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Mr. Editor: I had hoped to be able to go to Watauga this week distribution of surplus money in to give what aid I could towards the county. The extension of the asking the voters of Watauga Virginia-Carolina Railroad to County to sustain, by their bal- Boone is dependent entirely on lots, the most important proposition that has ever been submitted to them. The people of Watauga are facing a crisis in the history of the county. No more ty while constructing this road, a system of improved roads.

its trees, its flowers, and its fifty thousand dollars Federal mountain scenery, the most beau- aid, will be brought here and distiful county in the State. Nature tributed over the entire county. has richly endowed it with fertile Five hundred and fifty thousand soil, valuable timber, pure air dollars of this money will never and water, and in fact, with ev- be paid back, and the two hunerything that is necessary insus- dred thousand bond money will taining a strong, healthy and not be due for twenty years or prosperous population. But longer. This amount of money there is no need for any one to in the county will undoubtedly tell what nature has done for put Watauga in condition to Watauga County. The matter pass through any panic or war for discussion now is what are crisis that may come, in good the voters of the county going condition. to do for themselves.

dition existing before the bond ty would take such a backward step, for its people would know roads was the best investment Watauga.

ventually vote for good roads parts of the State. bonds. Once agitate the question and the people will approve it. This is the history of this great good roads movement. It finally overcomes all objections and conquers all foolishness and prejudice. Yes, the young men of Watauga will not be required to plow through the mud as their fathers have done. If it is coming, why not have the good roads now? A delay may keep favor of the bond issue and if the out other improvements and enterprises.

If good roads are voted down, will the Virginia and Carolina should favor and vote for the Rairroad be extended from Todd to Boone? I do not know. But certainly a vote against dirt roads will not hurry up the building of this or of any railroad in the bounds of the county.

May Watauga on the 8th of May roll up a great majority for better roads and take her place among the progressive and for. ward looking counties of North Carolina.

LINDSAY PATTERSON.

was passed by both houses of bonds on the east, Johnson Co. Congress on last Friday by big Tenn. on the west and with the child in Watauga county. majorities. The ages provided for help of the state and National in the House bill was from 21 to Government will build a highway 27, while in the Senate it was 21 to the Wajauga county line on

J. B. Horton Expresses His Opinion On

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: I am surprised to find that there is a considerable sentiment in the coungive as a reason for opposition remedy for hard times than the the voting of bonds for building good roads.' The railroad Company will spend five hundred thou sand dollars in Watauga counweighty question could be left to and this property, with otherenthe decision of the people than terprises that follow, will be subthat of building throughout the ject to taxation every year after different townships of the county, the building. The bonds will be sold for more than two hundred Watauga is, in my opinion, in thousand dollars and this with Others say that "we don't want

The great drawback to this our county in debt." A county beautiful country is the condition that boasts of being clear of of the roads. It keeps people debt usually has little else to from coming into the county, it boast of unless it is undevelopdrives others who were born and ed natural resources. Our banks raised there, to leave their boast of large deposits, which homes, it cuts the profits of the means indebtedness to the amfarmers in half, it prevents thou- ount of the deposts. If a bank sands of dollars being spent there can afford to borrow money at every year during the summer 4 per cent and loan at 6 per cent months by tourists, and it robs which gives only a margin of 2 the owners of timber lands of per cent, the county can certainhalf of the real value of their tim ly afford to issue bonds for \$200, ber. What person in the county 000.00 at 4 or 5 per cent, and would not favor good roads if invest in good roads which will they were built free of charge to pay enormous dividends to evthe tax payers? No one. The ery citizen, and will bring five only objection that can now be hundred thousand dollars or made is that the improvement in more of taxable property into the roads is not worth the tax. the county the first year. Anoth-Suppose we submit this question er says that "I am a poor man to the inhabitants of those coun- and can't afford to vote any ties who have already voted more taxes on myself." This themselves out of the mud. If man has worked six days this you would offer to any county in year on the road and will work the State to return the bond mo- the limit which is \$7.00 in work ney in full, and at the same time and he will pay .60c poll which to restore the roads to the con- makes his annual road tax \$7.60 and if the bonds carry, his road issue, the offer would be rejected tax will be only .90c, as there by a unanimous vote. No coun- will be no free labor, and every man will get money for each days work done. The State has built that this expenditure for good the Appalachian Training School in Watauga County, at a cost of ever made by them. If it has one hundred thousand dollars, proved a good investment for and the school is maintained at them, it would be a good one for an annual cost of forty thousand dollars. This institution is run I am sure your county will e- for the benefit of the citizens in all

