

# THE TOWNSHIP ROAD LAW

Roads Will be Worked by Means of Taxation.

## MEANS BETTER PUBLIC ROADS.

The Board of Supervisors Consists of Geraldus Rice, W. M. Warren, A. F. May, W. J. May, W. H. Taylor and J. C. Matthews. Who Will Have Control of Roads, After June 1. For Two Years—Read the Bill Carefully.

Below will be found the road law recently passed by the legislature for Mannings township. The readers of The Leader are advised to read the act carefully, and to preserve this copy of The Leader for future reference. Every tax payer should be interested in this law, and The Leader is glad to be able to print it in full.

### An Act Entitled an Act To Improve the Public Roads of Mannings Township, Nash County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That in order to provide for the proper construction, improvement, and maintenance of the Public Roads of Mannings Township, County of Nash, the Board of County Commissioners of the said County, at its regular annual meeting, in June, 1909, and at each regular annual meeting thereafter, is authorized, and it is made the duty of said Board to levy a tax upon all property subject to taxation, under the State law, in Mannings township, in said County, of not less than ten (10) cents and not more than thirty (30) cents on one hundred dollars worth of property, and not less than thirty (30) cents nor more than ninety (90) cents on the poll.

Sec. 2. That the Board of County Commissioners, of Nash County, is hereby directed and required annually to cause to be made out a full and complete list in accordance with section 1 of this act, to be placed in a separate column on the regular tax books of the County of Nash for Mannings Township, to be turned over to the Sheriff, of said county of Nash, for collection as required by law, and the Sheriff aforesaid, is required to collect said tax and account for the same under the same rules and laws and penalties, as he is required to collect and account for State and County taxes, and he shall receive the same compensation therefor.

That the said Sheriff and his assistants shall be liable for the said taxes in the same manner as he is liable and responsible for State and County taxes.

Sec. 3. That the Sheriff, aforesaid, shall account to the Treasurer of Mannings Township Road Fund, to be elected by the Mannings Township Road Supervisors, hereafter appointed, in like manner as he accounts to the Treasurer of Nash County, for State and County taxes by him collected.

Sec. 4. That the Treasurer of Mannings Township Road Fund shall receive and hold said taxes, and give receipts to the Sheriff, aforesaid, for the same, and he is required to keep an account for his receipts and disbursements, in a book kept for this purpose, which book shall at all times be kept open for the inspection of the aforesaid Supervisors. That the said Treasurer may receive in compensation for said work, a commission of not more than three per cent (3 per cent.) on the disbursements, to be fixed by the Mannings Township Road Supervisors, at the time of his annual settlement with the Supervisors, at their regular meeting in June of each year.

Sec. 5. That Geraldus Rice, John C. Matthews, W. M. Warren, A. F. May, W. H. Taylor, and W. J. May are hereby appointed supervisors of Public Roads of Mannings Township, Nash county, and shall be known as the Mannings Township Road Supervisors, and shall hold office as follows: The first two until the first Monday in December, 1910; the second two until the first Monday in December, 1912, and the third or last two until the first Monday in December, 1914, and each and all shall continue in office until the election and qualification of his or their successors. The successors of the first two shall be elected at the regular election for State and County officers in 1910, and shall qualify on the first Monday of December next after the election, or in fifteen (15) days thereafter, and the others in the order mentioned above every two years thereafter. That the said Board of Supervisors and their successors in office shall before entering upon the duty of their office, take and subscribe an oath for their faithful performance of duty. That all vacancies by death, resignation and other cause, except expiration of term, shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

Sec. 6. That the Mannings Township Road Supervisors shall at the first meeting after the ratification of

this act elect one of their number chairman of the said Board, and one of their number Clerk, who shall hold office until June, 1910, or until their successors are elected, and then every two years, thereafter, they shall elect a Chairman and a Clerk. At the same time they shall elect one of their number or some other suitable person as Treasurer, who shall be known as Treasurer of Mannings Township Road Fund, who shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualifies, and his successor shall be elected thereafter at the same time as the Chairman and Clerk. That the Clerk may receive such sum as compensation for services rendered as the Board may think right. The Treasurer shall enter into a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, and also take and subscribe an oath faithfully to discharge and perform the duties of his office.

