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Men may be divided into two classes: Single men, who are not as good as the women and sweethearts think they are, and married men who are not as bad as their wives fear they are.

The Cost of Government

One person out of every ten of those employed in the United States draws his or her pay from some government unit, according to a recent report of the National Civil Service Reform League. More than 3,000,000 persons are on federal, state and local payrolls, and 38 per cent of all the tax revenue collected in the United States goes to pay their salaries. The total cost of \$4,000,000,000 a year for the administration of public affairs is nearly 7 per cent of our estimated national income at present. Seven cents out of every dollar earned by productive workers goes to pay the non-productive.

The number of these government employees is increasing instead of decreasing. One single new permanent agency of the federal government, the social security board, has announced that it will employ 11,675 persons during the next year, and that is only a beginning.

Our whole political party system is based upon putting party workers on the public payrolls. An effort to eliminate the number of tax-eaters fail in the face of the desire of politicians in power to strengthen their local, state or national party organizations. The politician who stands the best chance of being re-elected to any office is the one who can put the largest number of his followers on jobs at the taxpayers' expense. Competence counts for less and political usefulness for more under such conditions.

Doubtless we must have government, but beyond doubt we can pay too high a price for it.

Our South American Frontier

The dream of a great motor highway from the northern border of the United States to the southern tip of South America is rapidly on its way to realization. The road to Mexico City is nearly completed. Work has been begun by several nations south of Mexico. Our federal government has offered to give \$400,000 to the governments of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, to build bridges for this Pan-American highway.

To the United States, and particularly to our young men of ambition and enterprise, this new tie between North and South America is a wide door opening to our new frontiers. The greatest opportunities for the pioneering spirit which made America what it is, lie to the south of us. Never before has there been such a feeling of friendliness between the nations of South America and our own country. The Pan-American Airways has done much to promote this feeling.

Americans are welcome as never before in the vast undeveloped regions of the Southern Hemisphere. Where once the people of the Spanish-American republics looked to Germany for the development of their natural resources, to Great Britain for their capital investments and to Italy for their new population, they are now turning their eyes to the United States. American motor cars, American electrical equipment, American shoes, American commodities generally, are gaining new footholds in the South American market, and Americans of spirit and energy are made to feel at home.

There are still great unrealized opportunities in our own country. But in the pioneering fields which appeal to the adventurous spirit America today offers

Remembrance and Honor
 Poppies will bloom in North Wilkesboro on Saturday, May 23, in honor of the women of Wilkes county unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will offer the poppies on the streets, giving everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to the war dead and to help the war's living victims with contributions given for the little red flowers.

The American Legion poppy not only gives us a means of rendering personal tribute to the memory of those brave young men who sacrificed their lives for America, it also gives us a means of aiding those who also sacrificed but are still within reach of our help. From the annual wearing of the little flower come benefits reaching into every corner of the country and touching the lives of thousands of unfortunate men, women and children.

The vast program of welfare and rehabilitation work carried out by the American Legion and Auxiliary draws its principal support from the poppy. The dimes, quarters and half dollars we drop into the coin boxes of the poppy workers supply the means for local, state and national activities for the benefits of disabled veterans and families left in need through the death or disability of veterans. The Poppy Day contributions make aid available during the other 364 days of the year to those who still are paying in steady installments the war's bitter debt of suffering and privation.

When we pin on our poppies this year, there should come to us all a vision of the part we are playing in the effort to heal the nation's war wounds. We should look upon our poppies not only as flowers of memory for the dead but as flowers of hope for the living.

Protect The Fish

W. C. Lisk, district game protector, was in the county this week helping W. W. Barber, the county game protector, prosecute a number of people on the charge of dynamiting fish. Under the laws of North Carolina, destroying fish in such a manner is a serious offense and the minimum punishment is \$100 fine or 30 days imprisonment.

It is regrettable that while public spirited sportsmen labor to stock the streams with fish that there are degenerates who would destroy the fish with dynamite. Here's to the success of those who would prosecute the offenders.

The proposed fishermen's club is a good idea and no doubt many lovers of the sport will wish to join and help to make the county a fisherman's paradise. Yet we urge that people co-operate with the authorities in protecting the few native fish that now inhabit the streams of the county.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Lesson for May 24th, Luke 20; Golden Text, Luke 21:19

This is a temperance lesson, and so presents an opportunity for a study of the best way in which to promote liquor control. We can agree that alcohol and gasoline do not mix, that drunken drivers are a menace of major proportions. Investigation shows that liquor lengthens the reaction time of a motorist from one-fifth to two-fifths of a second. This is sufficient to cause a fatal accident. Sobriety is obviously indispensable. It should be the first law of safe driving.

