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SCHOOL BOND ISSUE—II

THE MOST forceful single argument against the \$25 million school building bond issue which the voters are asked to approve on June 4 is that it doesn't meet a single one of the conditions for State participation laid down by the N. C. Education Commission.

That body of experts, professional and lay, surveyed the state school building situation carefully before recommending that the State Government venture into the business of financing school building programs. Here is the Commission's own statement of "Principles and Conditions of State Participation":

- "The committee recommends a six-year emergency school building program as well as a continuing program in which the State will participate by making available grants in aid to all counties meeting certain conditions.
- "Any plan must be predicated upon certain principles of its financing and its aid. The State should provide grants in aid to the counties, including the cities, in amounts indicated by the application of an objective formula. This formula must be set out definitely so that no discrimination will result.
- "Counties which have already voted no county buildings should not be penalized. State money should be available for projects for which the locations and plans are approved by the State Department of Public Instruction in accordance with standards prescribed by the State Board of Education."

ON THE THRESHOLD

EACH June, as regularly as young brides are born or over, thresholds are being stood upon by high school seniors from "Fireville" to Pittsburgh. They have been placed there by the traditional graduation speech: "You are standing on the threshold of life..."

Old though it is—its edges rounded by the times of its use for commencement speakers, valedictorians, salutatorians, devoted teachers' words to paper-thinners by the raw cynicism of youngsters who stood on a threshold to death as soldiers in World War I—this old-fashioned speech—the traditional address never fails to set the back-lashes a-tangling on a youngster's head; as certainly as old songs and small babies, as the eyes of old folks to brim with tears, as the tears of youth departed and hopes unfulfilled.

THE DRY ST. LAWRENCE

A TALE scientist has settled the controversy over the proposed St. Lawrence seaway and power project. Writing in the magazine *Natural History*, Dr. Richard Foster Flint, a scientist, warns that the St. Lawrence, upon which the seaway will become a miniature grand canyon, Niagara Falls, mecca of honeymooners, and the source of the grandiose power schemes of New York State, will fade to a trickle.

ties, \$250,000 to each, regardless of the number of school children, the legitimate need, the ability to pay, or the local initiative shown in the past.

This was one of the worst pieces of legislation ever to come out of the General Assembly. Money which had been collected under the general revenue statutes—the major portion of it from the more-populous and industrial counties—was split evenly among the 100 counties. It was purely and simply a high-level "share the wealth" measure.

In addition, the General Assembly yielded to Governor Scott and the educational forces of the state and agreed to let the people vote on an additional \$25 million in money to do the county's job for them; but even it failed to meet the conditions laid down by the Education Commission.

1. It was not a continuing emergency program.
2. It did not measure taxing ability.
3. It did not eliminate discrimination.
4. It did not provide against penalizing counties which have already voted bonds for school building.
5. It did not give the State Department of Public Instruction any authority over the locations and plans of the buildings to be built with State money.

PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

THE high named political corporation, operating under the name of "Better Schools and Roads," is really throwing its weight at us voters. In its grim determination to bring our State into the decade of \$200,000,000 it is resorting to some pretty uncalculated tactics.

This writer holds no brief for the petroleum industry, but let it be said that they are openly opposed to the bond issue, and present some pretty sound reasons why it should be defeated. If we wish to reach an intelligent decision in the matter we must at least acquaint ourselves with the facts, rather than permit ourselves to be misled by political oratory.

It can find no one who has any quarrel whatsoever with the idea of more and better rural roads. Our state is in wonderful position to build a fine network of such roads on what you go back to.

There is no need whatsoever for raising our gasoline tax to 8 3/4 cents per gallon. The proposed bond issue is unwarranted and unnecessary. Better think twice before you vote yourself into more taxes and vote to plunge your state into this huge debt.

D. A. R. Explanation

BEFORE in newspaper work myself, I have never before written an editor for a correction of an editorial. But, so many papers are calling my attention to the *Payetteville Observer* and printed in your issue of May 20, and asked me to correct a misleading impression, I am writing you to protest against it.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, holds its annual convention at the theaters and auditoriums in the District of Columbia in having a rule of renting their Constitution Hall to the Secretary of State for the purpose of holding your single out our fine organization for your criticism and disapproval, which is not understood why.

Real chums don't feel that every moment together must be filled with conversation. Thus the half-hour phone call to the teen-agers boils down to about four minutes of dialogue. — Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

Fome In Which It Is Pointed Out That Kinky Expressions Have Enduring Qualities
Words of praise
Stay warm for days.
—Aldrich (Ga.) Journal.

'If Cutting Is Good, More Cutting Must Be Better'



Road Bond Issue Opposed

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make efforts to keep it in good condition and use fully for the most worthy kind of events.

Hits Parking Bonds

I WOULD appreciate you printing the following article in your column in *The Charlotte News*:
The city of Charlotte is asking voters to vote on bond issues for the city. One of which is \$500,000 for "off-street parking facilities for the city."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE Central European countries, now behind the Iron Curtain, would give Russia a big business with the Ruhr, which would give Russia a voice in deciding the fate of the Ruhr.

Watching German Factories

GEN. LODGE of Massachusetts argued that we should strengthen Germany's economy without building up her armaments. He warned that a restriction of German military power, he demanded that Acheson insist upon a close watch on Germany's factories and factories.

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Marquis Develops The Parley Influence

SEVERAL times as his new secretary, Marquis has been asked about the status of a proposed bill which has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

There were many bills to end out of government, whose attitude today is placed of the proposed bill. They felt that, regardless of its merits or demerits, the bill would have a look of familiarity and politics. A disinterested inquiry to a high official in the Mexican Government's meeting information on the reason for the Parley contract would result in this reply:

"You ask why Mr. Parley. You should know that Mr. Parley came to Mexico City with a letter of introduction from your President to our President."

Behind the scenes large American oil companies, applied pressure in connection with the proposed bill. Their properties were expropriated in Mexico. They are now in the process of installations above ground, they were not compensated for the oil they had produced in the past.

There were other who argued that the bill would not be passed by the State capital. This position was that private investment would be lost to a government that would not be able to attract investment from the foreign countries.

Political friendships and economic policy seem in this instance to be the main factors in the other and the net result is, the bill is not likely to pass. The Washington statement here is a case study in what conflicting pressures amount this reply:

How Far To Go?

WHEN a man is being educated with Government money, how far should he go? Should he be trying to find out whether he's a Communist?

Because this country badly needs the best scientific brains it can develop, it is not surprising that Congress has voted the AEO millions of dollars to encourage the education of our young men.

The work they've picked to do is the work of the scientist: to work in the field of the atom, to work in the field of the atom, to work in the field of the atom.

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