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## GOOD ROADS PAY.

It is interesting and pleasurable to note the frequent, happy and let us hope profitable intercourse that has sprung up between the towns of Danbury and Walnut Cove, and in a lesser degree Danbury and Germanton, since the completion of the good roads. Every day from one to twenty Walnut Cove people are in Danbury, and almost the same visitation from here occurs to Walnut Cove. Whereas it used to take a day to go to Walnut Cove and back, now you go down in 30 minutes if you want to, and return as quickly. It only takes a little bit longer to go to Germanton, which used to be considered almost an impossible trip. Germanton is feeling the effect of the good roads in increased sales of goods, and in a hundred other ways.

## WHERE SOME OF THE CASH IS "AT."

People complain of the hard times and wonder where all the money is "at." We can tell you where some of it is. There is about \$75,000 of Stokes cash invested in automobiles. This does not mean credit or paper. It means MON-EY, with the accent on the last syllable, as Cary Carroll would put it. When you see a new automobile come around, you may know that a financial vacuum has occurred in the vicinity sure. The manufacturers sell on the same terms as you buy meat and daisy middlings--cash when it comes off the car. And money paid out for an automobile does not stop this side of Detroit, Mich. It is gone forever.

It is anybody's privilege who wants a car and is able to buy it, to buy it. It is none of our business. We were just reflecting on the immediate effect on the country, which is deleterious. The automobile is one of the main sources of the hard times.

## THE ROTTEN TELEPHONE SERVICE OF STOKES COUNTY AND A REMEDY FOR IT.

There are hundreds of telephone stockholders in Stokes county who are very proud of their holdings, who swell up and look wise at the idea of being members of a corporation, and that they have a voice in the management of the system. The value of this feeling consists almost altogether of imagination. The real benefits resulting from 2500 persons telling how to run a telephone system, and none of them knowing how, are hard to calculate.

The people of the interior of the county are entitled to good telephone service, but they have never experienced it. It takes seventeen rings of 24 longs and 36 shorts to get central, and then one-half hour of central's valuable time to find out whether or not Mr. Smith will come to the phone and answer a few questions. And when Mr. Smith arrives, he can neither understand you, nor you him.

The trouble is not with the central operators, who doubtless do about as much work as they are paid for. The trouble is with the owners or stockholders of such a farce of a system. The Reporter is one of them.

There are only two ways to remedy the trouble. One is to sell out to the Bell Telephone Company. The other is to call a meeting and elect a general manager for the county at a salary of at least \$1,000 a year and require him to give all his time to a systematic, scientific reorganization and improvement of the system. He must be a man of intelligence, of experience in such work, of energy, and of businesslike determination. There should be a board of directors to advise, and a Treasurer under bond to take care of the proceeds. All of this will mean the assessment of the stockholders, for it will take money to give good service.

Individually, the Reporter would be glad to see the Bell Telephone Company get control of the entire system. That corporation has the experienced men, the money, the knowledge and the tact to do the work. They would give you good service. They would do it a great deal more cheaply than we pay

if we count service. Suppose you who live in Danbury or Walnut Cove or Germanton want to speak with a party ten miles distant. Which would you prefer, to pay 10 cents and get him or 5 cents and not get him.

That's the difference in a nutshell. Ofttimes a Stokes county citizen loses twenty times more than a telephone message would cost because the wires are down, the operator asleep, or because the party couldn't be understood. The best is always the cheapest.

## THE OUTLOOK FOR THE INCOMING FALL AS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO--PROSPERITY AT OUR DOOR.

Good rains since the last issue of the Reporter have caused the farmers--and everybody else--to feel better. The condition of crops in the county, taken as a whole, is the best for years. The tobacco crop from present indications will be good, and it will mature several weeks earlier than last year. Corn is looking extra fine, and the biggest acreage ever known--from 50 to 100 per cent. larger than last year. The wheat crop now being harvested is good, with an increased acreage. The hay, fruit and vegetable crops will be up to the average.

From now on, with no war complications--which are daily growing less likely owing to a better understanding being evolved between Uncle Sam and the belligerent nations--from now on, we say, times should begin to gradually loosen up. Money in the financial centers is very plentiful, and the rates are easiest for many years. When we get something to sell, we can tap the cash reservoirs of Wall Street. Wheat is selling for good prices, and will bring the cash. Everything grown on the farm will bring in the coin, at good profit. Within 30 days the tobacco markets will open, and the first primings will be sold, with good prospects of fair prices, in spite of our suspicions and fears.

