

The town commissioners met Wednesday night and appointed judges and registrar for the May election.

Shad are being caught in the river now, and every man who can guide a boat and hold a net has a smoke house key.

Mr. W. C. Mannig, the genial and efficient Register of Deeds, who was confined to his bed most of last week is at his office again.

The town commissioners are at work putting in tiling on Smithwick Street. This will rid this section of the stench that pervaded it last summer.

Mr. J. Paul Simpson, Williamston's clever hardware merchant, had the misfortune to hurt his back one day this week while unloading a car of wire.

Miss Helen Moore, one of Washington's favorites, and who has several times taught dancing classes here, started another class Monday

evening. Miss Moore is very popular, and deservedly so, and the class she is now teaching will doubtless learn the terpsichorean art as rapidly and efficiently under her instructions as did her previous classes.

Court convenes next week, Judge Council presiding. The list of jurors has been in our columns several weeks. Judge Council and Solicitor Daniels will arrive on the train Sunday afternoon. There will be a number of visiting attorneys: Judge Winston, Donnell Gilliam, Kitchin and Kitchin, A. O. Gaylord and H. S. Ward. There are about one hundred and twenty cases on the docket to be disposed of.

The Morning Post says Misses Mattie Waters and Mary Roberson, of Williamston, who have been visiting Mrs. A. B. Gardner in Raleigh, went home Saturday. The Post also says Senator Stubbs left Raleigh Saturday for Wilmington to spend until Monday with Mr. Morton.

Miss Mary Bonner Hatton and brother, John, left Wednesday morning for Washington on account of the illness of their grandmother.

Mr. John D. Biggs went to Norfolk Wednesday.

Eggs set by U. S. commercial hatcheries in January were 121 million as compared with 115 1-2 million last year.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Garland W. Harris, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file same with the undersigned administratrix or her attorney within one year from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

ery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 23th day of Feb. 1945. Administratrix of Garland W. Harris. Elbert S. Peel, Attorney at Law. Williamston, N. C. m2-6t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of A. H. Hardison this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from this

date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of Feb. 1945. JAMES H. HARDISON, Administrator of A. H. Hardison. Elbert S. Peel, Atty. m2-6t

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By Thurman Sensing
Director of Research, Southern States Industrial Council, Nashville, Tenn.

We have made the statement a number of times during past weeks that the South offers the best opportunity for commercial and industrial development of any region of the land.

We have called attention to the fact that the South has always had all the natural assets necessary for sound prosperity and except for the ravages of war throughout the region some eighty years ago, the South would all along have been in the vanguard of the Nation's economic development.

We have shown that whereas the South is still below the national average in its economic development it is now gaining at a more rapid rate than the nation at large.

Perhaps there are still those who do not have this same faith in the economic future of the South.

These fifteen Southern states comprise one-third of the nation's land and contain one-third of the nation's people. On a pro-rata basis, therefore, these same states should contain one-third of the nation's business concerns, whereas it will be noted they contain only 24 per cent.

This is not the important point, however. The fact that stands out is that while the South contained 24 per cent of the nation's

business concerns in 1942 it only suffered 12 per cent of the nation's industrial and commercial failures in 1942.

The conclusion to be drawn from these figures is that the average chance of success for business in the South is twice as good as the average for the nation.

The favorable comparison of business in the South as contrasted with the nation not only holds good for 1942, it was also true for the two previous years.

The greater stability of Southern business is quite evident from this record.

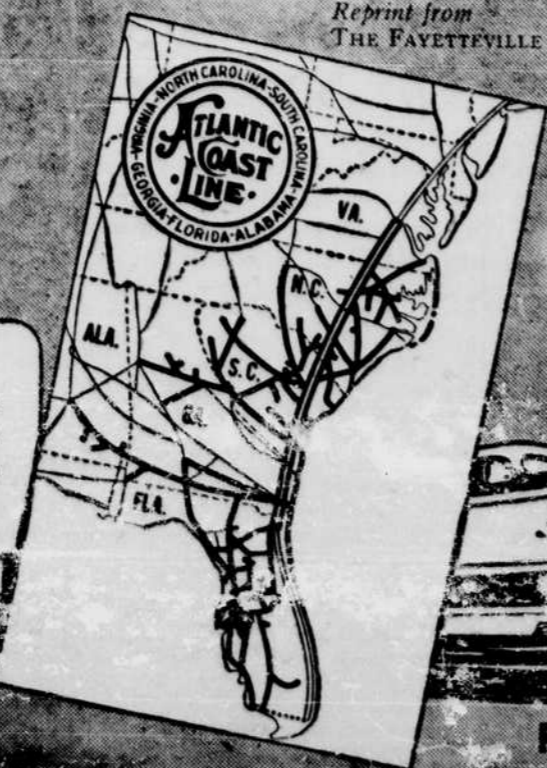
The businessman or the industrialist who wishes to go into business or develop an industrial plant, and the investor or banker wishing to finance such developments would, therefore, do well to realize that the South offers the best opportunity for the success of such enterprises and the safety of such investments.

Once this fact is fully realized by the people of this nation the trend of capital and industrial development Southward will occur with accelerated speed.

If you are interested in industrial plant sites or distribution facilities in the Southeast, we shall be glad to recommend suitable locations. Our research staff is also available for comprehensive studies with respect to industrial possibilities in our territory. Inquiries will receive prompt and confidential attention. J. M. Fields, Assistant Vice-President, Wilmington, N. C.

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