

# HOW HIGH, MR. SMITH?

In a full-page political advertisement published in The Charlotte Observer April 4, 1950, Willis Smith said:

**"I believe in high wage scales for the American working man."**

This is the same wealthy Mr. Smith who, only three years ago—when living costs were at their peak—vigorously opposed a 40-cents per hour minimum wage for those same North Carolina workers for whom his heart now bleeds and in whom he is showing such a sudden interest—for purely political reasons, of course.

His ad further states: "UPON THIS RECORD THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA MAY JUDGE HIM."

## HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, MR. SMITH

Now, let's look at the record. The following is taken from a news report in the Raleigh News and Observer of March 6, 1947, and deals with the appearance of several lobbyists before a General Assembly Committee:

"A well-fed battery of some of the highest-priced lawyers in North Carolina pumped broadsides yesterday into a measure which would raise the pay of an estimated 35,000 Tar Heel workers to 40 cents an hour—\$16 a week.

"One of the lawyers, representing some of the very industries in which State Labor Commissioner Forrest Shuford said the majority of the low-paid Tar Heels are employed, was . . . Willis Smith of Raleigh.

**"SMITH CLAIMED THAT THE BILL IS 'HARSH, UNREASONABLE AND UNNECESSARY'."**

So it's **HARSH**, according to Mr. Smith, to pay a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour! **UNREASONABLE** for a person working 40 hours a week to make \$16 for his labor! Unnecessary to pay workers a wage sufficient for even the barest subsistence!

Now, Mr. Smith claims to believe in high wages for the American working man.

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**FRANK GRAHAM HAS SPENT HIS LIFE BATTLING UNSELFISHLY FOR THE GREATER WELL-BEING OF ALL THE PEOPLE!**