

Socialism

A few days ago Attorney General Homer S. Cummings in the Roosevelt cabinet in addressing the American Bar Association said: "Note the actual socialism already existing in our established order and the steady change from the competitive ideal."
 The able Attorney General went on to explain further what he had in mind in this statement.
 It was natural that this statement should cause considerable comment. The word "socialism" has been carefully avoided by most speakers. To most people it has a sinister meaning. It calls to mind a picture that means something indefinite, but nevertheless dark and disturbing.
 But what Mr. Cummings meant was entirely different from what some of those who read the report of his address interpreted it. What is socialism? Let's see what Webster's dictionary has to say:

"Socialism—a political and economic theory of social reorganization, the essential feature of which is governmental control of economic activities, to the end that competition shall give place to co-operation and that the opportunities of life and the rewards of labor shall be equitably distributed."
 If socialism means just that, who is there, except those who would tread upon the rights of others, to oppose it?
 Everybody knows what cut-rate and unfair practices has done to the laboring man and to industry itself. No one should wonder that Mr. Cummings said:
 "Rugged individualism" so stimulating in pioneer days, or even in a period of economic adolescence, no longer seems to fit a highly relational society that constantly calls for greater service and solidarity. The competitive ideal, so deeply ingrained in our law, no longer seems so valid as a free working law based on economic stability and social unity.
 "Surely, it is not visionary, therefore, to regard co-operation—voluntary or even induced—as the way of least resistance, if not the only way out; or as the one and probably only cure for ill-balanced production, for demoralization in competitive industry, and for any threatened collapse of our social order."

Origin of Motto On Our Coins

The introduction of a religious motto or device for the coinage of our country had been suggested, more or less indirectly, several times, but the suggestion that was finally adopted came from a farmer of Maryland.
 In 1861, when Mr. Chase was secretary of the treasury, he received a letter from this old farmer, who suggested that we should indicate our profession in our coinage. The letter was referred to the director of the mint, James Pollock.
 In Mr. Pollock's report for 1862, he discussed the question of the recognition of the sovereignty of God and our trust in Him on our coins.
 The proposition to introduce a motto on our coins, he said, had been considered by Mr. Chase, and he did not doubt, but believed, that it would meet with approval by an intelligent public sentiment. But congress gave no attention to the subject, and in his next annual report he referred to the suggestion and said:
 "The motto suggested—'God Our Trust'—is taken from our national hymn—The Star Spangled Banner. The sentiment is familiar to every citizen of our country; it has thrilled the hearts and fallen in song, from the lips of millions of American freemen. The time is propitious; 'tis an hour of national peril and danger—an hour when man's strength is weakness, when our strength and salvation must be of God. Let us reverently acknowledge His sovereignty, and let our coinage declare our trust in God."
 A two-cent bronze piece was authorized to be coined by congress the following year—April 22, 1864—and upon this was stamped the motto: "In God We Trust." In his report of that year Mr. Pollock expressed his approval of the act and urged that the recognition of trust be extended to the gold and silver coins of the United States. By an act of congress of March 3, 1865, the director of the mint, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, was authorized to place upon all the silver and gold coins of the United States susceptible of such conditions thereafter to be issued, the motto—"In God We Trust."

The Repeal Election

Points in the law governing the conduct of the repeal election November 7 which will be of interest to the general public include the following:
 No absentee votes will be allowed.
 Anyone wishing to register for the election must do so on October 28, the registrars being stationed at the polling places for that purpose only on one day instead of the customary four days.
 If you are a registered voter, you are not required to register again.
 If you are in favor of repeal, you vote for the convention to ratify repeal and the repeal candidate.
 If you favor retention of the eighteenth amendment, you will probably vote "no convention" and certainly for the anti-repeal candidate.

A careful study of the above points will save confusion and eliminate the danger of missing the opportunity to cast a vote.

A Short Sermon

Out of all the welter of talk about restoring economic prosperity we seem to hear echoing down the ages an admonition which most of us too easily forget:
 "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."
 We are constantly being reminded of our "duty" to society, to the nation and the state, as if that were the first and most important concern of mankind. We do not understand it that way. We have the highest authority, just quoted, for saying that a man's first duty is to himself. His duty is to reconcile his conduct, his point of view, his character to the teachings which have been proven, through countless centuries, to be the only sound, safe and enduring rules for human happiness.

Were every human being, in his personal relations with others, to follow the simple admonitions laid down by the Founder of Christianity we would hear no talk of the need of "organizing" men and women and business and industry in order to give everybody a square deal and an equal opportunity.
 We are ready to agree that, with most of us humans still far from the individual perfection of character which is strict adherence to those rules of life would imply, it may be necessary to compel the majority to apply some of those rules against their will. But we do not think that salvation of any kind, whether spiritual or economic, has ever been or ever will be permanently achieved by the application of force from without.
 Men are not "saved" wholesale. Neither is a social system re-created by wholesale methods. Each individual must arrive alone at the mercy seat. And unless each individual arrives of his own volition at the conclusion that he will accept the rules and play his part in the new economic order, no permanent betterment is to be looked for.

