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### BIBLE VS EVOLUTION

Side Lights on the Tennessee Case  
By Sam W. Small  
(In the Atlanta Constitution)

The Scopes case has been elaborately argued and submitted to the supreme court of Tennessee. The judges will convene in June of the summer and in the fall decide it either on a legal technicality or as a supreme issue of state rights and democratic government. If anyone has the casual notion that the people are not concerned with the question of their right to control the instruction of their children in the schools they have ordained and support with their common funds, he should go among the people and listen to them.

I am speaking to large crowds of them every night on this assault by the neo-scientist upon the integrity of the Bible and get their acute reaction to the charge that it is only a book of ancient fables and errors. If I am any judge of what is under their hair and in their hearts they are soon going to bring on a nationwide battle to banish from every public educational plant every teaching and teacher of such so-called science and actual atheism.

All the talk of Darrow and his ilk about "freedom of science" and "liberty of teaching" is supreme nonsense. No such legal principles exist in this country of popular government, unless the people of some home-rule unit set them up for themselves, but for none others. Every sensible mind must repudiate the claim that a hired teacher may enforce upon the minds of ignorant children his noxious, agnostic, or atheistic notions as the truth they must believe. Even religious liberty is not permitted to violate the moral sanctities of society. The supreme court of the United States said (1890): "It is assumed by counsel of petitioner, that because no word of worship can be established or religious tenets enforced in this country, therefore any form of worship may be followed and any tenets, however destructive of society, may be held and advocated, if asserted to be part of the religious doctrines of those advocating and practising them. But nothing is further from the truth."

Darrow and colleagues argued that to prohibit the teaching of a scientific theory of creation that contradicts the Genesis account is to prefer and legalize a sectarian interpretation of the Bible and is therefore, unconstitutional. Darrow knows that is not true but he has the Menckon idea that the supreme court of Tennessee does not know that it is not so. Darrow knows that the courts have almost uniformly held that, "The fact that statutes are colored and molded by the Christian religion does not render their prohibition violative of religious freedom, if primarily they are civic regulations with a view to promote the moral and physical welfare of the community."

As for the rights of parents, it

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has been upheld that they have an inalienable right to direct the instruction of their children, within the limits of the laws enacted under police power to secure the health, morals, education, safety and general welfare of the state. Hence, it has been held that "a parent's religious liberty is not unwarrantably limited by a statute which requires him to provide medical aid for his children, though his religious belief forbid his doing so."

And as for the "liberty of teaching" and the like, the United States supreme court, in the case of Dent v. West Virginia, decided that "in the interest of the health of the community the state may regulate the practice of medicine and the training of practitioners." So, if a state may constitutionally do that as to doctors, why not as to teachers in the common schools?

One thing is certain and that is that the publishers of school textbooks will not be able to saturate the public schools systems of America with these evolution theories without first fighting and winning one of the greatest moral battles ever staged in a democratic republic.

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At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County on the 1st Monday in June, it being the 7th day of June 1926, a petition was presented to the Board of Commissioners by the Board of Education of legal petitioners of the special school district of Unaka, N. C. (it being District No. 1) asking that the Board of Commissioners call an election to determine whether or not the special school tax in Unaka will be abolished or continued.

It is ordered by the Board of County Commissioners that an election be held in Unaka Special School District under the Rules and regulations of the General Election Laws of the State of North Carolina to determine the will of the people of said school District No. 1.

It is further ordered that a new registration be called of the qualified voters of said District.

It is ordered that G. J. Crow be appointed as Registrar and to keep the registration books open for four successive Saturdays, beginning with

1st cash balance to suit the buyer. If interested confer with J. L. Owen, 227 S. Main, Tenn. 44-24-04

### A LEAK IN THE DAM

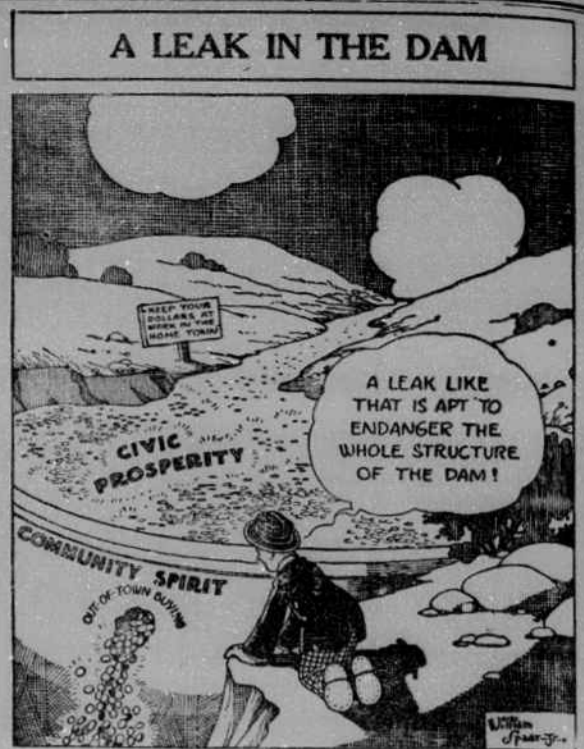
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Saturday June 12th 1926 and remaining open until and including July 3rd 1926. That Saturday July 10th shall be challenge day, and said election shall be held on the following Tuesday it being July 13th 1926. It is further ordered that G. F. Rose and Luther Waldroup be appointed Judges to serve in this election. The said election to be held in all respect according to the law governing General Elections.

It is further ordered that said election be held at Unaka School House and due returns made to this office, T. W. AXLEY, Chairman Board of County Commissioners. (44-4-co.)



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