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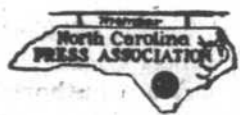
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Wilkes Road Bond Majority Largest

In the special bond issue election held Saturday people of Wilkes county more than eight thousand strong voted for the state road and school bond issues. The majority in Wilkes for the road bond issue was the largest cast in the state of North Carolina. Naturally, Wilkes cast a similarly large vote for school bonds.

By their votes at the polls the people said in no uncertain terms that they wanted better roads and better schools. They agreed with Governor Scott that the state of North Carolina should be something about both.

The citizenry of rural counties are deeply disappointed over the action of their city neighbors in voting against the proposed bonds to get them out of the mud.

Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and other cities built up mainly by the rural areas of North Carolina voted against getting the farmers out of the mud. These same cities have drawn from the rural areas for their population and for much of their commerce and trade. But the people of these same cities, as Governor Scott said, had "rather skin than be skunt." They turned a deaf ear to the people who cried out for better roads and better schools.

But let us not forget that the numerous thousands of people on mud and dust roads in North Carolina helped pay for the fine highways around these same cities. They have paid the same rates of gasoline and license taxes as those who lived beside the ribbons of pavement, but they haven't had passable roads.

The bond issue proposal was an opportunity for the city people to help those in the country, to help the people who in large measure had been furnishing them with resources for a livelihood. But the city people turned a deaf ear and made a serious mistake in so doing.

However, the rural people of North Carolina, and those in small towns, made sure by a preponderant and decisive vote that they would have roads, and these rural people were joined in some measure by socially minded people in cities who realized a just and honest debt they owed to those without roads.

What is good for one part of North Carolina is good for the whole. The city of Charlotte could not be the metropolis it has become had it not been for feeder roads into this and other sections. The city of Winston-Salem has profited in great measure from the trade of northwestern North Carolina counties. But we are disappointed, and with justification, that so many people in those cities voted against something which would really help the people who have been doing so much for them.

The cleavage between urban and rural people, which necessarily will develop to some extent because of the bond issue election results, is not going to do anybody any good, and the rural dweller will not readily forget that the city people tried to defeat something to help him get out of the mud, and in many instances tried to defeat a measure designed to give his children a better opportunity for obtaining an education.

Roads and schools in this age are closely associated. More than 500 miles of roads in Wilkes county are used for school

buses. One proposition was to vote on state aid for school buildings; the other for roads on which school buses operate.

We sincerely hope that Governor Scott will take full notice of the progressive action of Wilkes people in rolling up the largest majority in the state for his bond issue proposal. The majority in Wilkes more than offset the big majority cast in Forsyth county against road bonds, and this county, we are glad to state, had a big part in putting over this milestone in North Carolina's march of progress.

The Greensboro Daily News, The Winston-Salem Journal, and the Raleigh News and Observer supported both bond issue proposals. The Charlotte Observer opposed the road bond issue. Following is some post-election comment from the Greensboro Daily News:

"While the outcome of Saturday's bond election, with victory for both the road and school causes, is a great personal triumph for Governor Scott, who spearheaded the bond campaign and took it to every nook and corner of North Carolina, it was far more than that in its attestation of North Carolinians' faith and belief in the future of their state and their readiness to go forward despite full realization of the heavy obligation entailed and the additional cent gasoline tax which they were simultaneously voting upon themselves.

"Realistically and directly the outcome represented the poorer counties and areas, the 'little people,' voting against the richer and the bigger, those who have the worst roads and the poorer schools voting for better. Along with them went a sizable segment of the state's more liberal and socially conscious citizens in the cities and richer counties, cognizant of the fact that what is good for any part or segment of the state is good for all and that North Carolina is definitely committed to a state-wide school and road program which can be adequately supported and under which equality can be attained only through proportionate paying by those more able to pay, be they individuals, cities or counties."

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



Why is it that many men and women continue to play with fire, after they have learned that it burns. Children often do the same, but usually learn as they come to maturity. When adults continue such practices, it is the result of emotional, mental and spiritual immaturity.

A correspondent is puzzled and troubled because her husband persists in wrongdoing in this manner. He commits a wrong, gets down on his knees and prays for forgiveness, then gets up and in a short time does it again.

As for the husband, I would say that he is heading for serious trouble. The Bible tells us that a true Christian does not "practice" sin. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." The Greek word used here for "commit" means "practice." It means that the Christian believer does not continue to commit the same sin over and over again. If he does, he soon cuts himself off from the power of God.

The Apostle Peter had a rather bad record during the years of his discipleship before the crucifixion of his Lord. But we read of none of this after Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit into his life. He was a changed and transformed man. He who allows himself to be repeatedly tempted to commit the same sin is headed for some severe lessons of correction. Almighty God deals kindly but justly with His children. The Epistle to the Hebrews has much to say about the "chastening" of the Lord, and how it is done for our benefit. When we accept the first "chastenings" dutifully, in true repentance, we grow spiritually in knowledge and power, and avoid the necessity of having to receive more severe ones. Many a man or woman upon a hospital bed has had time to reflect upon those causes which brought him there, establish new communion with his Lord, and a fuller program of righteous living.

There are those who persistently ignore the lighter corrections of the Almighty, and have to be beaten to their knees by some severe blow. Fortunate is he who has learned to accept gratefully the chastenings of the Almighty as corrective measures for his own good.

22 Are Killed In Plane Crash

Athens, June 6.—The Greek airline TAE announced tonight 18 passengers and a crew of four were killed in the crash of a Dakota passenger plane about 17 miles north of here. TAE said sabotage was suspected. The TAE plane was overdue here on a flight from Kavalla. The first news that it had crashed came from police at Malakasa, 17 miles north of the Greek cap-

ital. They said the plane caught fire in the air and crashed. Kavalla is 210 miles northeast of Athens. The plane had left Kavalla at 5:20 p. m. and had been due in Athens at 7 p. m.

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