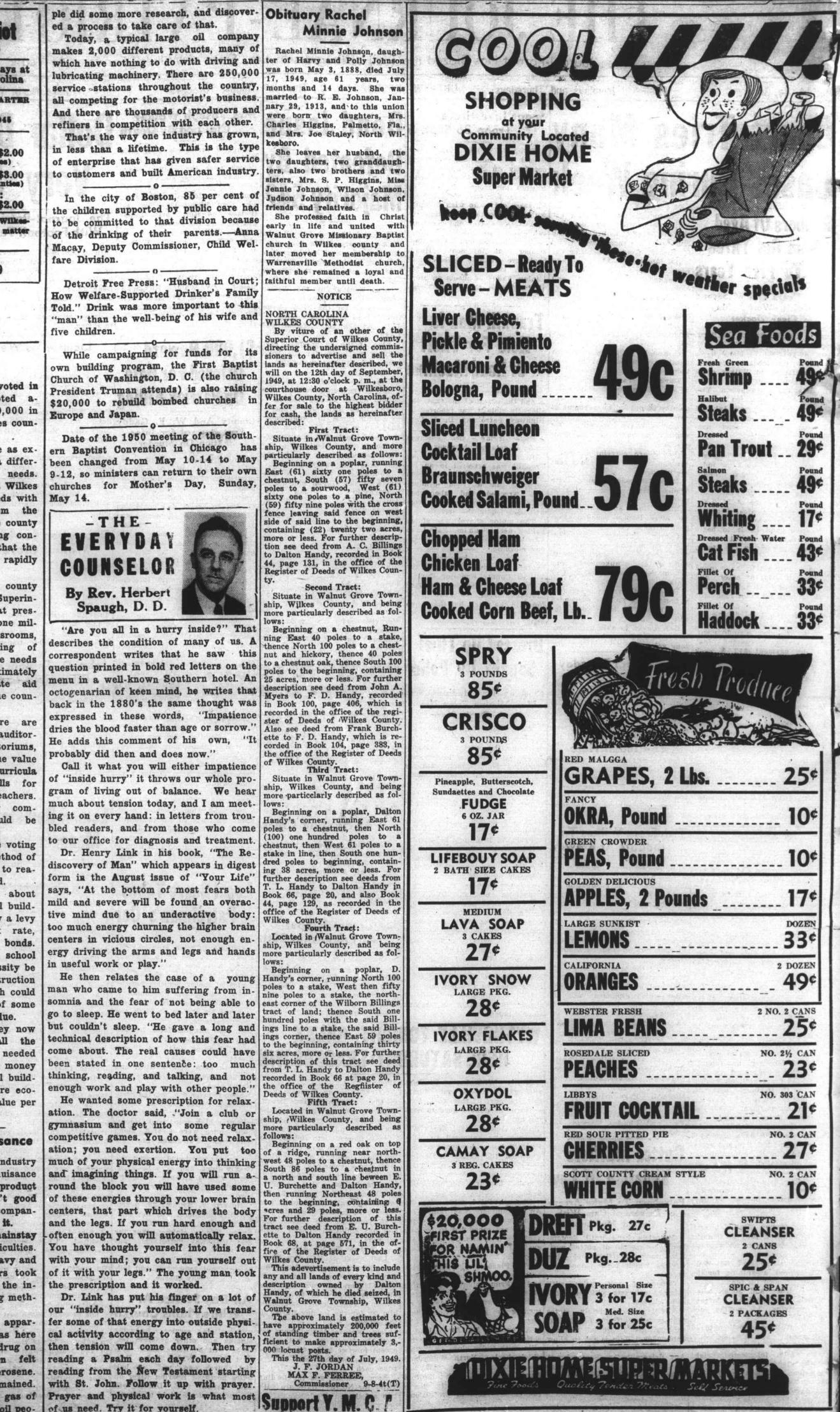
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None should be led to believe that Wilkes county can fill school building needs with the \$551,000 to be received from the state, in view of the fact that the county is years behind in school building construction and in view of the fact that the population has been growing most rapidly in the past ten years.

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A recent compilation by the county board of education and County Superintendent C. B. Eller showed that at present prices it will take more than one million dollars to fill the needs for classrooms, heat, sewage, plumbing and lighting of schools. It is evident that the bare needs cannot be had for the approximately \$700,000 available, counting state aid funds and funds appropriated by the coun-

ty.

In addition to classrooms, there are many schools sorely in need of auditoriums. Students learn much in auditoriums, although some teachers discount the value of students taking part in extra curricula activities, possibly because it calls for more work on the part of the teachers. Schools also need auditoriums for community gatherings and these should be provided.

Since the majority of the people voting have voted down the bond issue method of school building financing, it stands to reason that another way must be used.

This year Wilkes county has about \$126,000 in the budget for school buildings, this amount being provided by a levy of 55 cents of the \$1.38 total tax rate, and by refunding some present bonds. Since the people have voted out school bond financing, they must of necessity be prepared for school building construction on a "pay as you go" basis, which could be aided somewhat by refunding of some of the county's bonds as they fall due.

The needs are great, the money now available will not go around to all the building projects so desperately needed and the people should realize that money must be raised in taxes for school buildings, which in the long run is more economical and will provide greater value per tax dollar than bond financing.

When Gasoline Was A Nuisance

Fifty years or so ago the oil industry had problems. One of them was a nuisance called gasoline, which was a by-product of kerosene pproduction. It wasn't good for much of anything and the oil companies had a tough time getting rid of it.

· Even kerosene, which was the mainstay of the business, presented difficulties. Certain types of kerosené had a heavy and unpleasant sulfur smell. Customers took to calling it "skunk oil." Finally, the industry came up with a new refining method, and the small was eliminated.

As time went by, and it became apparent that the horseless carriage was here to stay, gasoline was no longer a drug on the market. Some visionaries even felt that it would eventually outsell kerosene. However, a production problem remained. It was difficult to produce enough gas of high quality at a low price. So the oil peo-

of us need. Try it for yourself.

