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BETTER THAN NO BILL AT ALL

THE minimum wage law introduced in the N. C. State Senate this week falls some short of the "reasonable and fair" yardstick used by Governor Umstead in his inaugural address. But it is better than no bill at all, and probably the best bill to be had out of this General Assembly. Hence, it merits passage.

WELCOME TO THE REPUBLICANS

TODAY the Republicans of Tar Heel, still a bit uncertain about their future plans, gather in Charlotte for a Lincoln Day dinner and a meeting of the state executive committee. We're happy to extend them a warm welcome... and offer them a few words of unsolicited advice, for which there is no charge.

INSURE BEFORE, NOT AFTER, THE ACCIDENT

ELSEWHERE on this page today we reprint editorials that appeared this week in two of the nation's outstanding newspapers, the Christian Science Monitor and the New York Times. Both editors' deal with auto liability insurance. These two papers are automatically well suited to discuss this subject. The Monitor is printed in Boston, Massachusetts, the only state with compulsory auto liability insurance. The "security" system of auto liability insurance, the type now proposed for this state by the insurance fraternity and Insurance Commissioner Waldo C. Cheek, has been in effect in New York State for over 10 years, the longest period of time any of the larger states has had the law.

part of their pay—"reasonable cost"—may turn out to mean almost anything. According to the estimate of the State Legislative Council, the measure will affect some 35,000 Tar Heel... less than one-fourth the total number of workers in intrastate industry and commerce. It will not add them much, however; today these 50,000 workers average 4.75 cents an hour.

Unhappily for the party and for those of us who have long encouraged a real two party system in this state, the North Carolina Republican Party is not unique. They have been the traditional tool of Southern Republicanism in general, and the causes are both ancient and numerous. The troubles—ineffectiveness, lack of leadership, lack of initiative, weak candidates for public office, disinterest and neglect by the national party, discriminatory and unfair election laws—are not so great or so complex that they cannot be overcome by intelligent, courageous and far-sighted action.

We would remind our Republican friends, as we have reminded them on previous occasions, that they will never become a realistic force in North Carolina until they change both their philosophy and their tactics. Philosophically, they must broaden their appeal beyond the narrow limitation of palace-guard patronage, tactically, they must extend their membership at the grass roots, seek out aggressive, respectable campaigners of the calibre of Rep. Charles Roper Jones, and adopt a program for North Carolina that is distinctly and unambiguously Republican. Not until they do this can they win state, Congressional and local elections with any regularity in the now-Democratic strongholds.

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IN "exactly the argument that a frank analysis of insurance agencies would make to a prospective policyholder, the Monitor backs up by showing the self-interest that is at the heart of the "security" system. The argument does not lose its force or its logic when made by a state administration." The North Carolina insurance men and Commissioner Cheek, in their advocacy of SB 105, are not presenting the glaring deficiency of the "security" system that has caused New York, and other states now using that system, to turn toward compulsory insurance.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Likes Our TV Page

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.
THANKS so much for the program for TV for the whole week. I just wouldn't miss my News now, especially Saturday.

MRS. COLIN M. LAURIN

She'll Write The Boys

I HAVE read several times in The News letters from servicemen who stand mail call every day but never receive any letters. I would be glad to correspond with these guys.

PHYLLIS HARTIS, 914 Lennox Avenue.

Likes Lenton Series

THANK you for your new articles called Lenton Guides. They have been an inspiration to me. I like them too because they are brief and readable.

MRS. CARL B. HARRIS

The Wets Are Undemocratic

I WANT to call public attention to an important aspect of the bills that were introduced Wednesday in the legislature. Rep. H. M. Moore and 30 other House members and Sen. Adam J. Whitley and five other Senators introduced bills calling for a statewide referendum.

Class A Teachers

REFERENCE to a statement contained in my letter of the 25th, re the program the United Forces for Education has submitted to our legislature, it is to be hoped that all school teachers can claim to be a "certified teacher."

HUGH L. FERGUSON

Good Veterans Program

I WOULD like to thank you for your very informative article of Feb. 20 concerning returning veterans and their progress in training courses. It is gratifying to see articles such as that reminding the public that veterans are working and not just sitting around looking for a free ride.

MRS. D. S. BEATTY

Likes Korean Vet Story

THE article of a few days ago appearing in your paper, along with the picture showing the hands of returned veterans from the Korean war, was very good. It is encouraging to learn that the Korean veterans are not abating government assistance, and it was nice of your paper to give the story to the public.

