

Hon. Lindsay Patterson Discusses Good Roads.

Mr. Editor: I had hoped to be able to go to Watauga this week to give what aid I could towards asking the voters of Watauga County to sustain, by their ballots, the most important proposition that has ever been submitted to them.

Watauga is, in my opinion, in its trees, its flowers, and its mountain scenery, the most beautiful county in the State. Nature has richly endowed it with fertile soil, valuable timber, pure air and water, and in fact, with everything that is necessary in sustaining a strong, healthy and prosperous population.

The great drawback to this beautiful country is the condition of the roads. It keeps people from coming into the county, it drives others who were born and raised there, to leave their homes, it cuts the profits of the farmers in half, it prevents thousands of dollars being spent there every year during the summer months by tourists, and it robs the owners of timber lands of half of the real value of their timber.

I am sure your county will eventually vote for good roads 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.

If good roads are voted down, will the Virginia and Carolina Railroad 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 forward looking counties of North Carolina.

LINDSAY PATTERSON.

The Selective Conscription Bill was passed by both houses of Congress on last Friday by big majorities. The ages provided for in the House bill was from 21 to 27, while in the Senate it was 21 to 40.

J. B. Horton Expresses His Opinion On Good Roads.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: I am surprised to find that there is a considerable sentiment in the county against road bonds. Some give as a reason for opposition that "the war is on and times are hard."

Others say that "we don't want our county in debt." A county that boasts of being clear of debt usually has little else to boast of, unless it is undeveloped natural resources. Our banks boast of large deposits, which means indebtedness to the amount of the deposits.

Adjoining counties have built 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 disappoint them.

There seems to be two chief objections 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 share, and the Road Commissioners have declared their intention of so applying the money.

The Bond Issue in Watauga.

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.

A county is a lot of people trying 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.

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.

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.

J. B. HORTON.

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JOHN H. CLAWSON. Sands, N. C. FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS

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