The close of the year 1916 will in all probability see the county in vastly better shape than it was 12 months ago when conditions were very favorable for a period of hard times. The farmers had just experienced a year of wonderful prosperity. Flushed with the highest prices for their product in the history of the country, they had plunged deeply in debt, buying buggies, automobiles, ranges, machinery, and their living expenses at the top notch. Suddenly they were confronted with the devastating effects of the world war which paralyzed trade and frightened capital to cover. In the face of these conditions, they were compelled to offer a vastly inferior crop of tobacco on demoralized markets. The fact that the average price of the staple should have reached 10.40 in times like these speaks volumes for the resources, the courage and the faith of our American manufacturers.

This fall the farmers have prepared for the worst. They have lived on 100 per cent. less than last year, have planted grain and forage enough to answer their home needs, and have kept their debts down to a minimum. So it is plain that a year's close economy on the one side, and a bountiful yield of the lands on the other, must have a marked effect on the condition of the people. It will be hard to figure wherein they will fail to achieve prosperity. The signs are certainly good for it.

## Latest War News.

Independent War Office, July 2, 1915.--To Danbury Reporter, U. S. A. Latest caught from wireless by way of Fort Sheilas.--The Russian heavy crew bar and pitch fork artillery advanced near the firing line, but did little harm at long range. After an eight hour engagement the Teutons captured five thousand Russians, and fifty transports of bars and forks and nearly three million Russian body guards. After exterminating all the body guards and giving the prisoners a hot bath and six o'clock dinner they were then taken nearer to Berlin than they had ever hoped to get. It is rumored that the Russians will be first to reach Berlin but as prisoners of war only. The Welsh Navy under command of Admiral Sinking will sail for New Port News to escort the Milton Caswell Fleet of Submarines to the Panama Exposition, but will ever hold itself in readiness to join Dewey at Mount Vernon. It is reported that the Scotch Fleet of merchantmen sailing for Dardanelles ran into a German Pleasure Steamer of half a million tons burden causing a great explosion aboard the Weenie and practically destroying a thousand cases of old Limberger, scattering the cheese over entire war zone. The British and Irish troops retreated in great disorder making for the Swiss Mountains and freer air. The situation seems brighter than ever. It is hoped that a great International peace toast will shortly be in order and no matter who is victorious, let each Nation feel it did its best, so there. Napoleon is quoted as saying that the Lord is on the side of the heavy artillery." But it is not up to us to even speculate the why? The great scheme of life is one we wot not of. Advise Tobe Young to conserve the pretzels. Special Report By GANS GEWISS Heraldic Observer Station.

State of North Carolina, Office of the Board of County Commissioners, Stokes County, July 5th, 1915.

In the matter of petition of the Board of Education of Stokes County, for an election in Walnut Cove Special School Tax District.

## ORDER.

It appearing to the Board of County Commissioners of Stokes County, that a petition has this day been filed before the board of County Commissioners of Stokes County, by the Board of Education of said county, asking for an election to be held in Walnut Cove Special School Tax District, in accordance with an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, ratified on the 26th day of Feb. 1915, to ascertain the will of the people of said district upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$2000.00, of said district, to run 10 years, bearing six per cent interest, the levy therefor not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property and 90 cents on each taxable poll in said district, to obtain funds with which to construct school buildings in said district, and equip the same:

It is therefore ordered by the board of county commissioners of Stokes County, that an election be held in Walnut Cove Special School Tax District, at the High School Building, in the town of Walnut Cove, N. C. it being in said Special School Tax District, on the 10th day of Aug., 1915, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people of said district upon the question of issuing bonds of said district in the sum of \$2000.00, to run ten years, bearing six per cent semi-annual interest, the levy for same not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property therein, and 90 cents on each taxable poll therein, for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to build and equip school buildings in said district.

That the Registrar and Judges of said election, at the close thereof shall canvass the vote and declare the result thereof, and make due return of the same to the board of County Commissioners.

That the Clerk of the board cause a copy of this order to be posted at the Court House door at Danbury for thirty days preceding said election, and published once a week for four successive weeks preceding election, in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in Danbury, Stokes County, N. C. and also cause a copy of same to be served upon the said Registrar and Judges of the election.

By order of the Board, July 5th, 1915. J. G. MOREFIELD, Clerk B'd County Commissioners.

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