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Indifference of County Board to Road Building Met With Renewed Energy

Road Advocates Propose to Vote \$40,000 Bonds and Give Brevard Township and the Town a Thorough Network of Good Roads; Petition Being Freely Signed Calling for Bond Election; Prospects Bright for Success and the Early Improvement of Main Highways to Henderson and Greenville Counties.

Despite the indifferent attitude of the county commissioners on the question of road building, the road advocates are determined not to be defeated in their efforts to give the county better roads, and with this in mind have launched a movement to vote a \$40,000 bond issue for Brevard township whereby it is hoped to improve nearly all the roads in the township and the principal streets of Brevard.

The Deaver act passed by the last session of the General Assembly provides that a petition signed by the majority of the property holders of the township calling for an election on a road bond issue when presented to the county commissioners makes it mandatory that they call an election not earlier than 20 days thereafter.

A number of road advocates met Monday night and decided that the Deaver plan was the only one left whereby the county could get good roads and it was decided to circulate a petition, which is being handled mostly by C. M. Cook, jr., who is succeeding in getting a large number of signatures.

The petition provides for the issuance of \$40,000 in bonds, if necessary, to build about 20 miles of road outside the town limits and the principal streets in town.

The bonds would have to sell for no less than par and bear not more than 6 per cent interest and to extend not over 30 years.

According to legislative enactment the matter of road building, supervision, etc., will be left in the

hands of three men within the town and three without, these being W. P. Weilt, T. H. Galloway, C. M. Cook, jr., T. T. Patton, T. T. Loftis and Richard Scruggs.

No time is being lost in the circulation of the petition calling for the election and the matter will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is believed by the road enthusiasts that as soon as Brevard township definitely settles the matter of issuing bonds the other townships between Greenville and Henderson counties will make a similar movement for the purpose of opening up thoroughfares whereby the county would have a splendid system of highways, which was sought under the first plan submitted to the county commissioners.

FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK IS WANTED HERE

TRANSYLVANIA FARMERS PLEASUED WITH RESULTS

Those Near Henderson County Testify to Beneficial Returns: They Favor The Work.

The News recently published extracts from the report of Farm Demonstrator Ernest L. Perkins of Henderson county in order to show the importance of taking up this work in Transylvania.

The News has been informed that Transylvania farmers living near the Henderson county line claim that good work was done in Henderson county and that they heartily favor such an undertaking for this county and in order that the farmers and the powers that be may again consider the demonstration report and value of the work, portions of it are given herewith.

It is understood that the government was to furnish Transylvania a \$1,000 man; that the government was to pay \$600 of this salary and the county \$300. The remainder of \$100 was promised. This would have made it cost the taxpayers of the county only the small sum of \$300 as a result of which it would have produced thousands of dollars in profits, as will be seen from what was done in Henderson county last year.

The following extracts from the report of E. L. Perkins, demonstrator for Henderson county, to the government should be of great interest to Transylvania county people and convince them that the work should be started here immediately in order to accomplish great good during the coming crop year.

SOME THINGS ACCOMPLISHED.

P. T. Ward of Dana grew 100 bushels of corn to the acre by farm demonstration methods, the next biggest yield being that of J. P. Anders of the Shaws Creek section.

Four hundred farmers were influenced to use better methods in corn growing.

The average number of bushels of wheat to the acre was increased from 10 to 18 under modern methods; 300 acres of rye were turned under for soil improvement, 50 farmers having been induced to plant this crop for the first time.

There were 20 demonstrators in clover grasses for hay, mixture and cover crops; 30 acres of legumes were inoculated; 40 acres were turned under for soil improvement; 12,000 acres were sown last fall, an increase of 11,500 over the previous year.

Demonstrations were made in 5 orchards containing 300 trees; 27 orchards containing 1,000 trees were inspected; 50 orchards containing 2,000 trees were pruned; 20 orchards or 1,000 trees were sprayed and 10 orchards or 6,000 trees were planted as result of demonstrator's influence; 10 spraying and pruning demonstrations were held.

IMPROVED LIVE STOCK.

Three bulls and 9 cows and heifers of pure bred dairy stock were brought into the county through the agent's influence; 100 cows were tested and 200 were given a balanced ration.

