

Editorial and Opinion

Thoughts On Progress

Mankind progresses and advances through the medium and use of ideas. They not only keep the world moving progressively but in many cases a single idea has revolutionized it. Ideas play an important role in every walk of life. They revitalize and give new life. Ideas are like potent tonics; they are life-giving minerals and vitamins to successful men and organizations.

Useful and helpful ideas are all about us. They exist at almost every turn, but in order to discover them we must cultivate an alertness for them. Our eyes must be open, our ears must be attuned, and we must be taught to discover them promptly as they appear. Every successful leader knows that good, useful, workable ideas are somewhat difficult to discover. One must adopt the habit of searching for them as a fascinating pursuit.

Every great invention and useful discovery has come directly or indirectly as a result of an idea. Many of the miracles of modern times which we too often look upon as commonplace—the radio, telephone, airplane, television, and literally hundreds of others—are the aggregate of many men's ideas, ideas that have been constantly improved and bettered through adding other men's ideas. Our matchless and unparalleled record of accomplishments are the sum total of literally thousands of men's ideas—ideas that are advancing mankind toward a greater brotherhood of men—ideas that are building and transforming lives.

There are times when useful, new ideas appeared so far advanced that many conservative minds may have looked upon them as radical or explosive in nature. History has recorded countless examples of men whose ideas were so far advanced that society would not accept them. Many men have died in scorn and ill repute because they clung to their ideas, ideas that later proved a boon to mankind.

We in Orange County have the capacity to be as alert and as progressive, yes, even as aggressive, as citizens of other areas of our state. New industries are springing up in progressive communities all over North Carolina. Industrial plants are being developed and whole communities are on the move. Hillsboro, Carrboro and the rest of Orange County outside of the educational center, Chapel Hill, have many advantages to offer new industries. Some aggressive and intelligent efforts should be made to develop our resources along these lines. A self-satisfied community cannot stand still. It is bound to retrogress and its inhabitants, even the most self-satisfied, are the eventual losers.

Not Much Civilization

Many years ago, the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said that he found pleasure in paying his taxes. "With this I buy civilization," he observed.

We live in a very different kind of age today. Less and less of our tax money goes to buy those goods and services which make for true civilization. More and more of it goes to buy the implements of war, old and new, which, if every unleashed in their full fury, may very well destroy civilization itself.

In the world of the present, this is an unavoidable tragedy. But that tragedy is needlessly compounded by the ever-increasing spending of the people's money for purposes and projects which have no bearing on the national defense and security, which are unnecessary and avoidable, which weaken our institutions and undermine our liberties, and which, finally, tend to destroy our savings by creating more inflation and cheaper dollars.

The leaders of our government tell us we must pay more taxes in the name of national survival that all must "sacrifice." But—save for a handful of honorable exceptions to a sorry rule—none of them say that the government too must "sacrifice," by eliminating every expenditure which is, no clearly and directly essential. They tell us that the "business as usual" philosophy?

During this new fiscal year, Federal, state and local spending will account for about one-third of the national income. And still the staggering waste goes on.

We'll Try To Hold The Fort

Mr. Weyman Carmichael, Sr., Editor of the Morgan County News of Madison, Georgia, serves notice on his readers that he is off for a month's vacation, and under the heading: "Our Vacation is Necessary." With complete sympathy, understanding and envy (since we're not going on a month's vacation), we quote our distinguished colleague:

"Being overworked from running the government and from straightening out the difference between Mr. MacArthur and Mr. Truman and then from having to make a living on the side, it has almost broke us down. We find it necessary to take a vacation trip and rest up from all of our labors. The thing that has almost brought us to a nervous breakdown is the fact that after all of our advice and instructions to our government officials they seem to have ignored it. It has brought us to such a run down condition that it will take at least a month's vacation to build us up again. We hope that the poor ignorant fellows that are running our country won't completely wreck it before we can get back and take it over again."

PRESS COMMENT

Communism Working At Home

(From The Roxboro Courier-Times)

Two incidents last week in this nation of ours illustrate the way communists work. It is the old story of any ends justifying the means. One of these incidents occurred in Caswell County, our next door neighbor.

Many Person County people probably read the story in the Durham paper which told of a Negro farmer in Yanceyville who was sentenced to two years for attempted rape of a white woman in that county.

The communists picked up the incident and have been giving it national coverage in their press and also in Europe. It is a paradox that the Communist who profess to be doing the most for the American Negro actually do them the most harm.

The real truth of the matter is that the Communists care no more for the Negro than do the most ardent white supremacists of Mississippi and Alabama. They use the Negro to stir up trouble caring little for any lasting benefits for him. The Yanceyville case is just one example. Their real aim is to keep this country of ours divided and thus weaken our strength.

The New York Times reporting on the recent riot in Chicago, where a large number of white people destroyed the property of a Negro family that had moved into an all white area, said that investigation indicated that communism started the riot.