Prosperity Comes From the Soil

It may turn out that the most important thing that has happened in the world in the past three years is the international wheat agreement which has been signed by the representatives of 21 nations. We believe that Mr. Frederick E. Murphy, the head of the American delegation to the Wheat Conference, is right when he says that the records for a thousand years past show clearly that wheat has always been the index to the price of other commodities.
 In other words, as Mr. Murphy puts it, "prosperity comes from the soil."
 Under the terms of the London agreement, the great wheatgrowing nations are to reduce their acreage of wheat by about 15 percent, the wheat importing nations are to keep their own acreage down to or below present levels and use every possible measure to increase the consumption of wheat, and they agree to pay a price of not less than 55 cents, gold, rising to 63.02 cents. At the present value of the dollar in foreign exchange that would give an equivalent of about 92 cents for American wheat. And since the trend of the dollar is downward, it seems, as Mr. Murphy points out, that we can look for "dollar wheat" as the minimum for years to come. For whenever the price has been maintained at the 63.02 cents minimum for four months, the importing nations agree to reduce their tariffs, to further stimulate the importation of wheat.
 The importance of this to every man, woman and child in America may not be apparent on the surface. But it touches the pocket-books of all of us. It will cut down the surplus of wheat above the present world demand in two ways, first by regulating production, second by increasing consumption. It should not take long to absorb the present world surplus of something like half a billion bushels. Even before that is absorbed, however, money at a rate that is profitable to the wheat grower will begin to flow into the farmers' pockets; and that should be the break in the vicious circle of economic depression that is needed to start the world back to prosperity.

Display in Progress

The fireworks display this year during the Great Wilkes Fair will delight even the most unkind critic, in the opinion of fair officials.
 The large display was purchased sometime ago and will offer the fair-goer something not heretofore seen on similar occasions, it was declared.
 A display of grandeur and beauty is in store for everybody on each night of the week.

Dwight Barber Is Claimed By Death

Well Known Colored Man Taken Suddenly At Home In East Cairo Section
 Dwight Barber, well known colored man, was found dead in his home in East Cairo Saturday about noon. Apparently he was in the best of health and his sudden death was attributed to heart trouble.
 Barber was employed by the automobile paint shop of C. D. Coffey & Sons and had many friends among both the white and colored people of the Wilkesboro.
 He was the son of John and Eliza Suthers Barber. He is survived by his wife, his father and mother, four sisters, Bessie Whittington, Florence Brown, Laura Parks, Alice Barber; four brothers, Gaitner, Henry and Jura Barber and Ed Suthers.
 The funeral was conducted from Rickard's Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Bligham.

Traphill News

TRAPHILL, Sept. 13.—The Traphill high school opened September 6, with the largest enrollment in history.
 Rev. I. W. Vestal will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.
 Mr. Charlie Miles was a business visitor in town Monday.
 Mrs. Arvill Pruitt, who has been seriously ill for some time, is improving.
 Mr. J. C. Brinegar, who has been traveling in West Virginia is spending a week here with home folks.
 Mr. Went Pruitt and his daughter, Kathleen, and Miss Hester Brinegar, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holbrook's Saturday night.
 Mrs. Lula Kilby was a visitor at the home of Mrs. D. C. Casteven, Saturday afternoon.
 Mr. Everett Cooke and Arthur Samberg, of Winston-Salem, were week-end visitors in the village.
 Mrs. Conn Holbrook left for North Wilkesboro Monday where she has a position with the Wilkes Hosiery Mill.
 On last week-end Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Castevens and family accompanied by Miss Sallie Belle Yale, a member of the school faculty, and Zelle Blevins motored to Asheville via Lenoir and Morganton and on their return made short stops at Blowing Rock, Boone and other points of interest.

AGED STATE EMPLOYEE DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Raleigh, Sept. 11.—Emanuel L. Jones, mulatto diplomat of the corporation commission office, who died Saturday from a heart attack was buried this afternoon in Mount Hope cemetery.
 Emanuel was the oldest worker in the state departments, the man of longest unbroken service. He began during the Carr administration, went through the Russell and was as lively a worker in the Ebringhaus regime as he had been with Elias Carr. A week ago today the diplomat went to Washington to visit relatives. He had a heart attack, came home and died Saturday.
 He did not look old and perhaps was uncertain as to his age. He remembered all the changes of these 40 years. He carried the first typewriter that the state ever owned and put it into a state office. He was still carrying machines when disease brought him down.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, executed to me on the 4th day of March, 1933, to satisfy a certain note, the terms of which having not been complied with, said note and deed of trust having been executed by R. W. St. John and wife, Elizabeth St. John, I will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., on the 11th day of September, 1933, at 12 o'clock M., the following tract of land, located in Wilkes county, adjoining the lands of York Hayes and others:
 Beginning on a small black oak, running south to a stake; thence west to a chestnut; thence north to a hickory; thence east to the beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less, and adjoining the lands of York Hayes, Dick Henderson and others. See deed book No. 20, at page 112.
 This Aug. 11, 1933.
EUGENE TRIVETTE,
 Trustee.

