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Business Leaders Pledge Adherence To NRA Codes

Nationwide Movement To Reassure Employes Follows Court's Invalidation of Blue Eagle Enforcement Machinery

New York, May 28.—Business and industrial leaders throughout the nation strove tonight to reassure themselves and their employes that the NRA standard of hours, wages and fair trade practices would be continued voluntarily.

As threats of strikes and price wars began to rumble against a confused economic horizon, a far-flung movement got under way to dispel any fears that turmoil would result from yesterday's Supreme Court decision.

Declaring the moment had come for the American business man to prove his good faith, Harper Sibley, newly-elected president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, called upon all the employes within the chamber's purview "to make no immediate changes in hour or wage schedules."

"I am confident," he said, "that this will be the policy of American business."

Throughout the country the large employers began falling in line and the National Association of Manufacturers announced late in the afternoon that nearly 200 "o" the largest manufacturers "in the nation had informed their workers that no immediate changes in hours, wages or working conditions need be feared."

Among the firms that said they expected to maintain the status quo were such representative organizations as the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, General Foods Corporation, Chrysler Corporation, the DuPont Company, and Eastman Kodak Company.

The Tidewater Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey announced five per cent wage increases.

On the other side of the picture, there were threats of a nationwide soft coal strike unless special legislation is passed by Congress before June 17 and an outbreak of price-cutting by New York and Boston retailers.

One large department store and several independent tobacco shops in New York slashed the price of cigarettes from 14 to 11 cents and there was a wave of price-cutting in retail liquor stores.

Fervish meetings went forward in other fields as code authorities and business executives sought to appraise the situation.

George A. Sloan, who played a leading part in drafting the first NRA textile code, said it was inconceivable that industrial leaders would permit the gains under the codes to be lost.

"Sober reflection on the progress made toward industrial recovery and the restoration of confidence will dictate that there can be no turning back at this time," asserted the former head of the Cotton Textile Institute, who is now chairman of the Consumers' Goods Industries Committee, added:

"I know of no code of fair competition which was imposed upon industry. Strictly, in most instances, they were initiated by industry, which welcomed the government's cooperation in economic rehabilitation.

"Imperfections in the law have been discovered and experience of the past two years has demonstrated weaknesses in some of the codes.

"But the fact remains that 3,000,000 workers were re-employed, the work week was shortened and wages were increased. Moreover, cut-throat competition in many highly-competitive industries effect on prices and wages, has been checked or minimized.

"It is inconceivable," he declared, "that industry generally will now return to ruthless competition or abolish the higher standards set up for the protection of industry, industrial workers and the general public.

"Until the full effect of the Supreme Court's decision is known and a new course has been determined, every sound thinking business man should regard it as an obligation to himself, to his employes and to the nation to cooperate wholeheartedly in preserving gains already made.

"Only in this way can we insure continued progress toward ultimate and complete national recovery."

President Thomas H. Webb of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, said in Concord, N. C. that the textile makers of the South were in favor of continuing NRA hours and wages. The industry national organization, the Cotton Textile Institute, will consider the situation at a meeting in



Dr. Leon Renfroe Meadows, who will be inaugurated as president of East Carolina Teachers College on Saturday morning, June 1.

Washington tomorrow.

Textile workers were urged by Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers of America, to "fight" against any attempt to deprive them of advantages won under the code. McMahon said in Providence, R. I., that the Supreme Court "has declared war."

Arthur Besse, president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, telegraphed an appeal for continuance of NRA standards to woolen mills and sales agents. The National Automobile dealers' Association sped plans for a voluntary trade agreement to replace the code under which its members operated.

F. W. A. Vesper, president of the association, said in St. Louis that automobile dealers were prepared to carry on with or without the help of NRA "to see that the major principles laid down by NRA are preserved."

Summer Bible School June 3rd

The Farmville Summer Bible School will open on Monday morning, in Perkins Hall, June 3rd, at nine o'clock. All children and young people of the town and community who have passed their third birthday are eligible. A partial registration was held at the various Sabbath Schools last Sunday, at which time 165 prospective pupils signed the lists of names. Those in charge feel certain that there will be sufficient additions to reach a total of two hundred or more. Further registration will be made on opening morning. A nominal fee of twenty cents per pupil will be requested. This will assist the participating churches to take care of the expense of literature and materials. Each pupil will be given a regulation report card at the close of the school. On this card will be a record of work done and honors won.

At the close of the school, a picnic will be given at the community swimming pool for those pupils who shall have attained an attendance record showing not more than two excused absences for the school term of two weeks. Each pupil will bring a basket but free tickets will be given those eligible for an hour's swim, and drinks will be furnished by the members of the faculty.

An unusually strong faculty has been assembled from the membership of the churches of the town. Practically all members of the faculty were present, with the various ministers, at an enthusiastic meeting on Thursday afternoon at which time plans were completed for the opening of the school. The list of teachers is as follows: Misses Nannie Smith, Eva Mae Turnage, Mary Louise Ramley, Margaret Lewis, Rachel Monk, Annie Perkins, Elizabeth Lang, Mrs. Robert Rouse, Mrs. N. W. Wiggins, Mrs. J. R. Shearin, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. John M. Mowborn, Mrs. Grady Smith, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Mrs. Zeb Whitehurst, Miss Martha Cobb and Miss Vivian Case. In addition, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Rev. H. M. Wilson, Rev. L. R. Ennes, Rev. H. F. Kloman and Rev. J. C. Wooten will conduct the morning devotional exercises and assist as needed in the work of the school.

The parents of the community are urged to cooperate with those in charge by entering their children on the first morning and by interesting themselves so as to make the effort most effective. The hours will be from 9 to 12 each morning with the exception of Saturday and Sunday.

Advertisers who buy advertising space are to be found in the columns of this newspaper. Children are the best assets of any community; why not develop them?

Bitterness Spoils Quins Birthday

Callander, Ont., May 28.—The Dionne quintuplets celebrated their first birthday anniversary today against a background of strange strife, punctuated by a blast against the "state rule" of his babies by Oliva Dionne.

"They ask me to come to church for mass," the bitter father said, "so that they can take pictures of me and make money for their own pockets."

The first quintuplets in recorded history to reach the age of one year, the five famed Dionne sisters themselves had little part in the celebration attending the anniversary. That was because their physician, Dr. A. R. Dafoe, insisted that their rigid schedule be not disarranged.

They named the occasion, however, by adding one ounce to their collective weight, the total being 84 pounds, 6 1-2 ounces against 10 pounds, 2 1-2 ounces the day they were born.

Father Dionne and his wife were conspicuously absent this morning from the solemn high mass held in the little church at Corbell, and they declined also to have any part in the birthday celebration at the hospital.

Dionne also had been asked to attend a meeting this morning of the babies' guardians-at-law—Minister of Welfare Croll, Judge J. A. Valin and Dr. Dafoe—but he declined to be present.

"They only want to make money out of the babies," he said today. The present value of the babies' estate is estimated at \$165,000, accumulated from sale of exclusive picture rights, endorsements and the like.

A dinner was held in North Bay tonight for Dr. Dafoe, the little Scotch physician who has cared for the babies since the hour of their birth. A feature of the dinner was a broadcast, brought to the dining room by loud-speakers, at which the doctor was able to listen to his own voice.

The broadcast, which was international reproduction, having been recorded in advance.

The appearance here of David Croll, the government minister, who is chief guardian of the babies, acted as a bellows to the smouldering fire of the mild-mannered Dionne's resentment, and he delivered himself of one of the bitterest complaints he has yet made against government guardianship.

He said that he had been offered gifts in an effort to appease his wrath against persons taking pictures of his babies, and told of his refusals.

"I told them," he said, "that if I wanted a radio I could buy it myself."

Local Sportsmen Talk Golf Course For Farmville

An interesting subject being discussed by many of our local sportsmen now-a-days is that of a 9-hole Golf course for Farmville, and with a little effort on the part of someone to start an organization for this purpose, we feel sure success may be obtained. Every business man needs some kind of recreation to keep that old human frame of his in trim, and we know of nothing better than a few rounds of Golf—an inexpensive game that will furnish the necessary exercise to prevent that old worn-out tired feeling we take to bed with us occasionally.

Think seriously along this line and should a committee call on you for your membership, be ready to say yes. This will not only be a good thing for Farmville, but may mean years of active service added to your own life—Let's have a Golf Course.

ON CRUISE TO MEXICO

J. Irving Morgan, Jr., of Farmville, left New York May 25th, in the Grace liner Santa Paula, on a cruise to Mazatlan, Mexico. He will visit enroute Columbia, Panama, El Salvador, and Guatemala. From Mazatlan he will go to Mexico City where he will attend the International Rotary Convention June 17 to 21st, as a delegate from the Farmville Rotary Club.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC SERVES LARGE NUMBER

The State Tuberculosis clinic being held in this county this month, was held in Farmville, on Monday, with a total of 18 people taking the tests and being examined otherwise for this disease; 12 adults took complete examination; 6 children took tuberculosis skin test and 3 persons were X-rayed.

Although painful, the lessons learned during a depression are usually

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

TIME BOMB—U. S. Page, the Bladen boomshell that exploded more than once in 1935 House of Representatives, is laying plans to put some dynamite under his Bladen county political enemies in the 1937 Senate. Page avows he will be elected to the Upper Branch and plans to get a man of his own thinking in the House. Then he hopes to sweep the "Elizabethtown ring" clean. During the recent session Page and Senator Bunn Frink, of Southport, crossed swords several times, often to the great amusement of their colleagues.

SUMMERSILL—Down in the Third Congressional District you can find plenty of people to tell you that State Senator Ed Summersill, of Onslow, is going to attempt to unhorse Congressman "Hap" Barden in the primaries next spring. Barden is a first-timer but he proved himself a popular man in overcoming formidable opposition in 1932. Summersill is a young man but no novice at the game of politics and if the pair lock horns it will be an affair worth witnessing.

LINES TIGHTEN—Around the State capitol lines are being drawn in the contest between Lieutenant Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham and Clyde R. Hoey for Governor. From all indications the administration is not going to be active in the campaign. Some Ehringhaus men are for Graham while other friends of the Governor are for Hoey and both sides talk the matter openly. However, it is difficult to find non-partisan observers to venture a prediction on the outcome of this Democratic contest in its present stage.

WHEN I SIT?—More than several interested parties in North Carolina would like very much to know the whereabouts of the Rayburn Utilities bill, known to be somewhere in Congress. The measure would give the federal power commission unprecedented authority over rates and regulation of public utilities. A storm of protests went in to Senators and Representatives against the measure and for a while it was making front pages almost daily. But of recent weeks little has been heard of it. Many individuals using electric power or having much of their life's saving in public utility stocks have expressed great concern over the net effect of passage of the bill. The Interstate Commerce Commission hasn't helped North Carolina freight rates or owners or railroad stocks.

HOWL COMING?—In some Raleigh quarters there is a feeling that the folks who live along secondary roads are going to holler when they realize that increased diversion of highway funds is going to hurt their chances of getting to town. These people remained patiently silent while their gasoline tax money was being spent on the State primary highway system with the promise that when the concrete was poured from county seat to county seat the dirt roads would be improved with the same money. Now that the primary system is near completion, will these country people (the backbone of the State's social and economic life) be willing to see their road money go for other purposes? Many answers to that question are decidedly in the negative.

WHICH ONE?—There is something in the nature of a foregone conclusion in political circles that either State Senators Carl L. Bailey of Washington; W. G. Clark of Edgecombe; or W. P. Horton of Chatham, will oppose Paul D. Grady of Johnston, for Lieutenant Governor. All three men have large personal followings and a movement is on to get the boys to settle on one man. Any one of the trio could reasonably be expected to give Senator Grady a run for his money in the primary next spring.

FOUNTAIN—Former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain claims he is in excellent fettle these days and is letting no grass grow under his feet in his efforts to unhorse Senator Josiah William Bailey. Still bitter from his defeat by Governor Ehringhaus in 1932, Fountain has been actively campaigning for several months although the primary is a year in the offering. The Senator, it is said, remains unperturbed and not even the Fountain opposition or the plea of ex-service men has moved Senator Bailey in his opposition to immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus. Even his severest critics should give Bailey credit for the courage to follow his convictions.

The 32 North Carolina grown Guernsey animals sold at Salisbury brought an average price of about \$245 per head.

Defer Action On Liquor Election

Pitt Commissioners To Decide on Matter At Regular Meeting

Greenville, May 29.—The Pitt County board of commissioners at a called meeting here this morning for the purpose of deciding whether to call an election for Pitt County to vote for the legalized sale of whiskey, deferred action until their regular monthly meeting on next Monday morning, June 3.

Approximately 400 persons were in attendance at the meeting and so great was the crowd that Judge M. V. Barnhill who was holding a term of civil court here, adjourned court in favor of the meeting. Instead of meeting in the county commissioners room the meeting was held in the courthouse and the large auditorium was filled to capacity.

Those proposing that the election be held for the county were William S. Tyson, attorney, who presented to the board a petition of Pitt County citizens bearing more than 2,000 names which he said was the voice of the people calling upon the board to call an election; Senator Arthur B. Corey, who in the final minutes of the Legislature had Pitt County placed on the list with the other 17 counties; Representative John Hill Paylor who declared that he was a "dry" from the bottom of his heart, but believed that the board of commissioners should call an election for the purpose of permitting the people to decide for or against the sale of liquor; Judge Albion Dunn, who declared that prohibition was a failure and earnestly called upon the commissioners to call an election; Sam Worthington who presented a petition from the local post of the American Legion asking the commissioners to call an election. Opponents of the call included pastors of two local churches, Dr. G. R. Combs, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, who gave the audience a word picture of the course of drink, and Rev. A. W. Fleischmann, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Wyatt Brown also spoke for the dry forces.

Reports from growers in Bertie County indicate that stands of cotton are poor due to heavy and constant rains last September when the crop was maturing.

Administration to Try To Preserve NRA Plan Upon Voluntary Basis

Would Call Upon Business and Industry To Draw Up Own Agreements for Self-Government

Washington, May 28.—The New Deal will try to erect on the ruins of NRA another framework of regulations within which business can operate.

The outline of this structure, still vague and blurred tonight, calls for the voluntary co-operation of business men. Instead of the government imposing codes, the business men themselves would draw up the arrangements and submit them to the Federal Trade Commission for approval.

Senator Gerald P. Nye, R., N. D., put lawyers to work studying the plan, and administration leaders were said to regard it favorably.

Many of the things that were embraced in NRA—minimum wages maximum hours, a ban on child labor—would be included in this proposal. Lawyers believe there is nothing in the Supreme Court decision that forbids codes; the court simply said it was illegal for the Congress to authorize the President to promulgate codes.

All over Washington tonight legal experts, Congressmen and labor leaders sought some formula for continuing NRA without running afoul of the Supreme Court's edict against government code-making.

Majority leader Joseph T. Robinson stated the administration's attitude when he arose in the Senate today and said:

"The court's decision has impaired, but not destroyed NRA. It is entirely possible for Congress to re-draft the act in the light of the court's ruling."

The Supreme Court's decision left President Roosevelt with the alternative of dropping NRA or of trying to salvage something through legislation in Congress. Apparently he chose the latter, because the NRA men most vitally concerned with NRA legislation—Chairman Carl Vinson of the Senate Finance Committee and Chairman Robert L.

Farmville Ball and Beauty Contest Tonight



Hon. Patt M. Neff, ex-governor of Texas and president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, who will deliver the chief address at the inauguration of Dr. L. R. Meadows as president of East Carolina Teachers College, on Saturday morning, June 1, at 10:30 o'clock.

Benny Goodman and His Radio Orchestra To Furnish the Music

One of the chief events in Eastern Carolina during this season is the beauty contest and ball which is to be given in Farmville tonight, May 31st. The Junior Woman's Club of Farmville and Associate Woman's Clubs of Eastern Carolina are sponsoring this event and all indications are that it will be a huge success.

Plans are being made to take care of all the dancers in this part of the State. Elaborate decorations are being used which will be a setting for North Carolina's prettiest girls. Governor Ehringhaus has been asked to crown the Queen. The judges will be Lieutenant Governor Graham, Senator Rivers Johnson, Senator W. G. Clark, Sr., W. B. Lea and Miss Helen Ward.

Queens and sponsors have been selected and elaborate entertainment has been planned for the event. The Queens will be presented at 9 o'clock and the judges will decide Eastern Carolina's most beautiful girl.

The ball will follow immediately after the judges decision. Dancing will continue until 3 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fenner have been asked to lead the opening figure. Music will be furnished by Benny Goodman's N. E. C. orchestra, including Helen Ward and Patricia Burgen of cinema and radio fame.

Queens, sponsors and chaperones from the following cities are expected to attend:

Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Ayden, Goldsboro, Mt. Olive, Faison, Clinton, Warsaw, Pikeville, Stantonburg, Fremont, Elm City, Roanoke Rapids, Spring Hope, Nashville, Snow Hill, LaGrange, Williamston, Bethel, Greenville, Kinston, Wilson, Scotland Neck, Pinetops, Aulander, Ahoskie, Weldon, Morehead City, Windsor, Robersonville, Wendell, Zebulon, Enfield, Manteo, Claypo, Dunn, Tarboro, Smithfield, Selma, Washington and Garner.

Rasberry Gets \$25,000 Verdict

Greene County Man Allowed That Amount for Injuries; Ford Company Appeals

New Bern, May 28.—One of the largest verdicts ever handed down here in an automobile damage suit, was rendered late today in Federal Court when E. A. Rasberry of Greene County, was granted \$25,000 by a jury in his suit for \$75,000 against the Ford Motor Company and Fred A. King of Norfolk. Judge I. M. Meekins overruled a motion of the defendants to set aside this verdict, and they gave notice of appeal to the Circuit Court.

Mr. Rasberry, prominent farmer and state representative from near Snow Hill, former county sheriff, had his left arm so badly mangled in an automobile accident that amputation was necessary, as well as blood transfusions and other treatment. The accident occurred late last September 7, on Route 40, between Elm City and Wilson.

Money Available To Refinance Homes

Owners in Distress May File Applications For Loans Within Next 30 Days

Raleigh, May 29.—Following up the President's action in signing the amendment to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation act which will permit the corporation to accept new loan applications, a statement received from Washington by the Raleigh office yesterday that new applications would be accepted from home owners who are clearly in distress and are threatened with loss of their homes through foreclosure.

John H. Fahey, chairman of the corporation board, explained that such applications will be accepted for a period of 30 days. The corporations suspended acceptance of new applications last November when the funds in hand appeared to be sufficient to handle only those applications already on file.

Action of the Congress in granting new funds, will, it is estimated, care for all those throughout the nation who are eligible under terms of the new law and the rules of the corporation.

Mr. Fahey explained that tests of eligibility of HOLC applicants who have applied in the past will in general continue in full force under the new legislation.

Ordinary farm property is not eligible unless the applicants draws his main livelihood from non-farm occupations, and no applicant will be granted a loan if such refinancing is intended only to protect a bank loan or other business obligation.

Edith Teel, is to be Farmville's queen, with Mrs. Ted Albritton, Mrs. J. G. Spencer, Eva Mae Turnage, Mary Louise Rumley, Nan Moore, Hazel Monk, Rachel Monk, Vernice Lang Jones, Mrs. Julian Burnley, Mrs. John Mebourne, Miss Elidabeth Fields, Mrs. Judd Walker, Miss Mary Friar Rouse, Mrs. Mac Carraway, as sponsors, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Monk, H. N. Howard, A. C. Monk, D. E. Oglesby, R. A. Fields, B. O. Turnage, Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones, as chaperones.

FARMVILLE MAN READS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Memphis, Tenn., May 29.—J. I. Morgan, of Farmville, N. C., today was elected president of the National Cottonseed Products Association at the closing session of the 39th annual convention.

T. H. Gregory, Memphis, retiring president, was named executive vice-president on a full-time basis.