Thirty pure bred hogs were brought to the county and 100 head of stock were treated for diseases and pests through agent's influence.

Six silos were built in the county during the past year.

One hundred farmers used 200 tons of lime under advice of the agent.

A GENERAL SURVEY.

Some of the things done with agent's assistance and advice:

Ten buildings erected; 20 improved; 10 plans furnished; 30 houses painted or whitewashed; 100 pastures established; 150 pastures renovated; 30 farmers induced to drain crops; 200 home gardens planted or improved; 500 farmers induced to have surplus farm products for winter use; 300 farmers planted cover crops to be turned under.

Mr. Perkins during the year visited his farm demonstrators 400 times; visited other farmers 882 times; boys corn club work 140 visits; traveled 972 miles by rail road; 4,000 feet team or automobile; 300 otherwise; one third of agent's time was spent in office work; 716 official letters were written; 3,600 circulars on agricultural subjects were distributed.

Three hundred farmers in the county practiced fall plowing as a result of agent's work, and 400 selected seed.

Now, Mr. Farmer, don't you think that a whopping big record, which not a single man in Henderson county can authoritatively dispute? Such progress as that was

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NEWS SUBSCRIPTION LIST IS VERY HAILE

NEWS FAMILY IS GROWING. DANGER SIGNALS GIVEN.

Good Healthy Blood Flowing Through News Circulation Veins; Big Honor Roll.

Tom Loftis continues to "set the woods afire" with News subscriptions. As will be seen by the list published weekly, the circulation department of the News is in splendid health and new subscribers are coming in through the mails, by person and through Mr. Loftis.

The News this week is sending to delinquent subscribers some red danger signals, which means there are going to be some serious wrecks unless remittances are made immediately.

Don't fail to keep an eye on your subscription label.

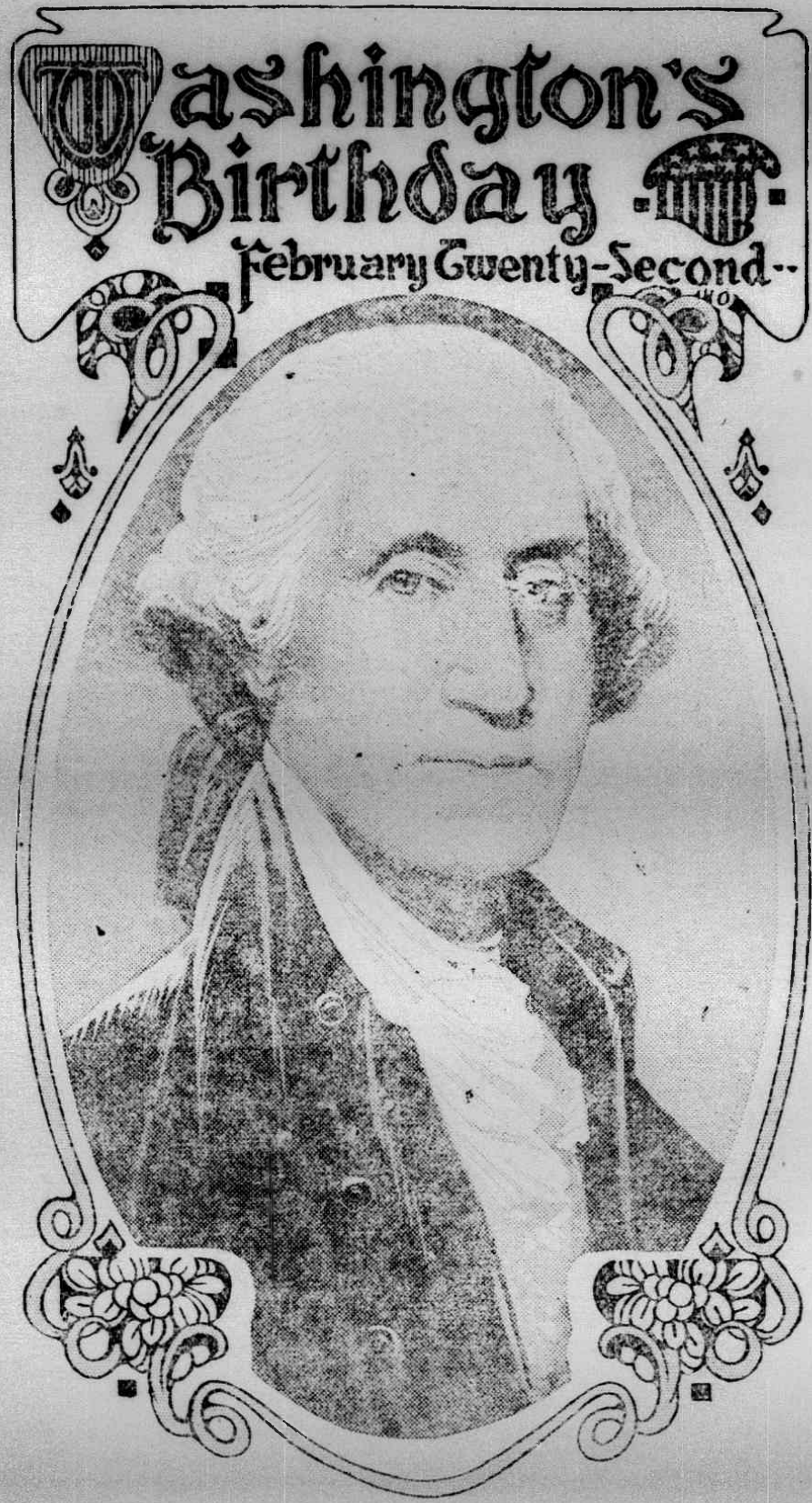
New subscriptions and renewals heretofore published with those received during the past week show that 99 new and 126 renewals have been received since January 1.

