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Now Time To Fight Socialized Medicine

The national congress has started work on the super-duper compulsory medical insurance proposal, which is just a polite way to talk about socialized medicine.

Now is the time for the American people to fight the socialistic trend in government. The people now can put a halt to this creeping philosophy that government can take care of us better than we can take care of ourselves. It is high time, and possibly past time, that the American people assert some independence and again assume personal responsibility for their own needs. The nation is growing soft with the increasing dependence on government to supply everyday needs.

It is proposed that a payroll tax be levied to pay for socialized medicine. We already have payroll tax for social security and job insurance. In addition to these fixed taxes there is the withholding tax. Already too much of payrolls are going in taxes and it is time to halt the trend which would eventually have us all working for the government, in which event we would get what we have from government, along with orders on how to live, where to live, at what job to work, what to wear or not to wear—in fact, government would direct our every move.

One sure way to give up liberty is to give up your pay check in taxes and receive what you have to have from the government itself. There is no way more sure and positive to lose your individual liberty.

Forestry Education Is Highly Important

Forestry committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will extend its activities by taking on the program of work of the Keep North Carolina Green organization in Wilkes county.

Forestry is a highly important subject in Wilkes county. Regardless of your business or trade, forestry conditions and forestry production will affect your livelihood and well being.

You may not take that statement seriously, if you own no timber, or do not deal directly with forestry products.

But if a sawmill cuts a large quantity of lumber in your community the business conditions of that neighborhood will feel the effects in payroll. The man who sells the timber will have money to use in business. The merchant in town will see his sales increase because of the money turned loose in productive endeavor.

Wealth can be gained only by production. The forests of Wilkes county have been our leading source of production and have created wealth to help every business and numerous individuals.

But timber has been cut in the past ten years faster than it has been growing. Hence the great need of forestry education.

Experienced timber men tell us that the soils of Wilkes county will grow the timber fast enough if care is used in cutting, if forests are protected from fire and if the land is aided to produce timber.

During the war much woodland was skinned of timber to such an extent that it will not be until the next generation that the land can produce another merchantable crop. If care had been used in cutting, with some of the smaller, unproductive trees left to grow, the land would produce another crop in ten years.

Forestry education can do much to remedy such conditions. Teach school children that their incomes may some day depend upon the woods, and teach them how to conserve the resources which a kind providence has provided.

Borrowed Comment

PEACE FEELING GROWS?
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Roscoe Drummond reports that Washington is feeling a great deal easier over the question of maintaining the peace nowadays. This feeling stems from the beneficial effects of the Marshall Plan on the European economy, as already evidenced in various countries, and the growing feeling of security created by the Atlantic Pact.

There are also indications that Moscow is becoming somewhat more tractable, and that American diplomats are growing more inclined to chew the fat with Russian representatives. The Kremlin evidently realizes now that the Western countries are achieving real unity as well as an appreciable measure of economic recovery, but that their real aim is not to make war upon the Soviet Union.

If this feeling grows, perhaps the heavy tension and atmosphere of uncertainty in international relations which have prevailed so long will lift within the next few months, and enable the peoples of Europe and America to turn to their civilian tasks with greater confidence in the future.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Good things as well as bad things can be overdone and produce harmful results. We can be intemperate in eating as well as in drinking. Many people hurry themselves to their graves by intemperate eating just as they do by intemperate drinking. Even religion can be turned into fanaticism.

Our religion is supposed to be the balance wheel of life. But when it is carried to the point that it becomes a burden and produces unhappiness, it is an unnatural religion. A religion of outward compulsion never produces happiness. Parents face this problem with their children. I have many times heard adults say that they were compelled to go to so many church services when they were children, that they rebelled against it when they received their freedom from home restraints. Sometimes this is simply an excuse, but often it has a real foundation and fact.

As a pastor I can say that the average church offers a program of services and meetings designed to reach the entire membership. But it is not expected that every member attend every service. There are services for children, for young people, for adults, for special groups.

Parents often misunderstand this and compel their children to go to services which are not planned for them, and which do not fit into their schedule.

The average boy or girl in school has homework which may and often does interfere with week night services at the church. Before me now is a letter from a worried mother who faces this problem. She asks whether she should compel her children to attend week night services at the church when they have homework which needs to be done.

Parents should approach this problem thoughtfully and prayerfully, should be aware less they make their religion and their church distasteful to their children. Sometimes when the homework is heavy, and there is a program at the church, they can help the children with the homework and get it out of the way. But to require a conscientious child who is maintaining a good level of scholarship in the school, has a pride and joy in it, to sacrifice this to attend a service at the church, which may not even be designed for them, is a serious mistake. It is a good idea to examine this problem in the words of Christ, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Religion is a matter of home living and home practice as well as church attendance. It should be a joyous experience for all, and one in which we find strength and happiness.

Reference: Matthew 22:21.

