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## EDITORIAL

### Minimum Wage

Some politicians consider proposed federal legislation to boost the minimum wage a sure way to win votes, even though such raises may increase unemployment by pricing less skilled workers out of the labor market.

The action last month of the U.S. Senate Labor Committee to raise the basic minimum wage from \$1.60 to \$2.20 an hour can have an adverse effect on the number of jobs available for our young people just out of high school.

It can also cause consumer prices to increase as the wage rates are applied to the cost of production.

According to a noted business economist at the University of Chicago, "The major group suffering unemployment as a consequence of the minimum wage are minority teenagers. Their unemployment numbers have gone up each time the minimum wage was increased."

Such increases also destroy opportunities for relevant job education for youths because of diminished beginning job opportunities for teenagers. These are the jobs in which teenagers normally acquire the skills which make them more productive and enable them to progress to jobs where they earn far more than the minimum.

It just doesn't seem to make much sense to appropriate millions for job training and summer jobs for disadvantaged youths while politicians push for minimum wage increase. Also, this comes at a time when the government is working to stop inflation and the general public is deeply concerned about consumer prices.

### Farmers "Dropping Out"

Farmers have the record of the most productive group of citizens in the land, but their numbers continue to dwindle.

An hour of farm labor currently produces around seven times the food and crops as it did in 1919-21. In the 1960's, productivity of the American farm worker increased on the average of 6 per cent a year—compared to a 3 per cent average annual increase in output per man-hour in non-agricultural industry.

Today, one farm worker produces enough food, fiber and other farm commodities to supply himself and 47 other people! He supplied 23 in 1957-59.

But many farmers are dropping out. They're retiring with nobody taking over for them—or they're just quitting to find more lucrative occupations. The migration away from the land has been going on since before the turn of the century, so that there are less than half the number of farms today as there were then.

Even with present high farming efficiency and productivity, the number of farms and farm population will continue to shrink even further. Although some large corporate farms may be able to handle part of our future agricultural production, the traditional family farm will continue to be the backbone of American agriculture.

It is, therefore, urgent that our remaining farmers be allowed to share proportionately in the fruits of their labors. The increase in food prices has helped the farmer very little, if any, out of his tightening "cost-price squeeze."

### Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to bring to public attention the notice of a hearing of Western Carolina Telephone Company before the North Carolina Utilities Commission on June 29 and 30, at 9 a.m. at the Buncombe County Court Room. We customers of the Weaverville exchange received notices of this hearing in February, along with the company's proposed rate increase.

If you misplaced your notice or forgot the date, perhaps these comparative rates with our neighboring county will shake you into gear to get to the hearing.

Weaverville Exchange, present rates residence private phone: \$7.65, two-party: \$8.65, four party: \$9.65; Proposed Rates private phone: \$12.50, two-party: \$11.50, four party: \$12.50, Southern Bell: Present Private phone: \$5.65, two-party: \$6.65, four party: \$7.65. These Southern Bell rates are quoting Asheville and Arden

exchanges. Rates for Black Mountain, Enka, Fairview and Leicester are even lower. Business phones are likewise comparative.

We moved to the Jupiter area in 1966 and it took three years and a hearing with the State Utilities Commission to even get a phone from Western Carolina Telephone Company. So you see, their services don't match their rates.

If you feel these rates are outrageous, as we do, and have had service problems, you had better make them known at the hearing. Maybe we can show the S.U.C. that W.C.T.C. should lower present rates instead of increasing them.

We have been advised that petitions, form letters, etc., are generally ignored, and the most effective way to complain or protest is your presence at Superior Court Room, Buncombe County Court House on June 29 and June 30.

Claude F. Green  
Route 2, Box 80  
Marshall

### 4-H'ers Attend District Meet At Waynesville

The Western District 4-H Activity Day was held Wednesday, June 21, at Tuscola High School in Waynesville. The event was well attended by 4-H members, parents, and leaders from Madison County. Those participating and the awards they won are as follows:

Eddie Reed, Safety, participation ribbon, Horse, participation ribbon Randal Cody, public speaking, blue ribbon, Beekeeping, blue ribbon Linda DuVall, Fruit and Vegetable Production, participation ribbon Warren Wise, Soil and Water Conservation, blue ribbon, Felicia Bishop, clothing, blue ribbon; Renee Wyatt, Dairy Foods, participation ribbon; Michael Metcalf, talent act, piano solo, participation ribbon; Loretta Barnett, talent act, piano solo, participation ribbon; Peggy Rice, Ornamental Plants and Landscaping, participation ribbon.