> and are building good roads to our borders, and they have a right to expect Watauga County to extend the roads to the school and our State officials expect the same. We can not afford to dissapoint them. There is not a man who has property in Watan ga County and lives in another County or State, that is not in nonresident tax payer is in favor of voting bonds for road building every citizen living in the Co. bonds. I came to Darby on the noon train during Feburary and did not get to Boone until noon on the following day-though traveling in a two horse buggy. I would not try to make the trip again under any circumstances roads in same condition. On my return March 10th, I went to Elkland, the nearest R. R. station on horseback, and traveled

> each side. Watauga cannot af-

Adjoining counties have built

There seems to be two chief obections to the bond issue. The first is that some of the townships will not get their share of the money. The law says that each township SHALL have its ty against road bonds. Some share, and the Road Commissioners have declared their intention that "the war is on and times of so applying the money. They are hard." There is no better are men of their word, and are legally responsible for their promises. The second objection is that taxes will be too high Will they be higher with the bonds than without them. The Road Commission is in earnest about building a system of roads for the county. The law gives them the power to raise thirty thousand dollars a year without a vote. This would mean higher taxes, and at the same time is unfair to those outlying townships that would have to wait for years before they could be reached. The Commission and tax-payers representing at least two-thirds of the property of the

The Bond Issno in Watauga.

county, favor the bond method

because it is fairer and cheaper.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: I am neutral on bond issues, and what I am about to say, will be by way of explanation.

The value of the bond issue to the people of Watauga would be determined by the skill of the Road Board,

It could be made a great blessing or a great waste. Road money is not often lost by dishonesty. It is wasted by incompetency, by misapplication by the Road Board, Board, incompetent foremen, and consequently poor labor and work that will go down by freshets. A leading argument against the bonds in Watauga is the long time they would have to run at interest. Let me argue the case briefly.

A county is a lot of people try. ing to act together as one man and therefore the principles that will lead an individual to success or failure will do the same for a county. A young married man borrows money and if he handles it well, it gives him his start in life. but otherwise his property is sold under the mortgage, and he becomes tenant under the purchase If the young man manages well, when the loan falls due he may go to his creditor and say: "My friend, can't you spare me that money another year?" The creditor replies: "Yes, sir, if you will pay up the interest." But if he had said "No", then then the young man would have been forced to sacrifice a piece of his property to pay the debt.

The county is the young man about to borrow money. The voter will show how much confidence he puts in himself, and if the bonds carry, the final work will prove whether or not he knew his ability.

Forty years from now there will be a new generation who will be as far ahead of us as we are ahead of our fathers of forty years ago. They will be the ones who will have profited by the roads, and let them pay the principal. If I lived in Watauga and believed that the money would be applied as I know it would be mould vote for the bonds.

S. M. DUGGER.

Banner Elk, N. C.

ford to block one of the biggest highway propositions in the South that will bring thousands of dollars into the county annually. The eyes of the adjoining counties, state and the nation are on Watauga and on the 8th of May they will see the county carried for good roads by the biggest majority that any county has ever gone. I am now paying interest on five, town, town ship and county bond issues, evmore than 400 miles by rail in ery one of which I favored and I order to get to Elkin, a distance am positive that every man who of sixty miles through the coun-votes against this bond issue, The Selective Conscription Bill try. Wilkes county has voted will vote against the best interest of every man, woman and

J, B. HORTON.

Land Entry Me. 2539.

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