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Let your light shine before men. —Matt. 5:16

Explains Coddling

A Washington report this week contained in the statement that beer, liquor and other alcoholic beverages yielded the Federal government a record revenue of \$2,750,000,000 in 1945. This amounted to more than a nickel out of every dollar the government collected in taxes, and may explain a lot of the government's coddling of the liquor industry.

And this explains why there is so much coddling of the liquor, beer and wine industries by authorities in Washington, Revenue, even if in smaller proportion, received by the State is also an explanation of why the State harmed in on the county liquor business by exacting a sales tax as its portion of flesh in this blood money.

Moreover, this is at least part of the reason why the counties themselves are so strong for their liquor stores. Does any one in Vance, for instance, think that legalized liquor could be voted out of this community, in the face of the flood of easy money that is flowing into the county general fund? And does not this easy cash, even though floating in on the tragedy of the thousands who are debauched by liquor consumption, explain why a number of counties in Piedmont North Carolina are now preparing to hold elections of their own to make alcohol of the so-called better brands easier of access?

Stories continue to emanate from Washington of the drunkenness that prevails there and which is said to be on the increase. Under such circumstances is there wonder that a stable government policy is lacking and that legislative and administrative machinery is bogging down? How could anything materially different be expected in the face of such conditions?

Verily, it would seem that the country is selling its birthright for a mess of pottage, and sorry pottage at that.

After Our Cash

A summary by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce gives a fairly good picture of how foreign nations are going after Uncle Sam's cash—cash, that is, according from his own credit with his own citizens. Americans who have lifted an eyebrow with respect to the demand of Great Britain for four billion dollars—designated as a loan, but more properly recognized as a gift in disguise—“ain't seen nothing yet!” until they look over the list of what is being asked in the aggregate by the others.

Requests made thus far or expected in the near future approximate eighteen to twenty billion dollars, according to the chamber's summary. This would come mainly from the Export-Import Bank, but no matter what the source, technically, in the final analysis it is from the pockets of American citizens, and imperils the credit of their government as to its own needs now or in the future.

Read it and weep: Russia, six billion dollars; Great Britain, approximately four billions; France, two billions; China, two billions; Italy, one billion; Poland, four hundred millions; Finland, one hundred millions; Czechoslovakia, three hundred fifty millions; Yugoslavia, one hundred fifty millions.

If all these credits are extended, Mr. Truman may as well abandon all hope of a balanced budget during his administration; or else the American people had as well give up the thought of any substantial reduction in taxes. Twenty billion dollars can't be kissed goodbye and

passed over the fence to our "good neighbors"—they call us "good" or show a friendly front to us largely for what they hope to take from us—and taxes reduced to the point where we will really feel the relief. Both of these stunts of magic cannot be performed at the same time.

But if Britain is to be given a huge gob of cash—or even credit—how can we with a straight face require the others? Moreover, how are we to know what part, or if all, of the money will be used to build armaments with which one day our position in the world will be challenged, to the end that the challenger may get practically all that is left?

This may be the rude viewpoint to take, but it is an angle which we think certainly ought not to be overlooked. Right now, even, while the Soviets are asking us for six billion dollars, Russia and the United States are thumbing noses at each other, and each is suspicious of the other, and each is wondering what the other is going to do next. Yet, there are those who would continue to pursue a policy of appeasement and give the requests in fear that any other course might make the Russians angry at us.

No one can successfully deny that these countries need the money they are asking. By the same token, it is needed also here at home. But when our credit is stretched to the breaking point, and world catastrophe strikes upon the nations, including the United States—which God forbid—who is going to come to our aid and help us out of the hole? And what will become of the cash we have handed over to potential enemies for such use as they may wish to make of it?

Americans, think on these things.

To Try Again

Franklin county's decision to hold another referendum on legalizing the sale of liquor will be watched with interest in Vance. This time it is the wets who are brimzing the action and demanding the election, by contrast to the dries who torped the bill four years ago when outlawed ABC stores after they had been operated there some five or six years.

The election will be watched in this county for its possible effect upon the public sentiment here. Opinion is that at least some of the lush business enjoyed by the Vance county store comes from Franklin, as well as from Granville, neither of which have stores. For either of these counties to legalize liquor sales might be reflected in sales volume in Henderson. At least supporters of the system here would have it believed that by no means all of the volume reported by the local store represents alcohol actually consumed by citizens here.