Special recognition should be given to those who will be going on to compete in State competition July 24 in Raleigh. Each has won an expense paid trip to attend N. C. 4-H Congress, July 24-28. They are Jane Rice, Girl's Electric; Tommy DuVall, Tobacco; Cynthia Niles, Dress Revue.

"We wish to thank the parents and leaders who attended for their interest and support." Gary Ealey, assistant agent, said.

### Peebles Elected District 31-A Lions Governor

Harold Peebles of Candler, will be installed as District Governor on July 8, at 7 p. m., Enka High School Cafeteria.

Laon Peebles was elected District Governor at the Lions State Convention on June 4, at Winston-Salem. He is a member of the Candler Lions Club. He has served as President of his Club, as Zone Chairman of Zone 4, and Deputy District Governor. He has also served as District Chairman of the Eye Bank Committee. He is a member of the Hominy Valley Masonic Lodge and a member of Hominy Baptist Church. He was active in the organization of Hominy Valley Recreational Program and was instrumental in the purchase of land and the building of recreational facilities, including the swim

ming pool. Laon Harold and his brother, Bud, are owners and operators of Peebles Oil Company of Candler. He has demonstrated his interests in the objectives of Lionism by supporting the comprehensive sight conservation program in Western North Carolina and in broadening the services for the blind. He, for the past two years, has served as Co-Chairman of the Candler Lions Horse Show.

Members of the District 31-A Cabinet to be installed, along with Laon Peebles, are:

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer-Richard Gudgeon, Candler Lions Club; Deputy District Governor-Region 1-Paul Vance, Franklin Lions Club; 2-William F. Osborne, Clyde Lions Club; 3-George T. Johnson, Haw Creek Lions Club; 4-Ron Daniels-Pisgah Forest Lions Club.

Zone Chairmen:  
Zone 1-Guy Padgett, Clay County Lions Club; 2-Roger Lyons, Cherokee Lions Club; 3-Dr. Warren Kitts, Hazelwood Lions Club; 4-Kenneth A. Gowan, Erwin District Lions Club; 5-Frank Max Roberts, Asheville Lions Club; 6-Joe D. Wallin, Black Mountain Lions Club; 7-Edwin R. Rice, Sr., Brevard Lions Club; 8-Joe E. Orr, Hendersonville Lions Club.

### Monte Vista Camp Meeting Starts Sat.

The Monte Vista Camp Meeting will get underway this Saturday night and will continue for 13 days, Dr. Luther Horn, superintendent, announced this week. The series of meetings will be held in the Flat Creek community near Weaverville and many singing groups and preachers are expected to attend.

### Service Men

U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Fred J. Hensley, son of Mrs. Pearl Hensley of Mars Hill, N. C. has arrived for duty at Alconbury, RAF Station, England.

Sergeant Hensley, an airframe repair technician, is a member of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, America's overseas air arm assigned to NATO. He previously served at Little Rock AFB, Ark.

The sergeant, a 1956 graduate of Mars Hill High School, has served nine months in Vietnam. His wife, Brenda, is the daughter of Mrs. Claude D. Wilson of Rt. 2, Marshall, N. C.

### PAINT TREES

Painting the bark of a tree where it has been damaged or where a limb has been removed by pruning is as important as treating a skin wound in a person.

If trees are not painted after a break in the protective covering, they will be vulnerable to disease and decay, observe extension forestry specialists at North Carolina State University.

Prompt and thorough treatment, with a rubber-use paint or a commercial tree wound dressing, is a must.



AREA FARM CREDIT SERVICE officials attending a recent annual conference of Federal Land Bank Association and Production Credit Association directors and executive officers at Atlanta, Ga. had an opportunity to chat with one of the noted speakers, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor, Marble Collegiate Church, New York. Shown here, left to right, with Dr. Peale are James L. Beck, President, Wade Huey, chairman of Board of Directors of Mountain Production Credit Association, Dr. Peale, and W. Mack Rogers, chairman of board of directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Asheville. In addition to Mr. Huey, Lon Sluder, of Marshall, director of Federal Land Bank Association of Asheville, attended. Choice Plemmons is manager of the Marshall Branch.

### Health Clinic Schedule

Mr. Lawrence B. Burwell, MPH, Madison County Health Director, has announced the Health Department Clinic schedule for July, 1972. Clinics listed are held at the Health Department unless otherwise specified.

Monday, July 3, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic, 1-3 p. m.

Tuesday, July 4, Holiday.

Wednesday, July 5, Child Health Supervisory Clinic, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Thursday, July 6, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p. m.