Sec. 7. That the Clerk of said Board shall be required to keep an account of the business of said Board when in session or sessions, machinery, teams, tools, and all other property bought or otherwise belonging to the said Township, and shall issue his orders on the Mannings Township Treasurer for all accounts of whatever kind approved by the Board and signed by the chairman, and said Clerk shall keep on the stub of his order so issued what it is for, and to whom issued, and shall also enter same upon his minutes.

Sec. 8. That the Mannings Township Road Supervisors may elect Superintendent of roads, who after receiving to the Clerk for all machinery and other tools, wagons, carts, teams, etc., shall have charge and management of hands, labor, teams, tools of every kind, machinery, etc., used on the said roads, subject, however, to the supervision of the Supervisors of said roads. That said Superintendent shall give a bond in such sum as required by the Road Supervisors, which bond with the bond of the Treasurer shall be filed with the Register of Deeds and recorded in the Nash County Registry, and said Register shall receive from the Mannings Township Road Fund such sum as allowed by law in recording other bonds. The said Superintendent before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe an oath before a magistrate of said Township for the faithful discharge of his duties, as required by this act. The Superintendent shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the Mannings Township Road Supervisors. It shall be the further duty of said Superintendent to keep a record of the number of hours work performed by each, and the amount paid each person, together with a list of all tools, implements, carts, wagons, machinery, or other apparatus received or the disposition of same. But if said Mannings Township Road Supervisors think best they may instead of electing a Superintendent have the roads worked by contract, letting out said road to different parties, and may furnish to said parties or contractors such tools, carts, scrapes, etc., as they have, and may whenever they think proper require of said contractors bond for the faithful performance of their contracts, and when they have a general Superintendent they may work hired labor or convict labor as they deem best.

Sec. 9. That the Mannings Township Road Supervisors are hereby invested with the full power and authorized to purchase such material, apparatus, implements, and machinery, such as shovels, picks, road scrapers, rollers, plows, and all other necessary material, tools, or machinery as in their discretion are to the advantage, and necessary for the work of the said roads, as well as to purchase such horses, mules, or other teams, and to employ such labor as may be necessary to carry on said work, and to pay for the same out of the Mannings Township Road Fund.

Sec. 10. That the Mannings Township Road Supervisors be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to discontinue and create new roads, to widen any of the public roads of Mannings Township, wherever and whenever in their opinion wider roads are the better for keeping up said roads, not exceeding twenty-four (24) feet nor less than twenty (20) feet, and when it can be done an equal amount shall be taken from each side of said road. They shall also have right to enter upon adjacent lands not in cultivation at that time, and take therefrom gravel, dirt, or rock, and timber and material, for the purpose of working said roads, shade, grove, and fruit trees excepted. Any persons so aggrieved may present their claims to the Mannings Township Road Supervisors, and if they can not agree upon the damage done, then it may be left to two disinterested parties and if they fail to agree they may call in the third man, and if either party dissents from the said decision they may take the legal processes of law to settle the same.

Sec. 11. That if at any time the Mannings Township Road Supervisors are having the roads worked by convict labor then the Mayor of Spring Hope and justices of peace of Mannings Township are hereby authorized and empowered in their discretion to sentence parties convicted in their respective courts wherein they have jurisdiction to work on the public roads of Mannings Township for a period not over thirty (30) days, and the Supervisors of Mannings Township shall order the cost paid in each case out of the Township Road Fund, but no convict under this act shall be required to wear stripes.

Sec. 12. That it shall be unlawful for any person to block or fill up any ditch, or waterway by the side or across any public road in Mannings Township, by turning water from hill side ditches into said roads, with necessary arrangements to carry off said water, without injury to road, plowing into, or dumping trash rubbish, or underbrush into any such ditches or waterways. Any such person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, or sentenced to the roads under section 11 of this act.

