

GOOD ROADS.

Since the people have seen the good roads in Avery county, some of the good citizens of Watauga have requested me to give my views as to the problem that is now confronting your county. This problem can be solved by any one of the following methods, viz:

1. If the county will levy a tax of \$20,000 a year for two years, making a total of \$40,000, divide this sum into two equal parts and apply one half to the eastern section and one half to the western end, and begin the work at Boone, then follow this with a levy of \$10,000 a year, you might demonstrate the advantages in having good roads and be able to accomplish the purpose before the road law would be repealed then you would pay no interest.

2. If the county would levy a tax of \$10,000 a year and supplement this by a bond issue of from \$60,000 to \$100,000, then you would be certain of a few good roads before this act would be repealed, and by that time the matter of road building would be settled, and if the county would not take up the question of good roads some of the townships in the county would adjust it so far as their localities is concerned.

3. Or the county could have a bond issue of \$100,000, like Avery, and with judicious management, you can build from fifty to seventy-five miles of well graded roads, but the county will be required to pay interest annually for a great number of years on the road bonds, and finally have to pay the principal; but at the same time you will have the advantage of having the use of good roads immediately after they are completed.

Watauga County will never have good roads until you resort to heavy tax levies or a bond issue; if you have a heavy tax levy the amount collected will make such little showing that the special act creating it will likely be repealed before you make roads far enough to demonstrate the advantages to be obtained, but if you have the bond issue you will get a good road system in your county, and by the time the roads are completed a great majority will be reconciled, and the matter will be settled.

Yours truly, L. D. Lowe.

Programme for County Farmers' Union.

The next County Union will be held with Beaver Dam Local, No. 1885, on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10, a. m.

1. Prayer by the County Chaplain, E. J. Norris.

2. Address of Welcome by W. S. Farthing.

3. What is the Farmer' Union doing for the members and the people?—J. J. T. Reese.

4. Dinner at 12, M.

5. Reassembled at 1, p. m. Should we encourage the use of any cows except the Short Horn or high grade of cattle in the production of cheese?—Henry Farthing.

6. Soil Improvements and Rotation of Crops.—T. P. Adams and A. L. Wilson.

7. Is not co-operation the life and strength of every enterprise?—H. H. Green.

8. Speaking at 4, p. m. by the president, M. H. Rorris. Subject to be of his own choice. Everybody invited at this hour.

After being delayed by the great floods, we hope there will be a full representation from the locals all over the county, that we may assemble with cheerful hearts and forget our troubles.

J. J. T. Reese, J. R. Isaacs, Newton Howell, Com.

Mr. Eugene Transou, who is the Democratic candidate for the State Senate in this district, is a farmer and cattle dealer. He works on the farm early and late and is full of energy: Transou was reared in Ashe but moved to Alleghany county about twenty years ago where he has been identified closely with the business and moral uplift of the people ever since—being a strong church worker. The District will make no mistake by sending to the Senate a successful business man like Transou.

Under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, an Institute will be held at Valle Crucis today and one at Boone on Saturday, Sept. 16. At the same time and places, Women's Institutes will be conducted by Mrs. G. M. Garren, of Texas, to which all the farmers' wives and daughters are invited. Discussions of live farm topics by fine speakers will intersperse the exercises. Take a day off and attend at one or the other of the appointments. Evidently it would be time well spent.

One of the last acts of Congress, which adjourned on last Friday, was to repeal the law requiring that documentary stamps be affixed to all notes, bonds, deeds, mortgages, etc., and, accordingly, all Collectors of Internal Revenue throughout Uncle Sam's domain, were notified to send in their stamps to the Department at Washington.

Well, the fact that Main went Republican at the State election on Monday, is no evidence that the Republicans will carry the State in November. The Democrats lost the Governor, one Senator and one Congressman, by majorities ranging from 7,000 to 11,000.

Superior court Proceedings.

The following State cases were disposed of in the Superior court last week:

State vs. John Wilson, affray, nol pros with leave.

Frank Porter, carrying concealed weapons, nol pros with leave.

