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Too Much, Too Late

Of interest in this congressional district was the announcement from Washington that Representative Redden will support the 75-cents-an-hour minimum wage bill. The present figure is 40 cents.

Since the increase was advocated by President Truman in his campaign, a year ago, conditions have vastly changed. At that time, the country was in the midst of inflation; the price of every item the worker had to buy was high and going higher. Furthermore, there was virtually no unemployment.

Today, on the other hand, while there has been no wholesale drop in prices, we are in the midst of a recession, mild though it may be. Furthermore, unemployment is on the increase—a rather startling increase in the big cities.

This newspaper believes high wages are good business, both economically and socially. But the question inevitably arises:

Will not many business men, if they are faced today with the requirement that their least skilled workers be paid a minimum of 75 cents an hour, do one of two things—either retrench, and thus accelerate the recession, or add new machines (they don't demand a minimum hourly wage), and thus aggravate unemployment?

As of today, it strikes us that the 75-cents-an-hour minimum wage bill is too much, too late.

Why Isn't It Sound?

All indications are that the Brannan farm plan is dead, as far as this session of congress is concerned. And last week the North Carolina heads of the Grange and the Farm Bureau Federation joined the chorus of criticism by telling farmers attending the Farm and Home Week program in Raleigh that the plan will not work. The implication of their remarks was that it is unsound as well.

The editor of this newspaper is neither a farmer nor an agricultural economist. But he is yet to hear a single logical argument why the plan is unsound.

As it is now, the government "supports" farm prices: that is, if the price falls below a certain point, the government steps in and buys enough surplus to start the price upward again. Sometimes the government-purchased surplus rots, or is dumped. Along with this "support" plan goes a plan for restricting production.

The Brannan plan would have the government stay out of the market, but, when the price falls below a certain point, pay the farmer a subsidy sufficient to make up the difference. Meanwhile, the consumer would get the benefit of the lower price.

True, everybody would pay for the subsidy through taxes, but everybody pays for "support" prices through taxes, and the consumer consistently pays a high price for his food.

What most opponents probably really mean when they say the plan will not work is that they oppose subsidies for farmers; that is an artificial way of creating farm prosperity, they say.

No doubt it is. But just what would happen if we eliminated all our artificial props to prosperity in this country? What would happen if we eliminated the subsidies to the air lines, for example. And who favors complete repeal of the greatest subsidy of all, the tariff?

Minding Our e's And i's

Everybody sees, and laughs at, the mistakes that get into the newspapers. But usually only the newspaper folk see, and enjoy, the many errors that do not get into type; errors made both by the newspapers' own reporters and by the public in sending material to the newspapers for publication.

There was the case, for instance, of the church that sent an announcement of a special service to its local newspaper. The carefully typed notice gave all the other details, and concluded with the rather startling statement that "Mrs. Smith will sin by special request".

Then there was the account of a wedding in which it was stated that "the bride and groom were

the only persons present who were dressed"—meaning, of course, in formal attire.

Another less amusing but equally interesting one came to The Press recently. An announcement from a business man's office referred to a "link" of pipe. That one is interesting as calling attention to a mispronunciation that is fairly common throughout Western North Carolina.

What the man who dictated the statement to his stenographer meant to say was a "length" of pipe. What he really said, however, was a "lingth" of pipe, and the stenographer misunderstood that mispronunciation for "link".

All of which suggests that it's about time our schools—and, even more important, the parents—start teaching our children there is a difference in the pronunciations of a short e and a short i. And if you doubt that such correction is needed, listen to your own youngsters and see if they don't say "ind" for "end", "bind" for "bend", "lind" for "lend", etc.

It's not a matter of life and death, of course, but after all we're trying to educate our children; and about the first qualification of an educated person is the ability to speak good English.

POETRY CORNER

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EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE  
Weaverville, N. C.

