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The School Site

The school board has evidently made a mistake in going away back on the edge of the river swamp to locate a high-school building. In fact, it is really a great surprise to the people who have studied the location of the town and country around. It is possibly as far as it could be from the center of population in the district.

It means the expenditure of a large sum of money to get to, and will only mean the building of sewer lines, light lines, water lines, and streets, when there are more central locations. With all of these improvements already built, no one gets any benefits from this heavy extra cost, except the Rhodes property, which means thousands added to its value.

It is hard to figure what the idea of the school board was in selecting this location. It could easily have found that the people of the district are more than 2 to 1 against the river swamp site.

It is not only at the extreme edge, but can never be any nearer the center of the district, because there is nothing beyond upon which to build, since the proposed site is on the brink of the hill at the jumping-off place.

It is understood that the town will refuse to go to a heavy expenditure of street buildings and other improvements to get to an improper site when it already has streets, water, lights, and sewer on several other preferable sites.

There are some suggestions that a referendum be called to ask for a review.

Too Much Speed

Too much speed often means death. Early in the week we saw rejoicing because one man was riding in an automobile at the rate of three and a half miles in one minute; and later in the same week we see another speed king killed on the same track, trying to wrest the championship from his competitor. While his car was going at the rate of 200 miles an hour a soft place in the sand track turned his car sidewise and he was killed.

We are apparently taking too many chances to excel. We all apparently want to win earthly honors, perhaps more than we strive for eternal glory.

The prize fight, the show, the race, the ball game nearly always outclass the church in attendance and interest. A fellow who will sit on the sharp edge of a board in the broiling sunshine for three hours to

watch a double-header will squirm in a cushioned seat before a preacher can finish a 20-minute sermon. Of course, all people are not like that, but too many are.

Trying to beat the other fellow causes lots of trouble and disappointment.

Should Teachers Marry?

The old question, "Should teachers marry," has been brought up again, this time Miss Margaret Knox, of the New York schools, comes with the answer no. It turns out that Miss Knox has been teaching for 41 years, which ought to qualify her on the subject. Yet it may be that Miss Knox has reached the age of despair and in her worry and perhaps jealousy doesn't want anybody else to get married. We want them all to marry if they wish, and had rather see folks get married than to act so much like they want to.

The Advance in Gasoline Price

The drive to raise campaign funds has been launched by the big oil companies. They are taking two cents a gallon off of every fellow that buys gas.

This little two cents on each gallon means only 20 cents on a tank for most cars, but when we remember that we have about 20,000,000 cars, and if each car averages burning one gallon of gasoline each day, that little two cents will make \$4,000,000 a day in the pockets of the Standard, the Texas, the Mellon Gulf, and the Sinclair companies. Just a million a piece each day. When we think of such figures, then we wonder why the government had no more sense than to try to convict Sinclair.

This marvelous wealth has great purchasing power. It has been said that three-fourths of the people will sell out. If that be true, these four oil companies can purchase a majority of the officials of this country with this week's extra two cents. We really believe the oil companies are too extravagant. We think the job might have been put over for one cent on the gallon.

The Joke On Mr. Page

It was more than a joke when Highway Commissioner Frank Page lost his car Monday night. Mr. Page was addressing the Carolina Motor Club, advocating a highway patrol for the State, at the time his car was stolen. The circumstance shows that Mr. Page was right in his speech. We do need more protection. The State owes the half million automobile owners of the State who are building and maintaining the highways more protection.

There is no commodity so easily stolen as an automobile; and gangs all over the country do nothing except go from place to place to steal them.

There is also the driver who uses his own traffic rules, disregarding those things legislated by law.

The punishment for automobile theft should be much greater than it now is; in fact, it should be so heavy that the thought of stealing a car would bring terror into the mind of a thief; at least enough to overbalance the desire for profit obtained by engaging in the stolen automobile traffic.

Sinclair's Acquittal

Sinclair fought through the courts of the United States and slipped through them and escaped jail. People generally say it is impossible to jail a hundred million dollar American. Others say Harry Sinclair had enough oil on him to enable him to slip through the smallest crack in any kind of a gate. Others predict that he will succeed in slipping through every gate until he faces St. Peter, and it is predicted that all the records will face him there, and that new difficulties may arise.

That is certainly one court where money will not count, but judgment will be rendered upon the record of truth.

SCHOOL NEWS OF ROBERSONVILLE

Supt. Pope Speaks To High School; Program For Commencement

On Wednesday morning, April 25, Superintendent R. A. Pope lectured to the student body, the senior class in particular, of the advantages and disadvantages of the teaching profession.

Senior Class Exercises

The first of the Robersonville High School commencement exercises will be held in the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, May 1, at 8 o'clock, when the senior class will stage its class exercises, "The Rose Court." A specially designed program novelty introducing the usual parts has been prepared. The Spirit of Education, the queen of Rose Court, passes judgment on the seniors, the lords and ladies of the R. H. S. court; and pronounces them worthy of her stamp of approval preparatory to passing out from Robersonville High School through the gateway to life. A certain unity and coherence is maintained throughout the program and the carefully designed and elaborate costumes will make a colorful and artistic effect.

Commencement Sermon

On Wednesday evening, Rev. H. Frederick Jones, pastor of the Baptist Church of Greenville, N. C., will preach the commencement sermon. Rev. H. F. Jones is a man of high ideas and ideals, thoroughly in accord with the work of the church. The school unhesitatingly recommends him as an able preacher and one who will more than compensate one for hearing him.

Commencement Address

Hon. F. C. Harding, of Greenville, will deliver the commencement address on Thursday evening, May 3. His services, as State Senator, attorney of note, Bible scholar of distinction, and member of the board of trustees of East Carolina Teachers College and chairman of the building committee of that college bespeak for him an experience of no mean significance. Such an experience easily fits him to speak to us of the worth-while things of life.

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