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**AS TO N. C. WAGE-HOUR LEGISLATION**

The following editorial appeared in The Charlotte News on January 9th, and it does not make bad reading, in The Journal's opinion, for either capital or labor. We have pointed to the fact revealed in Section 2, many times in this publication and it is to be commended that a large daily in our midst will also make the revelation. The News editorial follows:

**WAGES & HOURS**

We don't know what kind of wage and hour legislation North Carolina wants—and there is a good deal of disagreement as to the kind of legislation it needs. But it is beyond argument that it does need some, soon. This handful of facts should make that apparent:

1. North Carolina is one of the twelve leading industrial states.
2. Its average weekly wage is lower than that of any other state save South Carolina.
3. It is 43rd in per capita income.
4. Some North Carolina workers earn as little as nine cents an hour.

5. The average weekly payment of unemployment compensation (having risen during the war to \$10.50) is the lowest in the nation. In an answer to a News editorial on the subject of North Carolina's terribly low wage levels, Commissioner of Labor Forrest Shuford wrote, enclosing a proposed minimum wage and maximum hour law for the State. That was printed in full last week, and should have been of considerable importance to readers of all schools and interests.

It was a moderate proposal, setting a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour—but excepting salaried people earning \$40 or more weekly, agricultural workers, fishermen, domestics, and employees of utilities whose cases are reviewed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It proposes overtime pay for male and female employees working in excess of eight hours a day, 40 hours a week. It proposes a Wage and Hour Board, with authority to advance the minimum hourly wage as high as 40 cents, providing that is found to be advantageous to the people of the state as a whole.

This proposal is not new, for Mr. Shuford and Capus Waynick, as the dissenting minority, advanced a similar one in a 1941 report of the Fair Labor Standards Act Commission. Nor is it going to end North Carolina's problems. It is, you will note, much more moderate than the Federal legislation. For example, its minimum wage is ten cents lower per hour. But it will, as Mr. Shuford says, quickly lift the living standards of the very lowest group which is now struggling with sub-standard wages.

Such a law would aid North Carolina employers by ruling out cut-wage competition, and by the added spending power the minimum wage would bring. It would benefit the state's economy by lightening the burden of public assistance for the lowest income groups. It may not stand as a model law because of the fields it does not invade; it may, if it is accepted by the Assembly, have to be broadened to eliminate discrimination. But as a start it is entirely acceptable. It would be a direct attack on the basic problems of North Carolina's poverty by an enlightened yet wholly deliberate State Government. As such, we wish it good speed through the legislative mill.

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**NUTTY VIEWS ON EMPLOYMENT**

SOME of the big fellows have mighty strange ideas about employment. For instance there is William O'Neil of Federal Tire and Rubber. He is opposed to full employment. In a public statement, he declares that if 60 million jobs are created so that there will be work for all who want it, the American home will vanish from the earth. He thinks the only way to keep the Home is to see that there are always lots of unemployed. Maybe he is thinking of the Poor House. Then there is another big-shot in the rubber industry, quoted in a Washington, D. C., newspaper, who says that he is afraid of full employment because of the manpower shortage it will create. He, too, is keen to have a few million jobless men on the market. Do you suppose either of these gentlemen really has in mind the fact that unemployment tends to force wages down? Could be.

**YANK TELLS 'EM**

(American Federationist)

A recent editorial in the Army weekly, Yank, asserting that "you can't ignore figures," pointed out that in the first 109 days of the invasion of France 17,000,000 ship-tons of Allied vehicles and supplies were put ashore—more than twice the total received by Gen. Pershing through friendly ports in the entire months of U. S. participation in World War I. "Who do you think made that stuff—pixies?" asked the editorial, the purpose of which was to combat propaganda designed to cause disunity between soldiers and workers. "It is going to be tough enough re-converting to full civilian production," said Yank, "without starting a fight among the men who will do the producing. And if you begin by setting veteran-against-civilian, you will end by setting Protestant against Catholic, Catholic against Jew, white against Negroes—and you will wind up by having the very thing we are fighting the war to destroy."

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**AMERICA DOES NOT WANT MORE ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION**

A bill is now before Congress to encourage immigration of natives of India into the United States with the right to acquire American citizenship. This bill should not pass. Neither should any other bill in any way relaxing the immigration restrictions. We will have enough trouble providing jobs for Americans after the war without inviting competition from foreigners.