EXCELSIOR

Who has the white fire burning  
At the core of his soul  
Shall know a deeper yearning  
To reach a higher goal.  
For him all obstacles shall be  
Surmountable, and stony sod  
Ascending paths of victory  
That lead to God . . .

BESS HINSON HINES

Highlands, N. C., and California

KEEPER OF THE FOUNTAIN

I sought the fountain of eternal peace  
And found high garden walls of sul'en stone;  
The Keeper was a man of odd caprice,  
Who walked the secret hours of night alone.  
The Keeper of the fountain, tall and spare,  
Crossed silent courtyard stones with whispered words,  
Cold moonlight touched the whiteness of his hair—  
He held one hand to feed the shadow birds.

He wore priest robes and bowed to gods of fear,  
His palsied gospel to the empty air  
Will never reach the hard world's distant ear—  
This garden might be sun-swept, bright and fair . . .  
The Peace Priest lurks alone where none may see,  
His face is hidden but he looks like me . . .

MANFIELD A. CARTER.

Letters

SENDS THANKS FROM GERMANY

Dear Editor:

When our home burned recently the people of Highlands were very helpful and considerate in many ways. We feel that we can never repay them.

Since we are now stationed in Germany, we can't thank them personally, as we would like, but in some way we would like to express our thanks.

At best words are a poor way to say "Thank You", but in all sincerity we want to thank you and every person in Highlands.

Sincerely,  
S. SGT. ANTHONY E. EDWARDS  
PVT. DANIEL D. EDWARDS

7214th E. R. S.,  
APO 207,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.  
July 29, 1949.

POLITICS AND RELIGION

Editor, The Press and Maconian:

If Mrs. Roosevelt and Mr. Barden are following up the attack started by "a Monk named Martin Luther", as you pointed out in your editorial yesterday, if they are operating on this "far-flung battle-line", why accuse Cardinal Spellman of bringing religion into politics or this school issue? It was really there when he entered the fray, was it not? He only uncovered it.

Perhaps, after all, there is method in the Cardinal's madness. If you will let me ask this one question, I promise you I won't bother you with the subject (if I can help it!):

Why do people consider it O. K. for Protestant ministers to enter the political arena—to take the stump in behalf of a measure they believe to be best—prohibition for instance—and at the same time consider it to be wrong and un-American for a Catholic priest to speak up for something he thinks best?

CORA TALLEY.

Franklin, Route 2,  
August 12, 1949.

Others' Opinions

CULLOWHEE'S NEW PRESIDENT

A man and an institution are well matched in the choice of Paul A. Reid as president of Western North Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee.

Mr. Reid has performed a distinguished public service as comptroller of the State Board of Education. He has been a sound and progressive administrator. With an extensive background of education and educational experience he combines a good business head. He has risen through the school system by stages which always marked him for higher honors and greater responsibilities.

President-elect Reid's good fortune is also the good fortune of W.C.T.C. The college is on the threshold of great growth and greater usefulness to the mountain region. The last general assembly provided \$3.8 million for permanent improvements at the lovely campus in Cullowhee. A sound building program needs a builder as well. Mr. Reid is a man of no small imagination. Under his guidance the planned growth at Cullowhee can take directions which should be of lasting benefit to the college, its devoted faculty, and its student body.

There is only one unfortunate aspect to the appointment. The Board of Education loses a skilled executive and administrator. Comptroller Reid's solid niche in the edifice of public education will be hard to fill.

