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## CUMBERLAND TO VOTE ON GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE

### Election to be Held in November Provided 500 Voters Sign Petition For It Before First Monday in August.

#### FARM LIFE SCHOOL

#### ELECTION IS CALLED.

Election on Farm Life School For Cumberland County to Be Held Saturday August 6th—County Board of Education and Many Farmers Petition Commissioners—Board Agrees to Call Election on Good Roads Bond Issue Provided Good Roads Association File on First Monday in August Petition Signed by 500 Voters.

An election will be held in Cumberland county the second Tuesday in November next on the question of issuing \$200,000 of bonds for good roads, provided 500 of the voters of the county sign a petition between now and the first Monday in August asking the county commissioners to order such an election. It is up to the Cumberland County Good Roads Association to secure the 500 signatures to be filed with the board of Commissioners at the August meeting. On condition that such a petition be filed at the August meeting, the board of commissioners agreed Monday to call an election on this question. There is no doubt that the conditions will be met.

A resolution was ordered to be held on the fifth day of August on the question of the establishment of a farm life school in Cumberland county. The board of education and many farmers of the county having petitioned the board to call such an election. It is now up to the voters of the county to say whether we shall have a farm life school. The conditions to be met and the general plan of the farm life school have been set forth in recent issues of this paper.

#### BURGLARS AT FAYETTEVILLE.

#### Store of M. I. Courtney Robbed of Men's Apparel.

The department store of Mr. M. I. Courtney on Hay street was entered and robbed of a quantity of goods mostly clothing and shoes. The affair was kept very quiet by Mr. Courtney and the police and it leaked out.

The robbers, it is supposed were men, as they took men's shoes and clothing only. In a big stock such as Mr. Courtney's it is impossible to arrive at the extent of the robbery, but it is estimated to be at least \$150.

Entrance was made through a window at the rear of the store, which the robbers broke open after entering they opened a back door and made their exit in that way. Both window and door were wide open when Mr. Courtney went to his store to open Thursday morning.

#### Ripe Watermelon.

Mr. E. S. McDaniel, of R. F. D. No. 5, says he had a ripe watermelon on before breakfast on June 30th. He could have had the premium of one year's subscription to The Index had he brought the melon to his office, but he always gives his family the preference of the "first fruits of the farm," he says.

#### FOR FIRST RIPE WATERMELON.

#### Mr. M. J. Crumpler Again Wins A Year's Subscription Offered by The Index for First Home Grown Ripe Watermelon.

Mr. M. J. Crumpler of Fayetteville, R. F. D. 2 brought a nice ripe home-grown watermelon to The Index office yesterday morning, July Fourth, and again won the year's subscription offered by The Index. Last year Mr. Crumpler won a year's subscription to this paper by bringing to this office the first ripe home-grown watermelon. Who'll be first next year?

## WHAT WE ARE PAYING

### Money Spent for Roads Which are not Good.

#### MAJOR A. A. MCKETHAN WRITES.

Favors the Proposition to Issue \$200,000 for Good Roads in Cumberland County, and Tells Why He Advocates Such a Measure—Cites Some Interesting Figures.

The Cumberland County Good Roads Association, Mr. T. G. McAllister president and Mr. W. M. Walker secretary and treasurer, has sent out copies of the Cumberland County Good Roads Act passed by the last legislature. With it goes a very interesting and instructive circular letter from Major A. A. McKethan, Clerk of the county, who sets forth plainly the reasons why he advocates the proposed \$200,000 bond issue for good roads in the county. The letter follows:

Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry as to why I advocate a bond issue for good roads for our county, I willingly reply for the reason that I believe the building of good roads the best investment a county can make as well as beneficial to all the people. I advocate a bond issue as I believe this the only way that we can get good roads for the county.

