

A Report to the People

To All The Citizens Of Carteret County

**Before You Vote on The Bond Issue,
Ask Yourself These Questions:**

1. Is it fair to make the students of Cedar Island, Atlantic, Sea Level, Stacy, Davis and other communities travel 40 to 60 miles each day to go to school?
2. Is a swamp site, covered at times by flood waters, entailing expensive costs for drainage, dykes and maintenance, the place on which you want your school built?
3. If you had your choice, would you have the Thomas site for your school?
4. Under the plan (published in Tuesday's issue of the Carteret County News-Times), the Harkers Island School will receive only \$1,000 out of \$2,800,000; the Atlantic School will receive only \$20,000; the Smyrna School will receive only \$25,000, and the Camp Glenn School will receive only \$2,500. **WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?**
5. Under the plan, the West Carteret School will receive only \$300,000, and without the Bond Issue it will get \$375,000 under the law and under the present commitment. How can that be justified, except by the small group advocating the "brick-for-brick" idea? And we say the logical thinking citizens of their community have no "truck" with that kind of thinking.

NOW, LET'S TALK SENSE AND PLAIN ECONOMICS. The previous school board composed of some of the ablest men in this county, George R. Wallace, W. B. Allen, Robert Safrit, T. B. Smith and Dee Mason, set about on a course of progressive school construction — enabling Carteret County to rank with the best in just a short few years. Under this program all our school demands could be met. \$375,000 was allocated each year for school construction, knowing that this year an additional \$85,000 would be added (the 17c heretofore used to pay off the old indebtedness). Then, with the \$130,000 received each year from the federal government for pupils of federal employees, that gave them \$590,000 per year to really do something. Now the majority of the present County Commissioners want to change all that and lay it "brick-for-brick."

AGAIN NOBODY OBJECTS TO LAYING A BRICK in one community when a brick is laid in West Carteret. But is it necessary? Is it wise? We were 40-odd years getting out of debt. Do you want to go right back in because of prejudice and resentment on the part of a very few?

ANOTHER THING, IF WE GO IN DEBT "up to the hilt" now, when the plans are totally inadequate, **WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR MONEY IN THE FUTURE?** The present plans for the West Carteret School do not include an auditorium or any lab, cafeteria or other equipment except desks. Where do we go from here? What do we do? Wait thirteen long years? Pay interest? What about the other schools? Sure we can raise taxes high enough so the poor and average people can't afford to live in Carteret County. Maybe you had better think about thirteen long years with a bonded debt which will hinder and delay any further improvement.

THEN TOO, IF THE \$100,000,000 STATE Bond Issue passes — aimed for construction of schools in the smaller counties — and we have already gone in debt and built our schools, where are we then? Right back where we were in the 20's.

DON'T BE DECEIVED INTO THINKING that this Bond Issue will cure our problems in education. Half-way measures are no solution to anything.

VOTE AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE

(CITIZENS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, BUT ON A SOUND BASIS)