

TODAY and TOMORROW

INSURANCE for jobless

The first experiment with compulsory unemployment insurance in the United States went into effect on the first of July this year, in Wisconsin. The movement for a Federal scheme of unemployment insurance is growing. I don't think there is much question that we are heading toward a social system under which men who are able and willing to work are thrown out of work through no fault of their own will receive unemployment benefits, either from funds established by employers, or out of their own wages while they are earning, or by state or Federal government.

The English system, which is a combination of all three, looks to me the soundest. Every wage-earner, to be entitled to unemployment insurance, must consent to the deduction of a small percentage of his wages, when he is working, which goes into a fund to which the employers contribute an equal percentage and the government contributes its share. That provides the much-discussed British dole, which seems to have worked pretty well through the hard times—which are now about over in England.

PENSIONS and politics

I think there is little doubt that we will soon have a national system of old-age pensions. That scheme is working out pretty well in the states that have put it into effect. In Massachusetts, my own state, every male voter pays \$1 a year into the Old Age Assistance Fund, that makes a fund large enough to support all the aged needy and poor-houses have been abolished.

The average old-age pension in Massachusetts is a little over \$6 a week. Those receiving it have to prove that they have no other means of support—that they are unable to earn a living.

The trouble with any such scheme, like many other desirable social reforms, is that their administration has to be left to political appointees. Before we can go wholesale into Socialism, we must first reform our entire political system of rewarding partisan efforts out of the public treasury.

ELECTIONS punk system

Nobody who will stop to think it over will deny that we have carried the theory of democracy too far in making administrative offices elective. The man who gets the job is not the one with the best qualifications but the one who can make the best promises to voters.

I have never been able to discover that a Republican makes a better county clerk than a Democrat, or that there is any Democratic way of running a school system that is superior to Republican methods.

Every man elected to office in America has to give as much attention, if not more, to how he is going to get re-elected as he does to his job. That makes time-savers of most, and certainly does not make for efficiency.

COUNTIES too small now

County government, generally speaking, is the least efficient and most corrupt phase of public service in the United States. Most of

our counties are too small. They date from the horse-and-wagon days. There are few places now from which one who has business at the county seat couldn't make a fifty-mile trip easier than he could go ten miles a few years ago.

There is too much overlapping of city and county governments. Few cities are as fortunate as St. Louis, which is in no county. New York City is making a brave effort to rid itself of the five counties which are all inside the city limits. They make for duplication of cost and effort, waste of public funds and general inefficiency. Those who are fighting to retain them are the politicians who hold county jobs and their followers.

I think we are coming pretty close to a general consolidation of counties in many parts of the United States.

FRATERNITIES first 1750

Away back in 1750 a group of students at William and Mary College in Virginia organized themselves into the "Flat Hat Club," which was the parent of all American college fraternities. Thomas Jefferson was one of its members. Later it became the custom to give these fraternities Greek names and identify them, to the outer world only by initials, and as colleges multiplied, one fraternity might have chapters in many colleges.

There is something about each of these Greek letter fraternities which constitutes a life-long tie between its members. Most of America's famous men have been members of some fraternity. I am reminded of that by the interesting innovation of Alpha Delta Phi, one of the oldest of them all, in holding its annual convention the other day on a cruise to Bermuda on the Furness liner, Queen of Bermuda. And I was specially interested to note that a great educator from my own section of the country was elected to the presidency of Alpha Delta Phi, of which by the way, President Roosevelt and Justice Harlan Stone of the U. S. Supreme Court are members.

Dr. Frederick Sill, founder and headmaster of the Kent School, whose rowing crew, trained on the Housatonic River, defeated the crack school crews of England last year, is one of the rare men who fully merits the most honorable designation that can be given to a man, that of a Christian gentleman. As head of Alpha Delta Phi he will inspire the student members of that 102-year-old fraternity with even higher ideals.

Woodruff Reunion

The annual reunion of the Woodruff clan will be held at Elkin Valley church, two miles north of Elkin on highway 26, at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, September 2, 1934. All family connections and friends are cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets as dinner will be served on the grounds.

R. C. Woodruff, Chairman.

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NEW YORK . . . The British Gold Cup challenging yacht, "Endeavor" (below), is getting her tuning up trials off the Connecticut shores as her owner, Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith and wife (above), smile optimistically in the hopes of lifting the famous yachting trophy which the late Sir Thomas Lipton tried so valiantly to take back to England. . . . The International races are scheduled to start off Newport, R. I. about September 15. . . Mrs. Sopwith will sail in the races with her husband, as timekeeper, the first woman ever aboard in the historic classic.

The Colosseum of ancient Rome seated more people than the Yankee Stadium in New York.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of authority conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed June 15, 1928 by Jas. T. Greenwood to David B. Harris and Tristran T. Hyde, Jr., Trustees, which Deed of Trust is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in Book 108, page 10, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and at the request of the holders of the notes secured thereby, the undersigned Trustee, being one of the Trustees named in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash on Monday, August 27, 1934, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Court House Door in Dobson, N. C. the following described lands and premises, to-wit:

A certain lot, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Surry and in the State of North Carolina, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All that lot of land with the improvements thereon, located, lying and being in the City of Elkin, Elkin Township, Surry County, North Carolina, bounded on the west by

property of Miss Maude Greenwood, on East by property of H. G. Chatham; on south by Main street and North by an alley, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 50 feet west of intersection of Bridge and Main streets, said intersection being the center of town, and lying on the North side of Main street, runs northwardly with line of H. G. Chatham 100 feet to an alley; thence Westwardly with said alley 20 feet; thence parallel with Miss Maude Greenwood's line and five feet from same 100 feet to a point on Main street, thence with Main street 20 feet to the beginning. Same being twenty feet off the Eastern portion of Lot No. 3 in Block No. 10 as shown on map of Elkin Land Company, recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Surry County, in Book 29, page 600. (Together with the right, title, interest and estate in and to the stairway located to the west of said property reference being made to report to special commissioner of August 2, 1918 in J. A. Greenwood, et als, versus Phillip Greenwood, Minor. And being the same property allotted to the grantor here in the above suit.)

This July 25, 1934.

DAVID B. HARRIS,

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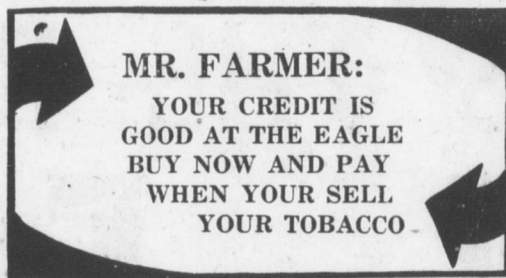
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