A few months ago a young Negro by the name of Willie McGee was executed by the State of Louisiana for rape. Unbiased observers indicated that the boy was guilty but that in all likelihood he would have been sentenced to life in prison had it not been for the communists who came into the case and in general strained feelings in the community.

Examples of this type could go on and on but they all add up to the same conclusion. The Communist Party in the United States is interested in bringing about a revolution for the benefit of their real boss Russia. They use the Negro as minority group in order to cause dissension. They have no real interest in helping the Negro. They use this same technique on other minority groups in this country.

A few American Negroes such as the singer Paul Robeson, have turned communist, but the vast majority of Negroes in this country will have nothing to do with the movement. It is to their credit that they have seen through the devious workings of the Communist Party and refused to play the role of guinea pig.

The Christian Viewpoint

Prepared by Department of Bible Presbyterian Junior College Maxton, North Carolina

"Your sermon Sunday was excellent and did me much good," said the housewife to her pastor. "Can you tell me the text?" he asked.

"I don't remember it exactly," she said.

"If a sermon did you so much good, it seems you would remember the text," he said.

"Doctor," she said, "do you see that sheet hanging on the line? It has been washed and is now clean and dry. Not a drop of water in it. The water went through it and cleansed it. It is not the amount of the sermon which remains in my mind which determines the good I get from it."

Worship renews our souls, and our souls need so much renewing.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." Ps. 119:9.

FARM NOTES

State College agricultural engineering specialists say proper adjustment of a carburetor on a tractor will enable the machine to operate 38 per cent longer on a given amount of fuel.

Four-H Club pig chain members in North Carolina's mountain counties are doing an outstanding job of producing home-grown pigs, says Jim Butler, extension livestock specialist at State College.

Gross returns for milk sold by farmers in Cleveland County last year amounted to \$1,500,000, according to County Agent H. R. Clapp.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Wrong Spouts Plugged

Garden Time

By Robert Schmidt

What is causing your tomatoes to rot on the blossom end of the small green fruits? A good question, and one that is easily answered. The trouble is known as blossom-end rot and is not caused by a disease organism but by dry weather and lack of moisture. I have seen as much as 50 per cent of a crop lost because of it. Prevent blossom-end rot by timely irrigation and mulching—but do it before you lose your crop.

Have you planted your collard seed yet? It is time now to plant collard, cabbage, broccoli and Chinese cabbage seed for fall crop. In the Piedmont and Coastal Plain areas there is still time to set tomato plants for a late crop. The early crop usually does not last until October. Plantings of snapbeans, butterbeans, and sweet corn can also be made now, since we have had a little rain.

About this time of the year a few gardeners like to plant late

Irish potatoes, using small potatoes of their spring crop for seed. The difficulty comes in getting the early crop potatoes to sprout, since their rest period has not been broken. Sometime they may be induced to sprout by spreading them out in the shade and letting them green up. Another way is to break the rest period by treating the seed with a chemical—Ethylene Chlorhydrin. This treatment is not successful if the weather is very hot. Ethylene Chlorhydrin may be obtained from some of the large seed firms in the South, and your county agent should be able to get you information concerning its use.

Since soils differ in the amount of lime required to neutralize them, it is wise to send in a soil sample from every field every three to five years in order to keep the acidity of the soil adjusted to crops to be grown in rotation.

"Why Does Joe Drink So Much?"

By Sanford Martin, Jr., Educational Director N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program

Raleigh — "Why does Joe drink so much? Why can't he be like other people? Take it or leave it?" These are ageless questions. They indicate the men who consume alcohol are a greater problem than the beverage they consume. Why does the problem drinker consume what is readily accepted as "such an abnormal amount?"

Authorities in this field have found a basic reason to be obsession. The problem drinker is obsessed with the feeling that alcohol is the only thing that will make him "normal." Feeding deeply, malignantly upon this obsession is the sufferer's sick personality.

Dr. E. M. Jellinek, world authority on alcohol-related problems, estimates nearly half of the nation's compulsive drinkers are disorganized personalities who turn to alcohol for quick, temporary relief from their conflicts. The remaining proportion of problem drinkers are rather normal persons who turn to excessive use of alcohol in the course of their drinking.

Whatever the case, real obsession becomes a powerful force in

the sufferer's life. Normal thinking, rational judgement about alcohol become impossible for the person desperately obsessed with the idea that he has to have alcohol—that life would be impossibly difficult without it. Regardless of how or why he began drinking, the compulsive drinker, totalling about 5 per cent of the total drinkers, uses alcoholic beverages for a unique and often misunderstood reason—his psychologically terrifying obsession with it.

Most scientific authorities in this field believe alcohol addiction is basically psychological, rather than physiological. They also agree that alcohol addiction is not an inheritable affliction, due to known cellular or metabolic peculiarities biologically transmitted. They add, however, that certain personality defects and constitutional instabilities might make a person more prone toward alcohol addiction.