Sec. 13. That if the poll tax of section 1 of this act is not collected, then in that event all persons between the ages of 21 years and 45 years, not living in Spring Hope, and subject to work the roads under the State law, as it now exists, shall be required under an overseer appointed by the Mannings Township Road Supervisors, as herein before mentioned, to work on the public roads of Mannings Township, four days in each year, dating from June 1, 1909, provided any one so subject to the roads may quarterly pay to the Clerk of the Road Supervisors or to the overseer of the road, the sum of one dollar, shall be excused from working on roads, provided, however, that if poll tax is collected, then all persons referred to above shall be exempt from free working of public roads, from and after June 1, 1909, and any person after having three days' notice in the same manner as hands are ordered to work public roads under the State law, and shall fail to do so, or pay the dollar, shall be punished according to the State law for the same offense.

Sec. 14. That said Mannings Township Road Supervisors are hereby authorized and empowered that whenever it may be necessary to carry on the work in summer and fall seasons they may borrow such sums of money, not exceeding 75 per cent of the tax for the year, and shall pay the same out of next tax collected.

Sec. 15. That no part of the tax collected under this act shall be spent on the streets of any incorporated town, or otherwise effect them in their present manner of working their streets.

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### More Than 10,000 Murdered in Adana.

Adana, By Cable.—The estimates of from 20,000 to 25,000 Christians killed by Mohammedans in the province of Adana made a fortnight ago must be revised. It is now ascertained that the number can hardly reach more than 10,000, possible less. Thousands who were supposed to have been killed in the country district have since come into some one of the large towns for relief. It remains a fact that much brutality was suffered by women.

### Alabama Pate Case.

Washington, Special.—The Supreme Court of the United States Monday denied the applications for writs of certiorari in the injunction cases between the Alabama Railroad Commission and the various railroads of that State, involving the constitutionality of the Alabama railroad rate law. The effect of the decision is against the bringing of the cases to this court, as that was the purpose of the petition.

### Steel Wire to be Lowered.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The lowering of duties in the case of eight or ten classes of wire goods contained in the steel schedule upon motion of Sena or Aldrich, in charge of the tariff bill, gave great encouragement to Senators who are advocating a revision downward. With evident gratification Senator Beveridge greeted these proposed amendments by the chairman of the finance committee by declaring: "Good, that's making progress."

The Kansas legislature intimates, says the Atlantic Constitution, that blind tigers will hereafter have to assume names other than that of "drug store."

# THE RURAL EDITOR

The following in the National Printer-Journalist is from a poem, written by Mr. J. Dunars, and read before the meeting of the Ohio Editorial Association at its sixth annual meeting in Dayton on January 19, 1859, and republished by the Springfield, O., News. It contains thoughts and hints of interest and value to all newspaper makers even in the year of 1909:

Once on a time—so run all tale prefaces—  
(I make no mention here of dates or places,)  
I knew an Editor—'t was long ago.

Forth came his paper, neatly launched and freighted  
And when it came, the village was elated;  
Ignoring party, in a party sense,  
Avoiding all that might excite offense.  
It praised the town, its prospects, its advances,  
Its enterprise, resources and finances;  
It praised the schools, the teachers so profound,  
Until their fame was known for miles around;  
It praised the village parson's eloquence,  
His modest bearing, lack of all pretence;  
But most his learning and his solid sense;  
So it fell out, between the spring and fall,  
That worthy from the city had a call,  
With such an offer for his preach-ed word,  
That he felt sure that call was from the Lord;  
It praised the doctors as uncommon skill'd,  
Adding with great suaviter and grace,  
Their treatment cured more people than it kill'd;  
It spoke—and of its truth some doubts will spring—  
Of honest lawyers—an uncommon case.  
In short, it praised so well, that people grew  
To think that praise was merited and due;  
It was his fault, and grew from an excess  
Of aim to please and profit—nothing less:  
And had been to self but half a friend  
He was to others, he had met an end  
That you might safely aim at and commend.

