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MAKING REAL PROGRESS

Crime is rampant in America with the criminal element taking the country, so to speak.

The United States has the unenviable distinction of leading the world by a wide margin. Each year crime accounts for the death of ten people out of each 100,000 of our population—the next country, Greece, is a poor second, with five. In England, but one out of each 100,000 dies because of criminal undertakings.

The greatest fight on crime ever attempted in this nation is now being carried on by the federal government, one of the new federal activities which meets with unqualified support of all the people. In recent months the government has been extremely successful in this undertaking. Its agents have eliminated a number of underworld kings—have frightened others into hiding. The whole power of the federal government, with its unlimited resources in money, men and equipment, is turned loose to effect the gangsters' capture and execution. It is gratifying to see that all the signs now point to a successful fight being waged against major crime.

SPENDING CAN'T LAST FOREVER

Government finances should be regarded precisely as individual financial problems. When an individual spends more than he earns, he becomes insolvent. He loses his source of credit. He loses something even more valuable—the confidence and faith of others. He eventually goes bankrupt.

The situation is no different when it comes to the government, except that its credit sources are greater. It can stave off the day of reckoning longer. It can perform financial sleight-of-hand through trick book-keeping that will serve to obscure actual facts for a time. But eventually extravagance overtake even government as they do the individual. Insolvency inevitably results from failure to balance outgo with income. It is an unwritten law.

It is a common fallacy that there is no end to the taxing power of government—that it has a limitless source of income. But when taxes soar money goes into hiding. It is destroyed through failures and shut-downs. Property is taken over by states and municipalities. Industrial developments stop. Investments are curtailed. Men and women are thrown out of work and unable to find jobs. Government has the power to tax, of course—but that is a worthless power indeed when there is nothing to tax.

The American government units are not now bankrupt. The chances are they never will be. But the only way to remain solvent is to live within income—both as individuals and as economic entities. The institution does not exist that can go on forever spending more than it earns. Some of these days government authorities at Washington will learn this truth, maybe.

HE LIVES ON FOREVER

George Washington—whose birthday is tomorrow—has achieved immortality. He has been exalted to a plane upon which he defies injury. He not only is "first" in the hearts of his countrymen; he is enshrined there. It will be many years before any other great American soldier or statesman becomes such a figure of national honor. Indeed, we doubt whether, even after the lapse of ages, our nation will ever have produced another character commanding such universal respect and esteem.

Myth and tradition have concealed much of the true Washington. But the people, millions of them, know Washington as they want to know him. They attribute to him those qualities which they idealize as those of a great and good man. He could not tell a lie; he would not be king; he loved the soil; he loved peace; he feared entangling alliances; he hated tyranny; he deprecated factionalism; he prized the simple life above the pomp of official position.

Perhaps to no other character in history is like homage given. In the lengthy annals of England there is no name held in reverence by the English as the name of Washington is revered by Americans. The French people and the Germans have no such hero.

In America long ago this Washington became incomparable. We have had other great men, but we think of none of them as of Washington. Jefferson's place in history is assured. He was a patriot, a scholar, a true friend of democracy, but he is chiefly honored as the founder of his party. Alexander Hamilton was the great

Federalist. But Washington, who lived at the same time with them and benefited by their counsels, was above party. No man now would think of saying, "Washington was the founder or leader of my party," but every citizen has the right to thrill at the thought, "Washington was the father of my country."

George Washington. There is no heroic figure in our national hall of fame whose memory transcends the Valley Forge commander.

IT'S ALL POLITICS

Governor Johnston went into office obsessed with the idea of firing the present highway commission. He stated in his inaugural address, when he demanded the commissioners to resign forthwith, that it was the "mandate of the people" who elected him. Such talk smacks with politics and is only an echo of the campaign he made over the state when a candidate. No charges as yet have been brought against the commission except one of political prejudice. The governor wants to get rid of the present commission and put in one of his own picking he can dominate. That's politics.

When this administration measure to reduce and reorganize the highway commission got to a hearing it met a sharp and unexpected reverse, a majority unfavorable report being returned by the committee. Then later the measure, branded as the Johnston bill, got to the floor of the lower house where it met defeat by a small margin after a strong and hard struggle had been made by the group whose names had been attached to the bill as its chief sponsors in support of the governor.

The governor, after the bill was defeated, apparently got peeved and announced a few minutes later, "This is just the beginning of the fight to rid South Carolina of being run by the highway commission." He then took a vulnerable attitude when he added this threat, "you may rest assured I will take the fight back to the people in the primaries next year," the inference being that he will attempt to dictate and elect a legislature that will serve as a rubber stamp, signing on the "dotted line," an exhibit similar to that we see being enacted daily at Washington by the large majority of our national representatives.

This sounds like small, cheap politics, a brand not unknown, however, in this state, and one to which the people have become accustomed in recent years. The attitude as expressed by the governor will not get the state anywhere, will make no contribution to progress or help solve the many perplexing issues now confronting the people. This highway issue has been greatly exaggerated. There are greater dangers confronting the state than this question, and all of the effort to create excitement and political prejudice is of secondary importance. Can't we have a cessation from personal politics in this state? Such tactics continued can only be interpreted as an obsession on the part of the governor and is bound to prove destructive of public interests.