Our county commissioners have built up many miles of good roads but the process is too slow and under different arrangements I think cost can be reduced. I find for three years ending December 31st, 1910, that our county has spent \$40,000 for good roads, an average of \$13,333.33 per year and at each meeting of the commissioners there are delegations from outlying districts for our small convict force, and under a bond issue we would keep such districts quiet.

Under a bond issue \$200,000 at 4 per cent would cost \$10,000 per annum interest, which is \$12.58 less than we are now paying. It is that we would have only a sinking fund to provide for. With \$200,000 under a contract system we could build good roads for the whole county in a short time and in my opinion at less cost than we are now paying per mile. In order to keep down our jail and insolvent accounts contractors should be required to hire our convicts and the hire could go towards creating a sinking fund and in addition to this the sinking fund for Court House bonds, cared for by the tax from the A. I. R. R. Co. is now nearly provided for, then this fund could be used for maintenance of roads.

As stated above, our county commissioners have greatly improved many of our roads but the roads are not properly cared for after being built and without such care will soon have to be rebuilt. I therefore think that our roads should not only be built by taxation, but cared for in the same way. Under our present road laws, road hands can be called out six days in any year and if we put their wages at \$1.00 per day and work them only three days they are paying an indirect road tax of \$3.00 per annum, and if we multiply this by the number of hands in the county we have a very large sum and if all hands liable to road work are employed three days each year and time valued at \$1.00 per day would amount to \$19,000 to \$12,000 per year, which in many instances give but little in return. I have been taught that what was worth doing was worth doing well, therefore, think some radical changes should be made in care and control of our roads and bridges. Our County Commissioners, with increased business demanding their attention and limited number of meetings each year, and the small compensation allowed them by law,

## ALSO FOR GOOD ROADS BONDS THE ONLY WAY

### Fayetteville Merchants' Association Adopts Resolution.

#### ORGANIZATION IS GROWING.

Monthly Meeting Thursday Night An Informal Affair of Interest and Profit to the Members—Reports From State Convention Made by Messrs. Shuford and Wilson.

The Fayetteville Merchants' Association at its monthly meeting Thursday night which was in the nature of an informal smoker, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved That the Merchants' Association heartily endorse the Good Roads Movement, and resolve to aid in every way possible the accomplishment of good roads throughout the county.

Thus the merchants of Fayetteville join the Chamber of Commerce, the press of the city and many leading citizens of the county for good roads by giving formal endorsement to its movement, which movement by the way has now resolved itself into a campaign for a county good roads bond issue of \$200,000. This resolution was adopted after the subject and its relation to the welfare of the merchants had been freely and informally discussed.

The Merchants' Association is getting new life into itself and becoming a force in the business life and activity of the city. New members are being added and the attendance at the meetings is being increased. Some of the most interesting and profitable features of the meeting Thursday night held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, were the reports from the State Association at Hendersonville. These reports were made by Messrs. M. F. Shuford and J. B. Wilson, delegates to the Convention and were interesting and helpful. Mr. Shuford was elected treasurer of the State Association.

The Merchants' Association is some ways ahead of the county and express rates collection on had debts, etc. Mr. E. W. Clark, Jr., writes Miss Frances Murray

At the Presbyterian meeting Sunday night at nine o'clock, Miss Frances Murray was united in marriage to Mr. Isaac W. Clark, Jr. Rev. W. M. Fairley officiated, only a few friends witnessing the ceremony, the event being a very quiet one. The groom is a popular young business man of this city, and holds a responsible position with the Southern Express Company. He is a son of Mr. E. W. Clark. The bride is a daughter of the late Capt. F. Murray and has many friends and admirers.

Good men as they later could not be expected to give the time required to give the county the needed protection. I therefore think that we should have a good civil engineer advised in road building to show us how to build and to superintend construction, and to cooperate with a supervisor from each township and this body should be made responsible for the care of the roads and bridges of the county, and further, this should be a non-partisan board selected on account of qualifications, instead of political pull as provided by the act of our last legislature. I think the roads should be divided into sections and their upkeep let to someone on said roads under the supervision of the county or township supervisors.

