

COUNTY BOND ELECTION

ROAD NEW FACTS ABOUT IT

Total Number of Miles of Macadam Roads in Mecklenburg County—Approximately 167—Charlotte Township Gets of This Number 56, While the Other Townships Get 111.

Two Have None as Yet—Money if Voted is to Be Distributed Equally by County Treasurer Gets No Percentage, Being Salaried Officer.

Interesting and important facts relative to the election which will be held September 19th on the question of issuing \$300,000 county bonds, were gathered by an Observer man yesterday in conversation with Mr. W. M. Long, chairman of the county commissioners, and Dr. H. J. Walker, county treasurer.

The bonds which it is proposed to issue will bear 5 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and will run for 30 years. They will not be sold for less than par value.

The treasurer of the county is a salaried officer, and no part of this fund will be paid to him for services in handling this money, nor will any part of the fund be paid to any officer of the county.

If the bonds are issued and sold, the proceeds will be used as follows: A sum, not exceeding \$40,000, will be used to pay the floating debt of the county.

This floating indebtedness represents money heretofore expended by former boards of commissioners on the county roads. No part of that sum was used on the streets of the city of Charlotte.

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY. This floating debt being paid, there will remain about \$260,000 to be applied under the other provisions of the act.

Two-fifths of this \$260,000 will be paid to the City of Charlotte, to be expended in building or otherwise improving highways within the corporate limits of said city.

By the terms of the act, which have been published several times in the newspapers of the county, the remaining three-fifths of this \$260,000 will be used equitably, as therein provided, for highway purposes, in the townships of the county, other than the city.

From these figures, it appears that while Charlotte township, including the City of Charlotte, will under the present assessment, pay about seventy-two per cent of the interest on the proposed bonds, the City of Charlotte is to receive less than ninety-two per cent of the proceeds of the bonds.

The figures further show that, during fiscal year, 1907-08, the City of Charlotte will pay fifteen-twenty-seconds of the total taxes collected by the county, while Charlotte township, including the city, will pay seventeen-twenty-seconds of these taxes.

It is subsequently stated that the proportion of county taxes paid by the city of Charlotte and Charlotte township will steadily increase, as it has done in the past.

The finances of the county are in good shape and the work of constructing and repairing macadamized roads can, without issue of bonds, be carried on as heretofore, but it will not be possible to greatly increase the amount of work done each year unless these bonds are voted and issued.

It should be stated that the act provides that not more than \$50,000 can be expended in any one year, except by the unanimous consent of the board of commissioners. It is thus, put within the power of any member of the board to prevent the too rapid expenditure of this money.

MACADAM ROAD MILEAGE. Following is a statement, never before published, showing the number of miles of macadam road in the various townships of the county.

Probably a good many people will be surprised to note that Lemley's and Clear Creek, have neither a mile of macadam road. The list follows: Paw Creek, 7 1/2; Long Creek, 10 1/2; Lemley's, —; Deep, 11; Huntersville, 11-2; Crab Orchard, 12; Clear Creek, —; Morning Star, —; Providence, 14-2; Sharon, 10-2; Pineville, 5; Steel Creek, 11-2; Berryall, 14-11 out of Charlotte township; Charlotte township, 56. The total is 187.

The foregoing facts seem to put out of commission the idea of the sidewalk men being used against the election. The friends of the measure fear nothing save indifference.

THE GREEK TO THE FRONT. John Papanomas Tells a Young Man What He Would Do if He Would Spend a Nickel With Him—An Apt Retort.

That the Greek has a decided sense of humor is shown by a little incident which happened at the lobby of the Commercial National Bank yesterday morning.

John Papanomas is a thrifty native of the Peloponnese, who runs a fruit stand on North Tryon street. For some time past he has been after a certain young man to trade with him.

The young man in question was accustomed to pass in front of his place several times each day and to the chagrin of the Greek would never buy anything. The choicest fruits never tempted him and to all Papanomas' solicitations he turned a deaf ear.

SMALL BOY BADLY HURT.

Negro Drivers Have a Race Through the Deep Cut on North Brevard Street and Come Near Killing Young Floyd Caudle.

