

## Opposition without Reason

It seems to us that the wrong people are concerned about the acceptance of some seven hundred thousand dollars by the Baptist General Board for the construction of additional hospital facilities in Winston-Salem.

Many who are amplifying the cry that Baptists are ignoring their classic belief in separation of church and state in taking these public funds for hospital work are not even religious, much less Baptist; they are die-hard secularists who had hoped that the money would be spent at the University of North Carolina or Raleigh or some other place besides Winston-Salem.

### No Criticism of NYA

These hair-splitters are but lately concerned about this principle, anyhow. They did not sing the blues when Wake Forest and Duke, both nominally denominational schools, made contracts with the United States Army to train—with public funds—finance officers and clerks during the late war; nor did they decry the acceptance of tuition payments for ex-servicemen at any of our state's denominational colleges.

We cannot recall that they even mildly criticized the use of federal money to pay employees of the various denominational schools in the days of the National Youth Administration.

### Arguments Still Unsound

But these secularists now say that Baptists are inconsistent in opposing federal aid to parochial schools while accepting state aid in a program to provide hospital facilities for the poor of North Carolina.

Even if these tear-shedders are given the benefit of doubt and therefore are presumed to be currently sincere in opposing Baptist acceptance of state money for hospital services to the general public, their arguments remain as unsound as if we knew for sure that their tongues are in their cheeks.

### Supplant, Not Supplement

Protestants in general and Baptists in particular oppose the use of federal funds for parochial schools of any faith, Baptist, Catholic, or Jewish, because the public school is an American institution which has brought us to greatness; the parochial school is operated in competition with the public school, duplicating in most instances existing public facilities.

Parochial schools are defended by their supporters with the contention that they provide additional religious instruction and background. The Protestant belief is that parochial schools tend to supplant, not merely supplement, public school. History validates this belief.

### Cooperation is the Issue

How can this issue be injected into the hospital aid question? The facilities which will be provided at Winston-Salem do not exist at present in any secular or church institution. The state with its funds proposes to utilize the experience of a particular group for the betterment of hospital facilities; the fact that this particular group is the Baptist Church does not detract from the proposal. It is a matter of cooperation or non-cooperation, not separation or union.

### Afraid of Tipping Their Hand

The only valid argument which might be advanced by the secularists in their fight to forestall this cooperation is that the money might be better used elsewhere, Chapel Hill, for instance. They have not advanced this possibly sound proposition. Thinking men, Baptist or otherwise, must agree that probably they have refrained from doing so for fear of tipping their hand.

The wrong people are suddenly concerned with principles they have ignored for years, and tragedy lies in the sale of their bill of goods to sincere North Carolinians, within and without the Baptist faith.

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## Seen and Heard

Your editor has been making like a cook, maid and nurse this week. I have—by actual count—made 66 cups of coffee, burned 13 pieces of toast, made beds 6 times, squeezed 51 oranges, and spanked the baby daughter 23 times.

Selma has had one of her semi-annual attacks of influenza, and this time it was a honey. She didn't set any new records as far as temperature is concerned, but she ached in places she never ached before.

When I was at Wake Forest, a friend of mine came down with flu just before the spring dances. His roommate was determined to get him well by dance time, and gave him one pint of Old Mr. Boston orange gin to drink, then covered him with four blankets and seven quilts. In about an hour the sick man began to sweat, and by night his fever was completely gone; so he got out of bed and went to the dance. The next day he came down with pneumonia.

The Davis treatment for flu, while not so spectacular as the above method, practically never results in pneumonia. It consists of hunting up that old bottle of pills Dr. Thomas left us three years ago and having the patient wash them down with orange juice.

Selma was better by yesterday noon, and I thought I was a pretty good nurse until I heard the last of a telephone conversation yesterday: "... Ferd has really

been taking care of me, but he's fed me orange juice until it's coming out my ears!"

Well! Next time she gets sick she can get my mother-in-law to take care of her.

We will call no names, but a certain local young married man says the honeymoon is over when the wife starts complaining about the noise her husband makes getting his breakfast.

From our Record files of fourteen years ago this week: The corner stone was laid for the Wakelon Gymnasium by Innis Perry, president of the senior class. A debate at the PTA had Jimmie Gerow, E. H. Moser, and Mrs. Wallace Chamblee upholding the affirmative side of "it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." Misses Alston and Webb and Mrs. Fred Page upheld the negative (the negative won).