Another problem which must be studied carefully is the possible choice between moderation and total abstinence. The recently formed Council of Moderation believes that reasonable, sensible attitude toward the consumption of alcoholic beverages can be developed by using the most modern methods of publicity and education. But many authorities are convinced that liquor must never be encouraged, that moderation is dangerous because it may easily lead to excess.

It is unfortunate that the liquor industry in our country is operated for private profit. This means that consumption is stimulated through the expansion technique of conventional business. We all know what millions the brewers pour into the advertisement of their wares. One method of control, strongly advocated by competent students, is a government monopoly. The retail sale of liquor, they say, should be carried on by the state through its own shops under a control board with authority to determine prices, fix the location of stores, and control advertising. To be sure, this would not solve the problem completely. But putting the government into the liquor business would at least take the profit out of it, and so keep consumption within reasonable bounds. Meanwhile our whole school and college program must, like the Russian government, get behind a drive for temperance.

Life Under

Association Meets

The Value of Our Organization was the theme of the program. Clyde J. Jones, of the Jefferson Standard Life, and Fred G. Gilreath, of the Pilot L&E, made short talks.

Mr. Jones showed the responsibility of the underwriters to the citizens in his community. Pointing out that the layman in every community depends for his insurance on his insurance friends, the success of business and the protection of wives and children are in the hands of the underwriting profession.

He further emphasized the great need of the profession for the observance of professional ethics and cooperation.

Mr. Gilreath stressed the legislative value of the organization in protecting the people of the community in keeping their savings intact. Reminding the members of the various inroads of the national and state legislatures on the incomes of our land, he stated that a great service could be rendered the community in an effort to plead the cause of widows, children and the aged to our representatives in the various legislative bodies. He said, further that this was a source of revenue which in the very nature of its certainty was looking very tempting to legislators who were confronted with the problem of securing revenue to run the various governmental departments.

SUSPECT IN ROBBERY KILLS SELF IN TAXI

Goldboro, May 18.—A man identified by papers in his pockets as Rudy Ellers, 20, was shot to death in a taxicab here today and officers said he committed suicide to avoid arrest.

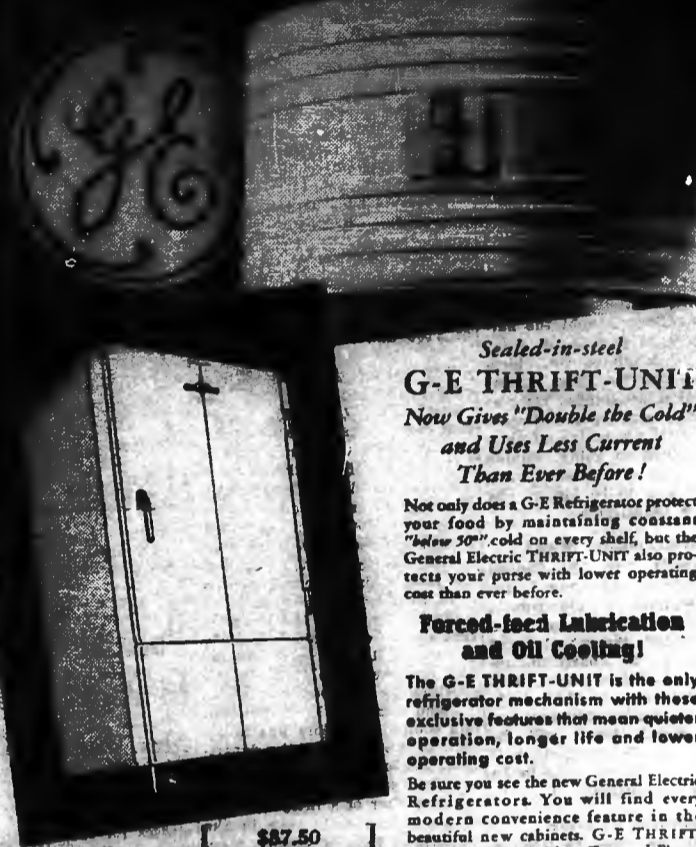
Motorcycle Policeman Carl Smith and Harry Morris said they saw the young man fire a pistol bullet into his head as they came alongside the cab to question him.

The Goldboro police department had just received a request from Greenville, N. C., police, asking apprehension of a man said to tally with Ellers' description on charges of having held up a filling station. The two officers had spotted Ellers in the taxi and were in the act of stopping the car when the shooting took place.

Will Speak Here

William H. Griffin, candidate for senator in the June 6 primary on the Democratic ticket, has announced that he will speak in Wilkes on the afternoon of May 26.

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