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GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION STARTS ENTHUSIASTICALLY

Many Good Roads Men Gathered to Talk About Township Roads, and Stayed to Organize Association

A good roads association for the county was organized at the court house last Saturday afternoon, and a temporary organization was perfected at that time. The meeting was very largely attended, the business houses, for the most part, being closed to allow the merchants and their employees to attend the meeting.

The meeting had been called by a few citizens for the purpose of discussing the advisability of adopting the road law for Brevard township, enacted by the legislature in 1907, a synopsis of which was printed in the News last week. As the meeting was called for the purpose of talking about the roads of Brevard township especially, very few if any of the other townships were represented.

After the meeting had been called to order so much good roads sentiment was displayed it was decided not to stop with a movement affecting this township only, but that steps should be taken that would bring the entire county into the movement.

Promptly at three o'clock the court house bell was rung and quite a large crowd soon gathered. The meeting was called to order by C. C. Yongue. T. W. Whitmire was made temporary chairman and Ora L. Jones was made temporary secretary.

C. C. Yongue stated the object of the meeting, and hit the keynote when he said that if there was anyone present that was not a good roads advocate that he could be very easily converted if he would only drive to his home in North Brevard, "and there are as bad places inside the corporation as in North Brevard, too."

W. W. Zachary stated that the present road law, providing for the voting of \$40,000 worth of bonds jointly by Brevard and Brevard township, was very hurriedly drawn up, and was not certain that it could be used to advantage now; that possibly it would be wise to wait until the legislature should meet again and have the law changed. Mr. Zachary also stated a well known fact when he declared that the money now being spent for temporary improvements was all wasted, that the roads should first be located and then improved. He was in favor of forming a temporary organization with necessary committees to get ready for the vote on the bond question.

Welch Galloway stated that the first step to be taken should be to determine the sentiment of the voters present at the meeting, and offered a resolution in regard to voting the \$40,000 worth of bonds. Although this resolution was spoken of and discussed throughout the meeting it never was adopted, but there was never a question as to the sentiment of the meeting. Everybody there was for good roads.

H. Madler, of the Appalachian Club Estates, offered a substitute to Mr. Galloway's resolution which would make the bond issue \$100,000 instead of \$40,000. The sentiment seemed to be in favor of this, but under the present law not more than \$40,000 can be voted jointly by the town and township, although there is nothing to prevent the town from issuing town script for road work, and the commissioners can issue bonds at any time without a vote.

Wm. E. Breese, Jr., stated that he had studied the good roads ques-

tion a great deal, and that the meeting should go about the matter in a conservative and business-like manner. He stated that the administration of the road law in this county had cost the people thousands of dollars. When all the neighboring counties were in the mud this county was the equal of any of them, but now when the other counties are all building good roads this county must keep up in the fight or lose out. Mr. Breese said it would be folly to try to improve all the roads in the township with only \$40,000, that whatever improvement was made should be made permanent.

Sidney Rosamond of Ft. Smith, Ark., was present at the meeting and was called upon to tell how the roads had been improved in his county, which he did in a very satisfactory manner.

W. W. Zachary made a motion that a committee of five be appointed to investigate and draft a petition for an election on the bond question for Brevard township and gather whatever information they may deem necessary for the advancement of the cause, the committee to report at a meeting to be called some time in future. The following committee was appointed: J. W. McMinn, W. E. Breese, Jr., H. Madler, C. M. Doyle, W. W. Zachary, T. L. Gash and L. R. Scruggs.

At this point a motion was made by Welch Galloway to form a good roads association. The motion was unanimously carried and the following temporary officers were elected: T. H. Shipman, president, and Dr. E. S. English, secretary.

When the special committee has gathered the data in regard to the good roads question the president will call another meeting, at which time other townships will be invited to come into the association, and permanent officers be elected and committees appointed.

