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NOW OR NEVER

As the time draws near for the special election to vote for the purchase of the proposed Civic Center property, sentiment seems to be crystallizing. It might be possible to forecast the result but rather than do so, we propose to review for one last time the current arguments for and against the issue at stake.

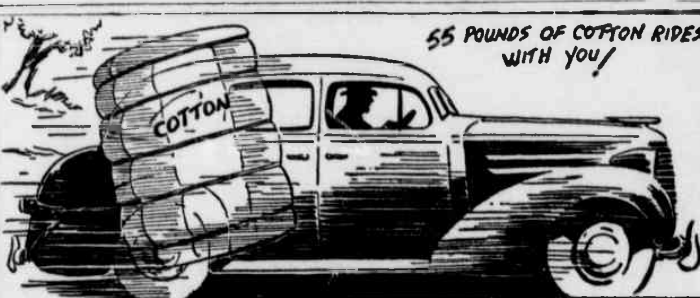
Beginning with the opposition, we find first of all, a small group, grim of face and determined of mien, those who are always against any expenditure just because it is expenditure. These people are hard to talk to because they are generally unable or unwilling to look ahead to the time when the expense may be more than paid back in value received, and even in actual money. To them we would recall a past event: in the old days before our present park was acquired, such a stalwart band of Scotchmen fought the purchase tooth and nail. It seemed to them, frankly, a reckless and scandalous waste of money. The Commissioners went ahead, regardless, and bought the land and, with no fear of contradiction, we can say that not one of those Scotchmen would come forward now and say that they did wrong.

Another type of opposition to the bond issue has come from a group who base their actions on another's judgment. Caring little one way or the other for the issue at stake, they plan to vote the way they think men whose judgment they respect are going to vote. There are a considerable number of people who planned to vote "No" because they thought the Mayor or the Commissioners were opposed to this purchase of land. They have, naturally, great confidence in the judgment of the men who have run this town so well. For it has been run well, not only from the standpoint of the tourists who come here, but from that of the tax payers and the residents. It has been run with forethought, with economy, and with imagination looking towards the Town's growth and improvement. A man would be a fool to go against the judgment of our town board without deep consideration. In the issue at stake, however, those who oppose it will be going against the judgment of these tried and able men. They are heartily for, not against, this purchase. The misapprehension which existed as to their attitude has been cleared up. Two weeks ago The Pilot published a letter from Mayor Stutz heartily endorsing the purchase of the Harrington property and expressing the hope that the election would be carried. Last week Commissioner Stevens went on record as being in favor of the project and three of the other four Commissioners concur. This assurance should check unfounded rumors of their opposition and influence all who value their judgment to back this project.

Others oppose the bond issue for purely financial reasons: because they consider the price of the land too high; and because they fear its purchase will raise our tax rate. To the first group we recommend a talk with the real estate men of the town who will enumerate to them prices paid for less desirable lots in town, rents asked and obtained in adjacent buildings, and last but not least, the price already offered by a prospective buyer for only one of the lots in this Harrington property. We believe these doubtful ones will then agree that the price of \$9,000 is a fair one.

The most serious objection to the bond issue comes from those who fear it will raise our taxes. The Pilot has already tak-

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



EVERY AUTOMOBILE CONTAINS 55 POUNDS OF COTTON, AND ENOUGH ADDITIONAL COTTON HAS BEEN USED DURING MANUFACTURE TO BRING THE TOTAL COTTON CONSUMPTION PER CAR TO NEARLY 100 POUNDS!

THE PECULIAR CHINESE TAKES OFF HIS SHOES INSTEAD OF HIS HAT WHEN HE ENTERS A HOUSE. (HE EATS HIS DESSERT BEFORE THE MEAL!)

THE CATFISH OF THE NILE RIVER, SWIMS UPSIDE DOWN!

SPATS ORIGINALLY WERE SO LONG THEY COVERED THE LEG UP TO THE KNEE / CALLED SPATTERS / THEY WERE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE LEG FROM SPLASHES OF MUD AND WATER. LATE IN THE EVENING WHEN THE SPATTERS WERE SHAKING SO WAS THE NAME, TO SPAT.

THE COST OF GOVERNMENT! \$17,000,000,000

GOVERNMENT—FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL—IS NOW COSTING ABOUT \$17,000,000,000 A YEAR—A SUM EQUAL TO \$17 A MINUTE FOR EVERY MINUTE SINCE THE YEAR 1 A.D.

en up this matter, but because it is a most important point we propose to do so again and in greater detail.