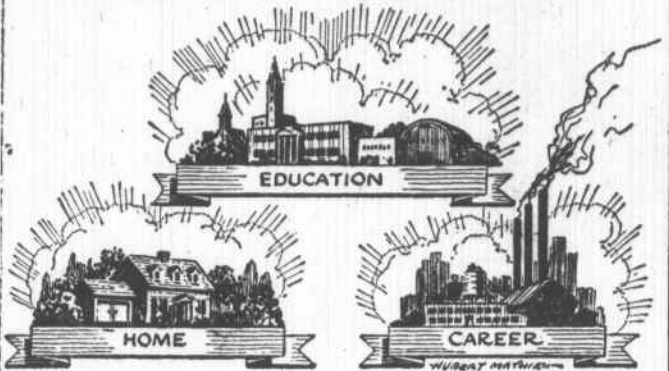
Yet we believe that North Carolina as a whole will stand in time to draw the richest dividends from Paul Reid's assignment. The state has a crying need of teachers. It is the func-

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

ELBOW ROOM



THE PIONEER—PUSHING EVER TOWARD NEW FRONTIERS—WANTED "PLENTY OF ELBOW ROOM" FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY—SPACE TO GROW IN.



TODAY, WE STILL WANT "ELBOW ROOM" FOR OUR FAMILIES TO GROW IN, BUT WE VISUALIZE IT IN TERMS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES, THAT TOGETHER ADD UP TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE, THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS AND THRIFT, GOALS OF SECURITY AND SUCCESS FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN.

tion of W.C.T.C. and other teacher colleges to fill that need. Its new president has perhaps the finest grasp of any man of his generation in North Carolina of the urgent necessities which confront the state in teacher education.

We know that Mr. Reid will find a ready welcome at Cullowhee and generally in Western North Carolina. A native of Surry county, in the foothills, his knowledge of the mountain area and its special problems is broad and sympathetic. The talents which he combines are prophetic of a great new day for Western North Carolina Teachers College.—Asheville Citizen.

WORKING FOR BENEFIT OF ALL

Western North Carolina Associated Communities, which is composed of chambers of commerce of eleven counties, is making evident contributions to the economic and cultural development of the counties in its area.

Organized a few years ago with the purpose of coordinating the efforts of the chambers in the area, the association has been directed by some of the most public spirited, efficient men in Western North Carolina. They have given their time and service without remuneration, except for the satisfaction derived from helping others, and promoted projects that are paying dividends to the whole section.

For instance, last year the association, with the assistance of TVA and other agencies, compiled an inventory of the assets of the eleven counties, securing and publishing in book form much valuable information. This survey already is aiding in growth of industry and tourist business here.

The next project to be undertaken by the association is a recreational survey. A study will be made to find the existing scenic and recreational advantages and the possibilities and make a list of them available to the public. This should be beneficial to all Western North Carolina.

Recently, WNCAC sponsored the organization of Western North Carolina Tourist Association, the purpose of which is to guarantee to the traveler and visitor certain standards at the tourist places, both lodging and eating, that are members. This should be an asset to those who cater to tourist business in our own midst.—Cherokee Scout.

SENATOR GRAHAM STATES HIS FAITH

The following extracts from the maiden speech of Senator Frank P. Graham, delivered in the United States senate on July 20, are worthy of reading and study. We are glad to have such a credo from the lips of our junior senator.

"The people of the United States, in recognition of their responsibility of world leadership, owe it to themselves and the people of the earth to make clear what is in their minds and hearts, what are their determinations and hopes.

"As I move here and there among the Americans of my day, I find in their minds and hearts certain articles of their common faith and hopes. They covet no land, intend no aggression, and plan no war. They hate aggression, abhor war, and want freedom and peace. In common with people in all nations, they want cooperation, communication, trade and peace with all people.

"After the First World War, the United States renounced the League of Nations and failed the hopes of mankind. After the Second World War, the Soviet Union has obstructed the United Nations and has failed the humane hopes of the peoples of the world. Upon the ruins and miseries left by the First World War the Fascist dictatorships hurled their monstrous power against the peoples of Europe, Asia and America. Upon the ruins and miseries left by the Second World War, the Communist dictatorship organized its no less monstrous aggressions and subversions against the freedom and the dignity of the peoples of both the East and the West. Instead of the development, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, of the one world of the peoples' hopes, two conflicting worlds developed within the frame-work of the United Nations. We still fervently hope that the twilight of the Cold War will not turn into the darkness of the unthinkable tragedy of a Third World War. In the struggle toward the dawn, we are groping for the free light and the fair balance of both personal freedom and international security.—Hendersonville Times-News.