A. B. Baird and Martha Isaacs, affray, nol pros with leave.

Wash Hodges, retailing, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Allen Minton, incest, nol pros with leave. Two cases.

H. H. Clements, injury to property. Nol pros with leave.

J. P. Presnell, assault, nol pros with leave.

Dock Hodges, assault, nol pros.

CConnell Waters, affray, guilty, fined \$10.00 and cost.

CConnell Waters, carrying concealed weapons, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

John Hodges, Joe Hodges and Bob Honeycutt. Jury gave verdict of not guilty as to Joe Hodges in the affray, but guilty as to John Hodges and Heneycutt, the latter fined \$5 and cost, the former being taxed with his part of the cost.

N. G. Wheeler, corruption in office, nol pros.

Dock Hodges, pleads guilty of simple assault. Judgment suspended with payment of cost.

Edd Lee and Charlotte Lee, assault with deadly weapons, guilty, sentenced to three months each in county jail, with leave to hire out for costs by Board of county commissioners.

Will Wheeler, retailing, guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Arthur Oliver, manslaughter, guilty, sentenced to one year on the Gaston county roads.

State vs. Joe Ward, fornication and adultery, guilty, fined \$50.00 and cost.

Arthur Dishman, false pretense, not guilty.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A Civil Suit Long-Drawn-out.

Immediately after the completion of the cases which stood for trial on the State docket, the civil cases were taken up on Thursday afternoon, the one of the Grandin Lumber Co. vs. William Triplett, being first to be placed on trial. The taking of evidence was immediately begun, and closed at noon Tuesday, and as this little article is put in type, the case is being argued by the lawyers. A big legal battle it is, you may know, when such great lights in the profession as ex-Lieut. Governor W. C. Newland, ex-Judge Council, Capt. Edmund Jones, Moses N. Harshaw, E. S. Coffey, and Frank Ai Linney are, and have been, clashing swords for days over the intricacies of the case. The property involved is something like 50 acres of land lying in Elk township, the same having been sold to Messrs. Hutton & Burbony, of Hickory, and from which some 230,000 feet of marketable lumber was taken. The Grandin people, as we understand it, claim both land and timber and the suit was brought for the recovery of the land and pay for the timber. The President of the company, Mr. W. H. Grandin, of Tidiot, Penn, with probably a score of witnesses, has been at the Critcher hotel since court began, he paying all their bills and their per diem at night, if they desired it, and his praises are certidnly on their lips. And, well it may be, as this is a step far aside from the usual custom in this part of the country.

Sands Siftings.

Mr. Kohn, of Columbia, S. C., has been spending his vacation in this community,

Messrs. J. B. Lathan and Bryan Nesbit, of Union county, spent the week-end with Finley Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hodges, of Shulls Mills, were visitor at the home of Mrs. Hodges' parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hodges, the latter part of last week.

Mr. Claude Clawson, who has been away for the past year, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Tugman visited her sister, Mrs. Martha Hodges, on Sunday.

We are glad to say that one of our oldest citizens, Mr. John Ingram, who is now 93 years of age, is able to visit his friends again.

Our highly esteemed friend, Mr. Lindsay Cook, left last Sunday for Mill Creek, Ashe county, where he opened school Monday. We are wishing him a pleasant and most successful school year.

Our little village is on a boom. Widening streets, building sidewalks and improving generally.

Arrived at th home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cook last week, a baby girl.

Beaver Dam Doings.

The weather is so dry that the farmers are getting behind with their plowing.

The new school house at Forest is now furnished with new patent desks. Mrs. Nora Eggers is teaching a fine school there. Everybody is well pleased with her.

Mr. Millard Hagaman is right sick at this writing. Mr. J. J. T. Reese is also right feeble, but we hope for their speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hagaman visited at the home of Mr. Amos Adams, of Cove Creek last Sunday.