Maude Wilk, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilk, of Perdue Knob, was slain by death Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.
 The funeral service was conducted from Walnut Grove church Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.
 Besides his parents, the child is survived by three brothers, James, John and Clayton, and two sisters, Josephine and Lizzie.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by J. F. Stroud, dated May 21, 1927, and recorded in Book 146, page 56, in the office of the register of deeds for Wilkes county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and demand having been made for sale, the undersigned trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 17th day of October, 1933, the following described property, located in Wilkes county, N. C., in Traphill township:
 That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Traphill township, Wilkes county, on the Elkin-Traphill public road, about nine miles west from the town of Elkin, being bounded on the north by the lands of Jesse Caudill heirs; on the east by the lands of Eli Sprinkle; on the south by the lands of Byrd Snow; and on the west by lands of Byrd Snow, and more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at a red oak on the east side of Little Elkin creek, and running thence north 1-1-2 degrees east 51 poles to a stake; thence north 69 degrees east 47 poles to a black gum; thence north 1-1-2 degrees east 20 poles to a stake; thence north 2 degrees east 70 poles to an old post oak; thence north 88 degrees west 30 poles to a blackjack; thence north 88 degrees west 118 poles to a white oak; thence south 3 degrees west 193.5 poles to a forked white oak; thence north 76 degrees east 108 poles to the beginning, containing 146 acres, more or less. The same being the identical tract of land conveyed to J. F. Stroud by W. A. Stroud and wife by deed recorded in Book 120, page 92, of the office of register of deeds of Wilkes county, and being described according to survey of G. G. Elledge made May, 1927.
 This September 13, 1933.
NORTH CAROLINA BANK & TRUST CO., Trustee,
 Successor to Atlantic Bank & Trust Company, Trustee.
 10-9-4t J. S. Duncan, Atty.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by C. C. Taylor and wife, Sallie Taylor, and Carl Taylor and wife, Emma Taylor, dated February 26, 1927, and recorded in Book 142, Page 532, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and demand having been made for sale, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., at twelve o'clock noon, on the 3rd day of October, 1933, the following described property, located in Wilkes and Surry Counties, North Carolina, in Traphill Township.
 Adjoining the lands of A. C. Phillips, Alex Chatham, A. D. Parks, Tom Hanes and others and being on State highway No. 26 from Elkin to Sparta about 8 1-2 miles north of Elkin, and described as follows: Beginning on a hickory, A. C. Phillips' and C. C. Taylor's corner, runs south 4 1-2 deg. west crossing two branches 19 1-2 chains to a white oak, Tom Hanes, A. C. Phillips' and C. C. Taylor's corner; thence south 81 deg. east with Tom Hanes' line 10 1-2 chains to a white oak, Hanes and Chatham's corner; thence south 85 deg. east crossing a branch with Alex Chatham's line 35 1-2 chains to a pine, Taylor's and Chatham's corner; thence north 9 deg. east 4 chains to a rock in Wilkes county line; thence south 85 deg. east 3 chains to a rock, Alex Chatham's and C. C. Taylor's corner; thence north 9 deg. east 3 chains with Chatham's line crossing the highway to a rock; thence south 87 deg. east 1 1-2 chains with Chatham's line to the E. & A. Railroad; thence north 10 deg. west 10 chains with the right of way of the E. & A. Railroad to a rock in said Wilkes County line; thence north 9 deg. east 4 chains with Wilkes county line to a rock, A. D. Parks' and C. C. Taylor's corner; thence north 88 deg. west 2 chains to a rock, A. D. Parks' and C. C. Taylor's corner; thence north 9 deg. east 1 1-2 chains to a rock, A. D. Parks' and C. C. Taylor's corner; thence north 88 deg. west with A. C. Phillips' line crossing said Highway 46.50 chains to the beginning corner, containing 99.22 acres in Wilkes County and 2.5 acres in Surry County, more or less, totaling 101.72 acres.
 This August 30, 1933.
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 9-25-4t J. S. DUNCAN, Attorney.

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NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that John Bumgarner, who was sentenced to six months on the road on June 12, 1933 by the Judge of the Mayor's Court in the town of North Wilkesboro, will make application to the Governor of North Carolina for a parole.
 All parties interested and desiring to protest the granting of a parole to the undersigned will please file their protest with Governor or Pardon Commissioner of North Carolina.
 This 27th day of Aug. 1933.
 9-4-2t. JOHN BUMGARNER.

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