

# Editorial and Opinion

## Support The Bond Issues

On next Tuesday, November 22, registered voters of Orange County will go to the polls to decide two questions: 1—Shall Orange County borrow \$1,000,000 to improve its school facilities, and 2—shall Orange County borrow \$250,000 to construct a new courthouse building?

The questions have been before the voters for several months now, while the Commissioners sought to bolster their own opinion of the needs with direct evidence from citizens in the various communities, and while legal requirements as to due advertisement, registration, etc. were being met for the election. A vigorous campaign has been conducted on a county-wide basis, speakers have appeared before gatherings in every part of the county in an effort to present the facts in behalf of the bonds in order that citizens may form their own opinions of the needs both as regards the schools and the courthouse.

There has been no organized opposition to either bond issue, as far as can be ascertained. That there is opposition to some degree in every community, however, is known. For the most part, it has amounted only to personal contact by the opponents, and the general consensus is that a vast majority of the voters will favor both issues in the voting next Tuesday.

This newspaper has attempted in every way possible to inform its readers of the issues involved and the dire need which exists. Pictures on another page in this edition tell a convincing story of one phase of this need.

We hope the bond issues will carry and we believe they will. Defeat at this time will be costly and a step backward.

## Let Us Return Thanks

On next Thursday, Thanksgiving, many reverent Americans, looking with thanks to God, will give testimony to their belief in a supreme being, interested in the welfare of men and the development of saints.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed with deep emotion by many believers in God. There will be many others, however, who, despite a fundamental belief in a supreme being and a ready acknowledgement of divine blessings, will not bother themselves with the special services held in the churches of the land.

Among the things for which the people of this country should be thankful is the freedom which has come to American men and women. We live our lives under no compulsion but our own willingness to attempt to approach the divine spirit in relationship with other struggling human beings. At the same time, we are not required by the law of the land to make any obeisance except that dictated by our consciences.

The United States, above all the nations on earth, and the American people, apparently above all other living groups, have been abundantly blessed. Surely, if a benign providence has a hand in the affairs of man, there is occasion for reverent appreciation and grateful thanks.

There will be some to return thanks for their worldly goods, others for their sound health and still others for the general good that has come to them in life. The original Thanksgiving Day was designed to commemorate bountiful harvests, which assured early Americans sufficient food for the sustenance of life. The day represents, by proclamations of the President and the Governors of the American states, a special occasion set aside for public expression of thanks to Almighty God.

## Hyenas—Tigers Versus Autos

There are any number of reasons why we prefer to live in the United States instead of some other area, but two of them appeared in the newspapers of the country recently.

(1) A United Press dispatch from New Delhi, India, tells how a pack of voracious hyenas have killed and eaten ninety-seven children in villages near Lucknow in the past few months. Two adults have been slain by the pack, says the dispatch.

(2) The New York Times reports that inhabitants of four villages in Kadah, Malaya, have been terrorized by a band of ferocious tigers. Three men and many cattle have been carried off and the tigers have become so bold that they pursue busses, pawing at the doors and sniffing at the windows.

These dispatches probably send shivers down the spines of relatively safe Americans but the parents of children in the areas threatened by hyenas and tigers probably tell them about the mechanical monsters that zoom all over the United States, at incredible speeds, killing approximately one hundred persons a day.

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### PRESS COMMENT

## Disgraceful Tar Heel First

(An editorial from the Morganton News-Herald)

For people who don't deal much in weapons of assault, it is no doubt puzzling why there are so many stories of violence related in the press day after day. Murders, shootings, and knifings happen in many other counties besides Burke, although it is evident, at times that we have our share of them. In the December term of court are two or three cases to be tried in connection with such crimes and numerous ones of a minor nature come up quite often.

The Greensboro Daily News expresses wonderment as to why so many North Carolina citizens "have to march along with guns, knives, clubs, rocks or other instruments or weapons capable of dealing violence in their hands." The News-Reporter of Whiteville comes along with some pertinent facts on the subject. On the basis of FBI statistics, the state led the nation in the first six months of 1949 in aggravated assaults per hundred thousand population.

The eastern paper continues by asking:

"Why? Find the answer and a real service will have been rendered the State. It isn't because North Carolina is the most illiterate. It isn't because there are fewer schools here than in South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee or Georgia. We don't have the record, but we suspect that North Carolina has as many church-going people as the average. Irrelevant as the use of the words are in this connection, it appears that our State is 'going forward' with all the lethal weapons as well as the weapons of education and culture. Why?"

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation is authority for the figures which show the State occupying first place in the slugfest parade. If they are inaccurate or misleading, a challenge is in order."

### Undiplomatic

Italians claim that hailstones the size of grapefruit fell in Rome recently. Don't they know that they are likely to force senators from Texas to vote against the Italian aid program out of sheer jealousy.—St. Louis Star-Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Nichols of Durham and of the community, spent the past weekend in New York City, where they attended the Carolina-Notre Dame football game.

The community welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Grady Berry as new residents. The young couple are occupying the house above the Gates Service Station and community store, which is now being operated by Mr. Berry.

### Attend Shower

Among those from the community who attended the miscellaneous household shower given Saturday evening by Mrs. R. C. Daniel of Cedar Grove to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Nichols were Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Berry. Mrs. Berry, daughter of Mrs. Daniel and sister of Mrs. Nichols, was co-hostess with her mother in entertaining for the occasion.

