

"Farmer" Wants those Who Didn't Like the Plan To Come Forward With a Better Way To Get Good Roads In the Townships Where the Bond Issue Was Defeated.

Editor Danbury Reporter:

As the election on the road question in Stokes is now over, and I have been looking on all the while and seriously considering what has been said on both sides of the question, I am asking you to allow me, a plain farmer, a little space to say a few words about the matter.

It seems to me that the townships which voted down the bond proposition have made a serious mistake and done themselves an injustice. But perhaps those living near the railroad and the Forsyth line have lost sight of or do not realize the hardships and many disadvantages bad roads bring to those who live farther back in the country. While it is all right and commendable to have a local pride or feel an interest in the betterment of one's own immediate locality, this feeling should not be confined to any particular community. But we should feel a pride in our county or be broad minded enough to see the county as a whole, as the place of our home and interests, and see the need of building up the weak places over the entire county, and consider the need of good roads to those who are less fortunate in this matter or not so favorably situated as we. If any of the communities in our township or county are inconvenienced much more than we on account of bad roads we should sympathize with and do what we can to help them. Many of our intelligent citizens were aroused to the need of better roads. They felt that something must be done. And some time ago they manifested the interest they felt in the matter by calling a meeting of the citizens of the county, to consider and talk over the matter, and, if possible fall upon some plan by which our roads might be made better. Every citizen of the county had a right to attend and take part in the deliberations and discussions at that meeting, and have a voice in deciding just what method should be adopted for road improvement in Stokes. After much consideration and discussion it was decided that a bond issue for so much for the respective townships of the county, was the most feasible

way to get the work done. But shortly after the bill was passed authorizing an election on the bond issue, some went to work, not, as they say, to oppose good roads, but to defeat the plan which was decided on after the consultation, deliberations and discussions in the meeting called to consider these matters. Well, they did defeat the bond proposition in all but three of the townships in the county. And now, as they say that they are in favor of good roads and have defeated the only feasible method in sight of those who favored the bond method, we think it is up to them to come forward with a better plan. They cannot afford to settle back and be quiet, since they have declared for good roads, and the people need good roads so badly. Many who fought the bond issue, said that they were in favor of a direct tax for road improvement. Though some think that they were not sincere in making this statement, but that they made it simply to make it appear that the direct tax plan would be better, hoping thereby to defeat the bond issue, and let the road working go on as in the past, and thus get rid of paying any tax at all. But, Mr. Editor, I am not yet ready to believe this of our people. For surely they could not be dishonest in so important a matter as this. For seeing that the roads of our county are common property—that they belong to one man or person just as much as to another, and that we all like to share in the enjoyments, comforts, advantages and conveniences they bring, surely no one could be so unfair as to refuse to pay his part of whatever tax may be necessary to keep them in decent condition, and expect others to bear all the burden. No, I believe that some honestly think that the direct tax plan would better than a bond issue for road improvement. But I am persuaded that where a county or township has but little property and no money to pay down for road building the direct tax plan will cost them more if they ever get good roads than it would to build them by issuing bonds. For money, energy or work properly concentrated at the right time and place may be made accomplish more than two or three times as much as when scattered and used improperly over a long period of time and on an insecure foundation. And I predict that if our townships which voted down the bond issue ever gets good roads at all, they will yet vote bonds to build them or else pay a heavier direct tax to do the work than the bond method would cost them.

FARMER.
Mud Hollow, April 7, 1913.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness, death and burial of our dear companion and mother, Susan P. Martin
JOE HAM MARTIN AND CHILDREN.

Obituary.

On Friday morning, March 28th, just before the rising of the sun the death angel visited the home of Joe Ham Martin and took from that home the beloved wife and mother of that home, Susan P. Martin. Her age was 53 years and 22 days. She was the daughter of the late Joseph H. Griffin, of Forsyth county. She was a grand daughter of the late ex-Sheriff John Martin, who was so well known all over Stokes county. She was a member of the Oak Ridge Baptist church. She united with the church August, 1903, and lived a consistent and faithful member till the Lord saw fit to take her home. Her funeral was conducted March 28th at the church by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Joyce, after which she was quietly laid to rest in the church yard among weeping children and a large number of friends to await the resurrection morn. She was willing to die. She told us not to grieve for her, that she was going to a better country. She was not sick long. Heart failure was the cause of her death. We did all that human minds and hands could do for her but the Lord had prepared a place for her and she has gone to occupy that mansion in the beautiful city whose streets are paved with gold.

Mrs. Martin was a loving wife and faithful companion, a devoted and affectionate mother. In her the poor had a substantial friend. Never did I know her to turn a deaf ear to the cry of needy and helpless. Mama left us so sad and lonely here while she went to join the angel band around the throne. She was a precious lamb, but she is gone from the flock. It was so heart breaking to give her up, but we must say, Lord, thy will be done, not ours. Her death means an irreparable loss to our home and community. How I mourn as I realize that I shall never again see her sweet face this side of the grave, but I rejoice as I contemplate the future. Her beautiful life convinces me that some sweet day I shall meet her on the banks of deliverance beyond the river. There we will meet to part and sorrow no more.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband and ten children, J. J. Martin, of Fort Terry, N. Y.; A. G. Martin, of Winston-Salem; John H., Henry L., Robt. G. and Russell F. Martin, of Sandy Ridge; Sallie, Nellie and Ruth Martin, and Mrs. H. H. Hawkins also of Sandy Ridge with the sorrows and tears of the bereaved loved ones and as I mourn I pray that we all may gather fresh strength and new inspiration from the Godly life of this follower of Christ who has paid the debt we all soon must pay. She lived well, and she died a conqueror.

JOE HAM MARTIN,
her husband.

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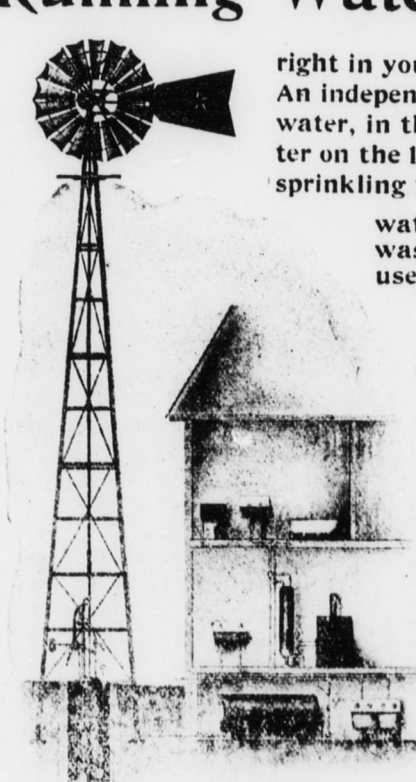
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