10 Years Ago

Items of Interest From The Chronicle of February 19, 1925

Mrs. Lizzie Adair died at her home in Houston, Texas, on last Saturday. She was born near Shady Grove, a daughter of D. H. A. and Maggie Copeland Mason.

Mrs. Emma Coleman Young, wife of L. M. D. Young, died at her home near here on Tuesday.

Miss Annie E. Hatton has returned from Buladean, N. C., where she has been teaching the past year.

T. D. Copeland is on a business trip to New York.

Prof. R. L. Coe is in Nashville, Tenn., this week representing Presbyterian college at the Semi-Centennial celebration of Peabody College for Teachers.

George Rucker has accepted a position as principal of the Hurricane school near here.

On Friday night the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church gave a Valentine party at the home of Miss Alma Ruth Cooper.

Miss B. Copeland, whose marriage

is to occur soon, was the guest at a lovely Valentine tea given by Miss Mary Henry on Tuesday afternoon.

The following Central graded school pupils are listed on the honor roll for January in the first grade: William Byars, Harold Carter, Lucile Wilson, Christine Sowers, Katherine Graham, Sara Frances Baldwin, Clarke Meadows, Agatha Jones, Walter Todd, Alice Rose Gains, Mae McClendon, Mildred McClendon.

Sumerel Speaks To Rotary Club

Local Insurance Man Talks On Vocational Service As Major Part of Rotary Program.

At the regular meeting of the Clinton Rotary club on Monday, the committee on vocational service had charge of the program. S. W. Sumerel, speaking for the committee, made the following address:

The six objects of Rotary relate so largely to Vocational Service as to make it appear that Vocational Service is the major part of the program of Rotary.

Various expressions have been given in Rotary as to what is meant by the ideal of Service. "Service above Self." "He Profits Most Who Serves Best." But the interpretation of the ideal of Service, including vocational service, has been purposely left to Rotary to individual Rotarians and groups of Rotarians. Since its application must be made to widely varying conditions and problems, its greatest usefulness will be realized if each individual will answer for himself the question, "What does it mean to me to apply the ideal of Service in and through my vocation?"

Rotary's vocational program is neither visionary nor negative. In all six objects it is stated positively. Although it is necessary to stop doing what should not be done in business, all of Rotary's six objects state what should be done. "High-ethical standards" call for definite performance. Vocational service means the continuous practice of the rule of thoughtfulness to others. The fundamental thing that Rotary emphasizes in that every worthy vocation gives one an opportunity to render profitable service to those with whom he comes in contact.

I believe that that Rotarian is best qualified to render service to others who is careful always to improve himself. Self-development is one of the first qualifications for service to others. He should broaden his horizon, develop an altruistic attitude, and seek to master the details of the business in which he is engaged. He should understand the history, present status, and the possibilities of his own business. Self-improvement, mental expansion, intellectual development, acquiring ability to see things as others see them, becoming a finer and better man, is a part of the program which Rotary has promulgated for vocational service. A Rotarian may be a small man to begin with, but if he follows Rotary's program, he will grow and develop and become bigger and bigger with increasing responsibilities. He will want to become an expert in his field of work. If a Rotarian is a salesman, he should be the best salesman in the country; if he is a lawyer, he should be the best lawyer in the country; if he is a physician, he should become the best physician in his specialty to be found; if he is a minister, he should be the best minister; if he be a merchant, he should be the best merchant known far and wide for the detailed care and exactitude with which he carries on his business. A Rotarian owes it to himself, he owes it to others, he owes it to his business, to acquire personally efficiency in all that he undertakes.

The individual Rotarian also has obligations to others. He should develop an understanding attitude of the other fellows problems. Most of the ills of humanity are due to the lack of understanding. It is necessary for a Rotarian, in order that he might render maximum service, to have a thorough understanding of the conditions under which the great mass of humanity is living. Rotary does not claim for its membership superior qualifications, yet it is true that the Rotarian should be an outstanding example of correct business practice. Rotary loses its great significance if it is not going to make the business affairs of the world fairer and cleaner and happier. All our efforts have been in vain unless Rotarians become better lawyers, better teachers, better doctors, better merchants, better salesmen, better farmers. It may be that I can hide some evil practice in my professional career from my neighbors, but I cannot hide it from myself.

Rotary has a great message which ought not to be confined to the club room, but should be given to the entire world. If Rotary can emphasize ideals of good sportsmanship in life's relationships, it has brought to the world a lesson of enduring value.