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alford of Pilot returned from their wedding trip. A. S. Hinton, manager of the Zebulon Chair Factory, began operations in the M. B. Chamblee warehouse on Vance Street. Mrs. Nannie Culpepper was ill at her home.

Lewis Watson broke his arm in a skating accident. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Hester observed their silver wedding anniversary. H. C. Wade moved his insurance business to

the Mizelle Motor Company building. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tracy moved to Kinston from Zebulon.

Clarence Hocutt, our local highway safety worker, says the reason there are so many more auto wrecks than railway accidents is because nobody ever heard of the fireman hugging the engineer.

Judge Irby Gill remarked at Ratory the other night that a bigamist is a man who loves not wisely but two well.

When we went up to New York last fall to see Carolina get stomped by the fighting Irish (Sitko, Toneff, Swistowicz, Mutscheller, Cifelli, etc.) of Notre Dame, we also went to the Roxy Theatre. Loomis Parrish was charged with buying our tickets, and gallantly stood aside while woman after woman pushed her way to the box office window and got the choice seats.

After so long a time Loomis could stand it no longer. He began pushing and shoving with the rest of the line in an effort to get to the window. He was making considerable headway when a cold feminine voice inquired: "Can't you act like a gentleman?"

"I've been acting like a gentleman for the past hour," Loomis declared, still charging forward. "From now on I'm going to act like a lady."

## Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Revelation 2:10. Scripture lesson: Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60.

The early Christians, embarking upon the conversion of the world, were violently opposed by believers in the status quo wherever they went, and often suffered death from beatings, stonings, and crucifixion. Next Sunday, January 22, we study the events leading to and surrounding the martyrdom of Stephen.

Stephen, our scripture background tells us, was a man of hon-

or, loyalty, and influence. He held to his oath of fidelity to Christian evangelism. He was loyal to that for which our Savior died. Because of his influence, the Sanhedrin trumped up charges against him — had his influence not been great, the Jewish court would not have bothered with him at all.

False charges and bribed witnesses characterized the trial of Stephen. The trial resulted in two things: Stephen's violent death and a classic demonstration that truth will prevail against violence.

With the persecution of Stephen, the Christians scattered to all parts of the Roman empire. They car-

ried the gospel wherever they went, and the spread of Christianity was actually accelerated because of Stephen's lynching.

Saul of Tarsus, later to become Paul the missionary, was a participant in this mob violence. He thereafter embarked upon a vicious campaign against Christians, which through a roundabout course finally brought him to Christ. Thus the influence of Stephen continued.

In death there may be victory, if the death be honorable. We may not die for Christ unless we first live for Christ; let us be "faithful unto death" and we shall receive a crown of life.

## With Other Editors

Piecemeal resistance to the encroaching authority of a strong central government is about as effective as a one bucket fire brigade. During the past couple of decades the philosophy of the total state has come close to destroying the liberty and dignity of the individual the world over.

The United States is no exception. Under a well defined Federal plan we are moving steadily toward total state control of basic industries, the recognized route by which modern governments enslave people. And yet individually and collectively in our various trades or professions we flutter happily about like barnyard fowl until the man with the ax lays us by our heels, for the final stroke.

Not long ago the editor of a Trade publication, The Hardware Retailer, urged retailers to take a greater interest in the national scene. He pointed out that small retailers came very near to being included in the wage and hour law last year, and also that "anything which affects manufacturers

and wholesalers unfavorably, definitely affects the interests of the retail distributor." He could well have added that any industry threatened with socialization, excessive taxation, or abuses of power by monopolistic labor bosses affects the interests of retailers,

just as it affects the welfare of everyone else.

If the growth of such evils is to be curbed at all, it must be done by the collective opposition of all the people—not just the minorities who are the victims at the moment. —Industrial News Review

## Tar Heel Farm Facts

A total of 17,848,000 chicks were placed in the Chatham and Wilkes commercial broiler - producing areas during 1949.

North Carolina's Irish potato crop last year was the smallest since 1926. Only 61,000 acres were harvested. This compares with 70,000 acres harvested in 1948 and a 10-year average of 83,000 acres.

About half of the State's farm land is classified as woodlands.

North Carolina's 359,000 milk cows on farms produced an average of 340 pounds of milk per cow

during November. This compares with a production of 328 pounds per cow during November, 1948.

The North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors will hold its annual meeting in Burlington from January 17 through 19. The principal speaker will be Dr. H. H. Bennett, native of Anson County who is now chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Many Harnett County farmers are interested in growing sweet potatoes as a cash crop this year.