

MAKES GOOD SENSE

Never has a proposal made more sense than J. J. Tarlton's recent suggestion that Rutherford County substitute three large high school plants for the ten now operated here.

The idea is wise educationally, socially and economically.

It makes good sense educationally because three large plants would provide a wider range of subjects for the high school age students throughout Rutherford, making it possible to build up large libraries and laboratory facilities that would not be feasible in smaller schools.

It makes good sense socially because the larger and better schools would raise the standards of educational advantages offered children from all parts of this large county.

It makes good sense economically because, obviously, three buildings can be built and maintained at less cost than ten. It is wise in this direction, too, because the amount of construction necessary for these three would be no more than what is already needed to bring the school system up to standard via the "patchwork" method.

The question, of course, is: Where will the money come from?

It will have to come from a bond issue. Natural antipathy to higher taxes jeopardize the program at this point. And that is where the county government should face up to a vital and touchy matter—the question of a revaluation of county property. A realistic evaluation might make it possible to handle a bond issue without hiking the tax rate.—Editorial in Rutherford County News.

Holiday Magazine is planning another North Carolina story for some time in 1954. Ovid Pierce of Weldon, whose novel "The Plantation" won acclaim as one of the notable books of 1953, has been commissioned to write the story and staff photographers will illustrate it.

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