This \$9,000 bond issue could be handled in two ways: to be retired on a nine year period basis, or on an 18 year basis. Where bonds are to be issued for a project of temporary value, it is only fair for them to be paid off quickly by the people who vote for them and whom the project will benefit. But where bonds are issued for an improvement which will be an asset whose value and use will increase with the years, there is no reason why the payment should not be spread over a period of years. In this case, eighteen years does not seem too long a time to set for the repayment of this bond issue.

A three cent raise in taxes would yield \$761.10 yearly, enough to pay off the bond issue and interest in eighteen years. If the shorter period of nine years were adopted, a five cent raise, yielding \$1,268.50 yearly would do the trick. To illustrate the way it would work: If the eighteen year period were adopted, a man owning \$10,000 worth of property, listed for taxes at \$5,000, would pay \$1.25 more a year than he does now. He would pay \$2.50 a year if the nine year plan were adopted. It will be noted that the above figures are \$1,225.00 (nine years) and \$713.75 (eighteen years.) Neither of these is a very formidable sum when we consider that the town's gross annual receipts are \$68,812.60. It seems more than likely that these payments could be made without any increase in taxes at all. Or, if they could not all be met that way, at least part could be. Incidentally, these figures were secured through the cooperation of our Town clerk and our Mayor, and the computation of tax rates and interest on the bonds has been checked by the experts at the bank.

We have outlined the objections to this issue and what seem to be considered adequate replies to them. As to arguments in its favor, they are many and forceful. They range from the purely aesthetic one of greater beauty for our town to the more practical ones of greater efficiency, the advertising value of such a Civic Center standing as it will in the most conspicuous location in town and the definite asset it will be from a tourist as well as a resident standpoint. There is also, of course, to be seriously considered the disruption in real estate and business values which would take place if the land were opened to business. Inquiries have already been made by would-be purchasers. The lots would probably be sold singly and business would inevitably move in that direction. This would cause a serious disruption in real estate values in other parts of town. Merchants situated in less desirable locations would inevitably suffer.

We must buy this land now or not at all. So if you want to help carry it; vote Yes on Tuesday the 19th, and be able to

GRAINS OF SAND

Clarence Edson of Southern Pines shot himself a quasi hole-in-one last Sunday afternoon on the par four seventh hole on Pinehurst's Number 3 course. After a long, straight drive over the top of the hill, Clarence unlimbered a number 8 iron, cut loose for the green and then stood staring in disbelief as the ball bounded onto the green and rolled straight into the cup. "It would have been a hole-in-one," he commented later, "if I had shot from the tee on a short hole."

Our favorite newspaper, The Sanford Enterprise, a negro paper printed in the Lee county seat, hit a new low last week when they came out on one sheet of newsprint printed on both sides. And we can sympathize with them in their predicament, for there's many a week during the summer months when, what with both news and advertising as scarce as hen's teeth, we wonder if we can do much better.

Commissioner Guy T. Helvering announced the first of the week that the \$5,658,385,125 collected by the Internal Revenue Bureau in the fiscal year ended June 30 was the largest amount the bureau ever took in.

The receipts included \$2,548,911,302 of income taxes, the largest amount in 17 years; \$36,653,233 of excess profits taxes; \$743,106,832 of Social Security and railroad retirement taxes, and \$2,293,633,755 from all other internal revenue taxes.

Internal revenue collections from leading states included: New York, \$1,234,365,717. Illinois, \$494,452,774. Pennsylvania, \$473,191,927. North Carolina, \$326,920,750. California, \$312,485,079. Michigan, \$306,953,324.

Before a vacation begins for a lot of Moore county families, a trip is made to Dr. Neal's new hospital, where the four-legged member of the household is now deposited.

The Neal kennel's were always a popular place for summering Fido, but since the hospital has been completed, librarian, who, being a former

patient, understands the reading preferences of sick people and is helpful in selecting suitable books. She makes her rounds once a week on each ward, distributing her supply of literature from a double decker wagon and taking orders for next week's list. She states that patients are very much interested in news, pictures, and fiction of all kinds, and in works on occupational therapy, which create an interest in hobbies and handicrafts that can be followed in bed. It is a source of regret that requests at present for such up-to-date literature greatly exceed the supply at the Sanatorium.

