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#### They Used To Call It Inflation

No sooner does the minimum wage law go up to 75 cents an hour than hullabaloo starts for a \$1 minimum wage AND \$100 a month pensions.

Such proposals make wartime inflation look inconsequential in comparison. During the war, the government rightfully clamped on ceiling prices to insure the availability of food, clothing, and shelter to all income groups.

Today, in peacetime, we don't have ceiling prices—but there is an almost identical inflation problem. Now instead of prices rising first, wages go up first, and retail prices immediately follow. Then the unions demand more wages to meet the higher cost of living, they get what they want, and the retail prices rise again. There seems to be no blocking of the vicious trend. And left struggling in the chaos are the persons with fixed incomes and the widow whose husband thought she was handsomely provided for when he left her an income of \$200 a month.

This is just one of the problems confronting our nation in this struggle based on economics but so completely dominated politically and capitalized upon by political factions.

Another problem arose in the labor department last week. The unemployed are rapidly exhausting their jobless benefits. About 500,000 persons ran out of their rights to further anemployment compensation payments in the quarter ending with Septem-And this occurs during a time when the employment ratio

Unemployment insurance not only makes it possible for a man without a job to obtain the necessities of life. In the overall economic picture it is intended to maintain the nation's level of purchasing power so that there isn't a breakdown in the entire sys-

That's why the labor department is upset over the fact that there is no more money to be handed out until a new benefit year starts. The number of weeks of unemployment benefits varies from state to state and Uncle Sam is now rightfully interested in what these persons who no longer get handouts, are doing. He's asked the state agencies to find out. It is believed that some go on direct relief, others are supported by relatives, and only a few

What is most aggravating to many of us is: In this time of high employment, how many getting unemployment insurance would find jobs if they knew they wouldn't get help from the

In theory, the principles of maintaining purchasing power meeting consumer demand, setting a fair wage, and making pen sions available in old age, are fine. But we can be assured too, that putting these theories in practice is making it less important for many of our populace to display initiative or put in a few hard licks of work like they had to in the past.

Conservatives scream that this is going to destroy America our traditions, and our "one-time resourcefulness and ambition." Radicals, attempting to make all men equal economically, claim that the unemployed and unemployable must be taken care of.

Both are right in part. But in most instances, the lazy and shiftless of the 1850s will have their counterpart in the 1950s. The brilliant and ambitious of today will have their counterpart in

The big question, in our estimation, is something that cannot be measured conclusively with statistics. Will those individuals who ordinarily would have become ambitious and useful members of our communities lose such incentive when they realize that it is not necessary to put \$5 a week in the savings account because in their old age they will be cared for by Uncle Sam?

The most frightening thing about government subsidization of individual citizens is: Where, if any place, will it stop?

We used to believe that union demands would stop some-where. But they don't. Evidently wages will go up, prices will follow, and before long a dollar bill probably will be worth no more than the paper it's printed on.

With increased taxes to take care of increased obligations on the part of the federal government and a probable increasingly apathetic and lackadaisical attitude as to earning one's daily bread and butter, we're inclined to lend an ear to the right-winger's

## Thoughts for an open mind...

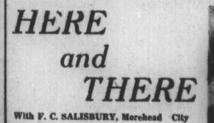
A man's worst difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes

Patience and tenacity of purpose are worth more than twice their weight of cleverness

Never become angry with a friend, for then you will notice all of his faults, which you have all along never noticed.

At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how much ambition gratified, but how love was served.

\_J. R. Morrill.



Landscaping of the grounds a- | be planted along the east border bout the Morehead City hospital is and across the back. Funds to underway under the direction of B.

F. Copeland of Beautort. The old have been donated by the Womyuccas, cedars and other scraggly shrubs have been taken out and

replaced by more attractive shrub-bery. The lawns about the build-ings are to be regarded and plant-ed in winter grass. A hedge will

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Chief, Vernon Guthrie; Assistant Chief, Grady Bell; Captain, James Griffin; Lieutenant, John Parker; Secretary, Vincent Lawrence; Treasurer. Earl Freeman, No change has been made by city commissioners of the two truck drivers.