Dr. Samuel Harley Lyle

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another of the entries in the recent contest of the Macon County Historical Society. Since the article was written by Dr. Lyle's sister, it is less detailed, and more modest in its appraisal of his character and achievements, than it might otherwise have been.)

By MRS. MAMIE WALDROOP  
Samuel Harley Lyle was born in Franklin, N. C., on February 21, 1861. He was the son of Dr.

J. M. Lyle and Laura Amelia Siler Lyle. He received his early education in the schools of Franklin and when about 16 years of age he entered the University of Nashville, Tennessee, from which he received his M. D. degree in 1879. Following his graduation, he came back to his home town and for more than half a century he gave of his skill and strength to the people of Western North Carolina. He was a great reader

LEGAL ADVERTISING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has been requested to hold a Public Hearing to revise the Official Classification Plan for the purchase of Grade A Milk from dairy farmers on the Asheville Market. This Classification was officially adopted on September 17, 1941.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 28, Chapter 106, General Statutes of North Carolina, The Commissioner of Agriculture hereby designates all counties and markets located in that area of North Carolina West of Avery, Burke and Cleveland Counties, as a natural marketing area for the sale of milk; and, in accordance with the above Law, I hereby give notice that a Public Hearing will be held on Friday, August 12, 1949, at 10:30 A. M. in the Superior Courtroom, Seventh Floor, of the Buncombe County Court House in Asheville, North Carolina for the purpose of receiving evidence and information relative to the adoption of an Official Classification Plan for the purchase of Grade A Milk from producers in the above designated area.

At the above time and place opportunity will be given all interested parties to be heard.  
L. Y. BALLENTINE,  
Commissioner

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

NOTICE  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MACON COUNTY  
ANDY HASKETT

vs.  
FRANCIS C. CAREY

Under and by virtue of an execution delivered to the undersigned Sheriff from the Superior Court of Macon County in the above entitled action, I will on the 6th day of September, 1949, at 12 o'clock noon, at the door of the Macon County Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution all right, title and interest which the defendant Francis C. Carey now has, or at any time at or after the docketing of the judgment in said action had, in and to the following described real estate lying in Macon County, North Carolina, to wit:

All the mineral interest and mining privileges in the following described tract of land: The land described in a mineral deed from Andy Haskett and wife Mary Anne Haskett to Ellis C. Soper, dated May 22, 1937, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book A-5, page 510.

This 1st day of August, 1949.  
J. P. BRADLEY,  
Sheriff of  
Macon County, N. C.

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from childhood and could be found most any time lying on his stomach pouring over some medical book or book of history.

He was a man of deep human sympathy and was always ready to answer a call from suffering people of whatever race or creed. He was interested in the health and welfare of his home town and county, and in fact everyone with whom he came in contact.

He was a member of the general assembly in 1897 and during that session passed the first compulsory school law in the South. He served as mayor of the Town of Franklin and was chairman of the board of education for nearly a quarter of a century.

He joined the church of his choice when quite young and was a loyal and active member till his death. He was also a Mason and Shriner.

He was elected the first president of the North Carolina chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and during the last year of his life he served as president of the Tenth District Medical Society.

During World War I, he served as receiving officer at Camp Green (1917-1918). He was never a very strong man, so when his health broke in service, he was retired with the rank of major.

He passed to his reward on November 14, 1933, at the age of 72.

HONEST!

Two nurse maids were wheeling their infant charges in the park, when one asked the other: "Are you going to the dance tomorrow night?" "I'm afraid not," she replied. "What?" exclaimed the other. "I thought you were so fond of dancing!"

"I'd love to go," exclaimed the conscientious maid, "but to tell you the truth, I'm afraid to leave the baby with its mother!"

The Ohio is the most navigated river in America, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.