Many dries in this county would welcome another day at the ABC system. That may be their sincere conviction, and we are sure it is. For our part, we would be glad to go along with them, but a realistic appraisal of conditions, in view of the huge profits to the county, would, in our opinion, be that dollars and cents returns from the debauching business would swing a heavy block of votes to the support of the present system. A dry victory in Franklin county might shift Vance county sentiment to some extent, but we doubt if it would be sufficient to carry an election.

Liquor had a close call in this county when the last referendum was held about four years ago. Switching of two or three hundred votes would have chased John Barleycorn out of Vance county, legally. But the fact is our people are a money-minded lot, and the easy cash accruing to the city and the county from the liquor traffic would undoubtedly have an adverse effect upon a referendum.

Even so, there will be more than passing interest in the campaign soon to be waged in Franklin county. Its repercussions will be felt here, no matter which way the decision goes.

The Real Need

Governor Cherry was quoted a few days ago as saying he hasn't yet decided whether he will ask the next General Assembly to provide any further construction of State office buildings immediately, adding that "what we really need is space for the folks who want to get into the mental hospitals and colleges." After all the discussion that has been had in recent months, every one is acquainted with these latter necessities, but not nearly so many are convinced of the urgency of provision for the growing army of bureau-crats who are beginning to infest the State capital as they do Washington, except in smaller numbers.

We hope the governor adheres to what appears to be his opinion now that there are far greater needs for education and hospitalization than for steam-heated offices with swivel chairs for the myriads of bureaus, commissions and departments. Actually, if the State would turn a

deaf ear to some of the pressure groups seeking the people's tax money for almost every imaginable whim and fancy of theorists, there wouldn't be so many calls for extra office buildings in Raleigh. At least some of the problem of finding space could be solved if a check were imposed upon these trends of recent years toward unnecessary expansions. The real needs should be met first, with the others coming afterwards, if at all.

What They Did In War



14TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION (Mountaineers)

Specialize in the final stage to chase the Germans out of Italy. Fight through the winter under impossible conditions of weather and terrain to sweep back German troops from the Italian front through the mountains. The two great elements of the Fifth Army to pursue the Germans in the Po valley. Never took a backward step in whole campaign.

GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test. 1. How well do you know your Lewis Carroll? Who did the Walrus and Carpenter take for a walk? 2. What strange beast was slain with a "vornal sword"? 3. Who "hunched an oel on the end of his nose"?

Words of Wisdom. I think that seeing the child and bringing him up in his own, is a learned right better business than looting around the throne.—John Hay.

Today's Horoscope. If today is your birthday, practice sincerity, patience and endurance in your ambitions and everyday life. Be less skeptical. You have great self-control and psychic power, and are an excellent conversationalist. You have many friends, prefer the company of the opposite sex, and are well liked by your own. Keep early today be sure to guard against hidden danger in the dark. Head-work should pay large profits today. Be diplomatic, with new contacts, and settle any pending legal problems. A busy act at this time can prove expensive. The moon enters 11:25 at 3:23 p. m. Don't plan a new business venture this afternoon, and stick to ordinary amusements.

Hints on Etiquette. Try to smile and to treat his sister with courtesy, and you will never have to worry about his manners when he is out in public.

Horoscope for Sunday. You have a magnetic personality, and should take care that this gift does not lead you into difficulties. You are passionate and your emotions sometimes overpower you, but your love, though fervent, is constant. You like and appreciate music and have some musical ability. Do not expect to find partners this morning. Your emotional lousy can upset your plans. Desired changes are not likely to become effective this afternoon, but you can break a date or have a tooth pulled with equal ease at this time. Let your words and deeds be conservative. Plan budgetary revisions downward this evening.

One-Minute Test Answers. 1. The system. 2. The Jabberwocky. 3. Father William.

A Lift For Today

He hath made everything beautiful in His time.—Eccles. 3:11. TO OBTAIN HAPPINESS we must find something beautiful each day and let it become effective this afternoon, but you can break a date or have a tooth pulled with equal ease at this time. Let your words and deeds be conservative. Plan budgetary revisions downward this evening.

Our Father God, may our eyes not be blinded by the sordid so that we miss Thy beauty all around us.

