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Governmental Relief and Private Giving

RED CROSS roll call workers report considerable difficulty this year in obtaining memberships and donations for the great national relief organization. Less than half of Macon county's goal of 300 memberships has been attained.

Some of those engaged in the Red Cross canvass have reported the development of a widespread feeling that, since the federal government has undertaken such a vast relief program, it is no longer necessary for the individual to do his or her bit toward assisting the unfortunate.

Anyone taking the trouble to investigate the facts, of course, would find that such an excuse for not joining the Red Cross is untenable. Uncle Sam is not bearing and cannot bear the whole relief burden. There are many cases in which outside assistance is needed and the government is unable to give it. Not even the vast federal relief organization can cope with the situation facing the country today; the government must have the voluntary cooperation of the entire people if destitution, want and misfortune are to be brought to the irreducible minimum for which we all hope.

The Red Cross frequently works hand in hand with governmental agencies, but it performs a function and serves a purpose the government sometimes is unable to do.

But aside from a purely materialistic angle, important as that may be, the Red Cross fulfills a need even greater than that of the destitute for food and clothing, of the sick for skilled attention, of the victims of flood and pestilence for a helping hand. As well as a guardian angel for the unfortunate, it is a guiding angel for the fortunate. It is a symbol to make one realize that he has a duty to his neighbor, that he should be thankful for his own good fortune.

"The poor ye have always with you." It is wisely ordained, for we need them as greatly as they need us. They are a blessing as well as an obligation. As pointed out in a recent letter sent out by the North Carolina Orphan Association:

"Without human need and human suffering to appeal constantly to the heart of a materialistic world and keep open therein its fountains of love and sympathy, it would harden into stone in a generation, or be eaten out by sordid selfishness and greed."

Putting Christmas Spirit in Business

CHRISTMAS, 1934, is a reminder that the heyday of the "go-getter" is past, believes Vash Young, author of "A Fortune to Share" and the man who has sold more than a million dollars worth of insurance every year during the depression.

"The Christmas season," says Mr. Young in the December Rotarian Magazine, "finds business and professional men of the world faced with great changes in prospect. Perhaps the greatest of these is the growing realization that instead of making getting our first consideration, with public welfare taking care of itself, we shall have to put public welfare first and to find a way to do business in spite of change. For my own part, I believe that such a change will make for greater all around prosperity than we have ever known before, and I am certain that every one of us will be happier."

"This," he continues, "will make it hard for the out and out go-getter who can think only from his own selfish viewpoint. But the go-getter is already 'in a jam' and he should welcome anything that promises to better his outlook. Go-getting has never made for real happiness, for the man who practices it nearly always becomes cynical, insincere, shifty, and cast down by failure, or puffed up by passing successes. He may make a big showing for a time, but rarely does he show the stamina and consistent result over the years that go with go-giving."

"I offer this conclusion, not as an opinion, but as a fact based on observation of business and professional men under all sorts of conditions."

"In trying to apply the lesson of Christmas to my daily work, and from watching others who have made the same effort, I know that it is really more blessed and far more practical to give than to receive. The go-giver, the man to whom service is a way of doing, starts by being kind to himself in the way I have indicated. In seeking to give his best to his fellows he works without the tension that goes with go-getting. He does not suffer from either the violent ups or downs that go with go-getting. The giving habit keeps him calm and poised. He is never trapped in his own falsehoods, because he speaks the truth. Having only the right motives, he has nothing to conceal or fear. And the practical side to it all is that usually he finds that in return the world gives to him more than he ever expected—in prosperity of all kinds instead of money prosperity only."

Forthcoming Troubles of a Mule-Skinner — by A. B. Chapin



THROUGH CAPITAL KEYHOLES

BY BESS HINTON SILVER

BIG STICK—

Raleigh back-room political circles hear rumblings of a coming war between eastern and western Democrats that are highly intriguing, to say the least. The story goes that the westerners are forming a combine to force redistricting of the State after the mandate of the constitution. The east has blocked redistricting, which would give the west greater representation at the expense of the boys down east. The plan of the westerners is said to be scrapping of the traditional method of alternating between east and west on candidates for Governor, Senator and other important State offices in the event the easterners refuse to agree to redistricting. That would mean that the west would offer Democratic candidates for all offices every term. The thought will probably cause the eastern boys to pause and think.