New Subscribers

W. J. Smith	Balsam Grove
Fuller Taylor	Pisgah Forest
L. R. Scruggs	Brevard
R. G. Smidger	Post, Tex.
J. H. Ingle	Brevard
W. T. Carson	Brevard
Tyre Bendingsfield	Brevard
W. H. Hogsed	Brevard R-1
C. A. Stewart	Pisgah Forest
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Russ Howell	Pisgah Forest
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W. M. Cecil	Pisgah Forest
Samuel Metcalf	Balsam Grove
W. P. Summey	Cedar Mt.
W. R. Holden	Pisgah Forest
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L. D. Reid	Bunker, Wash.

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C. R. Sharp	Selica
Hady Jollay	Brevard
Fleet Shipman	Cherryfield
E. T. Henning	Brevard
Kilpatrick & Galloway	Brevard
A. M. Hamel	Brevard, R-1
Robert Allison	Davidson River
T. Coleman Galloway	Brevard
S. H. Nelson	Brevard
E. F. Gillespie	Brevard
Brevard Club	Brevard
W. K. Warren	Brevard
W. P. McGaha	Selica
H. S. Jordan	Brevard
L. W. Brooks	Cherryfield



Where and What the County Board Found on Their Jaunt

On Their Tour for Road Thunder in Henderson and Buncombe; County Commissioners Found Information that Pleasued; Some Things Learned.

County Commissioners Lyday and Wood made a road inspection tour in Henderson and Buncombe counties last week.

In his interview with the News, Commissioner Wood made it plain that he found exactly what he was seeking. He expresses himself as heartily in favor of buying a rock crusher despite the overwhelming sentiment hereabouts for sand-clay roads.

Commissioner Wood went exactly to the right place to get all the thunder he wanted against sand-clay roads. He informs the News man that he went to the Hendersonville postoffice and consulted Postmaster Bryson and Assistant Postmaster Hudgins and the route men, feeling sure that they would be well informed on the condition of the roads. Mr. Wood got all the sand-clay information he was looking for, but he didn't have to inform the News that Sam Bryson and Hoke Hudgins have been among Hendersonville's two bitterest opponents of sand-clay roads. They favored concrete or bitulithic roads and bitterly fought sand-clay. They say sand-clay is a failure.

Road Engineer Pres Patton will doubtless gladly tell anyone why Mr. Bryson opposed his methods of road building.

The rural route men left the impression with Mr. Wood that the roads were almost impassable—and he says he didn't take the pains to travel over them.