"Why does Joe drink so much?" Through either a disorganized personality or subtle increases in amount and frequency, Joe became a compulsive drinker. Gradually he became obsessed with the idea that normality for him means another drink—another quick, temporary relief from his conflicts which always emerge bigger obstacles after the fog.

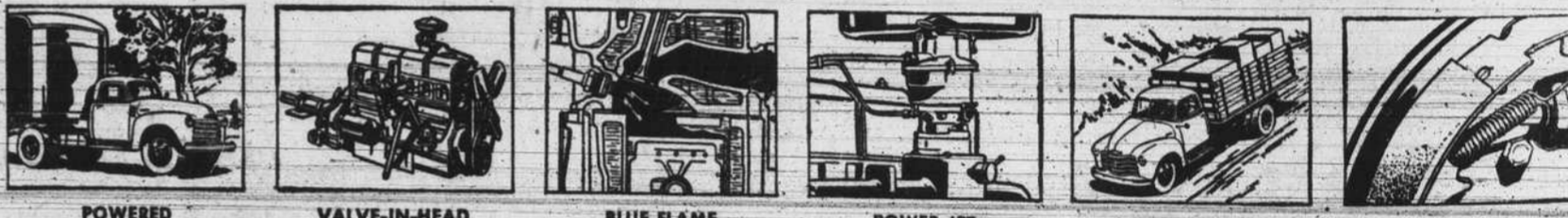


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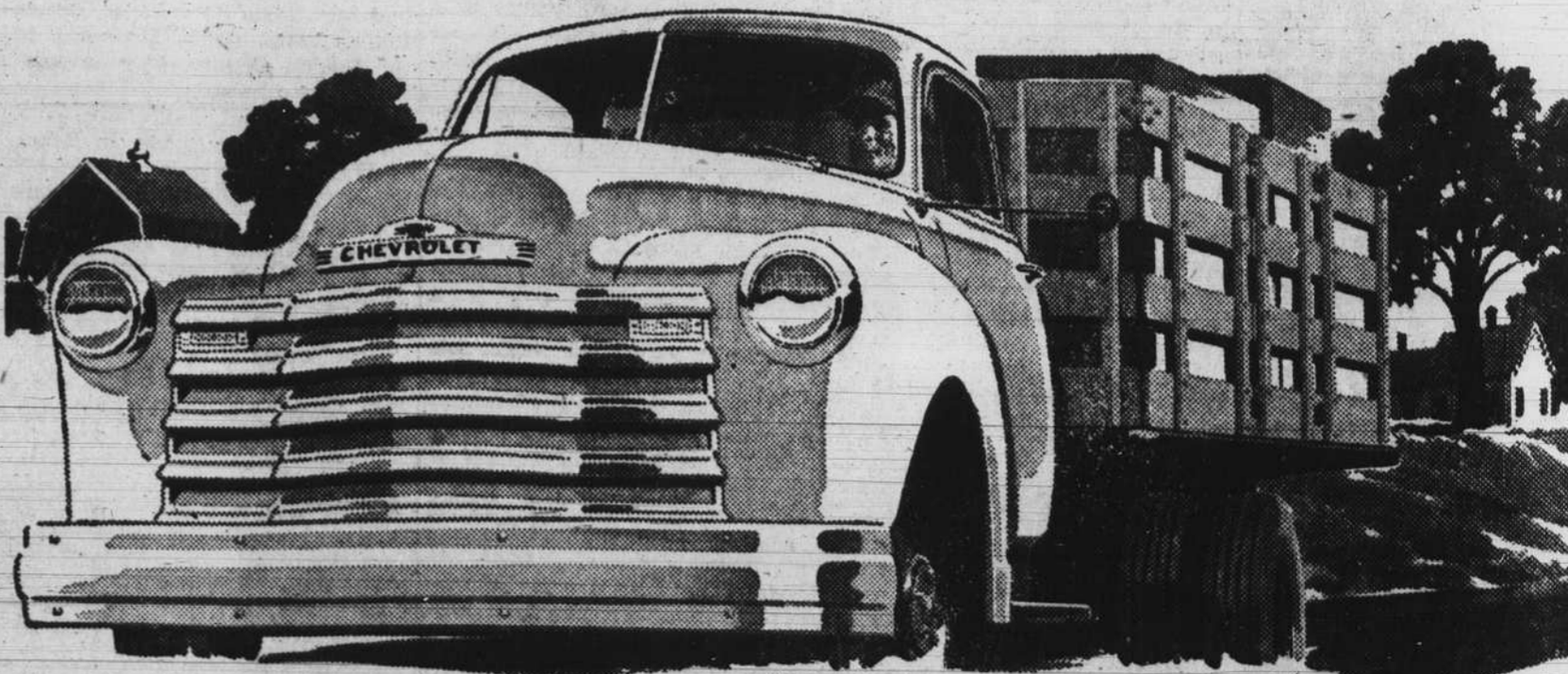
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