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FOR A BETTER CITY . . .

ON Saturday—June 11—one week after the statewide election on a \$300 million road bond issue and a \$25 million school building bond issue—the residents of Charlotte will have an opportunity to vote on several smaller bond issues which add up to a total of \$4,875,000.

It is this considered opinion of *The News* that these projects represent the absolute minimum which will satisfy some of our long-accumulated civic needs. And it is the earnest hope of *The News* that the people of Charlotte will understand their urgent and essential nature and accordingly will vote approval of all the projects.

More complete explanation of the bond issues will be made from time to time in the coming days. Here, however, is a brief summary of each:

1. **Water—\$975,000.** Some \$185,000 of this money will be used to purchase water lines from private owners in the territory annexed Jan. 1 of this year. The remainder will be for additional lines in this new territory, and to enlarge the supply main in the Plaza section in order to increase the pressure and provide more adequate service.

2. **Sewers—\$1,000,000.** This money will be used to build two sewer lines in the annexed territory which now belong to private individuals, and to extend sewer facilities in the fringe area of the old city limits and the new territory.

3. **Streets—\$1,000,000.** The amount proposed here is a mere fraction of the city's total street needs, but it will make possible a start toward improving our woefully inadequate streets. A larger amount would be needed here to replace the streets which are at the limit of the city's bonded indebtedness.

4. **Off-street parking facilities—\$500,000.** This, too, represents a beginning in the effort to provide at least 2,500 additional parking spaces for the cars which are everywhere. Off-street parking is already at the saturation point, and additional permanent facilities must be provided if we are to prevent the city from becoming a parking lot.

TALENT NEEDED AT HOME

EVERYWHERE on this page today there is a report on the National Planning Association's pamphlet, "New Industry Comes to the South." A Committee of the South prepared the booklet for the NPA—and its findings make pleasant reading for Southerners.

The findings indicate that the South will soon be considerably more prosperous than it is now and that this will be due to the continued migration of industry into the area below the Mason-Dixon line.

This prosperity is literally being dropped into the South's lap; it is not the result of careful planning by Southern leaders. Northern firms simply found that the three basic factors: market, material, and labor, were available in the South and proceeded to funnel millions of dollars into it.

Southerners must accept this new prosperity now, with a nod of thanks toward

MR. JOHNSTON'S FAMILY

FOR THE 27 years he has been superintendent there, Joseph B. Johnston thought of the Barium Springs Presbyterian Orphan Home as "a place of service for sick families." When he resigned the other day it had become that in fact.

Mr. Johnston, who had been the children at the Home, always tried hard to keep the administration of the Home from being hard-bodded. People who have seen Mr. Johnston will tell you that he was a man who knew how to get funds for the Home, how to keep the name of the Home

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Sticking Point

WASHINGTON

APART from the fact, and it is a stable fact, of the actual blocking of the blockade of Berlin, the objectives of Soviet Russia in Germany are as simple as the objectives of the United States delegation to the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris.

Members of the delegation have been doing a great deal of speculating, as have others with even less knowledge. For example, it is fairly good guess that the Russians will move for the unification of all of Germany, and that this is likely to be the withdrawal of all occupation troops — U. S., French, British and Russian.

But whether this is actually the goal or not, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who will head the delegation, can be sure. Therefore, the U. S. group will go to Paris for the negotiation.

While flexibility will be the watchword, there is at least one sticking point fairly well defined in advance. They are both related to the expectation that the Russians will plump for a united Germany.

The U. S. delegation naturally will not oppose unification. To do so would be to invite the Russians to exploit a reviving German army. But the U. S. group will insist that any union between East Germany and West Germany must be within the framework of the new German constitution.

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Report On A Survey

New South Flourishes

By BOB SAIN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

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