There are six rural routes out of Hendersonville and since the government requires that the same route be not covered twice by the mail carriers during any one day the six mail carriers have to travel insignificant trails, to make up their routes, some of which have not been

About a year ago when Mr. Hudgins and Mr. Bryson were fighting with all their strength the building of sand-clay roads, Mr. Hudgins took the pains to use a good deal of thunder handed out by the road engineer of Buncombe county. By some means Mr. Wood consulted him and got what he wanted. He consulted a man building a very expensive road from Asheville to Weaverville who talked up his methods of road building, and there got what he was seeking, information to show that sand-clay was not the stuff.

Commissioner Wood came back with the impression (not the proof) that some of the sand-clay roads in Henderson county were axle-deep in mud; that they were in much worse condition than those of Transylvania.

Numbers of people in Transylvania have traveled the roads (rather than go to the Hendersonville postoffice for road building information) and they report having found them in excellent condition.

J. R. Hamlin informs the News that for the past several weeks he has frequently traveled the principal roads of Henderson county and didn't find any at any time that a horse could not travel over in a trot.

Commissioner Wood says that he has not inspected the Henderson county roads nor has he consulted Engineer Patton, one of the champion road builders of the South, whose expert opinion of sand-clay roads was published in the News on Feb. 4.

Felix Rabb of Cedar Mountain was in town Thursday.

E. Mull and family and T. Z. [Name] were in Hendersonville Wednesday.

ROAD BUILDING PLANS DENIED BY THE BOARD

TURN DOWN TWO PLANS OF ROAD BUILDING

County Commissioners in Special Session Saturday Refused Road Petitions.

Despite the earnest pleadings of big taxpayers for better roads before a special session of the county commissioners Saturday, the board went on record as opposed to any and all the plans submitted for road building in Transylvania.

The commissioners met about 10 o'clock for the purpose of hearing argument and considering the road question and the session continued until late in the afternoon, nearly all the discussion being in favor of roads, but the commissioners finally turned a deaf ear, to the disgust of the many road advocates.

The board at its session on the previous Tuesday had gone on record as refusing to issue scrip with which to build the leading roads through the county. When it adjourned on Tuesday the members had under advisement the proposition whereby the county would duplicate any amount voted by a township for road building purposes and this plan was considered on Saturday, but the commissioners couldn't see their way clear to approve a plan whereby any township would receive for road building an amount from the county equal to that voted by such township.

Some of the speeches before the board on Saturday were quite pointed and they became interesting from a political standpoint.

Wm. E. Breese, jr., intimated to the commissioners that they were on a losing side politically when they refused to co-operate in road building. He told them that road building was the popular thing, that the citizens of the county favored it and that when commissioners would not grant the wishes of the people then they would have to accept the result at the polls.

O. W. Clayton, chairman of the county republican executive committee, told the board that he was a republican and that the commissioners were democrats, that he voted against them, but despite this fact they were his representatives as well as the representatives of all other citizens of the county; that the road agitation had been kept out of politics and that the republican party would not make political capital of it if the board would help to build some roads and that he and the republicans would help them in every way possible in this progressive work.

Sentiment is so strong for good roads that the pastors have taken up the question in the pulpit. Rev. W. E. Poovey of the Methodist church, who at the good roads mass meeting suggested the plan of the county's duplicating any amount of bonds voted by a township, was plain in his sermon Sunday morning in saying that present conditions were a disgrace; that a man couldn't walk down the road without getting out and treading on somebody's hand. The pastor says he has been unable to make his calls in the country for the reason that the mud has interfered with his walking facilities and that he has no horse.

Rev. A. W. McDaniel of the Baptist church briefly referred to the road situation in his sermon on the night of Feb. 6.

THREATEN TO RESIGN.

Pressure was brought to bear on the commissioners Tuesday to such an extent that Commissioners Lyday and Fisher are said to have threatened to resign their offices. They are said to have declared that they would resign before they would approve any of the plans submitted by the road men. Commissioner Wood is said to have prevented the resignations since he pleaded with his official associates to consider the matter of resignation until Saturday, when nothing new on this subject was heard.