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A Declaration

The declaration recently sponsored by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is very striking in that she accepts part of the responsibility in teaching her children to respect the rights and opinions of others.

In our mad attempt to push our children to the front, we have forgotten to call to their attention that there were others in this world to be considered, that one must accept his share of the responsibilities and hardships as well as his share of the pleasures and the good things in life.

Mrs. Catt's declaration: "Thankful for the benefits of a free country, I, an American mother, will do my utmost to help my children understand, cherish and guard the five freedoms upon which this nation was founded; freedom of speech, press, assembly, worship and petition. I will teach my children by my own example that they should respect the rights and opinions of others if they would defend their own, and thus preserve our heritage of liberty against any and all doctrines opposed to the traditions of our nation."

We don't have to be mothers to subscribe to these sound doctrines wholeheartedly.

Gambling Mad

It is claimed that the gambling bill in the United States would more than offset the federal, state, county and municipal tax levy each year, and year we go on making more plans for gambling and at the same time attacking taxes. Possibly the country and the people in it would be better off if a strong movement was started to lessen the gambling bill and apply the saving on the tax account.

We are gambling mad, and in our crazy actions we are promoting a big campaign to elevate gambling and tear down the basic structure of government. Destroy the power to tax, and the government itself will be destroyed.

Taxes are high, it is agreed. But it is a settled fact that with few exceptions, the American people have more to show for their tax money than they ever stop to realize. It cannot be denied that we accept the gambling bill as a matter of fact, and then attack the taxing system, a system that gives us police, fire, health and other protection and provides those conveniences that are impossible for the taxpayers to provide as an individual.

And then we demand more and more, but we hesitate to support those demands. We go right

on increasing the gambling bill, however, and think nothing of it.

It is high time that we got away from the belief that taxes are ruining the country, and realize that such factors as gambling, crime in general and the wild dash for pleasure are doing more to wreck the country than the tax collector is doing.

Sanctioned by the State of North Carolina, a new gambling orgy is getting underway with the legal return of the slot machine. The little tot on the street is fast developing the idea that it is all right for him to play the machine, but that the government, federal, state and local, is exercising a foreign right to levy taxes for the varied governmental program.

We are fast substituting the basic ideals of society with questionable objectives. We resent the efforts of the church to keep Christian morals afloat. We question the rights of the law makers to formulate laws for the protection of society, and every act advanced for the good of the group is frowned upon by the individual. We are fast building up the belief that it is the inherent right to act in accordance with individual desires regardless of the rights of others. We believe it is all right to squander our earnings at the gambling table, but think it is all wrong for the government to exercise the power of taxation even when that power is exercised in the interest of society.

Who Is Radical?

Hertford County Herald.

It is all in the way you look at a thing whether you are a radical or a conservative. President Roosevelt's speech this week to the retailers of the nation in his first major address on internal problems and the policies of his administration in several months is an example in point. Much criticism of the New Deal and President Roosevelt has applied the word "radical" to the President and his policies. This radicalism, such as spending for relief and public works and protection of bank deposits and prevention of stock market manipulation, has been attacked from many quarters by those who have called themselves conservatives, maintaining that the radicalism of the President made him a dangerous person who was threatening to reverse the American way of life into something or other—at least the New Deal policies of the administration were radical.

But the radicals are really those reckless, wishful people who close their eyes to facts and would return the country to the do-nothing, hand-off policies practices by government before 1929, the president told the retailers. They are radicals because they would gamble with the future of America, trusting to luck that prosperity and well-being would return to the nation under a system that the sad experience of the depression years proved to be disastrous.

The speech was a strong defense of the administration program and expressed a determined purpose to continue these progressive policies which brought recovery to the country. It condemned as dangerous radicals those who would gamble with the natural resources of the country and the lives of millions of unemployed, who have been put to work conserving and making productive our resources through public works programs, by returning to the old hands-off attitude of the federal government which permitted exploitation of human and natural resources for the benefit of a few great and greedy.

Gems For Your Scrapbook

"Charity is a virtue of the heart, and not of the hands."—Addison.