His influence was felt—the town's fair fame,  
With all who read his paper, found a name;  
The city pleasers resorted there,  
Enjoyed its quiet and its healthy air;  
The artist came, and sketched such charming scenes,  
That they were sought to grace the magazines;  
And thither, too, came men of enterprise—  
Blocks rose on blocks, and mills and factories,  
Hotels palatial, and stores that vied  
With those on Broadway, or along Cheapside,  
In brief, the town, that ere the printer came,  
Had scarce "a local habitation or a name."  
As though 'twere touched by magic, grew to be  
An inland city.

A bunch of bad segars, that some one sends,  
Expecting thrice their value in a "local;"  
Unopened invitations from his friends,  
Asking his presence at a concert vocal,  
Or at a lecture, party, hop or ball.  
At such a date (please mention) and such Hall;  
Novels and books not worth a decent rating,  
Sent out—they send few others but for cash—  
By eastern firms, who take that way of baiting  
The country press to advertise their trash:  
In short, an hundred things by men devised  
To get their babies cheaply advertised,  
Their patient toilers, who, for each and every  
In the above list, for each had labored hard;  
Grew lean in person, leaner in his larder;  
And still he toiled, from dawn to twilight gray,  
The first of men to court—the last to pay!  
Some said that he was rich—it might be true,  
Provided that you reckoned what was due;  
But this his dearest friends both said and knew—  
His wants were many, but his dimes were few.  
His paper bills came in, which must be paid,  
So, to delinquents he appealed for aid:  
He would take pork, potatoes, corn or oats,  
Axe-helves or hoop poles, or, at worst, their notes,  
In short, take anything they had to pay,  
Provided it was brought by such a day.

And thus he turned short corners, always pressed,  
A sad example of Pope's sagest saw,  
"Man never is, but always to be blessed,"  
The victim of a fate that knows no law.  
Beset by butcher, by his baker teased,  
By creditors besieged, by bailiffs squeezed,  
He yielded slowly, in the desperate strife,  
His dingy office and his troubled life,  
And gave to quiet earth and modest stones  
His many virtues and his aching bones.  
Some generous friends have built a cenotaph  
Of spotless marble o'er the sleeper's breast.  
On which the passer reads this epitaph:  
"Here lies a man who died of too much trust!"

'Tis a plain story, rather roughly told,  
Of one who trusted others and was "sold;"  
By hope allured, in turn by fear assailed,  
He gave credit all he had, and failed.  
The moral you can draw. The Country Press  
Should seek for independence—nothing less.  
Ready to aid the good, sustain the wise,  
Direct and counsel proper enterprise,  
Revealing to the public gaze the way  
Where toil may profit, and where skill will pay,  
Where revenues are reaped and fortunes grown,  
But should be careful to preserve its own.

The Country Press! though limited its sphere  
Of influence, demands attention here,  
Where it is free, the people will be free;  
Where it is pure, the people will be pure,  
Where shines the light, there liberty shall be;  
Where it stands firm, there freedom shall endure.  
In the great march of mind it leads the van,  
The guard of public right, the friend of man.  
Though humble toilers, they are not the least  
Who sow the seed and garner for the feast;  
By little means the noblest ends are gained,  
By small advances victories attained.

O, humble toilers! ye who guide the press,  
Though slow the progress, sure will be success.  
Patient in labor, strong in hope; in faith  
Outreaching time, and circumstances, and death,  
Be yours the aim, by Heaven at first designed,  
To raise to higher range of thought the mind,  
Riding amid the floods of selfish life,  
The storms of passion and the waves of strife,  
A fairer island in each human soul,  
Where Love shall dwell, and Virtue have control,  
An Eden blessed, and fairer than the old,  
By poets sung, by prophet lips foretold,  
The home of Innocence, Religion's shrine,  
Where God may reign, and Man become divine.