Mrs. David Horton and Mrs. Enoch Swift, of Cove Creek, came over last Sunday and organized a Womens' Missionary Society at Forest Grove, there being 20 members of both young and old, who joined the society. Mrs. Ellis Moody was elected president, Mrs. H. E. Hagaman Treasurer and Mrs. Raleigh Johnson Secretary. The next meeting will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday, and more are expected to join.

Rev. J. F. Eller was elected at the last meeting as pastor of Forest Grove church for the next year.

Old Folks Saved From Suffering

Mrs. Mary A. Dean, Taunton, Mass., in her 87th year, says: "I thought I was beyond the reach of medicine, but Foley Kidney Pills have proven most beneficial in my case." Mr. Sam A. Hoover, Elkh Point, N. C., writes: "My kidney trouble was worse at night and I had to get up from five to seven times. Now I do not have to get up at night, and consider myself in a truly normal condition, which I attribute to Foley Kidney Pills, as I have taken nothing else." Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Mass., says: "I suffered from kidney ailments for two years. I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills ten months ago, and though I am 67 years of age, I feel like a 15-year-old girl." Foley Kidney Pills are tonic, strengthening and up-building, and restore normal action to the kidneys and to a disordered and painful bladder. They act quickly and contain no dangerous or harmful drugs.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by J. C. Hodges and wife, Julia Hodges, on the 18th day of Jan., 1915, to J. F. Brown, all the parties being of the county of Watauga, N. C., said mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Register of deeds of Watauga county, in Deed Book U, page 148, to which record reference is hereby made for a full and complete and more perfect description of said lands. Now, therefore, by virtue of said power of sale, I, the undersigned mortgagee, will on the 9th day of Oct., 1916, at 12, M., at the court house door in the town of Boone, proceed to sell at public auction for cash in hand the following described tract of land lying and being in the county of Watauga and State of N. C. and described as follows: Beginning on a dead chestnut, thence S. 43 poles to a sugar tree, then W. 168 poles to a chestnut, then N. about 50 poles to a large water oak, then E. 20 poles to a small sugar tree and walnut, now down, then N. 20 poles to a mountain Birch, then a west course with F. A. Linney's line to a beech and sugar tree at a big spring, then E. with J. R. Reece and G. A. Tate's line to a beech near W. T. Proffitt's corner, then with W. T. Proffitt's line to the beginning, containing 152 acres more or less. This Sept. 4, 1916. J. F. BROWN, Mortgagee.



LOSING MONEY. The man who carries currency around in his pocket to pay bills with is apt to lose it.

Better pay by check, it will make you economical and methodical.

Bank of Blowing Rock has a place for your account in its books, and a check book is ready for you. Do It Now.

Keeping Yourself Well

DRIVING OUT CATARRH. If people knew how the presence of catarrh is a constant menace, they would have none of it. It infests some part of the delicately adjusted body and makes it useless, thus throwing on the other organs more than their share of work. It affords a carefully prepared seed-bed for the germs of colds, grip, tuberculosis and pneumonia. It so disarranges Nature's delicate plans as to make possible asthma, hay fever and other respiratory disorders. It spreads until it becomes systemic, thus involving many organs and debilitating the entire system with serious results. Catarrh is easily neglected, and it rarely gets well of itself. It needs proper medicinal correction. For almost half a century many thousands have found help in Peruna, a valuable tonic with special efficacy in catarrhal conditions. The aim is to clean out waste matter, to dispel the catarrhal inflammation, and to put the whole system on its users willingly testify that it has done all this and even more for catarrhal sufferers. What it has done is the best proof of what it will do. You may rely on Peruna. In tablet form it is pleasant to take and easy to administer. Tablets are the ideal laxative and liver tonic. They have no unpleasant effects and do not form a habit. 10c, 25c. The Peruna Co. Columbus, O.

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The Bank. That Appreciates and Protects its Customer. Capital, Surplus and Stockholders, Liability \$50,000.00. It has been the policy of this bank to render the greatest service possible to the citizens of Watauga county. We appreciate the confidence the people have shown in us, and the success they have helped us to achieve in building up a strong banking institution. With our improved equipment we are better than ever prepared to serve them. The Watauga County Bank, BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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