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## GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE

### *Where Our Taxes Go*

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THE highest tenets of religion are in their essence the moral codes of men. Our government, to be good, to express the will of the people, must comply with this higher law of which I propose to speak. We have in Delaware old people who because of their age and infirmity cannot work. Among some barbarous peoples the old, the halt and the lame are destroyed. The Nazis were the most blatant exponents of this inhuman attitude. A civilization may well be measured by the care and consideration that the children, the aged and the helpless receive. Let us consider our State by such a standard.

According to the Federal Security Agency of the Social Security Board's quarterly report on the state aid extended to the aged, we here in Delaware hold the enviable position of 7th from the bottom in a list of state grants for the aged. Delaware, the First State in the Union, is classed with the most reactionary group of the Deep South. We, who can top our quota of war bonds, or Red Cross donations, or cancer contributions, do not grant to our old people one-third of the sum that California gives to her aged dependents. In short while we admit our responsibility to our brother, we are prepared to give, and do give on the average \$15.02 per month on which and from which he is to live. We, the first state, are bracketed by Mississippi which gives \$14.88 and Alabama which gives \$15.94. It is true that our law reads that the families of aged dependents must contribute to their support. Not only the families, but even the grandchildren are required by law to work and contribute to the support of their aged grandparents. Thus a school teacher, who is earning let us say \$1800 a year, may have her mother and grandmother to support, and on the average may expect \$15.02 from our state welfare agency. It is for our aged dependents that the recent legislative battle raged in Dover. We of the Democratic faith hold that our old citizens are entitled to more than

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