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ed overwhelmingly against the state bond issues for rural roads and schools. The vote in that election shows some streaks of selfishness among city dwellers.

The continued close cooperation between the people of the Wilkesboros and rural Wilkes county will go far toward promoting progress of the entire county.

## Who Are Alcoholics?

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The alcoholics do not all live on the "wrong side of the street" by any means. The alcoholic is not necessarily the man in work clothes. As a matter of fact the so-called "better class" in the United States constitutes only about four percent of the population. Yet no less than twenty per cent of those suffering from alcoholism with psychosis, are hospitalized in expensive sanitaria where the costs are frequently above \$100.00 a week. The idea that alcoholism is a disease of the "lower classes" and not found among the families which supply our social and economic leaders, is untenable. The "better classes" share with the lowest groups the "honor" of producing the most alcoholics in comparison with the numbers in their groups.

The day laborer is not apt to have the leisure or money to become an alcoholic as easily as the moneyed man. The liquor advertisers make their appeal to the moneyed people. They want the public to believe that the "important" people use liquor as a matter of course. Being human, poor people like to feel important. To some extent then, they ape the ways of the great and the near great. Thus the appeal of the liquor advertiser reaches all classes.

A survey made by Judge Zottoli bears out the statement that the alcoholics come from the educated, capable people as well as those of lesser opportunities. Some years ago the judge made a survey, covering a period of years and classifying some fourteen thousand patients who were inmates of a hospital for alcoholics. The list revealed the numbers in various professions. Among them were these from what would be considered the "better classes":

Merchants 2735, Physicians 538, Attorneys 480, Jewelers 334, Manufacturers 19, Editors 12, Judges 7, Brokers 5, Arch-

Has modesty gone completely out of fashion? A troubled correspondent raises this question. Enclosing a tear sheet from a newspaper which displays the usual and now customary "bathing beauty" in abbreviated attire. He wonders what the future children of the girl in the display photograph would think of this in years to come if produced as that of their mother in earlier years.

There is no question that the men and women of modern society seem to be shedding their clothes piece by piece. Just how far it will go we have no way of surmising. We would like to hear some sociologist comment on the modern tendency. History in the past has revealed that civilized man has a tendency to wear clothing while uncivilized native tribes dispense with them.

My correspondent thinks that there is a definite connection between the increased use of alcohol, the rising toll of broken homes, and the lack of proper modesty among men and women.

His question is thought provoking. There has certainly been a notable increase in "sex crimes" especially those perpetrated on girls and young women.

The Bible reminds that "to the pure all things are pure." A well formed human body has always been considered an object of art, and is one of the most wonderful of God's physical creations. To the pure in mind this is ever so. But not all are pure in mind and heart. Far too many are not, and the over emphasis on sex appeal simply invites trouble.

Parents of teen-agers or boys and girls who are growing into manhood or womanhood, should discuss this problem frankly and fairly with their children. Modesty is still a virtue and may also be a protection. In addition the value of continued exposure of the human body to the rays of the sun by no means receives the approval of the entire medical profession. Many may think these observations are "old-fashioned." However, wise and thoughtful precautions taken by young people and their parents may avoid future trouble and even tragedy. Yes, modesty is still one of the virtues of true womanhood and manhood.

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