

# Danbury Reporter

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Don't forget Old Soldiers' Day, August 3.

With peas selling at \$3.00 per bushel, which is the wiser—to plant or not to plant?

The Reporter's new folder is a beauty. Come in any Wednesday evening and see it do business.

Mr. R. P. McAnally has not yet signified his intention of umpiring the baseball game here next Thursday.

The mills will do a land office business this summer and fall. And the threshing machine men are already grinning from ear to ear.

Our readers tell us that the Reporter grows better. We want you to help us make it the best local paper in the world. Tell or phone us or write the news.

The wonderful and constant growth of newspaper advertising, is the sure testimonial that it pays. The business men of Stokes county are fast learning that printer ink brings trade, and that the Reporter is read by everybody.

Stokes is certainly ahead of her sister counties in one thing. We never before heard of any community that was so full of moonshine stills that the whole revenue force of the State was required to thin them out. We all ought to feel proud of Smithtown.

Summer is come. We invite you to spend the hot months in our mountain country, if you are a denizen of the sweltering city. We have good hotels and plenty to eat, and our people are hospitable and generous. Try the summer resorts of old Stokes, and you will come again next summer.

Mr. J. W. Fagg, a young man who lives near the Buck Island bridge, is said to be making money out of his poultry yard. He has about 600 young chix fattening for the market. Chicken meat is now going at 15 cents per pound, and eggs at 12 or 15. Mr. Fagg is doubtless "in the boat."

It is said that onions are the greatest profit-makers on the farm. One writer says that \$300 worth can be made on an acre. But our people believe this so little that they don't even plant enough for seed. Last spring some of our citizens failed to plant their usual onion patches because they couldn't get any sets, though they sent as far as Richmond for them.

Mr. R. E. Smith, of Francisco, thinks that macadam roads through Stokes county would be of more benefit to our people than railroads. And Mr. Smith is right. We need railroads bad, but we need macadam roads worse—hard level highways on which our farmers can transport their products and commune with each other in their own conveyances, cheaply and pleasurably.

The Reporter trusts that the Farmers Institute at Locust Hill farm will be attended by a much larger crowd than is usual at these gatherings in our county. Our people don't appreciate the farmers' institute by any means as they should. We are most altogether an agricultural people, and should never lose an opportunity to see and know everything pertaining to our chief business in life. It means money in our pockets.

## THE FIRST NOTE OF DISCORD.

Mr. Charles R. Helsabeck, of Rural Hall, replies to our editorial of week before last regarding a supposed bond issue of \$200,000 by Stokes county for the purpose of macadamizing our roads and bridging our streams. His communication will be found on the first page of this paper.

We do not feel certain that Mr. Helsabeck is not a non-resident, in which case we would question his right to throw cold water on our enthusiasms, as the money for our roads would not come out of his jeans. We are led to our suspicion (1) by the fact that Mr. Helsabeck's name does not appear on the tax-lists of our county; and (2) by an expression which he felicitously uses: "While times are good and everything so prosperous." The divine bird of prosperity has not been accused of having its home where Mud is King.

We are glad to print Mr. Helsabeck's article which, though it does not advance any new or startling ideas, shows that the people are capable of being agitated on this most important question. Agitation generally means thinking, and thinking sometimes results in action.

The first proposition laid down by our Rural Hall contributor is one on which we can almost but not quite agree with him: "The people of Stokes county will never consent to be taxed with a \$200,000 bond issue for that purpose." The citizens of Stokes are certainly not in favor of anything of the kind, and if Mr. Helsabeck infers that we thought otherwise he will become disillusioned by re-reading our editorial of the 13th.

Next Mr. Helsabeck dissects the meaning of a \$200,000 bond issue in all of its horrors before an unsuspecting public. He says it would increase our taxes \$12,000 a year, and he finally reaches the inevitable conclusion that interest catches up with the principal in about 17 years. With a considerable degree of feeling he expostulates: "Every muscle, fibre and nerve of the patriot cries out against a bond issue of \$200,000."