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ORGANIZE SEWING CLUB AT LYDIA MILLS

A sewing club has been organized by a group of ladies in the Lydia community. The following officers were elected: Mrs. K. F. Johns, president; Mrs. S. B. Neal, secretary, and Mrs. J. D. Hairston, treasurer. The meetings are held in the community house on Tuesday nights. While some of the ladies are quilting, others bring their fancy work and engage in different kinds of sewing. A quilt has just been finished which is to be sold and the money used for some worthwhile community project. A social hour is enjoyed at the end of each meeting, with one member acting as hostess each time.

On last Tuesday night, Misses Mel-da Von Hollen and Margaret Blakely served a waffle supper. At the last meeting, Mrs. W. N. Bobo acted as hostess and served delightful refreshments of sandwiches, cakes, and coffee.

The following ladies and young

girls have become members of the new club: Mrs. K. F. Johns, Mrs. W. N. Bobo, Mrs. S. B. Neal, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. J. D. Hairston, Mrs. J. A. Black, Mrs. J. W. Mott, Mrs. Mansell Bridwell, Mrs. W. J. Dabbs,

Mrs. Rosa Cole, Mrs. B. L. Wood, and Misses Mary Johnson, Clara Bobo, Helen Bobo, Kathleen Ervin, Eleahor Cauble, Eloise Brown, Margaret Blakely and Melba Von Hollen.



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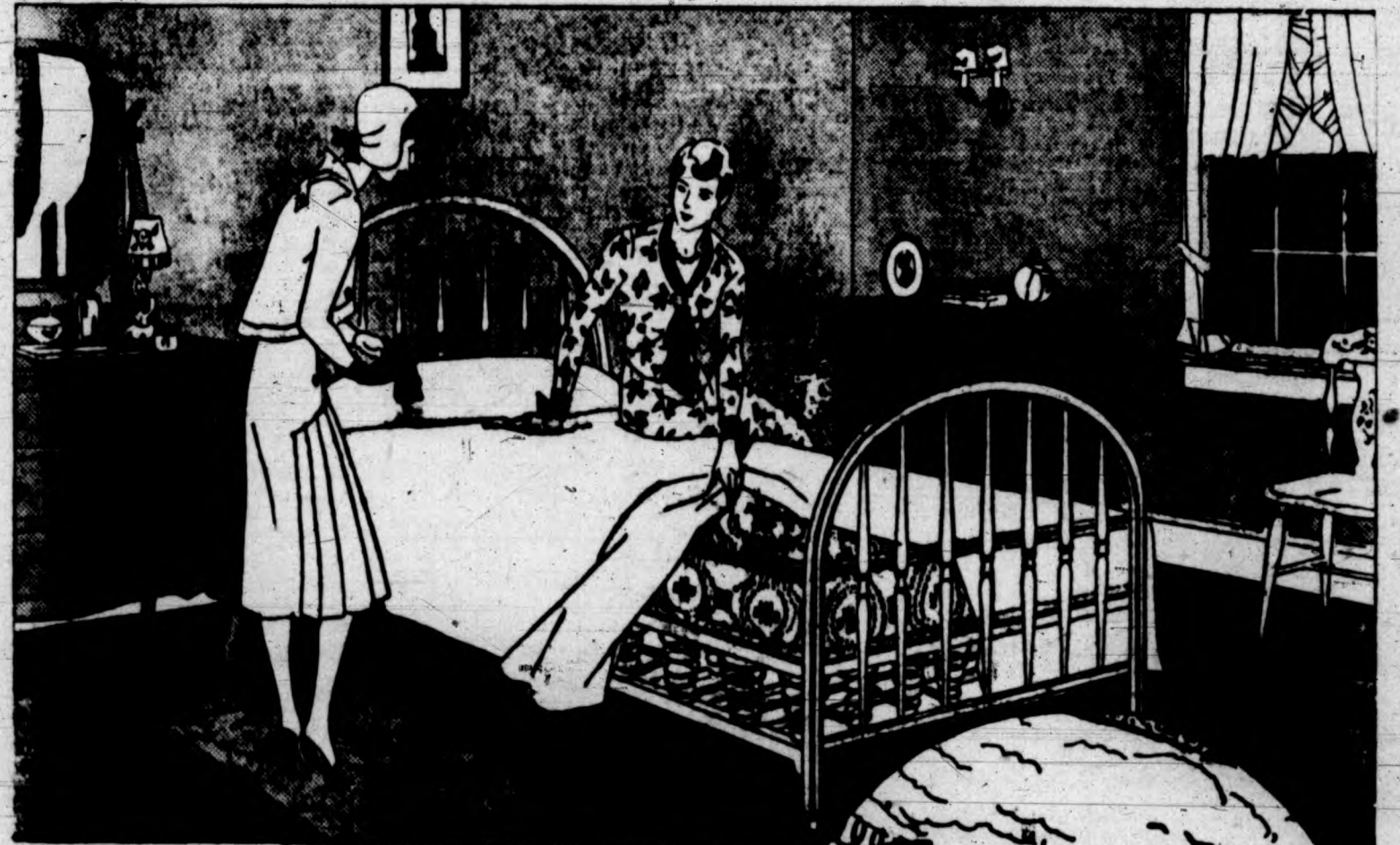
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