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**Medical Care Tax Should Not Be Added To S. S.**

We are not familiar enough with the provisions of the King-Anderson bill to engage in an intelligent discussion of it, but if it is like most bills it is probably not as good as its proponents believe nor as bad as the medical profession would have the public believe.

However, regardless of the need for, virtues and faults of any plan for medical care for the aged there is one feature of the King-Anderson bill to which we must voice opposition.

We do not believe that the King-Anderson bill, or any other bill for the medical care of the public, should be financed through Social Security. Our opposition is based on two conclusions.

The first of these is that the welfare of the poor is the responsibility of all the people, and not just business people and the working man. If a medical care plan is essential to the well-being of our people, it should be financed by the contributions of persons who derive their income from stocks and bonds and interest as well as by the contribution of working people.

Perhaps, more to the point, is that if the Social Security program is saddled with the cost of medical care, it could well destroy a system which has been accepted by the American people. In our opinion, if Social Security is able to continue to do the job for which it was conceived, it is going to have its

hands full, without anything being added to the tremendous burden imposed upon business and upon labor. In recent years the Social Security tax has more than doubled, and few people believe that the end is in sight.

The conception of Social Security, we feel, is good. Modeled after a pension system of the more enlightened business concerns in which the employees would put aside a certain sum from their wages for their old age and the employers would match this sum, it was an intelligent and humane solution to a real problem. However, as exercised by private business, the pension plan offered an inducement to labor and put the company with such a plan in a stronger position in the labor market. But when it was adopted by the government and imposed upon all businesses, this advantage was nullified and it became in effect a tax on business. Still we favor the plan as such.

It is true that while one-half the 6 1/4 cents tax that this small business pays in Social Security is withheld from the pay of our employees, actually it is in reality a 6 1/4 per cent tax on our business, for in truth wages are based on take-home pay. We presume that if a single employee receiving a salary of \$75.00 a week actually gets \$60.00 a week in his pay envelope, that he would be able to work for \$60.00, if no taxes were withheld.

It is also true that in the final analysis this business does not pay this tax, but passes it on to its customers by increasing the prices of its goods. There is no other way in which it can be paid. Unfortunately, the natural law of the higher the price the lower the demand has not been repealed, and thus taxes can well destroy a business. For these two reasons we feel that the plan to saddle medical care on to Social Security is not a fair or a sound plan, and we, therefore, oppose this feature of the King-Anderson bill.

**Looking Backward Into The Record**

**June 14, 1957**  
The Girl Scout campsite on Kerr Lake has been officially named Camp Graham in honor of Major W. A. Graham of Warrenton.

Allen Kimball of Norlina and Charles Shearin of Warrenton have been selected as the American Legion's representatives at Boys' State to be held at the University of North Carolina.

Black shank is reported in tobacco fields in practically every county in the state, County Agent Frank Reams said yesterday.

The state's legislature has granted \$4,000 for the restoration of Person's Ordinary in Littleton.

**June 13, 1952**

The Jackson property on Main Street has been sold to Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. The purchase was made with funds donated by George G. Allen of New York.

A new livestock auction market will be constructed at Norlina by B. W. (Tot) Currin and Kenneth Mustian.

Mrs. A. D. Harris was on Thursday night elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary, succeeding Mrs. B. G. White.

The auction sale of the Methodist Parsonage in Norlina will be held on Saturday morning, June 14.

**June 11, 1937**

Macon merchants for the first time have adopted the practice of closing for a half-holiday on Wednesday afternoons.

Miss Elizabeth Wagner of Warrenton was elected a member of the John Graham High School faculty at a meeting of the executive board on Monday night.

The Silas Green Minstrels will appear in Warrenton on Thursday, June 17.

Mrs. G. H. Macon, Mayor William T. Polk and Macon Thornton have been appointed as the three persons to constitute the Warren County Welfare Board which will govern the amount of funds to be received by those who become eligible for aid under features of the Social Security Act.

**The Pastor's Paragraph**

By THE REV. TROY J. BARRETT

"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by renewing your mind." Romans 12:2.

All of you have but one thing in common, you have one life to live. What will you do with it?

First, you can run away from life, or try. When in Rome, run from the Romans. Stick your head in the sand and hide. Men have devised many ways of running away from life. They rationalize and make excuses instead of buckling down to work. Another escape mechanism is alcohol. "It's the shortest way out of Warren County," someone once said. But it isn't, and those who try it wake up with themselves and their headache. You cannot run away from life. Jonah, the Old Testament prophet, discovered this. But you can take what comes, not stoically, but with the help of God and by His grace make the most of it and even use it for constructive ends. Pagans waste their pain, but Christians use it for good and for God.

Second, you can run along with life. When in Rome do as the Romans do. Be the slaves of custom as well as the servants of habit. With this prevailing attitude you soon see that cheating is the accepted thing, morals are lowered and life is degraded. But you don't have to conform. You don't have to do as the Romans do, or the Warrentonians either, simple because everybody else is doing it. If it's wrong, it's wrong. Rather, transform the wrong to that which is right and honest and pure and Christian.

Third, you can run life. When in Rome, shoot Roman candles! Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you may be drafted. Don't worry about anybody else, just follow your natural instincts. This makes you your own god and you can do no wrong. Even the Communists have discovered this doesn't work.

Fourth and finally, and this has been implied all along, you can let Christ help you run your life. When in Rome or in Warren County, convert and transform the opposition, within your own life or without, to His will and His way. Instead of running away from it, you can and will stand up to life because God in Christ Jesus stands with you. Instead of running along with life, you will go only as far as He will go with you. Instead of running life yourself, you will let Him be your Savior and guide. You will not be like the fellow trying to learn to drive a

car by himself, flooding the carburetor, choking it up, starting and stopping. Rather, you will move over and let Christ take the wheel of your life and teach you the Way, the Truth, the Life.