Like all of those who are against bond issues for building roads or anything else, Mr. Helsabeck only considers one side of the question. That side of course is the tax side. If he would reflect for a moment possibly he would discern that when you expend such a sum of money as \$200,000 on a county with the natural advantages Stokes has, that there's mighty apt to be "somethin' doin'" about in spots, before all the money is gone.

Mr. Helsabeck is right in his statement that \$200,000 would not put our roads in as good a condition as those of Mecklenburg or some others of the leading counties. But it would put us on a plane where we would soon have just as good roads as those other counties.

The Reporter is satisfied that if its proposition were acted on, in less than 3 years (to say nothing of 17) material improvements within our borders would occur which would be worth more to our county than the amount of the principal of the bonds. New people, new enterprises, new developments, new property would come among us from the very start, and if our taxable valuations did not double within five years, our case would be vastly different from that of other up-to-date and progressive counties that have tried the scheme.

No, Mr. Helsabeck, if our county stood still while we expended such a large sum, then your patriot soul were wise in crying out against a heavy bond issue and hard interest money. Such would certainly ruin us.

Mr. Helsabeck figures that our "coupon" bill would be \$12,000 a year, and doubts whether the bonds would go at par. We have confidence enough in our people and resources to believe that the bonds could be floated at four or five per cent easily. Then when we got the money on them, there are lots of our Southern bankers who, in order to get a whack at such a considerable sum, would pay us 5 per cent, for all our funds not in use, and lots of it could be loaned on real estate at six. Or a still better way would be to issue say only \$50,000 or \$100,000 of the bonds at a time, so that we would not have to be paying interest on the money before we were ready for it.

We are glad that our friend—though he feels a holy horror of bond issues—is yet "in favor of the best method of working our roads with the least cost possible." And we feel abundantly safe in pointing out to him the only known remedy for bad roads and mud, and that is to grind up rock and pave them—macadamize them. All other methods are a failure, and cost more in the end. And it is unjust to us—we people of the present generation—that we should pay for them down. Because the future generations will reap their portion of the advantages, and they ought to pay the principal if we pay the interest. And when the time comes to pay the principal, it is certainly reasonable, conservative and safe to say that our county will have so far advanced in taxable values that the burden will sit heavily on no one.

If the patriot souls of those whose every nerve, muscle and fibre cries out at the mere contemplation of paying five or six thousand dollars a year interest for the great benefit of macadam roads, what must be the state of their anatomy when they consider the taxes we have already paid, and which we fear we will yet for aye continue to pay—the draining, exhausting, discouraging tribute to King Mud, which has kept our county for 50 years in a background of poverty and shame; that has untenanted our farms and driven thousands of our boys from home, and which makes of us a discontented people, when we ought to be happy, progressive and free.

Chewers who read the information given in this space in next week's paper will know why

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R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY  
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### LAND SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes county, rendered by M. T. Chilton, C. S. C., in the Special Proceedings entitled "Hessie N. Smith et al vs. Carrie Gentry et al," appointing the undersigned a commissioner to make sale of the hereinafter described lands, I will on Saturday, the 6th day of July, 1907, at the home place of the late P. O. Bennett, deed, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate, to-wit:

First tract—Contains 225 acres, adjoining the lands of C. H. Lunsford, Jasper Bennett and others.  
Second tract—Contains 45 acres more or less and adjoins the lands of W. G. Slate, P. O. Bennett and others.  
Third tract—Contains 21.6 acres more or less and adjoins the lands of J. C. Tillotson and others.  
Fourth tract—Contains 117 1-10 acres more or less and adjoins the lands of R. G. Gentry, R. R. Smith and others.  
Fifth tract—Contains 14.8 acres more or less and adjoins the lands of R. R. Bennett, P. O. Bennett and others.

Sixth tract—Contains 21.6 acres and adjoins the lands of R. R. Smith, W. G. Slate and others. The 225-acre tract will be sold separately by itself, and likewise the 45 acre tract will be sold by itself separately. Tracts numbered 3, 5 and 6 will be sold together. After the lands are bid off as set out above, they will then be offered all together to ascertain by which method the greatest sum can be obtained therefor, and the method or way of selling which brings the most money will be adopted and the bid reported to the Court for confirmation or otherwise as the court may direct. The terms of sale are:—One-half cash on day of sale and the remaining half to be paid on or before the first day of January, 1908, with bond and approved security for deferred payments. The metes and bounds of the various tracts will be made known upon application for the same. This May 17th, 1907.

