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## State Must Not Control Doctors

The strongest argument against socialized medicine is not the enormous drain on the taxpayers it would entail, important as that is. It lies in the fact that the profession of medicine, like the practice of the arts and the higher crafts, is almost entirely dependent on individual ambition, ability, and incentive for progress.

The doctor, like the musician or playwright, works in cooperation with others to gain some given end. But this is not the kind of flat, unimaginative mass effort that characterizes the working of a bureaucracy, where mediocrity gets the rewards, and brilliance and enterprise are frowned upon. The individual must be supreme. One of his chief assets is the right to experiment in an atmosphere of freedom. He must be ready to intelligently deal with the new and the uncharted. He cannot be bound by a set of inflexible rules.

When the state runs everything, a man's politics are all important. That, and his ability to earn favoritism from the bosses, determine the kind of job he gets. But when politics and patronage determine what doctor shall be chosen for promotion, or what writer or musician shall be published and heard, a shameful decline in standards is the inevitable result—as the Soviet Union so thoroughly proves. In the case of the arts, it forces the people to see inferior plays or read inferior books. In the case of medicine, it costs lives.

There is no relationship quite like that between the doctor and those he serves. The state must not be permitted to destroy it.

## Farm Clean-Up Hints Given By Specialist

The farmer who gives his place a real spring "cleaning" now will not only improve the looks of his farm but will also make it healthier and easier to keep "trim" the rest of the year, says C. B. Ratchford, Extension farm management specialist at State College.

He offered the following clean-up hints for farm families: Gather and dispose of all tin cans. Either bury them or punch holes in them, to avoid providing breeding places for mosquitoes.

Pick up all loose wire. Don't overlook the old baling wire which has accumulated. It is easy to find now before grass and weeds have grown. Later it will tangle in machinery, trip persons and animals, and cause a great deal of other trouble.

Be sure all broken glass is disposed of, thus preventing cuts on children's feet next summer.

Check fences and repair those broken or falling down. A good fence adds to the appearance of the farm; a poor one detracts.

Right along with the fences, fix those gates so they swing free and easy.

Clean up the feed room, granary, corn cribs, and wood house. Don't provide hiding places for rats and breeding places for insects. Clean, well-arranged outbuildings will save time later.

Burn all branches pruned from the trees and bushes in the yard and orchard. Apply paint where needed. A coat of paint will help the looks of many buildings and make them last years longer.

A foolish idea a day keeps the mind working, at least.

## In England They Save the Envelopes!

We have called attention to the economies still practiced in Great Britain despite the fact that the British were on the winning side of a war to save civilization. Sir Stafford Cripps, who holds a key position in the British Government, warns the nation that it faces the possibility of bankruptcy by summer. This might be dismissed as idle political banter but what would you think if you received a letter from Great Britain sent in an envelope, on which are printed these words:

"War Economy; Open by slitting along the flap edge. Re-use envelope by sealing with economy label to cover old address and postmark."

The people of this country can hardly imagine such economies in the midst of their free spending. The wonder is that the people of Britain do not begin to doubt the benefits of winning a war for the maintenance of civilization and the free economic system.

Democracy must have much more than political equality if it is to bless the people of the world.

Income taxes may be unpleasant but we know of fewer taxes that we hope to pay in larger amounts.

Intelligence tells us that things change and wisdom indicates that the change is for the better.

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.

"New powerful poison found. One-quarter pound in water supply of city of 100,000 would kill all." This newspaper headline tells us that this new poison is the most lethal simple compound known to science.

Truly we have opened "Pandora's Box." To refresh your memory concerning "Pandora's Box," I give you the story briefly. According to Greek mythology, Pandora was the first woman. After Prometheus stole fire from heaven and bestowed it upon mortals, Zeus determined to counteract this blessing, so he ordered a woman to be fashioned out of the earth, upon whom the gods would bestow various gifts. Epimetheus, the brother of Prometheus, married Pandora. Zeus gave her a wedding gift, the so-called "Pandora's Box," containing an assortment of evils and blessings. Epimetheus told her not to open the box until given permission to do so by Mercury. In the absence of her husband, however, Pandora could not resist the desire to take a look into this mysterious box. She unbound the cords and lifted the lid. Immediately, the evils, which have plagued mankind since that day, escaped before Pandora could replace the lid. Hope, however, which lay at the bottom of the box, she managed to keep, Pandora having shut down the lid before Hope escaped.

