

CAPITOL CLIPBOARD

Local Enforcement Of Wages And Hours Law To Be Rigid

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MOVING IN ... Armed with an expanded force and endless funds, the U. S. Department of Labor in January began rigid, no-holds-barred enforcement of the Federal wage-hour law ... in Southern states.

Word reaches us that several large firms in the central areas of North Carolina are now on the carpet. Back pay for one of these companies to its employees may run to \$100,000.

Several very, very small firms—some with fewer than 15 employees—will be hit for upwards of \$5,000. Sharp government auditors are moving in.

The noose is being tightened. Uncle Sam is going back two years—the maximum time under this law—and making employers whose firms are in interstate commerce toe fair with their workers. What is "fair"?

These employees should have been paid at least \$1.25 an hour, and time-and-a-half for each hour worked weekly over 40 hours.

The government is going to each employee to determine whether he has been underpaid. And if so, how much. A few employees stand to get over \$1,000 each in back pay.

If you are connected with a firm other than retailing that sells across state lines—into Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, for example—then you are on the receiving end or the paying end of a minimum of \$1.25 an hour. You are in interstate commerce.

If you are an employee of such a firm, you are certainly interested. Employers in such companies should go back to their records at once. Get the evidence. Should employees have to go into court, they can get exactly double the amount originally due them.

If the firm is engaged in manufacturing, processing, printing, etc., odds are it is and has been—under the Federal wage-hour law.

SANFORD FRIENDS ... It is too early to predict how it will shape up, but we note here and there that good, long-time friends of former Gov. Terry Sanford are announcing for the Legislature.

And some who have not yet announced are clearing the way to do so.

With reapportionment drastically reducing the number of legislators from the coastal and mountain counties, former Gov. Sanford could come up with as many supporters as Gov. Moore in the 1967 General Assembly.

SECOND TERM? ... The rumor still persists that Terry Sanford will run for Governor again in 1968. But, even if he should, it seems extremely doubtful at this time that he could defeat Lt. Gov. Bob Scott.

Young Scott could still stub his toe, however. And don't make the mistake of thinking that Sanford doesn't have literally thousands of people out

there who would rather have him Governor than anybody else on the face of this earth.

Bob Scott knows this, too.

MISTAKE ... Some children writing editorials in the Winston-Salem Journal led us into making a bad mistake a column or two ago.

These children were writing about "Governor Moore's Broom". They were getting after the Governor for not re-appointing more of Sanford's appointees.

In this editorial they said, apparently seriously: "... Terry Sanford accepted Luther Hodges' appointments. William Umstead accepted Kerr Scott's. And as far as we know, new governors have always done likewise, simply because it's the only way to preserve the stability and continuity of state government."

Wow!

Well, anybody who has kept up with North Carolina "state government" for any length of time knows just how far, far off-base the editorial is. Some of these days—and it won't be long—a list of new appointments by Governors Scott, Umstead, Hodges, and Sanford will be published. And it will be as long as your arm, too.

J. McDevitt ... So, when it was noted that Brookes Peters was not reappointed to the State Utilities Commission (because of age), this column said Peters was being replaced by John W. McDevitt "who himself 'retired' by Gov. Terry Sanford in 1961 as State Personnel Director."

But the column was wrong, dead wrong. McDevitt, good man, was not kicked out by Gov. Sanford, as we had long thought. We were sure he was—so sure we didn't even check on it. No, he left of his own ac-

cord, joined a Durham insurance firm, during Gov. Sanford's first year in office.

He was replaced by Ed Lanier, who left the personnel post to become Insurance Commissioner.

Hugh Cannon, who is associated with Terry Sanford in the practice of law, set us straight. Cannon was State budget officer and director of the Department of Administration under Gov. Sanford.

Mr. Cannon's letter begins, "I noticed in your column the other day" ... and he takes off from there. Mr. McDevitt left of his own accord for a better-paying job, and his departure came as a surprise to the Sanford administration.

McDevitt had assurances from the Sanford people that he had their support, for they felt he had done a good job—as he will as a member of the State Utilities Commission. This column was a little unfair to Gov. Sanford, and to Mr. McDevitt, and is glad to set the record straight.

TWENTY-FIFTH ... The N. C. Citizens Association will hold its 25th annual meeting here on March 16. The speaker will be Stuart Sanders, chairman of the board of Pennsylvania Railroad.

