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STATE SHOULD BRANCH OUT

Socialism is making rapid headway in North Carolina, according to press reports. It is now said that Governor McLean and many of his advisers are seriously considering the establishment of a state-owned printing office...

Next thing in order is for the state to open some banks in which to deposit state funds and lend itself the money with which to carry on its great program.

Then an automobile factory ought to be in operation by the state, in which to make all the cars that our servants use.

Then will follow, in natural sequence, the organization of a fire insurance company in which all the state property will be insured.

Is it any stretch of the imagination to see the coming of a medicine factory, if the state is going into the socialistic column, in which all the medicine will be made and all the remedies compounded for state officials and state prisoners?

Of course a coffin factory will soon follow, and the state will, doubtless, be making its own coffins in which to bury its pauper dead.

After a while, if this socialistic trend of thought continues, Raleigh will be dotted with homes owned by the state in which all the state employees will live.

All these fool suggestions are just as sensible as the plan for a state-owned printing office. There is no more important industry, business or profession in the state than that of the great printing industry.

When the state takes the position that printing is too high, and would lower the cost of printed matter, there is but one meaning to it. It means that the state would reduce the wages which in turn would lower the standard of citizenship that now is proudly boasted by the business.

While The News has not been asked for its opinion, we venture a suggestion of how to reduce the cost of state printing. That suggestion is for the state legislature to refrain from passing so many fool laws every two years. Acres of type and train loads of paper are necessary each two years in the printing of a string of fool laws that could be easily left out of the program.

But after all is said and done, the fact that Governor McLean, a conservative of conservatives, should even consider a socialistic program in his administration is the startling feature of the news stories emanating from Raleigh.

IT GENERALLY HAPPENS SO.

Something usually happens to spoil any scene that is about to be perfect in all its stage setting. Lindbergh had hardly realized the fullness of his big act in flying across the Atlantic Ocean before Chamberlain and his side-kick hopped off to Germany. It is but another proof of the oft-made charges that we're still in the hard stage, all trying to do the same thing at the same time, all trying to go to the same place at the same time, all trying to wear the same hat at the same time.

Lindbergh deserved better treatment than that accorded him by the newspaper flyers. They should have possessed their flight until the first hero returned to his native beach to receive the plaudits of the nation that felt as if honored in honoring the boy Lindbergh.

There is such a marked difference in the nature of the interviews given out by Lindbergh and the Chamberlain...

on the whole thing in the eyes of the world. Lindbergh, with becoming modesty, refused to acknowledge his feat as being more than a service to his country and to the world. Chamberlain and his admiring backers. They must tell us and admit, of indignity offered to Lindbergh made us them to do this and to do that. In fact, their appointment has been downright vulgar in comparison with that gentle, unassuming conduct of Lindbergh. A few days' wait would have been great paying investment for Chamberlain and his sporty backers.

ARROWY ACCIDENT

Just as more foot, and Fire Chief Bromfield would have been injured, if not killed, and a unknown driver of another car or I have been just as seriously injured. This occurred one day last week when the fire department was answering an alarm. The fire chief had gone up Main street, and his Bromfield followed a few moments later in his car.

Although the siren on the chief's car was sounded continuously, the driver of a car parked in front of Plummer's store, started to follow the fire wagon, pulling into the street right in front of the chief's rapidly moving car. Only the fact that Mr. Bromfield's car is equipped with four-wheel brakes averted a serious accident. As it was, with all the quick work of the chief, his car was brought to a stop only a few inches from the other car.

The law says that all drivers must give right of way to fire trucks and cars used by the fire department. Care should be exercised by drivers of cars and by pedestrians while fire trucks and cars are answering an alarm. The sirens are signals for other cars to get out of the way, or come to a dead stop so the fire wagons and cars can pass all other vehicles.

Many people held their breath last week as the driver of the private car came directly into the pathway of the chief's car. A crash seemed inevitable. The collision was averted, however, yet many people are asking about the next time. Let us hope there will be no "next time." There will be no next time, if motorists will use proper precautions.

WHAT IS OUR FUTURE

JUST NOW the eyes of the world are turned toward the heavens as Americans have just conquered the air, sailing planes through space, crossing the restless waves of eastern seas, landing their planes in capitals of foreign countries in less than 48 hours' time.

Now that it has been demonstrated that oceans can be crossed in air ships, what does the future promise as a result of these achievements? How long will that friendly, enthusiastic feeling exist which has been kindled through Lindbergh's great triumph?

A picture keeps bobbing up before our vision, hence our apparent lack of interest in Lindbergh's achievement. We can see frightened mothers gathering their babes about them, looking anxiously into the space between earth and heaven, watching with tear-dimmed eye the coming into sight of a death-dealing plane whose mission it is to drop bombs into towns and cities, destroying everything within reach of its terrific explosive power.

God forbid that this shall ever happen. Yet we cannot forget the fact that submarines were highly praised when they first crossed the ocean in their particularly unusual manner. A little later these submarines were being used for the unhelpful and inhuman purpose of stealing along underneath the waves to puncture holes in sea-going vessels, leaving the crews and passengers to spend a few horrible moments in living death, to be swallowed up in the waves.

