

Fieldcrest MILL WHISTLE

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The People And The Government

He was a career public servant. All his grown-up life has been spent in government work.

He said, "The public is nearly always wrong."

He wasn't unpleasant about it. In fact, he was a genial, friendly person. He never realized the shocking implication of his remark.

But, in his casual way, he had revealed a fundamental danger that arises when government gets too far away from the people.

There is a strong temptation for those who serve in government to acquire a sense of separateness from the people—to feel different and superior, as if they were on the inside of big things. This sense of power and authority can even lead to contempt for the "little" people who are the public.

"Government work" has a powerful attraction for those who feel that they must boss and manage. They think that they alone can decide what is good for people. If the people don't like it, "they are nearly always wrong."

Good public servants should avoid such vain and foolish posturing. They must reject any idea that their mission is to direct the lives of others. Nothing is more useful to our nation than dedicated able men and women who stay close to the people, realizing that they are the partners, not the managers, of their fellows.

The American people have done pretty well managing their own affairs, and using government to do the things that government does best. They have reserved to their own free and driving energy the economic progress of the country—the production of food, clothing, housing, fuel and all the many other things that go to make up the abundance of our lives today.

This organization of work was devised in 1787. It was unique then, and the results produced under it have never been matched in history—results great enough to provide the highest living standards in the world for America, and enough to lend a helping hand around the world.

The people did that for themselves. What government has ever done half as much?

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Another Whoozit?

The picture shown here was sent in by Floda Somers of Draper Cost, who



found it in an old album. You probably won't have much trouble recognizing them, since they haven't changed too much (or have they?)

In case you give up, the picture shows two members of the Fieldcrest Quartet: left, Cecil Squires, assistant superintendent of the Bedspread Mill, and James Marlowe of the Karastan Standards Department. The snapshot was taken at Guilford Battleground several years ago.

Vernon Child

Pictured at right is Margaret C. Vernon, who will be three years old February 4. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Vernon of Winston Street, Spray. Proud father is humidifier man at Bedspreed Mill.



Service Anniversaries

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Warford N. Tilley, Finishing
William L. Price, Bleachery

THIRTY YEARS

Dora L. Barnes, Karastan

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Joseph W. Murphy, Blanket

TWENTY YEARS

Leon O. Shropshire, . Synthetic Fabric
Wilma F. Hudspeth, Sheeting

FIFTEEN YEARS

Maud C. Hopper, Finishing
Gaynelle W. Christley, Finishing
Fairie J. Robertson, Karastan
Elzie J. Chaney, Bleachery

TEN YEARS

Bessie G. Chumley, Sheeting
Amos C. Shively, Jr. . . Central Ware
Lessie O. Chambers, Finishing
John Broadnax, ... Central Warehouse

Sport Fishermen

For every hundred men fishing for fun, there's only one fishing for food. Yes, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service figures recently released show that during a 12-month period there were 165,000 persons directly engaged in commercial fishing, while more than 16,000,000 bought sport-fishing licenses.

Hobby Show Winners



HOBBYISTS—Left to right, Fawcett, Hayden, Robertson

Claude Robertson, with a collection of beautiful carved articles, won first place in the hobby show sponsored by the Rod and Gun Club at Consolidated Central Y.M.C.A. M. W. Hayden, foreman of the Plant Service Dept. at the

Finishing Mill, won second prize for his collection of hand-made furniture.

A group of photographs, clippings, scrapbooks and information about "flying saucers" won third place for George Fawcett of the Y.M.C.A. staff.