Marine Recruiter Coming May 2, & 3

The Marines are still looking for qualified men and women according to Master Sergeant J. L. Barnes, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Marine Recruiting Station, Winston-Salem. A representative of the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Service will spend the second and third of May in North Wilkesboro, interviewing and accepting applicants for enlistment in the Marine Corps.

Staff Sergeant G. B. Grayson will establish headquarters at the local postoffice building on Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd and 3rd.

The Marines are still accepting men in the inactive reserves, 18-year-olds in the regulars for a one-year enlistment and re-enlistments in the regulars on a two, three, or four-year basis. The Marine Corps is also accepting applications from the ladies for enlistment in the regular Marine Corps.

If you wish to join "Leathernecks", don't give up before talking it over with Sergeant Grayson at your local postoffice Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd and 3rd.

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Evangelist Keyes Announces Services

Evangelist "Sledgehammer Charlie" Andrew Keyes, Jr., announces he will preach Saturday night, April 30th; at the Watauga County Courthouse in Boone. The Evangelist is preaching nightly through Friday at

the Fairplains Community church. His tent campaign will be under way sometime during the month of May, and many people are looking forward with much interest to this event, which will be the first tent meeting the evangelist has ever held in North Wilkesboro. This paper will carry announcements and news of meeting.

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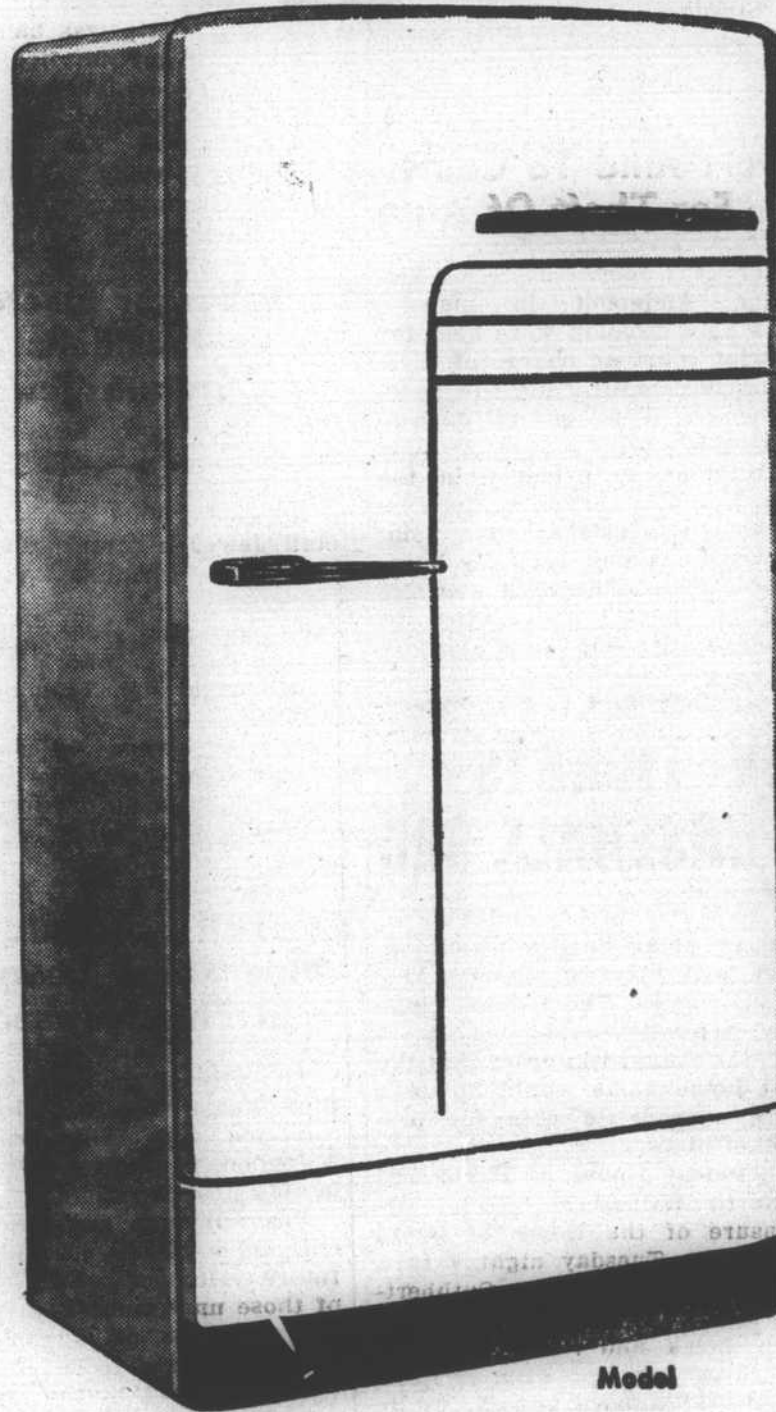
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