We know that each generation has brought forth greater weapons of destruction, from the time of the bow and arrow to the last big World War's horrible death-dealing machines. We ought to know that the next war will be fought in the air, throwing these things, and picturing the awful horrors that will be left in the wake of dropping bombs from the planes, we cannot work up a very great amount of enthusiasm over these recent so-called victories of long distance flying.

THE WEEKLY FASHION LETTER IS APPRECIATED.

Many ladies have expressed appreciation of the fact that The News is publishing the "Fashion Letter," by Mrs. C. D. Chapman, each week. It is a most helpful letter for the ladies, and is the very best authority on fashion. This week's letter came from Paris, bearing the latest and most interesting subject of the fashion world.

THE PRAYER CORNER

A REAL GOLD MINE.

If there are readers of The Brevard News who are not reading the Prayer Corner, written by Rev. Dr. C. D. Chapman, and published on this page each week, they are missing one of the best things published in the paper in the whole country. Dr. Chapman is a scholar, deeply interested in his fellowmen, and gives freely from his great knowledge and wonderful experience. This column is a real gold mine for his observations and his teachings.

Many of our readers say "The Prayer Corner" from The News, and publish it. We are glad other papers do this, and we know that Dr. Chapman is glad, too. His great lesson each week is going not only to our readers, but to thousands of other people who read those papers that clip the "Corner" and publish it. The News expresses the hope that by one of its readers will study this article every week.

WILL WE HAVE A GLORIOUS FOURTH?

Soon the Glorious Fourth of July will be here. At least, it used to be called the "Glorious Fourth." We're just wondering if there is to be any celebration of the day in Transylvania county. If there are any plans for the celebration, such plans have been kept very quiet. What do you say, good folks, about the coming day?

THE PRAYER CORNER

THE FIRST STEP IN OUR LIFE WORK

The first step is this: God has made me for something definite; what is it He would have me do? And in asking the question I see God clearly as my loving Father. I see the world as having need of me and as having a place which I only can fill, and I see myself as honored and glorified in my opportunity. I thank God for my creation.

Since God made me for something definite and since He knows for what He made me, it becomes me to go to Him first of all, and ask Him to show me His will. We generally err in going to God, if we go at all, after we have made up our own minds, and come to a decision. We ask God's approval upon our determination, instead of asking His guidance in forming our determination.

"If I employ a clerk, the most natural thing for him to do is to come and ask me what I wish him in general to do. If he is capable, he will have originality and initiative in the details, but he will need an outline. So while God leaves me a free agent with a will and zeal of my own, He must tell me clearly what He calls me to do. Hence the wisdom of going to Him."

Oh, what an inspiring vision comes as I write. It is a vision of all these thousands of June graduates kneeling down, each one in his or her secret chamber, and asking God to direct the course of life!

God answers, not by miracles nor by a sign in the sky, but through our own endeavor. He enables us, first of all, to see life clearly as a course stretching out before us. He lets us see the meaning of living, the need and the character of the world with its faults and its excellencies. He opens our eyes to the bigness of life, with its far reaching issues, so that we are ready to take our part without fear or discouragement. Then He enables us to make preparation for the work; a preparation which may be longer or shorter, according to the task we are to begin.

He keeps us from slighting that preparation, as if it were unimportant and at the same time, He holds from exaggerating it, as if it were everything. He makes us see how each part of that preparation has a meaning, and how it is never ending, each morning having a new lesson, and a new inspiration all through life. And then He gives us splendid courage, so that we can attend anything, bear anything, endure anything without fear or dread. Oh, we need most of all! For we are appalled by the bigness of the work if we see the true vision, and we are downhearted by our own insufficiency, and we are discouraged by our own suffering. It is of God that we are brave. God gives us no tasks for which He has not supplied a power. He lets us seize the power and then we go on happily to go on. His guidance never fails. He shows us plainly what He would have us do, and then He gives us the power to do it.

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God who has made us, and not we ourselves, bless us, may Thee, O God, Thy eyes that they may see the path who have just graduated, that Thou hast made them for some thing definite. And since Thou hast made them, it is Thy will that they go. The first of all and ask Thee to show them Thy will, what Thou wouldst have them do, and in answer to their question, O God, Thou dost show them Thy loving will, the world as having need of them, and the path that they only can fill, and then Thy power to do it, and Thy own opportunity.

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LARGE EGG LAID BY MRS. MILLER'S HEN

Mrs. E. L. Miller brought to The News office this week an egg weighing two and three-fourths ounces and measuring six and three eighths inches in diameter and seven and three-fourths inches in length. The egg was laid by one of Mrs. Miller's flock of Buff Orpington's and is a fine specimen, being of especially large width.

Nearly a pound of pins were found in the stomach of Frau Maria Hils near Asbury Park, N. J., won a Juror, a Vienna dressmaker, who died wager by eating 51 oysters, with a pumpkin pie for dessert.

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NOTICE!

To the Tax Payers of the Town of Brevard.

The time for paying your 1926 TAXES has been extended through the present month of June. This however is the final extension and all taxes must be paid prior to the first day of July.

H. H. Patton TAX COLLECTOR