

Questions And Answers On Community College

Citizen John Burke: Professor Knowsomething . . . What will it cost to attend the Community College?

Prof. Knowsomething: Around \$120 per year from the student . . . and lesser fees for short courses.

Citizen John Burke: Professor Knowsomething . . . What will it cost to build the Community College?

Prof. Knowsomething: According to my sliderule, it will cost \$500,000 from Burke County, and \$500,000 from the State. A one million dollar bond issue is being asked in this election because a surplus of state funds must be present on July 1, 1964, in order to make the State's share available. The surplus is almost certain to be present. By the way, the State will dump in another \$600,000 for equipment. Well blow me down, Citizen John, this is a real bargain for our county.

Citizen John Burke: What will it cost to operate the Community College and where will the county get the money?

Prof. Knowsomething: The County's share (about \$35,000 a year) will be less than one-sixth of the total operating cost. To furnish the county's share you are being asked to give the County Commissioners permission to levy UP TO five cents per \$100 assessed property valuation. They will certainly levy only the amount of tax actually needed. It might be no more than three cents. This means that . . . if your property is valued at \$10,000 for taxes, you would pay only \$3 (three dollars) a year to support the college . . . not even enough to buy your shotgun shells for a hunting season.

Citizen John Burke: Why do we need a Community College which includes a Technical Institute plus an Industrial Education Center in Burke County?

Prof. Knowsomething: This is the opportunity, in our lifetime, to make education and training beyond high school possible for every boy and girl in Burke County. This is our opportunity to help our young people help themselves.

Citizen John Burke: Will you tell me some more about this voting and how and why I should vote.

Prof. Knowsomething: You should vote . . .

1. FOR the order finally passed on February 17, 1964, authorizing not exceeding \$1,000,000 Community College Bonds of the County of Burke, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the construction of buildings for a community college in Burke County, including the acquisition of any necessary land and equipment, and a tax therefor.

and
2. FOR the authority of the Board of Commissioners to appropriate funds either from non-tax revenues or from a special annual levy of taxes not to exceed an annual rate of five cents (5c) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property valuation, or both, for the financial support of a community college in the County of Burke.

NOTE: It is necessary to vote FOR on BOTH questions if we are to get the college.

After more than two years of work, Burke County has been approved by the State Board of Education for the college

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we approve the bonds and the tax.

• Only three counties in North Carolina have had this chance so far. All three voted FOR the necessary bonds and tax by a real landslide.

• The experts say we have the best location in the State for a Community College, and an ideal site on Interstate 40.

• This is our only opportunity to get the college.

If we should fail to carry this election, the college will go to another county. We will not get another chance in the foreseeable future.