Much interest is being shown in the erection of the Lustron house at the corner of 34th and Evans street in Morehead City. This is an all steel and enamel structure consisting of six rooms without a bit of wood used in its construc-tion. The outside covering of enameled panels is covered on the back with rock wool for insulation. The walls of the interior are of the same enameled panels. The com-plete material for the house was shipped here on an immense trail-er truck and factory workmen are doing the erecting.

State motorists will pay an ex-tra gas tax of one cent beginning January 1. The extra one cent tax, which will raise the state's gas tax to seven cents a gallon, automatically goes into effect the first of the year. This extra tax must be used exclusively to help pay for the rural road program.

The J. C. Taylors have purchased from Mrs. Paul Webb a most desirable lot in the 3300 block on Evans street and are planning to build a new home in the near fu-

Much needed repairs about the Morehead City municipal building are underway. The exterior trim has been painted. Additional space is being made for the commissioners room by the removal of the partition between the two front offices. The former room space was too small whenever a delegation of citizens came before the board in matters of civic interest. The ceiling of the lobby is to be replastered and side walls painted. New outside rooms have also been added.

Weather prophets are predicting a hard winter, taking the sign or omen from the recent thunderstorm that occurred in this section last month. Oldtimers recall a similar weather oddity occurred in the winter 1917.

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the business section of Merchead City was turned on last week. In place of the string of colored lights from pole to pole as former-ly used, the lights this season are entwined about the new light posts which have been covered with green vines and along with the huge figures of Old Santa and the stripped candy canes, make a most pleasing effect. The community tree at 10th street adds to the tree at 10th street adds to the spirit of the season.

The Winter solstice, the change from Fall to Winter, takes place on 11:24 p.m. Not December 21 at 11:24 p.m. Not until January 13th will there be an earlier change in the rising and setting of the sun. On that date the sun will rise at 7:18 and set at 5:00. When the days begin to lengthen, the cold hegins to strengthen.

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Once more the scaffolding has been built about the steel frame for the spire of the new church building of the First Methodist Christmas street lighting along building of the First Methodist church of Morehead City. The first framework was blown down during a severe wind storm some three weeks ago. The wrecking of the usaffold set the construc-tion work back some little time

ids approved by the State Board building.

as well as entailing a loss for the

First Old Maid: "De you always ook under the bed?"



Dec. 7-Among those attending the Eastern District Conference of the Latter Day Saints in Wilming ton Chapel last week-end, Dec. and 4, were Elders, Gibbins, Hautz, Sisters Barbara Hall and Mortha Maples, Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Guthrie Mr. and Mrs. C Mattie Gray Willis, Mr. and Mrs Earle Davis and Bertha Joy Davis. The main topic of the conference was the work done this past year President J. R. Price of Roanoke

Va., was the principal speaker. Two missionaries, Barbara Hall and Martha Maples, have been holding cottage meetings during the day and night at homes here on the island the past few weeks Mrs. Hubert Lewis and daugh-er, Joyce of Baltimore, Md., are here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Davis. Mr. Davis will join them this week-

Mrs. Nora Lewis is ill at her

of Education the past week under the state's \$50,000,000 school building program was the sum of \$85,000 for the William S. King (colored) school building of More head City and \$68,000 for the More head City elementary school

The Robert L. Rose Motor Co. utomobile agency has rented from Duffy Wade the vacant property next to Eastman's Furniture store, formerly occupied by the Seashore Taxi company and will use the space for a used car sales lot. The taxi company will have car space back of Pender's store with phone and service or Among the school allocation 8th street connected with the store

home on the west end of the is-

Bonald G. Willis, BMIZ, has cently where they had been attend-

Second Ditto: "Always!"

First Old Maid: "Did you ever find anything?"

Second Ditto: "Only in old lashioned hetels."

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willis, announce the birth of a daughter in begin his duties the first of next year.

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