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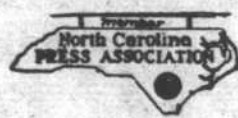
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Centennial Celebrations And Wilkes County History

Forsyth county has just concluded a gigantic celebration in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Forsyth county.

In July our neighbor to the west, Watauga, will have a 100th birthday celebration.

Our best wishes go to these youngsters. Wilkes county was formed in 1777, and is only one year younger than American independence.

And the sturdy pioneers who set up the first local government in this area had much to do with winning independence.

Maybe it is not too early to think of a celebration for Wilkes county on the occasion of our 200th anniversary.

The western boundary of Wilkes county was somewhat indefinite, but was generally assumed to be the Mississippi river. About the only inhabitants of what is now Tennessee were Indians.

Wilkes people fought valiantly for independence, and one of their dominant virtues has always been their love of independence and hate for oppression.

Pertinent Facts About Bond Election June 4

On June 4 people of North Carolina will vote in a special election on two questions.

Voters will vote "yes" or "no" on whether or not the state shall issue \$200,000,000 for rural roads. The other question will be "yes" or "no" on a state bond issue of \$25,000,000 to erect school buildings.

Discussing the question from the standpoint of Wilkes county, we can see no argument against voting against either issue.

On the school bond proposal Wilkes people should know that if the bond issue passes a total of \$3,066,000 will be earmarked to be spent in Wilkes county, mainly for paving and making all-weather many of the leading county roads.

From the school bond issue Wilkes would get \$301,400 for school buildings. It is reasonable to assume that Wilkes people will not have to pay in taxes to the state as much as the county will benefit, because Wilkes is one of the lower income counties.

But that does not mean that the bond proposals will work any injustice on wealthier counties.

When the good roads program was started in North Carolina the state issued bonds to build roads. Those roads were built near the larger cities in North Carolina, but everybody who operated a motor vehicle helped pay for those roads, although thousands seldom used them.

The man who has lived on a muddy road, which was often impassable, has been helping pay for the ribbons of pavement near the cities.

Now it is proposed that all the people of the state help pay for roads to get the farmers out of the mud. It is just and reasonable.

With the great need for school buildings throughout the state, and especially in Wilkes county, it is reasonable to assume that the people will vote "yes."

One purpose of the proposal is to help to equalize educational opportunities in the state of North Carolina. Since we have a state school system, it is nothing but just that children all over the state have opportunities as near equal as possible. Saturday of this week, May 21, will be

the last date to register for the bond election. Those who are registered for general elections will not have to register, but those who have become voting age since the last registration, or who for any reason are not registered in their respective precincts should register at their polling places Saturday if they wish to vote in the bond election June 4.

Street Repair Is Badly Needed Here

One of the problems facing the city administration is street repair.

All cities and towns are hard pressed for street funds, because they have no source of income other than ad valorem taxes, and an allowance from the state for upkeep of streets over which highways are routed.

Several streets here are in need of repair, or re-surfacing.

Cherry street is particularly in need of a face lifting job. Continuous patching seems to have little effect, because holes appear just about as fast as the street crew can fix them.

Cherry street is an important thoroughfare because of much truck traffic, but the street is usually in such bad shape that motorists try some other route, which means more congestion uptown. If the street had a more permanent type of improvement job, it would be more widely used and would lessen congestion of traffic on other streets.

News and Courier—"Tipsy Tippler Tickles Tummy of Tiny Monkey." (Montreal dispatch) The monkey bit the customer, who struck back and so the fight was on.

Atlanta Constitution—Woman "Found Guilty on Three Charges." Accused of drunkenness while driving, the woman's car had killed a man.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert
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Most of us like to talk about ourselves, and but few of us like to listen to the other fellow talk about himself.

"Why can't more people try to be interested listeners?" asks a reader. "So many of those with whom I talk, listen in either a bored manner, or impatiently awaiting for me to finish, so they can commence."

Our friend's experience is quite common. Most of us had rather talk than to listen.

Certainly the profession of interested and sympathetic listeners is not overcrowded. They are in increasing demand.

There are times in all of our lives, when we crave unburdening ourselves to some sympathetic friend, who will keep ears open with mind and mouth shut.

There is an art in being a good listener. That art must find root in love—love of people and being with them. If you don't like dogs, they can tell it quickly. And if you don't like people, they too, can tell it.

One of the best ways to make friends, is by listening to them talk—about themselves. There is not a reader of this column who has not at some time hungered to talk to someone who would have a common interest. When you are a traveler away from home, anyone who appears from your home town, or state, seems like a bosom friend, although you may never have known him at all.

There is a tremendous relief in simply talking your troubles out to some sympathetic ears. The Christian Church recognizes that in many of its branches, and considers this one of the functions of the priest and minister.

But such need not be limited to the clergy. We are exhorted as Christians in the Bible. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Just talking over one's problems with a sympathetic friend, often brings great relief. But before we can do much at bearing another's burden we must have a real interest in him, even an affection and love for him.

No one likes to talk with a selfish man. Sooner or later he finds that out. The art of being a successful listener can be cultivated. Don't say, "I can't do it." You can, if you try.

As the first step, be interested in the man. Then you can hear him with interest, and he will love you for it.

TRUMAN URGES BUYING BONDS

Washington, May 16.—President Truman called upon the nation tonight to support the treasury's new savings bond drive as part of the effort the country is making "for the security of our country and for the peace of the world."

In the days of Alexander Hamilton as early secretary of the treasury, Truman said, appeals for investment in government securities were made to the wealthy.

Today, the President commented, millions of Americans are able to buy bonds.

The goal for this drive, to end June 30, is \$1,040,000,000 in Series B bonds.

The President's talk was part of a program which centered at Kansas City, Mo. Earlier in the day the bond campaign had started with a "covered wagon parade" at Independence, Mo.

The President spoke from the

White House.

The ability of many Americans to buy bonds now, Truman said, marked the success of efforts "to establish a nation of free people in which all men have a fair chance to share in the benefits of their labor."

"We are going ahead to build further on these foundations," Truman continued.

Loye Williams, Crash Victim, Is Interred

Lenoir, May 16.—Loye Williams, 34, Valdese textile worker who died Sunday morning of injuries sustained in an automobile accident was buried in Lenoir County today. Rites were held at Macedonia Church.

Williams, World War II veteran, reportedly was alone in an automobile on the Lenoir-Connelly Springs Highway in Caldwell County at midnight Saturday.

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