Co. Agent's Column

Please note that the tobacco meeting is Friday morning, February 18, at 10:00 a. m. in the County Courthouse, Boone, instead of Thursday as we stated last week.

We will continue to make pool orders for strawberry plants for April delivery as long as plants are available.



French Honor Society Initiates

The National French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi, at Appalachian State Teachers College, held its winter initiation on Friday, Jan. 28, at the Daniel Boone Inn. The formal ceremony was followed by a dinner. The following new members were initiated: Jo Ann Anderson, Charlotte; David Brown, Mooresville; Wanda Burleson, Spruce Pine; June Goforth, Statesville; Georganna Mayhew, Davidson; Mike Yancey, Val-dese; Hannelore Pfann, Boone; Christie Stoddard, Raleigh; Juanita Lewis, Boone; Sue Smith, Mount Airy. Officers of the local Gamma Phi Chapter are Ken Davis, president, Ellenboro; Faye Spivey, vice-presi-

dent, Candor; and Gloria Cash, secretary-treasurer, Stafford, Va. Other members who were initiated in previous years are: Marjha Baysden, Wingate; Lewis Gaston, Belmont; Judy Lefler, Salisbury; Judy Hayes, Boone; Jolene Riddle, Spruce Pine; Arby Frost, Pulaski, Va.; Annie Lee Sampson, Guilford College; Keith Yokley, High Point; and Faye Henson, Forest City. Professor Carl Bredow, a member of the language department faculty at Appalachian was initiated as an honorary member. Mrs. Shelia Norton and Dr. J. Roy Prince, also of the department faculty, are also members. Dr. Prince is the faculty sponsor of the group.

Near-Miracles Being Seen In War On Heart Disease

Chapel Hill — A tiny needle pulling almost invisible thread takes twenty stitches in a blood vessel about the size of a toothpick as the surgeon views his field of operation through a microscope.

A woman whose own heart has lost its power to beat rhythmically goes about her busy, normal life with an artificial pace-maker mechanism implanted in her chest.

A young man who has drowned in the surf is returned to life as mouth-to-mouth breathing and external chest pressure restore his lung and heart action.

A diseased heart valve is cut out and an artificial one neatly inserted so that the child may run and play again.

A heart-lung machine puts oxygen into the blood and pumps it through thousands of vessels to all parts of the body, while the patient's heart lies motionless under the surgeon's hand.

These are some of the more dramatic results of the war against heart disease in North

Carolina and elsewhere during the past decade, according to the North Carolina Heart Association. Less well-known, except to the physician, are other advances, such as vastly improved methods of diagnosing heart and blood vessel disease and the new drugs for treating and controlling these diseases.

The American Heart Association, of which the North Carolina Heart Association is a part, has spent about 110 million dollars on research since it became a voluntary health agency in 1949. For the last several years, Heart Associations have invested more than ten million dollars a year in cardiovascular scientists and their laboratories, which they term "miracle factories."

The North Carolina Heart Association's annual report for 1964-1965, entitled "War Against Heart Disease," has just been released and single copies may be secured by writing HEART, Chapel Hill, N. C., 27514. The report provides information on the state Heart Association's income and expenditures and

descriptions of the group's educational and community service programs in North Carolina.

Says the report: "It is the heart research laboratory that man's yay-long Hope for Hearts has been born and nurtured.

But the confrontation of the laboratory scientist and the heart disease enemy is only the beginning."

BEN FRANKLIN notions SALE! BIG SALE!

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Product listings: LACE TRIMMINGS (Many styles, widths, 2 yds. / 7c); SHOE LACES (Black or brown cotton. Plastic tip. 7c); Iron-On KNEE PATCH (To reinforce or mend. 4 1/2 x 6-in. denim. 7c); MENDING TAPE (For linens, cottons. Solid or asst. colors. 7c); STRAIGHT PINS (90 pins on paper. Nickel plated. 7c).

Product listings: Iron-On PATCH (17c, Reg. 29c); Sewing Thread (4 rolls / 77c, \$1.16 Value); 7-Inch Scissors (67c, Reg. 89c); Mending FABRIC (17c, Reg. 29c); SILK PINS (27c, Reg. 39c); SAFETY PINS (2 / 17c, Reg. 15c ea.).



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