Above all, we do not want Orientals. The argument in behalf of the Indian bill will be that it will admit "only a few." The same argument was made in behalf of the repeal of the Chinese exclusion laws.

Labor has opposed that measure because we foresaw it as the opening wedge to permit Oriental immigration. Congress passed that law to admit "a few" Chinese.

Now up pops another law to admit "a few" Indians. This will be followed by laws to admit "a few" of various other Oriental nations until the "few" have become a flood of cheap labor.

Let your congressman know that your union does not approve any relaxation of the immigration laws until all Americans are gainfully employed at good wages.

**Newspaper Exec. With Employees To Support Fund**

SUPERIOR, Wis.—A sympathetic employer joins with millions of AFL members in supporting impoverished trade unions in Allied nations.

Literature from the AFL's Free Trade Union Committee was received by the general manager of a Superior daily newspaper and he enthusiastically responded by volunteering to contribute an amount equal to the combined giving of mechanical and editorial employees.

Hilding Olson, Typographical Union member, quickly accepted General Manager Clough Gates' offer and circulated a subscription list for the Free Trade Union Fund, and after adding up the total collected a similar amount from the Superior Evening Telegram executive.

Illegitimate births are on the increase in the United States.

Traffic Signals Are Life Savers

**Fruit Candies Save Sugar Points**



By BETTY BARCLAY

Do you like to thrill your family now and then by stirring up a batch of candy for them? Then these recipes for fruit candies to which oranges and lemons contribute their pleasing flavors and healthful qualities, will help you keep your candy bowl filled, despite wartime food restrictions.

Fruit candies offer possibilities for sweets that spare sugar, that are practical to make at home and that are good to eat. These candies are ideal for the children, because they are wholesome and may be eaten freely. They are so easy to do, the children can help with their making too.

**Fruit Caramels Offer a No Sugar Candy**

When the children want to make candy, let them prepare these Fruit Caramels.

- 1 cup raisins
  - 1 cup pitted dates or prunes
  - 1 cup nut meats, optional
  - 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
  - 2 to 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- Put fruit and nuts through food chopper. Moisten to a paste with lemon juice and add lemon peel. Form into balls or cubes. Roll in powdered sugar, if desired.

Candy bars for the lunch boxes of your worker or your children may be made from this fruit mixture. Shape the ground fruit into a long roll or pack it into a milk carton. Chill in refrigerator until firm. Remove carton and wrap the confection roll in waxed paper. Slice as needed into "candy bars."

Orange Fruit Paste is Different  
This candy recipe also spares sugar. It is delicious and different.  
½ cup ground unpeeled orange  
½ cup orange juice  
2½ cups apple sauce or cooked dried apricots  
½ cup liquid pectin  
½ cup light corn syrup  
½ cup sugar

Cook oranges, orange juice and cooked fruit for 20 minutes, stirring often. Use large kettle, preferably 4-quart size. Add pectin, corn syrup and sugar. Cook about 30 minutes longer, stirring constantly. When mixture is consistency of a thick preserve, pour 1 inch deep into shallow pan. When cold, cut into squares or other desired shapes. If wished, roll in powdered sugar. Recipe makes 2½ pounds.

**Honey Extends Sugar Points in This Candied Orange Peel Recipe**

Save the peels left after preparing that breakfast glass of orange juice for candied peel in which honey spares sugar points.

Peel from 6 orange—  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup honey  
½ cup water  
Boil orange peel with water to cover and 1 teaspoon salt for ¼ hour. Drain. Cover again with water and boil until tender. Drain. Cut peel in strips. Bring sugar, honey and ½ cup water to boil. Cook peel in this gently until clear. Cool in syrup several hours. Re-heat. Drain. Spread out on wire rack or waxed paper until syrup is absorbed. If peel is to be kept for some time, wrap in waxed paper. Store in a tightly covered container in a refrigerator or other cold place. If peel is to be used soon after making, coat with granulated sugar by shaking in a paper bag containing 2 to 4 tablespoons granulated sugar.

**Colored Peel — Add red or green vegetable food coloring to syrup to tint peel.**

Make Mock Candied Ginger With Orange Peel  
Add a little ginger spice to syrup in which candied orange peel is cooked to make a Mock Candied Ginger.

Date Dainties Are Colorful  
Stuff dates with strips of red or green candied orange.

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