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Dangers Signals

Many people are concerned over what the outcome will be of the government's change over to so many colleges and making virtual military schools of them, and wondering if there is anywhere a desire to get out of hand, is enormous.

Governor Broughton is one high official who seems to share this viewpoint. In a recent talk he said this: "We must be alert to avoid the tendency toward militarism."

The governor also sounded a note of warning against present wartime trends toward streamlining education. Four years in two years will not give the culture, refinement and breadth of education needed, he said, adding that we must guard against the popular tendency that all education must be technical.

His ideas constitute sound doctrine and with which we have long been in agreement. Fear of militarizing the colleges of the nation were expressed in these columns several months ago, and the thought seems to us to be well grounded in fact of present conditions.

No one will object to use of the colleges as training centers for soldiers during the emergency. The colleges and universities are glad to lend their facilities to that end. But, sooner, realistic American citizens must be eternally vigilant lest the military plane seize upon this situation as an opportunity to foist their ideas upon the nation as a whole.

Honoring Service

Many North Carolina newspapers took notice during the week-end of the eightieth birthday milestone of that grand old North Carolina congressman, Chairman Robert L. Doughton, of the finance committee of the national House of Representatives.

Mr. Doughton is the type of man who can render great service to his State and his country in public office, and over a long span of years he has done just that. His has been a case where the office has sought the man, and with satisfying results, as is usually the case in such circumstances.

Sunday Street Work

It is to be regretted that our State highway friends, considered it necessary or desirable to carry on with repairs to William street on Sunday. Not many people, we suppose, look upon this job as being so urgent that crews of workmen had to be kept on the job during the Sabbath weekend.

Although the money for the work is supplied by the State from Henderson's share of State highway funds allocated to cities and towns from gasoline and other taxes, the fact that the State organization is itself doing the work so excellently and so efficiently is duly appreciated.

Already there are too many activities on the Sabbath. The more of it that is done the more there will be the desire to disregard Sunday and make it like any other day for secular purposes.

Certainly the State of North Carolina, in fostering such a project, is not setting a good example for its people generally. It is hard enough for individuals of private interests to ignore the Sabbath, but it is even worse when the State is unwilling to recognize the religious day of rest and pushes this kind of work on such occasions.

Payment on William street has long needed mending and it has been talked about for years before large-scale improvements were just begun. Delay occasioned by a single day's observance of Sunday would not have upset any applicants that we know anything about.

Rebuilding

Whether or not, as when, here, suffered by the heaviest mauler in the disastrous fire of last Friday morning will be rebuilt is a matter of some concern to this community generally. There will be widespread hope that the community shall not permanently be deprived of facilities wiped out by the blaze, perhaps the greatest in the history of the city.

Even if there were the will to proceed immediately, it would be impossible to begin work without first obtaining priorities through the almost impenetrable maze of government red tapes, and then only at abnormally high cost. At best, therefore, it can hardly be expected that another auction house will rise from the ashes of the Big Henderson or that a new packing and shipping center for the Export Leaf Tobacco Company will be built before the wartime emergency is ended and restrictions removed from ordinary free operations of private business.

Warehouse floor space left after the fire is sufficient to handle greater poundage in one season than has ever been sold in a single year here, if offerings were scattered out properly from day to day. But tobacco crops are not sold that way. Unless facilities are available when growers desire to sell, that tobacco more than likely will go elsewhere for handling.

There is, too, something in the psychology of the situation wherein a large warehouse is lost and a market thus deprived of such facilities and floor space. It is not good propaganda, and does not add to the general spirit of progressiveness.

Whatever may develop, there will be the general hope on the part of the community at large that the

best interests of the city as a good tobacco center will be served, and no stone will be left unturned to continue the march of progress that has characterized Henderson's best activities these many years.

That Lash Ness sea serpent certainly is adept at timing its bids for publicity. It's bashed up in the news again having waited, apparently, until the World Series was over.

These are the days when the front page and the sports page can carry the same headline: "Air Attack Scores Heavily."

There may be a scarcity of some types of Christmas toys. However, there will be the usual amount of Christmas ties.

Remember way back when you needed a basket to carry \$5 worth of groceries home?

OTHERS' VIEWS

ONE MAN'S OPINION.
To the Editor:
Your editorial, "An Unusual Mail" in the paper of Nov. 6, was late. In it you expressed my thoughts in your inimitable style.

State's Surplus Is Compared With Few Other States

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau. BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—Although North Carolina had a combined surplus in all funds of the State Treasury that was the third largest in the nation at the close of the last fiscal year, the State drops to 22nd place in ranking when the state debt is taken into the picture.

Merely listing the gross amount of money in a public treasury at any one time without considering the obligations on the fund is not a true index of the financial condition of the state. The study points out that even when we reduce the surplus to a per capita basis, we still do not get the right perspective, because this shows that the per capita surplus of all funds in the treasury at the end of the last fiscal year was \$21.50.

When the per capita surplus is netted against the per capita debt in the various states, the true picture is revealed. The per capita surplus of the state is \$1.25, compared with North Carolina's \$1.25, the largest per capita surplus in the nation. Other states with surplus per capita figures are: Virginia, \$1.25; West Virginia, \$1.25; Montana, \$2.00; Utah, \$2.00; and Iowa, \$2.10.

Orville Wright Is Not To Be Present For Celebrations
In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau. BY LYNN NISBET
Raleigh, Nov. 8.—General H. H. Arnold, commander of the United States air force, has promised to make the main speech at the 40th anniversary celebration of the first heavier-than-air flight to be staged at Kitty Hawk on December 17.

"RUSSIAN UNDERTAKING"



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