NUMBER FOUR—

You have been reading a lot about the three leading candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the spring of '36, namely Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby; Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Sparta; and Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro. Now you can also hear around the State Capitol that Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford, has about decided to pitch his hat into the ring and if he does you can look for a real battle-royal. Any man of the quartette can well be rated a serious threat to any other man's gubernatorial ambitions.

HONOR—

Keyholes is just about willing to stake its reputation on the prediction that Dan C. Boney, North Carolina's affable Commissioner of Insurance, will be honored by his fellows at the annual meeting of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Florida early in December. It would not be surprising if Mr. Boney should emerge as president of the National organization.

POTENT—

Announcement this week of the formation of the Highway Protective League of North Carolina—main objective an amendment to the State constitution prohibiting diversion of motor taxes—is another indication of motorists banding together to prevent their being

made the "goat" in taxes in Tar Heelia. Motorists are already paying 52 per cent of total taxes collected in North Carolina and the new organization asserts that if more money is being collected from motorists than necessary to maintain roads there should be a reduction in motor taxes, rather than diversion. The potency of the new group is indicated by some of its sponsors: Julian Price, president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., of Greensboro; J. A. Hartness, former Secretary of State; Claude Wheatly, former Republican member of the State Highway Commission; Dr. John N. Hill, prominent surgeon of Cherokee county; Norman Chambliss, banker and manager of the State Fair; Superior Court Judge Hoyle Sink; R. P. (Bob) Holding, president First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.; J. G. Stykeleather, W. A. McFirt and J. L. McNair, former members of the State Highway Commission; J. B. Ward, Wilson business man, and a host of others. You'll admit there's power in that line if the boys can develop the team work. It appears they will.

BONER—

Keyholes won the mythical concrete bicycle for the prize boner last week. An item told of the expected resignation of one of the State assistant Attorneys General because of poor health. Dennis G. Brummitt, Attorney General, writes that both A. A. F. Seawell and T. Wade Bruton, the two assistant Attorneys General are in good health and have assured him that they have no intention of resigning. That is widely known. What Keyholes intended to say was that one of the three assistant United States District Attorneys is expected to resign because of poor health. Our apologies to Messrs. Brummitt, Seawell and Bruton and to our ten-thousand-and-one readers.

MAKING HAY—

While you're reading so much about the activities of Representatives Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender; Laurie McEachern, of Hoke, and Willie Lee Lumpkin, of Franklin, in the race for Speaker of the 1935 House of Representatives, word trickles into Raleigh that two other legislative war-horses are turning the soil along speakership row. They are R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, and William A. Sullivan, of Buncombe. Mr. Cherry ran off with Representative Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe, on the "economy" cruise that would have allowed the schools but \$10,000,000 a year during the present biennium but both he and Mr. Sullivan are highly regarded in legis-

lative circles here. In the event of a deadlock between the first-mentioned trio either of the two latter veterans might upset somebody's appercart.

CHILD LABOR—

One question that is sure to bob up in the coming session of the Legislature that has received but a mite of attention is the child labor amendment to the federal constitution. So far 20 States have ratified this proposed 22nd amendment but North Carolina is not among them. Don't be surprised if Governor Ehringhaus recommends ratification in his address to the General Assembly. North Carolina has not been so hot for changes in the federal basic law but those who visit behind the scenes do not anticipate any serious troubles for the child labor proposal which has the extra-special blessing of the Roosevelt administration.

SALES TAX—

It's hard to find anybody around the State Capitol who will tell you that the general sales tax will be eliminated from the next revenue bill. Plenty of the boys would like to see it wiped off the books but they can't figure how it can be done in the face of increasing demands for increases in teacher-pay, greater appropriations for the University and other State-supported colleges and Federal Relief Director Hopkins' demand for the State to ante-up on relief needs. Most of the speculation regarding the sales tax on Capitol Hill these days centers on changes in its application. There is more than a little opinion that the present exemptions (or at least some of them) will be stricken out and the tax expanded to include more than retail sales. Thus, the gravy would go farther just by adding water rather than meat and flour.

RINGING THE BELL—

During the 1933 Session of the Legislature the Department of Conservation and Development bore the brunt of many attacks. When R. Bruce Etheridge took over the reins that department was exceedingly unpopular. Things have changed in the past two years and the conservation department is coming back to its place in the sun once more. Mr. Etheridge ("Uncle Bruce" in his native Manteo) is one of the most popular members of the State administration and he is credited in Raleigh with pulling his department out of the dumps. It is not expected that the Conservation department will have nearly so much trouble next spring as confronted it two years ago. Incidentally Mr. Etheridge is a veteran of many Legislatures and knows his way round.