And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man save Jesus only.—Matthew 17:8.

THE WAY OUT—is up. Blessed Lord, forgive us for our self-centered inclinations, and help us to meet the spiritual needs of our fellow men.

ALL-STAR FIVE GETS 51-35 WIN OXFORD

Henderson all-star boys racked up a 51-35 victory over Oxford all-stars last Wednesday night on the Oxford court. The local team led throughout the game, having a lead of 20-12 at the half. Fogleman was sinking them for Henderson, bagging 20 points. Nelson scored 11 points and Blake, 10. Curran was high-scoring for Oxford with 11 points. Cottrell netted 10 points, and Crews, nine. Officials were B. P. Terrell and Sam Wheeler.

U. S. INCOME TAX QUIZ

By C. H. ROBERTSON, Collector of Internal Revenue

Editor's note: This is the sixth of a series of 15 brief articles in question and answer form, explaining how to fill out your federal income tax return.

Q. How much exemption can my family and I get on our 1945 income tax? A. For surtax credits totaling from 20 to 91 1/2, the exemption is \$500 for you, \$500 for your wife, and \$500 for each dependent. For normal tax (rate 4 per cent), a full \$500 exemption is allowed regardless of size of family, unless the return includes income of more than one person. If husband and wife file a joint return and each had income of \$500 or more, they get a joint normal tax exemption of \$1,000. If one has less than \$500 income, the joint exemption is \$500 plus the actual amount of the smaller income.

Q. How do I take credit for these exemptions on my return? A. You list the exemptions as called for by the form. If you file on a Withholding Receipt, the Collector will determine your tax liability and will make appropriate adjustments for your exemptions. If you file Form 1045 as a short form, you will determine your tax from the same table. If you file Form 1040 as a long form, you fill in spaces on Page 2 to subtract your exemptions.

Q. Can a husband claim an exemption on his wife's income? A. Yes, if he has no income and was not the dependent of another taxpayer. Her father, for example, if husband and wife the separate returns, each must claim such exemptions on his return, and must not duplicate any exemptions.

Q. A husband and wife together are entitled to \$1,000 surtax exemption. In filing separate returns, can they split their exemption in unequal amounts, say \$500 to one and \$500 to the other? A. No. Each is entitled to his own \$500 exemption and cannot transfer any part of it.

Monday Exemptions for Dependents

HERE and THERE By JOHN BROWNING

A. W. G. LEAF. There once was a lady named Eve, who caused her husband, Adam, to grope. When he asked where she'd been, She replied with a grin, "I've been absent without any leave!" —Anonymous.

UP IN THE western part of the state, a grizzled mountaineer and his son were on their annual pilgrimage to the county seat. Darkness found them on a bench in the court house square where they were comfortably listening to a few fellow rustics discussing politics—and strikes.

Shortly after the town clock banged off the hour of midnight, it struck again for a fire alarm—12 times. The old man jumped to his feet. "Get up that, son!" he exclaimed. "We gotta get. This here's the latest I've ever knowed it to be!"

WE NEVER KNEW until now that the first machine-made horse-shoes were made in 1835 at Troy, New York by Henry Burden. . . . The News-Letter established in 1764 in Boston, Mass., was the first newspaper in America; The Daily Count, 1762, was the first daily in London. . . . The Protestant Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration on 29th street in New York City received its title of "The Little Church Around The Corner" in 1835. . . . Yankee originated from the Dutch "yanke" meaning Johnny. They called the English colonists in Connecticut by this and it stuck. . . . Did you ever hear of a woman governor? Wyoming had the first, a Democrat, Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, who served from 1925 to 1927.

THWINE THEFT—On an Illinois newspaper, the Illinois State Journal I believe, the editor could scarcely believe his eyes when he read a story by one of his reporters, "2,025 pigs stolen." "That's a lot of pigs," he growled. To verify the theft, he called the farmer, who it 2,025 pigs that were stolen," he asked. "Yeth, Thur," answered the victimized farmer. "So he corrected the story to read, 'two sows and 25 pigs'!"

THEY TELL ME another thing about a sow—that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. But a silk stocking surely improves a calf's stolen.

And while we're there, Christopher Morley says "High heels are the invention of a woman who had been kissed on the forehead."