Mrs. Harvey Blalock of Willow Springs, North Carolina, together with her son and daughter-in-law and small grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Blalock and Jimmie Blalock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gates and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Murray this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nichols and small daughter, Bertha Jane, of the Schley Community had dinner Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Billie McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blalock and small son, Charles Wesley, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Raleigh visiting relatives.

Mr. Blalock's niece, Mrs. Inez Ball has been critically ill in the Rex Hospital of Raleigh for the past several days.

Mrs. Hubert Yeagan, of Chapel Hill, spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tom McKee.

Mrs. Gene Cothran, of Efland, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. E. Murray, last Saturday evening.

The following had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gates, Sr.: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Aiken, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Latta of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Murray, Mrs. Harvey Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Blalock and small son, Jimmie Blalock, of Willow Springs, North Carolina, together with her son and daughter-in-law and small grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Blalock and Jimmie Blalock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gates and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Murray this past weekend.

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### What?

Let the Soviets be warned that American ingenuity did not end with the atomic bomb. What, may we ask, is Moscow's reply to our lately patented folding bass fiddle?—Washington Star.

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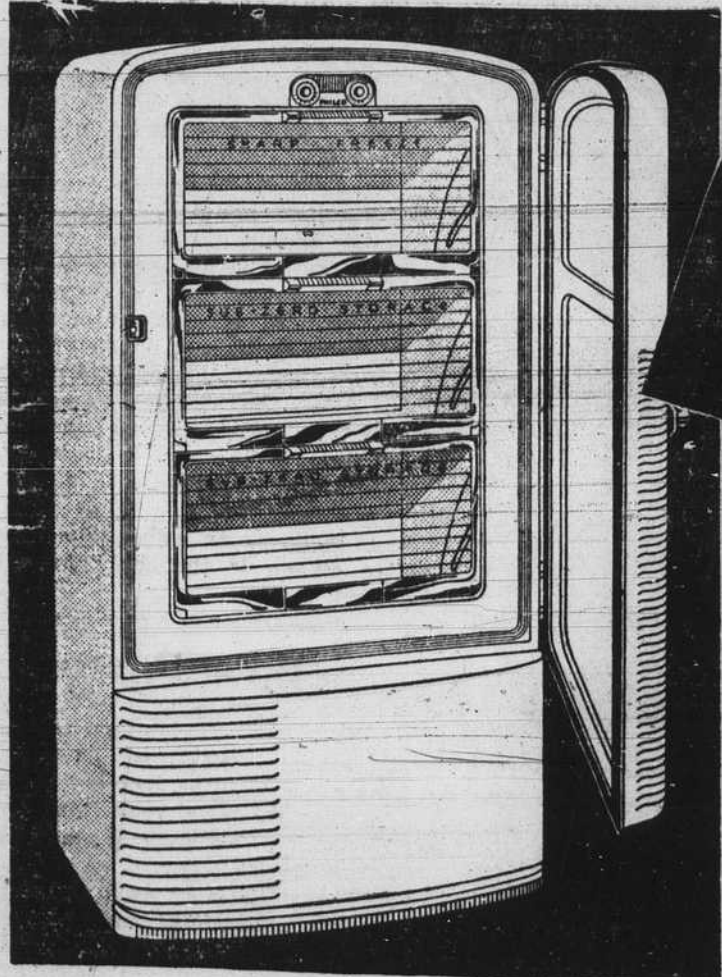
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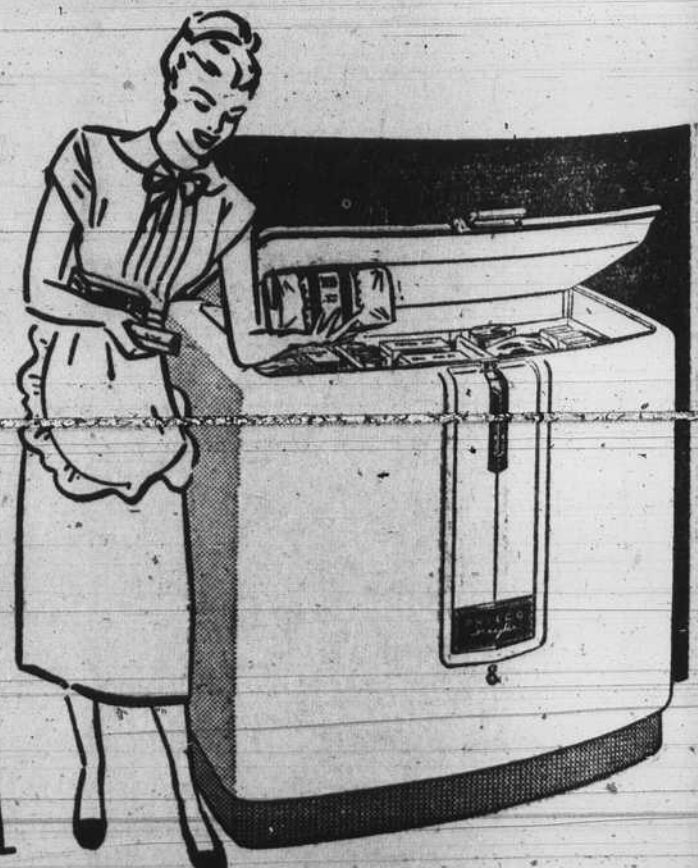
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