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## Borrowed Comment

### EVERYONE CONCERNED SUFFERS

(Elkin Tribune)

Strikes, in some instances, are no doubt justified, but we cannot help but think that in frequent cases where large bodies of men are denied the right to work by their union leaders, the reasons back of it are just plain silly.

Take the current strike against the Ford Motor Company, for instance. We gather from the news stories concerning it that the dispute is over interpretation of the contract between the company and the union, with the union charging that assembly line "speed-up" is a violation, while the company declares it is not.

As a result of this dispute over the language of the contract, and its true meaning, 65,000 Ford workers are idle. Sixty-five thousand pay checks will have vanished for each week during the duration of the dispute.

Maybe the union knows what it is doing in calling the strike. But the staggering loss of income to the workers and the loss of production to the company seems a terrific price to pay for all concerned simply because a few words in a contract cannot be interpreted to the satisfaction of all.

The sensible thing, it seems to this corner, would have been to arbitrate the matter in hopes of a satisfactory settlement without calling a strike. Strikes not only hurt the workers, they hurt many thousands of other people all over the country who fall innocent victim to a strike's harmful effect.

At last reports the Ford company and the union had resumed negotiations over the matter, but while they talk and argue, thousands walk the street minus their weekly pay. And even when the strike is settled and the men return to work, those lost dollars can never be regained.

### LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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#### A LIFE THROWN AWAY

The saddest thing on earth, it seems to me, is to throw one's life away. As I think back across more than half a century I can recall to memory those who wasted their lives, their time, their talents, their golden and priceless opportunities and accomplished nothing good, great nor worth while. They lived in sin, let the enemy of their souls have control over them, and then died in obscurity and went to meet God unprepared. How sad and deplorable!

Those people could have lived nobly and died triumphantly. They had the opportunity. It is true that some of them had little education, but even at that they could have lived for God. They had good common sense, but turned it over to the enemy of their souls and lives. They had talents that God could have used. Their time was valuable, but they spent it wrong. Oftentimes when they had "rainy days" they merely met together, talked, joked, laughed, some of whom drank whiskey, chewed and smoked tobacco, thus whiling their valuable time away. If this time had been spent in prayer, or reading and studying the Bible, or visiting the sick, or studying good books and reading clean literature, or winning souls, how wonderful it would have been! The same thing is going on today among the masses of mankind.

Remember that a life thrown away can never be lived over, or can never be recalled and reformed, or given unto God. It is gone forever. There may be instances where God saves the sinner who has wasted his life because he calls upon Him out of deep and thorough repentance, and "by the skin of his teeth" makes it to heaven, but these instances are rare. When one throws his life, his time, his talents, his means, his precious and priceless opportunities away as he goes through life until he comes to the end of his earthly journey, it is next to impossible then to get to God and be saved. Even if he barely gets through the pearly gates, through godly sorrow, weeping, sighing, mourning and pleading before God, his life of golden opportunities is forever lost. It is thrown away as though worthless, yet without price before God, as it is so precious and valuable. O dear soul, don't throw your soul, your time and opportunities away! Don't for heaven's sake.

### Important Election To Be Held June 4

The people of North Carolina on June 4 will vote in a special election to decide whether or not North Carolina shall vote \$200,000,000 for roads, and \$25,000,000 to aid counties in construction of school buildings.

The ballot will have two questions, one for the roads bond issue and one for the schools bond issue.

No special registration will be required, and any duly registered citizen may vote.

Registration books were open May 7 and May 14 and will be open on Saturday, May 21, which will be the last date for those not registered to register to vote in the bond election June 4. Registrars will be at the polling places Saturday, May 21, to register new voters or to record transfer of registration.

Under the formula adopted, Wilkes county would receive about \$300,000 of the school bond money.

Because of the great need for road improvement, Wilkes would receive great benefits from the road bond expenditures.

Governor Scott has proposed that 12,000 miles of rural roads be paved and that 35,000 miles be placed in condition for all-weather travel.

Financing of the road bonds will be done principally by an increase of one cent in the gasoline tax.

If you are not registered to vote in a general election, remember that Saturday of this week will be the last date you can register to vote in the bond election June 4.

### Rural Church Building Highly Encouraging

During the past ten years many people in rural communities in Wilkes county have placed first things first and have provided suitable places of worship and for Sunday school training for their children.

Practically all rural churches have either improved their buildings, have built new ones or have plans under way for church improvement.

In addition to improvement of church buildings, more attention is being paid to adequate pay for ministers, which will enable them to devote the principal part of their time to service of the Lord instead of earning a living.

Financially speaking, the past ten years have been prosperous years for a majority of the people. And it is most encouraging to see that the people who have prospered are not forgetting the privilege of giving part of their prosperity for the cause of the church in their own communities.

A good church is indicative of a good community. A good church does not necessarily mean an expensive building. But the appearance of a church building will show something of the interest the congregation takes in the church and its work. If the building appears dilapidated and run-down, it is reasonable to assume that the congregation's interest in the church is in the same condition.

Look out when its dark out; whether you are driving or walking. You don't want to be a dead pedestrian—and you don't want to be responsible for killing one either. When walking, think for two—the driver and you. When driving, think for two—the pedestrian and you.—Exchange.

## ROARING RIVER SCHOOL PATRONS RECOMMEND COMMITTEE NAMES

A meeting of the taxpayers of the Roaring River school district met in Roaring River school Thursday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to protest against the school committee appointed by the Board of Education.

Those present were unanimously in favor of having parents whose children attended Roaring River school on the school committee. A committee consisting of Luther Duncan, Bryant Mathis and Willie Anderson was appointed at the meeting to present to the Board of Education a recommended school committee.

The names of those recommended for the school committee at Thursday night's meeting were Stewart Alexander, Eugene Parks, Lee Cole, Sanford Alexander and Judas Pardue.

It was further unanimously approved by the assembly to request of the Board of Education approval of a plan that would permit election of teachers for

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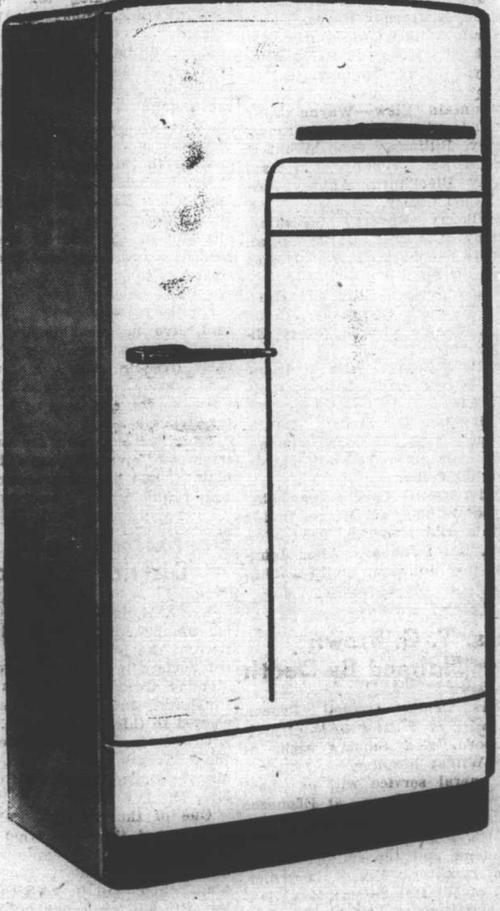
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