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Government

To many people the word "government" is something indefinite. It is just the great being that is supposed to watch over them and keep them from starving and to provide work for them at all times. It is the one thing that they would be glad of the chance to rob or loot while in all other dealings they might be perfectly honest.

The essential function of government is leadership and the next in importance is protection. Since we have the most democratic form of government in the world we lead ourselves and protect ourselves.

The purposes of government have greatly broadened since the World War. The nations of the world, with a more educated people, have found that government has an even greater responsibility now than at any time since the world began.

The complexities of civilization have caused the increased burden on governments. As an instance let us consider transportation. One hundred years ago the man who established himself in his log cabin back in the mountains thought nothing of cutting his own road so he could drive his yoke of oxen or team of horses to the nearest store, possibly five miles away.

Today transportation is one of the biggest and most complicated businesses in operation. The government has had to assume the burden of highways and regulation of travel.

The same holds true in communication, by letter, by wire, by air, and in other ways.

Thus we see that to properly protect the interest of the people, who make the government, that the governing bodies have had to expand to enormous proportions until now our national government is without doubt the biggest enterprise in the world. Yet it is of the people, by the people and for the people, as Abraham Lincoln visioned.

If we were asked to depict an ideal social organization, we would say, off-hand, that it would be one under which any able-bodied, intelligent man or woman could always find work at wages sufficient to provide for the necessities of life and lay aside something for old age, and after forty years of work be able to retire on his or her savings.

We think that a Government which concentrated on those objectives and on nothing else would come pretty near to being an ideal Government. Its corollary functions might well include provision for the security of the thrifty individual's savings, and such regulation of terms and conditions of employment as would at least not impair the worker's chance of living to enjoy the fruits of a life's work, and would protect him on the one hand against unfair competition by the workers of any foreign nation in which a lower standard of living prevails, and on the other hand against exploitation by unprincipled employers.

Such an ideal Government would protect every man in his right to keep what he has earned, and as an essential part of that protection, would be administered as economically as possible, in order that the burden of taxation might rest as lightly and as equitably as possible upon all its citizens.

This ideal Government would make it its first concern that every child had an opportunity to obtain the best education of which it was capable. If, in spite of that education, it persisted in making a fool of itself as it grew up, we do not believe that is any part of any Government's concern.

That is not to say that Government should permit the swindler to roam unchecked; it should not tolerate impositions of any kind upon the ignorant and

the unwary. But we do not conceive it part of Government's business to recompense the victims of their own foolishness and extravagance.

The ideal Government would neither pamper its criminals nor allow such social conditions to exist as tend to make crimes against the body politic alluring to the young. It would be a Government of few laws, and those restrictive upon individual liberty only as the exercise of that liberty infringes upon the liberties of others. It would be adequately policed and its laws would be rigidly enforced.

We do not expect ever to see such a Government, either in the United States nor anywhere else. We believe that what we have set down represents in large measure what our Government is striving for.

Population Drifts

Statisticians are predicting that the population in this country will get to the constant point before 1950. It has been frequently pointed out that the increase in population is slowing up.

For the birth rate to only balance the death rate would indeed be something new for this country and would be a revolutionary change from the nation's history in the past century and a half.

Only a hundred and fifty brief years ago this country was small in territory and in population. It has grown tremendously in population and wealth until it is the dominating power in the world. Just what effect the decreasing birth rate will have on the future of the country remains to be seen but some see a danger in having too few consumers and too few taxpayers to pay public debts.

However, this does not look so bad to the average man as does the drift in population from the people who are able to rear families to the many families who are hard up to get something to eat and wear, much less earn enough to provide educations for their children. This situation, together with the fact that the colored race population grows more rapidly than the white in proportion, is taken by birth control advocates as an argument for their cause, who are claiming that the rich may have access to birth control information and that laws should be made to allow doctors to disseminate such information at their discretion.

Opponents of birth control see grave dangers should the advocates win out in that population increase might stop and that the number of people might even decline.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

PETER PREACHES AT PENTECOST
Lesson for February 10th. Acts 2. Golden Text: Acts 2:38.

The day of Pentecost, when Peter preached the famous sermon that led to the conversion and baptism of some 3000 souls, is of momentous significance in the history of the Christian church. The common opinion, however, that it is the birthday of the church is false, for the church existed before Pentecost. Neither was it the day upon which began the descent of the Holy Spirit, for the disciples were already under its inspired influence. What makes Pentecost so significant is that it was a day of marvelous power, a power to win others to the Christian Society. It marks the beginning of the evangelistic activity of the church. Here the disciples were called to the task of witness-bearing. The supreme fact about the day is not that there occurred a spectacular visitation of the Spirit, but that Peter and the others gave testimony to "the wonderful works of God" with such persuasive energy as to sweep a multitude into the household of faith.