IT HAS BEEN said; By Disraeli—"It is much easier to be critical than to be correct." By Samuel Johnson—"Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings." By Wendell Phillips—"One on God's side is a majority." By G. K. Chesterton—"The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost." By Horace—"A host is like a general; mishaps oft reveals his genius." By Elsie De Wolfe—"Be pretty if you can, be witty if you must, be agreeable if it kills you."

DUE TO OTHER duties, it is impossible to give this column the attention it should have. We would like to keep it interesting and local but at times it apparently fails miserably. Perhaps you'd give us a hand. If you have some little article



National 4-H Week Will Be Observed In County

Today opens National Four-H Club Week, a week set aside to make it possible for all members to become familiar with the new 4-H challenge, to help 4-H members to analyze their own situations and problems, to provide members an opportunity to check up on their own efforts to date in carrying out any 4-H program already started. J. T. Richardson and Miss Marion Kirkman, leaders, stated today. Programs for the various clubs will be especially prepared to inform 4-H members of the significance and purpose of the week. A message from President Truman states: "We have an outstanding example to offer youth in 4-H club work. For more than thirty years I have seen 4-H club work serve as a powerful incentive to millions of farm boys and girls in development of their talents, their leadership, and

their citizenship. Times may change, but the objectives of 4-H work, as reaffirmed in their ten postwar goals, are based on fundamental principles that never change, never lose their value.

I urge all rural young people to take an active part in their own local 4-H club program in 1946 and in years following. This is one of the ways in which we can build the kind of youth the United States needs—strong, skilled, informed and articulate—and it is one of the important means we have of demonstrating to the world what youth can accomplish through practical democracy and good citizenship," the message said.

Summaries of the work done by both boys' and girls' clubs are being prepared by the 4-H leaders and these will be reported during the week.

Examining the age of governors according to geographic divisions the statisticians found the lowest average age among the governors of the New England States and the highest in the East South Central States. In the New England States the age of the chief executives averages 47.5 years and in the East South Central States, 62.5 years. The other regions of the country showed no consistent geographic pattern in regard to the age of the governors.

The internal movement of population, so characteristic of the country, the statisticians comment, "is reflected in the fact that no less than 16 of the Governors, or one third of the total, were born outside the boundaries of the States they govern. In about half of these instances the States of birth and the State of residence were in the same general area. Another characteristic of the Governors, typical of American life, is the fact that the majority had their origin in small towns and villages."

Average Age Of Governors Is 54 Years

New York—The average age of the Governors of the States is close to 54 years, according to a study made by the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The study shows further that 16 of the 48 Governors are under 50 years of age, 15 are concentrated at ages 50 to 54, and 17 in the higher ages. "The youngest Governors are now 38 years of age," according to the statisticians. "They are Ellis G. Arnall, who attained the governorship of Georgia at the age of 36, and John O. Pastore, of Rhode Island, who recently moved up from the position of Lieutenant Governor. Next in order with respect to age, are Clarence W. Meadows, Governor of West Virginia, who is 41, and Governors Thomas E. Dewey and Horace A. Hildreth, of New York and Maine respectively, both of whom are now 43 years old. The two oldest Governors are Walter Edge, of New Jersey, who is 72, and Walter S. Goodland of Wisconsin, who is 82.

"Statutory regulations regarding the minimum age for gubernatorial candidates, have little or no effect in screening out men otherwise qualified. In the large majority of States the minimum age is 30 years, while in some it is 25, and in at least one state it is 21 years. "When in 1938 Harold E. Tassen was elected Governor of Minnesota at the age of 31, he had the distinction of being the youngest chief executive in his State's history and one of the youngest in the history of the country. Another outstanding example of youth in high place is that of Phillip F. La Follette, who became Governor of Wisconsin at the age of 33."

While women now hold many high positions in public life all gubernatorial positions are now filled by men, the statisticians note. There have been only two women governors in the history of the United States—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson,

which is humorous or interesting, how about dropping it in the mail for us. Just address it to this column in care of the Dispatch. We'd like to hear from you!

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: But honey, we can't move now. I'm next on the list for "Forever Amber" . . .



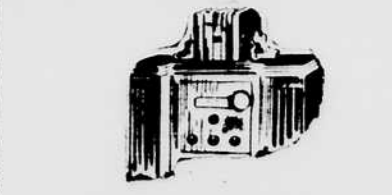
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