Thursday, July 6, Nurse Screening Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p. m., BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Friday, July 7, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30 - 12 Noon, 1-4 p. m.

Monday, July 10, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic, 1-3 p. m.

Monday, July 10, Nurse Screening Clinic, Rudisill Clinic, 1-3 p. m.

Tuesday, July 11, Maternity Clinic, 11 a. m.

Thursday, July 13, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p. m.

Friday, July 14, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30 - 12 Noon, 1-4 p. m.

Monday, July 17, Mental Health Clinic, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Monday, July 17, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic, 1-3 p. m.

Thursday, July 20, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p. m.

Friday, July 21, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30 - 12 Noon, 1-4 p. m.

Shirley in clubs HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Shirley Jones will return to the nightclub circuit after a three-year absence to star at the Starlight Theater in Indianapolis August 14-20 during a hiatus in her "Partridge Family" series.

### Ritual Of Jewels Ceremony Held June 19

The Mars Hill College library faculty lounge was the setting Monday evening, June 19, for the Ritual of Jewels Ceremony for the Mars Hill Epsilon Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The ceremony was conducted by the Epsilon Lambda chapter from Weaverville. The following members received their Ritual of Jewels badge: Reva Shelton, Sandy Hembree, Angie Mitchell, Ann Taylor, Martha Gault, Joyce Thomason, Wanda Hollifield, JoAnn Johnson, Judy Wallin, Margaret Moss, and Anna Neal Stevens.

### Morgan Elected To Angus Association

Frank W. Morgan, Jr., Marshall, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Miss., announces Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary. There were 337 memberships issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in the United States during the past month.



PICTURED ABOVE is J. C. McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McIntyre of Walnut Creek. J. C. is among the 100 4-H'ers from across the State who were selected to participate in this year's Natural Resource Conference at Schaub 4-H Camp, Waynesville.

4-show Martin HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Producer Quinn Martin will have four shows on the air next television season: "The FBI," "Cannon," "The Streets of San Francisco" and "Banyon."



By DONNA VAUGHN

The day broke sunny and beautiful but by the time we were halfway to Linville there were stone grey skies above, wet, shiny black pavement below and gallon buckets of rain sandwiched in between. Tania Rollman, my field advisor, and I were headed toward Linville Falls to a Scamper Day for girls from Avery County. We arrived at the spot to find the girls were, despite a motto "B prepared," quite unprepared for the raindrops falling on their heads. Tania and I with Hefty Plastic Trashcan bags at hand proceeded to create raincoats that would have put "London Fog Raincoats" to shame. They kept the girls very dry the time they were there and because of the weather the girls left very shortly thereafter. One of my first lessons as a temporary Girl Scout was that one uses

materials at hand to create whatever needs my arise. I guess by this time you are wondering who I am and what I am up to. My name is Donna Vaughn and I am a recent graduate of Mars Hill College with a degree in Elementary Education. I did my student teaching at Walnut School with Ruth Guthrie's first grade and have tutored in Sodom. My parents live in Burlington but I feel as though Madison County is my home. This summer I am involved in an internship with the Girl Scouts here in Madison County. My job is to interest adults and girls ages 7 to 17 in Girl Scouting. Never being a Girl Scout myself, I am afraid that I was not really aware of what it meant to be a Scout. I am learning more about it everyday and realizing what a truly wonderful organization this is for girls. For instance, I had never been camping before two weeks ago. In the week that I was with the Day Camp in Banner Elk I learned how to build a tent, cook on an open fire, make all sorts of beautiful things out of simple gifts from nature and scores of other things (including five loads of laundry to do when I arrived home but it was worth it). The relationships built with other girls during this time will last a lifetime and the experiences will make for many happy memories in days to come. If you are not a Scout and are interested or if you are an adult and think you would like to work with Scouts, please get in contact with me at the following address: Donna Vaughn, Box 187-C, Mars Hill 28754. I am hoping to hear from you soon! Meanwhile stay tuned next week for another exciting adventure in the wild, wonderful world of scouting!

### Stapp Family To Present Play

The Stapp Family will present a play, "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven For You" at the Union Valley Baptist Church next Sunday, July 2, beginning at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

### Decoration

There will be a decoration at the Wilson and Bailey and Roberts Cemetery on Sunday, July 9 at 10:00 o'clock followed by service and homecoming at 11 o'clock at the Caney Fork Baptist Church. Lunch will be served at noon. The Blue Ridge Valley Singing Convention, with Frank Reed in charge, will begin at two o'clock.

The Rev. Jack Davis, pastor, invites all singers and listeners to attend.

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