Consider how impressive is this demonstration in the light of its immediate background. Christ had been crucified only a few weeks before. His frightened disciples had all fled in dismay. And now in the very city where their Master had been executed, and in utter disregard of what the authorities responsible for the crucifixion might think, they joyfully spoke in various tongues, and proclaimed the resurrection and triumph of Jesus!

Now Peter's address is of more than ordinary interest because, as Dr. McGiffert says, "it constitutes the earliest extant Christian apology." At Pentecost Peter, speaking not simply for himself, but for all of the disciples as well, offered proof that his Master, though done to death at Calvary, was the promised Messiah.

And what a profound impression this sermon made! Stung to the depth of their hearts the people cried, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter answered with the historic call to penitence and baptism with its accompanying gift of the Spirit.

Group of doctors charge movie producers have no ethics. How mad the producers would be if they knew what that meant.—Nashville Tennessean.

PUBLIC PULSE

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Where Is Wilkes County Legislator?

Editor Journal-Patriot:

Thanks for a little space. Well, all I know is what I read. Last week while looking over the Winston-Salem Journal, and this is what I read.

A Mr. Williams, of Yadkin county had introduced a bill in the Legislature asking that Wilkes county commissioners pay out eighteen hundred dollars per year, for clerk hire for the offices of Clerk of Court, Sheriff and Register of Deeds of Wilkes county.

Have the salaries of these officers been cut since Mr. C. H. Spomers, W. A. Stroud, W. H. Foster, T. H. Settle, Sheriff Brown, Woodruff and Elledge were in office? If so, then their salaries should be reimbursed. So they would be able to pay the clerk hire as the preceding officers did.

I can't conceive the idea that the present office holders are the instigators of this bill, when they are about the only men drawing a salary.

There is just plenty of men in Wilkes county who are just as competent as the present office holders that would be glad to have the jobs they have at a reduction instead of a raise.

This bill surely must be a Democrat scheme to ruin the Republican party, two years hence. What I want to know is where is Mr. Bryan, our Legislator from Wilkes, that he doesn't know the wishes of the majority of taxpayers of this county? Was he elected to fulfill the wishes of a few, or try to benefit the taxpayers as a whole?

The very idea of raising our taxes at the present time, when ninety-five per cent of the people can't pay their taxes as they are, and hundreds on the relief. Who is going to pay the eighteen hundred dollars?

When Mr. Cranor went to the Legislature four years ago and got a bill passed giving the sheriff six hundred dollars for clerk hire he got more "cussing out" than a cat has whiskers. Who can dispute that?

I'm just wondering if the brainy Republicans and Democrats, who are big tax payers of this county are going to sit down and see this outrageous bill passed.

Talk about lobbyist at Raleigh, now is the time for influential men from Wilkes to lobby. I feel like the present office-holders should appreciate the office they now hold, enough to go to Raleigh and fight this bill in the interest of the taxpayers of Wilkes county, who elected them to office.

This is getting to be an encouraging old world to live in. Its sales tax, corn tax, wheat tax, meat tax, tax to collect your tax, and now it's to be tax to help pay someone to collect the rest of your tax.

I'm wondering what the poor little taxpayer will have left to pay taxes on in a few more years.

Respectfully,
MRS. W. P. BUMGARDNER,
Route 1, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Northern Alexander News

PÓRES KNOB, Route 2, Feb. 4.—Rev. E. V. Bumgardner will fill his regular appointment at Mt. Olive Baptist church the second Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Deal and family, Mrs. M. K. Deal, and Mr. Max Russell spent Saturday visiting relatives at Congo.

A few days meeting began at Mt. Hebron church last Sunday. Lee James, a young minister of ability, will have charge of the meeting, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Isaac Watts.

Mr. S. P. Lowe is confined to his home with rheumatism. "Uncle" Bob Lowe, who has been sick for some time, is not much improved.

New Bride Killed

Lumberton, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Jesse Pittman, bride of a few hours was shot in the back of the head Saturday night by an irate brother who, it was said, was disappointed in her marriage.

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St. Paul, Feb. 4.—Ernest Newman, detective system messenger kidnaped at Sioux City, Iowa, today by four men who took \$1,500 in cash and checks, was released near here tonight.

Dobson Youth Killed

Mount Airy, Feb. 5.—Jasper White, 20-year-old Dobson boy died in the hospital here about 3 o'clock this afternoon from injuries received in an automobile wreck near Dobson early Sunday morning. The youth had a fractured skull, brain injury and a punctured spine.

South Carolina manufactured more cotton goods for the year ending August 1 by \$60,000,000 than it did during the previous 12 months.

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