A capitalist in the modern sense of the word is a fellow who wants to eat the cake and give you the crumbs.



Champions for the Champion! When Floyd Roberts flashed to victory in last year's Indianapolis 500-mile race in the record time of 117.2 miles per hour, he gave a major portion of the credit to the Firestone Tires that carried him through the grind without any semblance of trouble. On May 30, Floyd will again ride on the tires that have carried the last 19 drivers to victory at Indianapolis. Every day of the year he and his family ride on Firestone Champion Tires because his experience on the speedway has taught him the importance of safe equipment on the highway.

Grants To Widows After Transferred Will Remain Same

The requirement that widows of Confederate veterans eligible for public assistance payments be transferred from the pension rolls by July 1 will not prevent other pensioners from receiving their payments on that date, Mrs. W. T. Bost, State welfare commissioner, said in answer to queries from county departments on the new legislation.

"Beginning July 1 in accordance with chapter 187 of the public laws of 1939, all pensioners remaining on the pension lists will receive their checks from the state auditor's office each month instead of twice a year," the commissioner said. "The transfer of eligible widows and the change in method of payment of remaining pensioners were two separate acts of the assembly and no hardship or delay will result when the laws take effect," she announced.

All widows of Confederate soldiers, Mrs. Bost said, will be transferred to the public assistance rolls on July 1 if they are eligible for that type of government assistance, while those not eligible will remain on the pension rolls and be paid entirely from State funds.

Checks going to those transferred will be paid jointly by the State and Federal government resulting in a saving to North Carolina of approximately a quarter million dollars which will be used to further the public assistance program for other needy aged in the State.

All payments to those transferred will be equal annually to the amount

Solution Of Milk Problem Offered

While dairymen the country over prepare for an extensive promotion of June as "1939 Dairy Month" in an effort to dispose of what may be a record butter crop, women of the National Consumers Tax Commission came forward last week with what appears to be an ideal method of eliminating the expected surplus. Simply get rid of the 46 hidden taxes on a pound of butter, say these opponents of unseen levies, and consumers will have enough money available to purchase the entire month's output. Their figures bear them out too. On last year's production of 1,600,000,000 pounds, approximately \$50,000,000 was paid in hidden taxes. At 25 cents a pound, this would buy up the expected June output of nearly 200,000,000 pounds and leave something over for bread. The 29 federal taxes, and 17 state and local levies account for 11.3 per cent of the retail price, the commission estimates.

They are now receiving under their pension, while even though those remaining on the pension rolls will receive their checks monthly, the yearly total will not be affected, the commissioner stated.

Class A Confederate widows now receive \$300 a year and their old age assistance grant will be equal to \$25 a month under the new system of payments, and larger if sufficient need is shown. No grants will be more than \$30 however. They will not be required to sign application blanks for the grants, the transfer of those eligible being automatic when the law goes into effect on July 1.

Northampton Raisers Report Much Sickness Among Hogs

Much sickness among hogs of Northampton County, due principally to cholera and improper feeding, have been reported by a number of growers.

N. C. Birth-rate Shows Decrease

North Carolina's birth-rate showed a noticeable decrease the first four months of 1939. So did the death rate, however, putting the law of compensation into effect.

Figures compiled by the State Board of Health's division of vital statistics, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the director, show that during January, February, March and April this year, there were 25,435 babies born in North Carolina. This was 529 fewer than were born—the corresponding period of 1938, but there were at the same time, 575 fewer deaths.

Decreases were noted as follows in deaths from certain specified causes: preventable accidents, 8; suicide, 36; diarrhea and enteritis among children under two, 20; pulmonary tuberculosis, 21, and pneumonia, 228. The number of homicides was the same for the corresponding period of each year—117. There was a decrease of 21 in deaths among children under one year of age and of 19 in the number of maternal deaths. But so far this year there has been an increase of 117 in deaths from influenza. Cancer showed a gain of 38 deaths the first four months of 1939.

4-H Members Plan To Purchase Baby Beef Calves

Jasper Tyson, Wilton Cox, James Blanchard and Press Pate, Greene County 4-H club members, are planning to purchase baby calves to feed out this fall and winter.

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