THE LAKE AT ABERDEEN

Several years ago Aberdeen, Southern Pines and the surrounding community made a serious effort to raise funds enough to create an attractive bathing place out of the Aberdeen lake. Diving boards were built, floats constructed for expert swimmers and for those less experienced. A sheltered barbecue stand was erected with tables flanking the oven. A convenient pump was put in. A long parking space for cars was arranged. The beach was cleaned and sanded. The result was an ideal swimming place was offered the public. The public came and enjoyed safe, sane and clean swimming conditions.

Picnic parties have now scattered with careless abandon paper napkins, wooden spoons, melon rinds and seeds and trash of other kinds in all directions until the beach and the road surrounding the lake are littered with untidiness.

If a few wire containers could be procured for burning paper wrappings and other refuse, with a sign attached in the form of a plea to the thoughtless trash could be burned that would otherwise be thrown to the winds. If bathers and all who visit the once attractive lake can not be induced to keep things clean, some housecleaning will soon be necessary.

Our local lakes are a valuable asset to our community life and it is important that the shores be kept free from unsightly and disgusting junk heaps.

pleted the location has been moved. A wave of consternation sweeps over the customer as he views for the first time the luxurious new surroundings. For some who make their initial journey a question arises as to whether they will be able to get the dog on return or if the family estate will be involved in settlement for room and board. But there really is no need for consternation. The dogs are restored well and happy and, to date, there has been no instance of the family estate standing in jeopardy.

When Friar Stimson looked out over his flock one morning he saw two new faces. Occasionally after that he saw them in his congregation. The parson noticed in particular the friendly interest and the kindly consideration they had for each other. The speculation was that the affair was leading to romance. Closer acquaintance revealed to the preacher the pair had been married about eleven years and the trio of little blond girls in the Sunday school were also members of the outfit.

Stimson doesn't always carry the lightest of loads. Constantly turning conflicting interests and opinions into successful agreement is something of a task. In this case, the parson didn't mind having his prophetic powers entirely blasted as he regards the harmonious life of this little family with no small amount of satisfaction. Harmony at home is a wholesome factor in any neighborhood.

We have been urged to use more milk. A nationwide drive began June 9th to dispose of surplus dairy products. Drug stores, chain stores and independent stores have all been asked to cooperate in the drive. The object of the campaign is not only to help the farmer dispose of his wares but offer to the consumer milk and milk products in quantity. Milk in many forms could be served more liberally and given a more

prominent place in summer diets. The local dairies with their grade A ratings put the finest of products on the market and are capable of filling larger orders.

We, who live in the Sandhills more months than we are away from them, accept a lot of vegetation, fruits and vegetables without much thought. Watching a trio from northern New York state last week, our viewpoint was switched around to another angle. The Tar Heel girl of the outfit, back on native soil, discovered a late blooming cape jasmine and a magnolia. She admitted they did strange things to you when in a distant state. She reveled in the peach and melon crop. And as the Tar Heel's taste leaned to the home grown juicy yams in preference to the dryer potato of the north, a few of last year's sweet potatoes were hunted up for her. The colored wash woman brought in a donation from her garden, including okra, a delectable dish for one born below the Mason-Dixon line, but one the Yankee frequently finds hard to swallow.

Broccoli and brussels sprouts were left where they should be and the exchange was fair enough according to the visitor.

We hear that "Jim" Boyd's book will probably be titled "Spur" and that it will start running serially in the Saturday Evening Post some time late this year or soon after New Years.

And we've just heard from Struthers Burt that he and Mrs. Burt left on the 8th for their ranch in Wyoming for a month.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: Lacy J. McNeill of Lakeview and Elizabeth Rebecca McNeill of Cameron Route 2; Frank Hill of Bennett and Lillie Garner of Hemp; D. Lacy Patterson of Jackson Springs and Laura H. Campbell of Aberdeen.

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FRESH VEGETABLES

Cigarettes, carton \$1.15
Bananas, lb. 5c
Potatoes, 10 lbs. 19c
Lemons, doz. 23c
Cabbage, 10 lbs. 25c

MEATS

Home Killed Fryers, lb. 27c
Heavy Breed Fowl, lb. 25c
Cold Cuts
Brunswager Special Ham and Liver
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Pot Roast of Beef, lb. 19c
Star
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