The following have signified their intention of joining the good roads association: T. H. Shipman, Dr. E. S. English, T. L. Gash, T. H. Galloway, J. W. McMinn, W. W. Zachary, C. M. Cooke, Jr., W. H. Duckworth, L. R. Scruggs, Lon King, J. A. Galloway, A. E. England, C. M. Doyle, A. L. Hardin, T. W. Whitmire, O. L. Erwin, O. T. Crary, Cos Paxton, Welch Galloway, H. Madler, Frank Jenkins, W. L. Wiley, R. G. Stone, M. W. Galloway, W. D. Lance, Ora L. Jones, J. R. Zachary, Chester Gallamore, C. S. Osborne, G. C. Kilpatrick, B. W. Trantham, F. E. Shuford, D. C. Sinclair, W. D. Justus, A. C. Feagan, C. E. Orr, Rev. Loy D. Thompson, S. M. Macfie, T. B. Crary, J. A. Miller, Jr., W. E. Breese, Jr., Sidney Rosamond, P. E. Ayres, C. C. Kilpatrick, C. C. Yongue, T. M. Mitchell, Coleman Galloway, J. S. Calhoun, Henry N. Carrier, A. M. Verdery, Jr., J. B. Stone.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the association can send their names to the secretary, Dr. E. S. English.

The following delegates were elected to the annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, which meets in Charlotte August 1 and 2: Welch Galloway, T. W. Whitmire, J. W. McMinn, W. E. Breese, Jr., H. Madler, W. H. Duckworth, T. H. Shipman and R. G. Stone.

Now is the time for all good citizens to boost for good roads.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL CARRIES AT SELICA

MAJORITY OF ONLY FIVE VOTES

Much Interest Manifested in the Election—Mass Meeting Saturday.

The election on the question of compulsory attendance took place at the Selica school house on Tuesday, July 23. It ran close all day. At the close the result was 33 for compulsory attendance, 28 against. The educational rally at Selica last Saturday will be differently regarded according to the point of view. Those in favor of compulsory education will look upon it with the greatest approbation; those opposed will think only of what they consider its objectional features. That it was a highly important meeting of citizens hardly any one will be so unintelligent as to doubt.

Prof. A. C. Reynolds, former county superintendent of Buncombe schools, now principal of Calhoun school, well known as an educator and director in educational matters, was present by invitation to speak at this meeting. The interest of the community was proved by the large and representative gathering. The people in favor of the law were there, prepared to be strengthened in their opinions; and those against the law were there, prepared to resist all arguments and to put forward their leaders to refute them.

Prof. Reynolds, who is a very forcible speaker, pulled off his gloves for this fight, and in the course of it hit some straight and hard blows. He spoke in complimentary terms of the special act passed by the legislature for Transylvania county, declaring it to be far superior of the general state law, in that it meets every objection which can be brought against that law. He referred especially to the clause which makes provision for children too poor to buy books and clothes, pronouncing it to be an excellent provision. He gave some account of the practical working of the compulsory law in those districts in Buncombe county where it had been tried for the last four or five years. It had increased attendance, he said, from 25 to 35 per cent. And so harmoniously had it worked that there had been not a single indictment for infraction of the law. As an illustration of how outside influence brought to bear upon the individual may save him from himself, Prof. Reynolds related the story of a boy who came to him for schooling, being led to do so because his employer, a railroad man, thought he needed some education. The boy went to school expecting to quit in a year. At the end of the year he was dissatisfied with his attainments and decided to go farther in his studies. The final result was a complete breaking away from old environments, a thorough school course, and the promotion to a work as teacher which pays him \$1,500 a year.

At the close of his speech Prof. Reynolds offered to answer questions if any were forthcoming. The opposition had as its leading spokesmen Mass Kuykendall, Emerson Corn and Judson Corn. These not only asked questions but also advanced arguments. The rest of the meeting became an affair of thrust and parry, and Prof. Reynolds proved himself another Fitz James, whose blade was "both sword and shield."

Emerson Corn reviewed the history of the Revolution, dwelling upon the heroic efforts of our forefathers in fighting against the injustice and tyranny of Great Britain. In his speech he laid down a

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PARKE SHUFORD IS INSTANTLY KILLED

SON OF W. E. SHUFORD OF ASHEVILLE

Young Man Has Many Relatives and Friends in This County.

The following account of the tragic death of young Parke Shuford will be read with deep regret by a large number of relatives and friends of the bereaved family. The account is taken from the Asheville Citizen of July 19. Mr. W. E. Shuford was at one time a resident of Transylvania and is related to the Shufords of this county. Following is the account:

"Parke, the twelve-year-old son of Alderman W. E. Shuford, was almost instantly killed Thursday shortly after 6 o'clock, when a twenty-two calibre rifle which he has holding in his lap was discharged, the bullet entering his head, just beneath the chin, and penetrating the base of the skull. The little fellow lived about twenty minutes after the rifle had been discharged and physicians exerted their best efforts to save his life, but he did not regain consciousness after being shot.