When a community, a church, a home, or an individual lets Christ become the head, then you become the body and all of life takes on fuller meaning. Try letting Him help you run your life and see if you do not discover the same.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, we come right back to the place where we began, we have only one thing in common, life, which Thou hast given to us. Help us to give it back to Thee, freely, for Thy Guidance, that not only will we discover Thy Will but live by it. Amen.

**MOSTLY PERSONAL**  
By BIGNALL JONES

Has it been a year, two or more, since I stood in the street and talked with little John Blaylock as he played with sand in the curbing of the road across from his home and looked up and carried on his part of the conversation? Weeks and months speed by, and now John is getting to be a big little boy, but he usually has something to say to me as I walk to my nearby home. Recently, it has been to ask when am I going to put his name in the paper again?

And now John has been joined by another most attractive younger boy in the person of Wiley Coleman, who has become John's boon companion. He, too, wants to know when I am going to put his name in the paper.

"Mr. Jones," they asked several weeks ago, "will you put our names in the paper?" I assured them that I would. "If you are real good," I said, "I might even put your pictures in the paper." And I just might do that. This reply was greeted by a fervent, "Oh, boy!"

Sometimes as I walk by the Blaylock or Coleman home, I hear a considerable amount of giggling, and the little fellows shout in unison, "Hey, Mr. Jones, when are you going to put our names in the paper?"

And so, now I have put their names in the paper. But I have a strong suspicion that it won't be too long before I hear the boyish shout, "Hey, Mr. Jones, when are you going to put our names in the paper again," or perhaps next time, "When are you going to put our pictures in the paper?"

If occasionally mentioning their names brings happiness to my little friends, and if it serves to keep them as my friends, from time to time

**Descendants Four Families Will Hold Reunion June 17**

North Carolina's first family society, the Alston-Williams-Boddie-Hilliard Society will hold its annual reunion next Sunday, June 17, at Alston Farm near Louisburg.

This annual affair attracts several hundred descendants of these prominent North Carolina families, and is usually held in the Warrenton-Henderson-Louisburg area.

Alston Farm, which is 12 miles north of Louisburg near the village of Epsom, is the home of the late Dr. Bennett Perry Alston and his wife, Caroline Matilda Williams, and is now the home of his five daughters, Mrs. Val Alston Bell, Miss Carrie M. Alston, Mrs. Emma Alston Anderson, Miss Bessie Lee Alston and Miss Margaret P. Alston. A picnic lunch will be served at noon.

Starting the festivities will be a reception at the Henderson Country Club at noon on Saturday, followed by a luncheon at one o'clock.

The Honorable L. H. Fountain, member of Congress, will address the group.

Officers of the Society are: James Byron Hilliard of Rocky Mount, president; Mrs. Helen Williams Coxon of Ludowici, Ga., vice-president; Miss Carrie Alston Mann of Enfield, corresponding secretary; Dr. William R. Mann, Jr., of Enfield, recording secretary; Gideon F. Alston of Littleton, treasurer; Mrs. William F. Fillmore of Tarboro, registrar; Mrs. Val Alston Bell of Henderson, historian; and Mrs. Lewis Alston Thompson, Sr., of Franklinton, chaplain.

Mrs. James Allison Cooper and Bennett T. Perry, Sr., will be in charge of arrangements for the luncheon on June 16.

**Warrenton Native To Teach In Africa**

A Warren County Negro student is one of two honor students at North Carolina College who have been accepted by the Peace Corps for teaching in Africa.

Randolph Bullock of Warrenton will teach Biology in Ethiopia, and Miss Aljosie

readers of this column might well get a progress report on the two little fellows.

Baker of Salisbury will teach English in Togo.

Both Bullock and Miss Baker were seniors at North Carolina College during the 1961-62 term.

**Returns Home**

Mr. Henry F. Twitty has returned from Duke Hospital, Durham, where he has been for sometime for treatment.

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**Deserve To Be Shocked**

The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune

It was inevitable, we suppose, that a society that can't go to the corner drug store without an automobile, looks forward to the 20-hour week, and produces such labor-saving machines as the electric razor and electric shoe polisher eventually would come up with an electric toothbrush.

But perhaps the New Frontier society is not yet completely automated. We note that the Food and Drug Administration has seized some 200 electric toothbrushes and has warned the public about the use of some 50,000 others that have been distributed. The government says the motors in the little machines are not sealed and if immersed in water are capable of transmitting a severe shock to the user.

We assume, of course, that electronic genius will overcome this imperfection in time; that Ma, Pa, Junior and Sis will be fully equipped with the device, thus boosting electrical consumption, upping the tax take, permitting the Federal Government to institute new social welfare programs to make life easier for everyone.

It all sounds nice. But somehow we find ourselves toying with the reactionary idea that a society that is too lazy to brush its own teeth without automation deserves to be shocked.

**His Father's Mark**

By KAYS GARY  
In Charlotte Observer

What kind of mark do you leave on your child?

Major Art Ward of the Salvation Army tells of an incident that answers the question.

A couple of 14-year-old lads stopped in at the Transient Home for lodging the other night. Investigation revealed they planned to hitch-hike to California.

One of the boys was arrogant. Defiant. An artist at back-talk. The other was not as crude. Troubled, yes. And he lied a little. But evidently Major Ward determined their real names and the identity of their parents in another city. He phoned them.

The father of the first boy sounded just like his son: "Turn him over to the cops . . . juvenile court . . . somebody."

The father of the second was found: "We're on our way," he said. "We'll straighten it out somehow."

The major said he didn't have to make those phone calls to know what the response would be.

"I had talked with the boys," he said. "A father makes his mark."

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