

Letters to the Editor



LETTERS WELCOME

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FLUORIDATION VIOLATES RIGHTS'

To the Editor:

Your editorial features of The News of Orange County interests us very much—the article "On Fluoride: How long, O center of education."

There are volumes written on the fluoride. I have no statement from any chemist who is in favor of adding fluoride to public drink water supply—with one exception: Dr. Black of Gainesville, Fla. Dr. Black's son manufactures the equipment that dumps the poison in the public drinking water supply. His wife is vice-president, so it all fits like a glove, The Blacks profit by it.

N. C. citizens are being taxed very heavy, without adding any more expense to their load. I am wondering who will pay the bill

for the water lines that will have to be replaced in Chapel Hill, N. C. You can't capture fluorine. You can't hold the fluoride long at a time. This chemical even eats up fire brick. Let any person read reports from men who have worked with fluoride, look the words up in a dictionary—"Fluoride, Fluorine."

Also, the W. S. Dispensary 24th edition on pages 1456 and 1457, it tells the story—no one profits from not being informed.

I am sure the attorney for the University of N. C. has read the Bill of Rights, the Constitution of the United States does guaranteed of citizens the right to choose. If Chapel Hill does force fluoridation upon those people who are against drinking water that has fluoride added, has the rights of those people not been violated?

Respectfully,

Lucy Catlett Austin
Route One, Hillsboro

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Austin enclosed with her letter a number of news story clippings from the front pages of recent editions of the Knoxville, Tenn., Journal, all citing statements or purported evidence unfavorable to

fluoridation. These are available at The News office.

The News, deferring "respectfully" to Mrs. Austin's views as she does to those of this newspaper in her letter, yet denies on the basis of authoritative study of this matter, the validity of her thesis.)

FOR PORTS BONDS

To the Editor:

Referring to the proposed State bond issue to be voted on by the citizens of North Carolina next month, I, as a past member of the State Ports Authority, would urge the citizens to vote in favor of the bond issue to double the facilities of our two ports in Wilmington and Morehead City.

Let us look at the map of the United States: The most important and progressive states are port states; port cities are our greatest cities. Ninety per cent of the world's greatest cities are port cities.

Remember, too, that every penny of this bond issue, \$13,500,000.00, will be paid back to the Treasury of North Carolina out of earnings over the next twenty-five years. We gave the State Treasurer last December a check for \$100,000.00—the only time any State agency has every given the State a penny. We ploughed back into our ports facilities a great amount of earnings during the past six years. Our new ports are less than ten

years old.

The bond issue is not a contribution by the state or its people, but a sound, worthwhile investment that will pay handsome

dividends, and at the same time keep our state among the leaders of the nation. The State Ports Authority is a business institution.

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