Two teams driven by darkies who were seeking to determine which could drive first through the deep, red cut on North Brevard street, ran into Mr. M. F. Caudle's delivery wagon just on this side of the Sea-board Air Line tracks yesterday morning, threw out the driver and badly hurt young Floyd Caudle, Mr. Caudle's 3-year-old son.

The accident happened about 9 o'clock. The delivery wagon had started out towards the old Gingham Mill to deliver a number of packages. The driver did not see the approaching wagons until he was so far in the cut that he could not turn back.

As it was, he turned into the ditch, but even then he could not escape. One of the heavy teams caught one of his wheels and whirled the light wagon around like a top. Both the driver and the young boy were thrown out, the latter suffering a dislocated wrist and receiving several bad bruises about the head.

The little fellow bore up manfully under the ordeal, being carried to his father's home at No. 801 North Brevard street, where his wounds were dressed. He will be out in a few days, but will not be able to use his right arm for some time.

MR. C. A. SPRATT RESIGNS.

Mr. Joseph Firth of Philadelphia, His Successor as City Engineer.

Mr. Charles A. Spratt, who for the past 12 years has been connected with the municipality in the capacity of city engineer, has resigned his position to engage in business for himself.

Mr. Spratt during his long term of service has given the city his best efforts. He was faithful and energetic in his work and never shirked duty. Mr. Firth is an engineer of experience and skill. He will likely have his office in the city hall.

Wadsworth Transfer Wagon Has Narrow Escape.

One of Wadsworth's transfer wagons slipped down the big 25-foot fill on East Eleventh street yesterday about noon. The driver, a colored man, tried to turn around on the fill and in backing carelessly allowed the rear wheels of the wagon to slip over the edge. Once started, nothing could stop the heavy wagon and it slid clear to the bottom dragging the terrified horses with it.

The Scotchman Back at Work. The many friends of Mr. John Charles McNeill will rejoice to learn that he has returned from his old home in Scotland county, where he spent several weeks, and that he has again taken up his work as a member of The Observer staff.

Mr. S. D. Faulkner's Shop Burned. The shop of Mr. S. D. Faulkner, located on the Providence road, was burned to the ground yesterday before noon. In it were many tools and valuable farm implements.

Death of Mr. Frank Smith. Mr. Frank P. Smith, formerly a well-known clothing man of this city, died at his home in West Virginia a month ago. He was about 50 years old. For a number of years Mr. Smith clerked for Mr. E. D. Latta and later for the Long-Tate Clothing Company.

OFFENDERS FINED

Mr. J. H. Harrell Not Guilty of Simple Assault—Giles White, Negro Blind Tiger, Nabbed and Asked to Give \$400 Bond—The Work of John Barlejoon.

Things were rather lively at the recorder's court yesterday morning. Mr. McKeen Maffitt, an employe of the city waterworks, charged Mr. J. H. Harrell with simple assault, to wit: pushing him away from a water hydrant. The prime cause of the difficulty was the alleged discovery by Mr. Maffitt that Mr. Harrell was using city water without permission.

For the larceny of three quarts of whiskey from R. A. Caldwell, colored, Fred Epps was put under \$50 bond. Cruelty to animals cost Albert Poag, colored, \$5. William Ephifer, for having been drunk, was fined \$5. Under indictment cost J. H. Hutchison \$10 and costs. Henry Washington, colored, was fined \$50 for attacking his foreman, Mr. J. M. Hanna, with a shovel. Charles Clay, white, was fined \$10 for being drunk and down.

A Noticeable Increase in School Enrollment. Yesterday the city schools opened for the first day of real work, though not without some difficulty.

Malaria Makes Pale Blood. The Old Standard GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

Do Rich Men Need Life Insurance? No. 6. (Continued) Not only will most rich men die poor, but most of them will lose their money when they become old.

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Ready. Our Fall Showing of FURNITURE And CARPETS. Complete in all the departments. All the new styles, woods and finishes selected with discrimination from the furniture centres of the country.

YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL the higher grade colleges by their piano equipment. Invariably the best colleges use the Artistic Stieff Piano exclusively. Due West Female College, Due West, S. C., placed an order for 12 Stieffs to be delivered by Sept. 5th, 1907.

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