"The boy was in the rear yard of Charles Baird, on Cumberland avenue, which is situated a short distance from the residence of Mr. Shuford, and he and Harry Baird were engaged in shooting pigeons. The boy who was killed climbed into a delivery wagon, which was in the yard, and was holding the gun in his lap, the stock resting on his feet while the barrel pointed just beneath his chin. He either slipped from the wagon or made an effort to step from it, when the trigger was pulled in some manner and the bullet was sent into the brain of the boy. He fell forward to the ground and was seen by Mrs. B. D. Biggar, who was at the residence of Kenneth Baird, and she summoned aid. E. L. Thomas responded and he assisted Mrs. Biggar in carrying the wounded boy to the residence of his parents. Physicians were called to his bedside but their efforts were in vain, and the brown-eyed boy breathed his last within less than thirty minutes after the rifle had been discharged.

"Parke was twelve years of age and was very popular among a large circle of playmates. He was a child of a lovable disposition and was a lover of the out-of-doors, spending a great deal of time taking part in various games. At school, he was a bright student and was a favorite with his playmates at recess periods.

"The news of the death of Parke will be learned with regret by a large number of his friends throughout the city, and a great deal of sympathy is felt for his parents in the sudden loss of their son."

\$10 FOR BROKEN HEART

Miss Konda Gowacka in her suit for breach of promise against Adam Kakwiz, in Chicago, submitted this inventory of damage done. She put her own valuation on her "broken heart."

92 days of courting at \$5.....	\$460.00
1 marriage license.....	1.50
1 wedding supper (ordered).....	100.00
Deposit made on flat.....	2.00
1 trousseau.....	175.00
Car fare to meet appointments.....	3.00
1 broken heart.....	10.00
Total.....	\$751.50

The jury returned a verdict for the sum claimed.

For soreness of muscles, whether induced by violent exercise or injury, there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

THREE WOMEN START ON HORSEBACK RIDE

ALL ARE COMING HEAVILY ARMED

Left Atlanta Saturday for Ride to Toxaway, a Distance of About 280 Miles.

The following clipping from the Atlanta Georgian will be read with interest in this county and western Carolina:

"Off for a six days horseback journey over mountain roads, Miss Helen Jones, Miss Aurelia Speer and Mrs. John S. Hill, three of the most accomplished horsewomen in Atlanta society, left the Piedmont Driving club early Saturday for Toxaway, N. C., a distance of 280 miles. They were joined just outside of the city by Miss Margaret Northen and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Jones, in an automobile. The auto party will act as pacemaker.

"It is estimated that about 42 miles will be covered each day—the test being endurance rather than speed. In order that all emergencies may be cared for, the three fair riders are heavily armed—with riding crops, powder puffs and pocket mirrors.

"When the horseback journey was first proposed it evoked quite a hurrah among the friends of the party. Enthusiasm was high in the first blush of planning. A score or more decided that it would be a 'bully good stunt.' Among this score or more were several men—famed equestrians—who felt that it would not only be a pleasure, but absolutely necessary in order that the young women might not bear alone the possible hardships of the journey. But the second day after the original discussion several of the faint-hearted dropped out.

"Undismayed, however, by the evident reluctance of those who dropped out, the party of six will ride boldly into the fastnesses of the North Carolina mountains.

"The first stop will be made at Norcross tonight. The half-way point will be Clarksville, Ga., only a few miles from the Carolina border. This point will be made Monday night. Wednesday night the party expects to arrive at its destination.

"A return trip probably will be made over the same route, and a larger party is expected to go. The three young women hope to convince several masculine members of the Toxaway summer colony that the trip can be made without prejudice to their complexion."

MAY LEAD TO ANARCHY

To stem the tide of the high cost of living and other evils, the creation of a new standing committee in the house is proposed in a resolution introduced recently by Representative Lindburgh, republican, of Minnesota. The committee would be known as the committee in industrial relations, and would have supervisory relations with all bills or measures affecting the economic welfare of the country.

In a preamble to his resolution Mr. Lindburgh sets forth to the extent of four thousand words, a graphic description of the deplorable state of the union. He finds that the cost of necessities is going higher and necessities are greater than ever before "due to the wasted energy of the country, its misdirected effort and complete vassalism to the monopolies."

The tendency to trusts, the herding of the populace in the cities, the burden on the people of paying profits of dividends and rents, entirely out of proportion with the service performed, and other ills are developing rapidly and so surely that Mr. Lindburgh finds "bankruptcy, panic, social revolution and anarchy" threatening the nation.