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Selfishness ... Point Of View

Quite a banter is developing over a proposal of the State Highway Commission to build a by-pass, on Route 17, at Windsor, and a recent editorial in The Bertie Ledger-Advance, a newspaper published in Windsor, but owned by Ahoskie interests, refers to the efforts of residents of Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City to protect their investments as being pernicious and selfish.

To our way of thinking the Editor of The Ledger-Advance was a bit premature in choosing the villain for his article.

It is a recognized fact that tourist business in and through North Carolina is big business, and practically all communities wish to get a fair share of this business. Residents of Northeastern North Carolina have for years, since Highway 17 developed into one of the major North-South routes, been investing their savings in hotels, motels, restaurants and service stations for the convenience of the traveling public.

Several years ago, while an Ahoskie man was serving as Highway Commissioner for this district, a plan was pushed through the State Commission designating a secondary road, traversing through Gates, Hertford and Bertie counties, as U. S. Highway 13. Since that time residents of that area have attempted to build up this route at the expense of Highway 17.

The facts are that Highway 17 carries a traffic load four times greater than Route 13, and tourist accommodations on Route 17 are valued in the millions of dollars, while Route 13 has only one motel unit between Windsor and Suffolk, Va.

In planning a by-pass at Windsor, the State Highway Commission has thus far, although no decisions have been made, considered a road to pass to the east and south of Windsor. Since 13 traverses Route 17 from Windsor to Williamston, certain interests in Windsor, and no doubt, those from Ahoskie, are demanding the new by-pass leave Route 17, going to the west and

north of Windsor, with a road being constructed from Route 13 to 17 north of Windsor.

This bit of planning certainly would be fine for the landowners west and north of Windsor to develop their properties and mean much in the way of tourist business for the Town of Ahoskie... but who loses in this gain for Route 13... as you may have guessed, it will be the residents of Route 17 who have done much in years past to promote tourist business to Northeast North Carolina.

We do not question the right of the people residing on Route 13 to have a share of the tourist business but we do question their motives in wanting it handed to them at the expense of their neighbors who live on, and promote business on, Route 17.

Red Cross Flood Relief

The local chapter of the Red Cross, through its local office, is appealing to area citizens to contribute toward the relief of the many thousands of homeless refugees in the eastern states, homeless because of the destructiveness of recent floods which occurred in the area.

There are at present some 260 disaster aid workers in the devastated areas, trained workers who are assisting local chapters of the Red Cross in the tremendous job of rehabilitation now necessary.

The estimated cost—to the Red Cross—of the current relief program is from eight to fifteen million dollars. You might wonder why the Red Cross plans to spend this much money on relief measures when the federal government is already providing some hundred million dollars in grants and relief aid and providing for loans of many times that amount.

The answer is simple. The gov-

ernment is providing this aid largely for public property. Money spent to restore public property does not help the individual family which lost its home, and all in it, and the breadwinner in that home who has lost his job—because his place of employment has also been washed away or destroyed.

Because many factories and business establishments were wrecked by the recent floods, the crisis in many families in this area will be a prolonged one. Without work, and with financial obligations continuing, many men and women in these devastated areas are hard put to survive.

That is why the Red Cross is moving into this area on such a large and such a humanitarian scale. The local chapter of the Red Cross wants these facts called to your attention. Understanding an emergency situation, and realizing the tragedy present for so many fellow citizens, local residents who are able will want to contribute something to the current Red Cross drive for emergency funds.

Put your contribution in an envelope and mail it to The Red Cross, Hertford, N. C.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

International Sunday School Lesson for September 11, 1955.

Memory Selection: "And they said, let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."—Nehemiah 2:18.

Lesson Text: Nehemiah 4:6-9, 15, 21-23; 12:27, 43

The Book of Nehemiah was probably written about 325 B.C. and is a continuation of the historical record given us in the first and second Chronicles and Ezra. The contents of this book represent a period which began roughly about thirteen years after the closing events related in Ezra. Nehemiah stands out as a great layman, who did much to rebuild the ancient city and to reestablish the worship of Jehovah on its legal basis.

Our first information of Nehemiah reveals him as occupying an important place in the Persian court, being cup-bearer to King Artaxerxes (Ahasuerus), in which capacity he served in the royal palace at Susah (Susa). That Nehemiah was a favorite of the king may be inferred from the fact that his requests were granted and from the aid which the king readily granted to him.

When a friend of Nehemiah returned from Jerusalem and told him of the affliction of the Jews in their ancient city, and related how the walls had been destroyed, Nehemiah was sorrowfully touched by the sad picture. Being a religious man, he prayed over the problem, frankly acknowledging to Jehovah the past sins of his people and confidently seeking the forgiveness which had been promised for repentance.

Artaxerxes noticed the changed attitude of his servant and inquired as to the cause of his sorrow. Nehemiah bravely related the desolation of Jerusalem and requested authority to journey there and rebuild the city of his fathers. The king granted his petition, appointed him governor of the province, rendered him considerable material assistance and sent him on his way with an escort of soldiers.

When he arrived in Jerusalem, Nehemiah found the situation all that his mind had pictured. Not only was the city undefended, but it was surrounded by enemies. Nehemiah did not announce his purpose immediately and, to keep it a secret, he examined the ruins of the wall at night. Then, calling the leaders together, he enthusiastically persuaded them to join him in the task of rebuilding the walls. It is well to bear in mind that a city without a defensive wall in that day could not amount to very much.

Nehemiah was successful in enlisting the cooperation of the leaders and the work was begun. As an example of careful planning, this work stands out. In the third chapter, we are given the names of the workers and the part of the wall each was put in charge of. After the work began, Nehemiah was confronted with the hostility of those who did not care to see Jerusalem once more a strong city.

The leaders of the enemy were Sanballat the Samaritan, together with Tobiah the Ammonite and Gashmu, the Arabian. They mocked his efforts and Tobiah ironically declared that a fox could break through the wall Nehemiah was building. However, the work progressed, and then the enemies planned a surprise attack.

In this emergency, Nehemiah was brave and courageous, appealing to the leaders of the people to trust in God and fight for their kin and their homes. To guard against an attack, it became necessary for men to be armed and kept in readiness to repel the invaders. Even the workmen went about their labor with their weapons in hand. These precautionary measures prevented an attack.

When the wall was half finished, Nehemiah faced the discontent of his own people. The Jews complained of hard times and the greediness of those from whom they had borrowed money. At the same time, this conscientious governor refused to accept the official allowances made him and utilized his resources in a liberal hospitality. Nehemiah may be pardoned for the self-satisfied plea to his God, "Remember me... for good, all that I have done for this people."

Then the enemies of Nehemiah (Continued on Page Five)

IT ISN'T EASY!

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual riches. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and spiritual support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Proverbs	1	1-12
Monday	Ecclesiastes	1	1-12
Tuesday	1 Corinthians	1	1-19
Wednesday	Corinthians	2	1-16
Thursday	1 Timothy	1	1-16
Friday	Psalm	118	1-16
Saturday	Psalm	118	16-29

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Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday:
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday:
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fifth Sunday:
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
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First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.
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Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
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