I think if our people could only be induced to pull together and give us good roads and schools throughout the county nothing could retard and hold back the building up of our good old county. I am not advised as to the number of road hands in the county, but certainly the number at \$3.00 per annum indirect tax in the way of labor would be far in excess of any additional tax required to keep up the roads by taxation instead of the present system.

Very respectfully,  
A. A. MCKETHAN

### Permanent Road Building By Other Methods Only Failure

#### PROF. W. S. SNIPES WRITES.

The Need of Good Roads is Urgent—To Issue Good Roads Bond Would be a Progressive Step—The County of Cumberland is Able to Assume the Indebtedness.

The following letter, addressed to Mr. T. G. McAllister, president of the Cumberland County Good Roads Association is published at his request. It is worthy the attention of every citizen of Cumberland County. Read the letter.

The subject of good roads is one that appeals with much force to the citizens of every progressive community. Without good roads no county nor State can attain the highest development in any line. For good highways in any section contribute to the material, intellectual and moral development of its people. The most highly developed nations of Europe and the most progressive States in this country give ample proof to the above statement.

There are many reasons why Cumberland county and every county in this section should have good roads. First, the people are becoming more intelligent and see the necessity for it, they are becoming more prosperous and are able to do it without inflicting a burden upon themselves. The cost is comparatively small since nature has given us both sand and clay, which mixed in the proper proportions, makes most excellent roads at a minimum cost.

It is well known that no county can secure good roads without a bond issue for the purpose. Permanent road building by any other method is a failure. We ought to profit by the mistakes of others. It always pays to do things right. The road let for Cumberland county wisely provides for the employment of a competent road engineer. An engineer who knows just in what proportion the sand and the clay should be mixed in order that the best results may be obtained.

With a bond issue of \$200,000 Cumberland county could build perhaps 200 miles of good roads. Think what this would mean to the people. It would mean a net work of good roads extending into every section of our county and the placing of every farmer within easy reach of any part of the county.

It would mean that instead of asking the question how much can the town pull, the asking of another question, what is the capacity of the wagon or cart? The annual saving to the county in the wear and tear of vehicles would be enormous and this alone would more than meet the extra expense incurred.

The small cost at which good roads can be built in this section of North Carolina should certainly appeal with great force to the voters of Cumberland county.

In Piedmont North Carolina where sand is lacking counties are using as much as \$200,000 for macadamized roads which cost four times as much per mile as the sand and clay roads in this section and are no better. Should we not be quick to make use of our natural advantages in a way that will mean so much to the uplifting of our section?

There are two or three questions that should determine the stand that our people should take with reference to this great question. First, is the need urgent? Second, would hesitate to answer the one? Third, is the county able to assume the indebtedness? No one would hesitate to answer the first two questions in the affirmative, and very few would hesitate to say that a bonded indebtedness of \$200,000 for a county of the size and importance of Cumberland would be at all burdensome. Once the roads are built the people will have only one regret and that will be a regret for not having taken the step earlier. Future generations never will criticize their ancestors for making permanent improvement and they will willingly meet any obligations and their fathers assumed for their benefit.

## ROADS BY BOND ISSUE VS. THE PRESENT SYSTEM

### Reasons Why Cumberland County Should Vote Good Roads Bonds and Establish a Highway Commission.

## DID YOU LOOK AT IT?

Did you read that little notice at the top of the front page of The Index last week headed "Look at Your Label?" If you did not, then—

Say, Mr. Subscriber, take a look at that little pink slip on this paper. It has your name printed on it, and some figures. Those figures tell you when your subscription expires. You will note there are three of them. The first shows what month your subscription expires, the second shows the day of the month, and the third the year. For instance, if you find "7-5-11" on your label, that means your subscription is out today—the seventh month the 5th day, 1911. