

# NRA HIGHLIGHTS

**Auto Code Extended**  
An amendment extending the Automobile Code until June 16, the expiration date of the N. I. R. A., is one of four amendments just approved by President Roosevelt. The other three provide that time and a half shall be paid all employees working more than 48 hours in any one week; that the Automobile Labor Board be continued, and that the industry bring out new models in the Fall, when possible, and hold automobile shows preferably at that season of the year.

**Try To Get Restaurants and Bakeries Together**  
The question as to just when a restaurant merges into a bakery is pending between the Code Authorities of the industries and the Industrial Appeals Board has asked the appointment of a joint committee to work out a solution. Under the Baking Code, restaurant employees would work fewer hours and get more pay.

**Bituminous Coal Price Boards**  
The Bituminous Coal Code's present method of establishing minimum prices and setting up arbitration boards to handle disputes arising from price schedules has been extended until April 30 by the N. I. R. B. This action was taken to meet an emergency in the industry.

**Match Industry**  
In order to give American match manufacturers relief from foreign competition, the N. I. R. B. has issued an order, effective for the coming half year, relieving members from the code provision that none "shall guarantee prices and floor stocks against decline in prices." Under actual operation, the American firms found that this provision worked a hardship on them, because it left them at a disadvantage in competing with foreign firms not subject to the Match Code.

**Hollywood Complaints Settled**  
The Studio Labor Board, established to handle labor troubles arising in Hollywood studios under the Motion Picture Industry Code, settled 225 complaints in the first eight months of its existence. The representatives of the producers, labor and the government, comprising the Board, have worked together so efficiently that no appeal has been taken from any of its decisions.

**Embroidery Design Registration Proposed**  
The Schiffli embroidery field is considering a plan to follow the silk field into design registration. By registering designs, the silk firms have been able to reserve patterns for their originators, as no design may be employed until it has been compared with those on file to establish its originality. The embroidery firms have had much difficulty in reserving designs. A public hearing to consider the proposal was held by NRA on February 11.

**The Minimum Mark-ups on Cigarettes**  
The N. I. R. B. has extended the orders establishing minimum mark-ups on sales of cigarettes under the Wholesale and Retail Tobacco Codes until March 30. The NRA recognized an emergency due to destructive price cutting on July 12, last, and issued the first orders for minimum mark-ups. Mark-ups are minimum percentages which must be added to the cigarette manufacturer's prices. They were designed to stop the use of cigarettes as "loss leaders."

**May Stop Use of Script for Wages**  
The NRA Advisory Council has recommended to the N. I. R. B. that the use of script in paying wages be prohibited. Script has been widely used in the bituminous coal industry, but is now causing difficulties in the lumber, steel and textile fields. One of the proposals is that "no employee shall be required as a condition of employment to trade at a store or to rent a home specified by his employer."

**Knitted Outerwear Situation**  
The NRA has had a stabilizing influence on the knitted outerwear industry, according to the Code Authority. At its request, the N. I. R. B. has extended for 90 days the regulations for the contract system of producing garments for infants and children. Under this system, employment has been fairly well maintained even in the off season and the average weekly earnings of workers have been held at constant levels much better than before the system was inaugurated. At the same time, wholesale and retail prices have not been increased.

**Dry Fruit People Get Code**  
The firms which pack dried prunes, raisins, peaches, apricots, apples, figs, and pears in the Pacific Coast States have been granted their own code of fair competition. The Pacific Coast Dried Fruit Council will act as code authority. The members of the industry will be grouped into five divisions, each with representatives on the Code Authority.

**N. I. R. B. Bans Use of "Shops"**  
"Shops" set up in private apartments or living quarters violate the code provisions abolishing homework. About 100 codes ban homework and hundreds of thousands of workers are affected. The administrative order permits persons to engage in homework if allowed the same rate of wages as is paid for similar work in the factories, provided that they have secured certificates from the Department of Labor and are either physically incapacitated or are needed, at home to attend invalids.

**Auto Rebuilders and Refinishers Get Code**  
The President has approved a code for the auto rebuilding and refinishing trade, effective February 4. It will apply to about 8,000 establishments, employing 70,000 workers and reporting an annual sales volume of about \$390,000,000. The code prohibits overtime work.

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## WIDE INTEREST IS SHOWN IN OFFER OF \$1,000

Five Prizes Each for Stories of Domestic Service, Agriculture, Industry, Business and Professions

Atlanta, Ga.—The offer of \$1,000 in awards for the best stories of the economic experiences of individual living Negroes is arousing wide interest, according to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which is offering the awards on behalf of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Inquiries have been received from 10 states, according to the Commission, and one paper has already been submitted.

The Commission announces that, in order to give all an equal chance, five classifications have been made as to occupation. Domestic service, agriculture, industry, business and the professions. In each class there will be a first prize of \$100; a second prize of \$50, and two of \$25 each, a total of 20 prizes, aggregating \$1,000. These will be awarded for the most significant true stories of the efforts of individual Negroes to make a living, or build a business, or succeed in a profession. Stories of struggle and failure, no less than those of success, will be eligible in the competition.

The stories may be written and submitted either by the subject or by some friend. In the latter case, the award will be divided equally between the subject of the story and the person writing and submitting it. Everyone interested is urged to be on the lookout for suitable stories. Full particulars may be had from the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 703 Standard Building, Atlanta, Ga.

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# AUGUST BIGGEST LYNCHING MONTH STATISTICS SHOW

Winter Always An Off Season; A Lynching Every 9 1/3 Days In Last 20 Years

New York.—Lynching is another seasonal industry with most mob murders taking place in August, according to a statistical analysis of 777 lynchings for the 20-year period, 1915-1934, made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The least number of lynchings usually occurs in the months of January, February, March and April. May generally registers a leap of 56 per cent as the season officially opens. This level is maintained through June. There follows a 17 per cent slump in July, but August marks a sharp upturn of 53 per cent to the year's peak. In September there is customarily a drop of 53 per cent in lynching, a further decline of 13 per cent in October and in the last two months of the year mob violence tapers off to an average of 9 per cent more than the usual number for January. There has been a lynching each 9 1/3 days during the 20-year period.

A similar seasonal fluctuation is noted in the burning of human beings, both before and after death, of which there were 67 during the period, 1919-1934, or .087 of all lynchings. The number of burnings is greatest in May and November; the "dull" months being February, March, April and July.

The lynchings by months for the past 20 years follow:

January	— 55	July	— 66
February	— 42	August	— 105
March	— 41	September	— 76
April	— 44	October	— 66
May	— 78	November	— 62
June	— 80	December	— 62

The report considers significant the fact that a campaign for an anti-lynching bill has always brought about a decline in the number of lynchings. When the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was first introduced in the House of Representatives in 1920, there had been 83 lynchings the year before. In 1920 lynchings declined to 65. There followed an intensive campaign for the passage of the Dyer Bill during 1921, when lynchings dropped to 64, and 1922 when there was a further decline to 61. Having passed the House in January 1922, the Dyer Bill failed in December in the Senate, but in 1923, there were only 28 lynchings, a sharp drop of 54 per cent.

Likewise, when lynchings mounted from 10 in 1932 to 28 in 1933, the Costigan-Wagner Anti Lynching Bill was introduced in the Senate and House with attendant publicity. Lynchings dur-

ing 1934 thereupon declined to 16. This bill was again introduced in the Senate in January and hearings will be held on it by the Judiciary Committee on February 14. As a further indication of the effectiveness of the threat of a federal anti-lynching bill, the Association's officers point to extraordinary efforts taken by officers of the law in several Southern states to prevent lynchings during the past year. On several occasions governors have mobilized the militia to halt mob murders.

**WORKER KIDNAPPED**  
Last Sunday night, marauders entered the home of Saul Williams and carried him off. No word of him has been heard since. Williams was well-known among steel workers as a fighter against company violence and for the unity of Negro and white trade unionists. Brandishing blackjacks and cursing violently, a band of thugs burst into the home of A. Carter. Luckily, Carter was not at home. The brigands ransacked the house thoroughly in their search for Carter. When they could not find him, they vilely abused Carter's wife and daughter.

**Invaders "Well Dressed"**  
Mrs. Carter described the invaders as "well dressed" and "robust looking." They came to the house in a large closed car bearing a Birmingham tag.

## SOCIALIST MAYOR REFUSES SUPPORT TO ANTI-JIM CROW MEASURE

Hartford, Conn.—(CNA)—Jasper McLevy (white), Socialist Mayor of Bridgeport, flatly refused to endorse two proposed amendments of the Connecticut Bill of Rights, designed to end relief administration and police terror against the Negro population of this state.

"Negroes are not discriminated against any more than any other group of workers," was the Socialist Mayor's weak reply to the demand of a delegation seeking his endorsement. The delegation composed of Negro and white workers and professionals, was organized by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense.

When asked for his opinion on the police murder of Lorenzo Brown, McLevy white-washed the crime, stating that the worker had died of "heart disease."

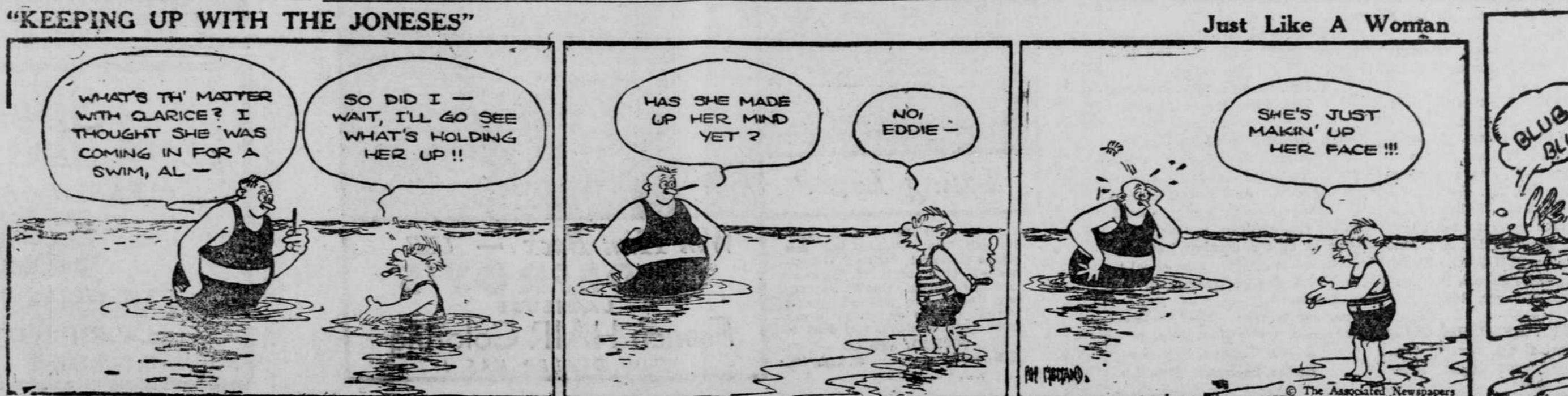


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