RAY RANKIN, Commander Howard N. Lester, 8 American Legion

Fee Was Secret

TIME passed, membership in the Ancient Order of Workmen dwindled, and by 1925 it was a mere shadow of its former self. In 1925, the State Legislature appropriated \$110,000 to buy the hospital... the fact that Kansas Attorney Gen. William Smith, now on the Kansas Supreme Court, had stated when the building was built in 1925: "The building will belong to the state, and the state will be in entire ownership."

Washington Pipeline

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THE connection that Arthur Godfrey, TV and radio star, does or does not have with the national defense establishment is... His chief trip with Gen. Curtis Lemay, Head of the Strategic Air Command, is still shrouded in deepest secrecy.

The Department of Defense is coping with a barrage of inquiries growing out of rumors that Godfrey will be an Assistant Secretary for Air or perhaps for Navy. He is a bar in the Naval Reserve. He is also, and this probably carries more weight than his rank of commander in the Reserve, is a friend of Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson.

The high officers present at the first session, each one screened and screened again for security, certainly did not know Godfrey's name. They were not a uniform nor the kind of identification badge usually worn by the guards and into the inner sanctum. The American officers present recognized the man as Godfrey.

An American Air Force general present at the said session understood Godfrey had come as a public relations adviser to Lemay. He added that the Air Force had been impressed with the publicity which Godfrey had been able to get for naval aviation. They hoped to produce the same result with the same means.

This may make sense in terms of the competition for favor and

opportunities before the armed services here at home. But to high-ranking European military men it seems a rather strange combination since one can give Godfrey full credit for a desire to serve his country as well as to make money. In other areas, too, the services are still competing. Some economies might be discovered if the program were taken down at least in some small degree the vast defense budget. That would not mean the production of the kind of publicity for which Americans have been waiting a long, long time.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE
run or stolen-car drivers, violators of the law, or uninsured-out-of-state drivers.

This modification of a system enacted into law in New Jersey last year. A state fund was set up to insure the responsible insurance companies and on owners of uninsured cars. This is used to pay claims in cases due to hit-and-run drivers who do not have liability insurance.

With this improvement and the fact that the state of New Jersey, a compulsory or virtually compulsory automobile liability insurance law has a great deal to commend it.

THE RIGHT TO DRIVE

THE NEW YORK TIMES
Governing how the case by law and court is unchanged; the services performed by agents and brokers in the state are not changed, nor are their commissions.

This is not state insurance. This is not a "right" to drive. It is a right to drive. It is a right to drive. It is a right to drive. It is a right to drive. It is a right to drive.

This is exactly the argument that a frank analysis of insurance agencies would make to a prospective customer, and he would back up by showing the self-interest that is at the heart of the "security" system.

It is important to understand that the pending bills introduced by the state administration change nothing vital except to provide that the car owner must insure before his accident instead of after.

MARRIAGE IS WASHING DISHES TOO

SOME of our younger readers, contemplating matrimony, may have perused a recent issue of the Press and Observer. Their interest recently with Zsa Zsa Gabor. They were not, we hope, much impressed by this young lady's views on life and the problems of the world. Especially we hope that they were not impressed by Zsa Zsa Gabor's opinions on marriage which are, even in these days, strange.

always get another husband," said the philosophical Mme. Gabor, "but where will you ever get another house like this?"

Having been married three times, Miss Gabor apparently feels qualified to pose as an expert on marriage. She is sitting up and says, to go marketing in "mink and bean-tufted French gowns" but she is bored by the price of eggs. She had heard of the word "cooking" when the reporter brought up the subject, but wash dishes? She's never washed dishes.

Drew Pearson's GOP Wheels Discuss Roberts Affair

WASHINGTON
WITH Kansas Republican newspapers actively editorializing, the Republican executive committee, meeting today, will consider the Kansas collection of voters who is now GOP National Chairman.

Why say many Kansas Republicans should Kansas have bought the hospital for \$110,000 when the state owned it anyway? Just as the state owned it, why not registered as a lobbyist, have collected \$110,000— a 10 per cent commission? It is a fact that they themselves raised cash over a fee one-third as large—\$12,500—paid to Democratic Chairman Bill Boyle in connection with an RFP loan to the American Lifehold Co. and they frankly say they fear Roberts' \$110,000 fee will be a "boomerang" special interest group.

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