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The Practical Side of It

In last year's United Welfare campaign, which was a failure, many of our residents implied that they doubted the superior businessness of giving or receiving. Beginning tomorrow, and for the remainder of the week, we have another opportunity — a timely opportunity, certainly, in view of the highly publicized moral upswing that has swept over us these past few months.

The Community Chest asks for a certain amount of money — \$110,000, indeed a negligible sum for such a city as this. The money will be used for twelve agencies that work in the field of character-building and rehabilitation, service agencies that cope with the human problems of the Social Security can touch.

Probably you don't approve of every activity under the Chest. You may be right. Still, you cannot disapprove of all of them, nor can you escape the plain appeal of enlightened benevolence. The Community Chest works with many people who are a threat to our security and health. The Chest works against crime, juvenile delinquency, social diseases and laundries of all kinds.

Hudson Front

Senator Bob Wagner, speaking in New York, agrees with Jim Farley that Mahoney must be elected Mayor next Tuesday. La Guardia defeated Mahoney, and Mahoney is not comforted nationally, and the Democratic Party and with it the great "liberal movement it espouses" — i. e., the New Deal — weakened.

Senator Bob is a great Liberal. And a Liberal, you concluded, becomes in the end a Clean Government, in the rule that decent government must everywhere and always be moral. But the Democratic organization in New York is, by the record, very decisively not given to Ideals and Clean Government. It is anything else than moral. Its backbone is Tammany, and that the tiger's stripes haven't changed is pretty well indicated by Prosecutor Dewey's charges against "thieves and big-time racketeers" who conspired to Tammany chief James Martinelli, who has his aides fingerprinted (which hasn't been taken up), by the arrest of 31 Tammany leaders for fraudulent registration, by the Commission on Accounts' flat naming of Charles Schneider, Assistant District Attorney and Tammany leader, on a bribe charge.

Let Him Be Heard

Capitalism is dead, said Dr. C. S. Garrison, president of George Peck College, as he addressed the South Piedmont Teachers Association Friday at Hotel Charlotte. After making that remark he called upon the teachers to assume their responsibility in developing a better education to replace the old order of things.

Southerners for many years and that he was contending for a practical educational system which would enable our boys and girls to take advantage of their opportunities here at home and exploit the overwhelming resources of nature which have been bestowed upon us.

Arguments in the Negative

Since it was at our request that Representative Bulwinkle prepared the statement on the wage and hour bill that is carried elsewhere in the paper today, we feel in politeness bound not to hop on it critically. Indeed, with much of what Mr. Bulwinkle has to say about the desirability of uniform laws, wages and shorter hours, nobody can disagree. But — like the Congressman, we suspect — we are instinctively opposed to the enveloping regulation of the whole country by Washington.

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Politicians in Clover

We watch on now. The reason the Federal Government has enabled some time ago to discontinue its weekly borrowings of about \$50,000,000 and the reason the gross national debt doesn't go up despite the cumulative daily deficits is, to put it bluntly, that the Government is borrowing from wage earners and employers. John Jones, mill worker, whose account number is ATM-322945733, is having so much taken out of his wages and, together with an equivalent amount from the company he works for, deposited with the Treasury as security against the day when John reaches 65 and becomes too old to work. It is John's

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money and the money of millions like him that the Treasury is using to finance its deficits, which already this fiscal year amount to \$48 million of dollars.

It's standard insurance practice, of course, not only to invest premium payments but frequently to invest them in government bonds. And if the U. S. Government's promises to pay are no good, nothing is any good. There is no reason for anybody to open his eyes to the benefits to sleep over the safety of their funds.

But if it's all right from the standpoint of insurance practice, it's distinctly all wrong from the standpoint of political practice. It's an insidious enough business, the opening of money in excess of taxes levied, and the politicians have taken to it like ducks to water. There was some check upon them, however, in that the Treasury had to go to the banks and the bond buyers in order to float loans. When those loans can be floated merely by transferring huge sums from one ledger account to another, there is no curb upon the lavishness of politicians at all.

Mrs. Goodwin Should Resign, He Maintains

Has A Right To Hold Any Views But Not To Sponsor Such Radicals As Rice

Dear Sir: Mrs. Patsy Smith Goodwin's effort, in her letter to your paper, to be facetious, fails completely. It is both silly and undignified. Mrs. Goodwin has a constitutional right to hold a conviction that she chooses in regard to church, state, marriage, home or what-not. But it becomes highly offensive when she brings a radical here of Dr. Rice's type, which type is discredited everywhere among people who think. It is to be earnestly hoped that the people of Charlotte will resist such superficial propaganda of tea room Bohemia.

One thing has already come out of the controversy, and that is that it has been clearly demonstrated that Mrs. Goodwin is both temperamentally and intellectually unfit to head the P. T. A. Now it would be a gracious gesture if she would resign, and failing to do this her resignation should be requested.

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People of City Will Find Joy in Sharing With Community Chest

Dear Sir: In the day in which we live, there are many incidents which bring us joy and pleasant experience. But the greatest joy, if it were possible to measure, comes from the spirit of sharing.

The spirit of the Apostles Peter and John as they were approaching the gate to the temple on the name of Jesus the Christ. When they heard the cry of the paralyzed man and saw his destitute condition, they had compassion. Realizing that they were void of alms, simultaneously Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have I give thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." He took the man by the hand and raised him on his feet, and the man was made whole through the power of Christ.

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It isn't being done my way. When I first heard of it, I felt sure it would be. But Mr. Jones, who is running the job, has made it bricks without straw. What he has brilliantly done is just to appropriate the whole corps of mail and rural free delivery men, and turn them into door-bell punching census-takers. So thoroughly has he worked out his plan with care and follow-up that I am glad to admit that his census ought to be at least as accurate as the regular decennial census.

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