Sometimes it looks as if our scientists have taken the lid off of "Pandora's Box" and thrown it away. This past war has brought us tremendous discoveries in the field of science, releasing agencies which seem destined to destroy us—atomic bombs, new poisons, new explosives. They are really not new, but are newly discovered.

Perhaps if St. Paul had been allowed to edit this story of "Pandora's Box," he would have left in the box Faith and Love in addition to Hope. He reminds us that these three offer an antidote for all of the evils of the world: "And now abideth faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Truly we are going to need these three virtues in greatest abundance to act as antidotes for our new discoveries, and enable us to use them for the blessing of mankind instead of our self-destruction.

If we have faith, hope, love towards our Lord and towards our fellow man, we can view the new age with happy anticipation instead of fearful speculation. Science can help us instead of destroy us. Poisons have their antidotes. First aid books give them. Man's great spiritual First Aid Book, the Bible, gives us the antidote for this new deadly poison—Faith, Hope, Love.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

Chief Petty Officer Walter Frankoff, navy recruiter here, has two interesting souvenirs—rain checks from tickets numbers 1 and 2 of the North Wilkesboro Flashers in the Blue Ridge league. He bought the first two general admission tickets . . . Paul Pryor, pitcher, Jack Leonard, second baseman, and Johnnie Mercak, catcher, are from New England states near the home of Chief Frankoff . . . It's a small world.

Bill Robertson, talented first sacker which the Flashers didn't have a place for, was optioned to Warsaw of the Tobacco State league, where he is playing regularly at first base . . . Jimmie Ledbetter, who was another good first sacker in Flashers training, was traded to Newton for Sullivan, a fleet outfielder at the age of 17 . . . Johnnie Mercak, catcher, has just graduated from Catholic university. Last season he caught for Yale's top-flight pitcher in a fast semi-pro outfit, hitting 322 . . . When Big Mike Brelich hits a line drive the other players use that bat until it is broken . . . Apparently, Wilkesboro high has two good pitchers in Whittington and Groce; and Craig looks like a sure bet for college or pro baseball after this spring . . . What happened to the proposal to organize a Wilkes county league? . . . The American Legion Athletic Officer Frank Allen has only 120 boys signed up for American Legion Junior baseball this summer. There should be a good team picked from that number . . . The grapevine has it that Grier Mills will have a baseball team this summer . . . Public officials should be getting in shape for the league's opening game here Saturday night . . . From our point of view the Lincoln Cardinals managed by Johnnie Allen, erstwhile big league chucker, has the best team we've seen against the Flashers. They really robbed us of six hits at Lincoln . . . Marion had the biggest turnout of fans, there being about 2,000 . . . Memorial Park here is far ahead of any park we've seen this year from the standpoint of lighting and general layout of the field, but the infield here is not yet in good shape. The Rutherfordton job where Forest City plays is inadequately lighted and cost \$2,000 more than here . . . Lincoln's grandstand and bleachers are on the same plan as here.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned executor of Allie T. Treadway, deceased, will, on Saturday, May 1, 1948, at 10 A. M., at the late residence of the deceased, located on the Cove Gap Road in Wilkes county, and near the Alexander County line, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all the tangible personal property belonging to the deceased, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, a m o n g which is one antique cupboard, tools and other personal property. This 9th day of April, 1948. J. P. TREADWAY, Executor of Allie Treadway, deceased. 4-26-48

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## Wilkes Truck In Fatal Accident In Winston - Salem

Winston-Salem, April 27.—Warren Gray Edwards, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Edwards, King, Route 1, was killed instantly yesterday while riding a bicycle and holding to the side of a truck on Northwest Boulevard, near Patterson Avenue.

Police said the youth was holding to the right side of the two and one-half ton truck, going uphill, that he lost his balance and was thrown under the right rear truck wheel which crushed his head.

Officers said the truck involved in the Edwards youth's death was driven by Obie Broyhill, 39, of Wilkesboro. The vehicle was going at a slow rate of speed when the accident occurred, and was in second gear at the time, police said. Mr. Broyhill was charged technically with manslaughter and a hearing was set for May 12 in Municipal Court.

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