JENNIE BENNETT,  
Commissioner.

### Land Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes county, rendered on the first day of June, 1907, in the case of Henry J. Mickey and others, ex parte, appointing the undersigned a commissioner to sell the lands hereinafter described, for the purpose of partition, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises in Stokes county, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., on Thursday the 18th day of July, 1907, a tract of land in Stokes county, containing 82 acres, more or less, on the waters of Grassy Creek, known as what was formerly lands belonging to John Barr, deed, adjoining the lands of Robert Stone and John Wesley Wall on the South, the Jackson land on the West, the Ziglar lands and Robert Stone on the North, and the lands of Matthew Lane on the East.

Eight-ninths of this tract of land will be sold subject to the dower right of Mrs. Camilla Mickey, widow of Wm. A. Mickey, deceased, which has never been assigned to her, and the other one-ninth will be sold not subject to any dower right. This the first day of June, 1907.

N. O. PETREE,  
Commissioner.

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THE DANBURY REPORTER,  
DANBURY, N. C.

### Report of the Condition of the Bank of Stokes County At the Close of Business May 18, 1907.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$3284.73
Overdrafts.....	67.91
Banking house, \$1475.14; furniture and fixtures \$1024.64	2499.78
Due from banks and bankers	17305.31
Cash items.....	255.80
Gold coin.....	637.50
Silver coin, including all minor currency.....	686.41
National bank notes and other U. S. notes.....	4041.00
Total.....	\$58478.44

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	10.33
Deposits subject to check	23047.54
Demand certificates of dep.	2043.38
Cashier's checks outstanding	1089.19
Total.....	\$58478.44

State of North Carolina, Stokes county.

We, N. E. Pepper and R. R. Rogers, Cashiers of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

N. E. PEPPER,  
R. R. ROGERS,  
Cashiers.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of May, 1907.

E. P. PEPPER,  
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
J. H. PRATHER,  
W. J. BYERLY,  
L. E. PRATHER.

J. T. Benbow, S. E. Hall, J. W. Hall,  
Benbow, Hall & Hall,

Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law,  
DANBURY, N. C.

Office at McCasless Hotel.

North Carolina—Rockingham County. In the Superior Court—Before Clerk.

R. E. Wall, administrator of R. P. Wall, deceased, and C. P. Wall, Dellaah Lane and her husband, Joseph Lane, heirs at law of R. P. Wall, ex-parte.

Notice of sale.

Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court, made in the above entitled cause, appointing me commissioner and ordering me to sell the following described lands, I will on the premises, on Monday July 15th, 1907, at ten (10) o'clock, a. m., sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described piece, or parcel of land situated in Stokes county, N. C., adjoining the lands of Hairston, W. P. Hutcherson, E. J. Wall and others, and described as being the land bought by R. P. Wall and A. J. Wall from E. J. Endally. A more particular and definite description will be furnished on day of sale.

N. B.—Only the undivided one-half (½) interest in this land belonging to the estate of R. P. Wall, dec'd., is to be sold.

This 10th day of June, 1907.

R. E. WALL,  
Commissioner.

### Re-Sale Of a Valuable Farm.

By a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes county, made the 3rd day of June, 1907, on account of insolvency of price and a ten percent advanced bid offered, a re-sale is ordered of the tract of land described in order. I will, therefore, sell at public auction on the premises on Saturday the 13th day of July, 1907, at 2 o'clock, p. m., a tract of 221 acres of valuable land, with improvements, lying in Sauratown township, Stokes county, it being the home place of the late M. D. O. Brown, and better known as the John Dalton tract, adjoining the lands of Jno. M. Linville, B. S. Brown and others.

This tract is well improved and fine for grain, grasses, tobacco, etc. Terms: One-third cash, one-third in twelve months and the other third in two years, with interest on deferred payments from day of sale. Title reserved until the purchase money and interest is paid. This the 3rd day of June, 1907.

B. S. BROWN,  
Commissioner.  
Belew's Creek, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.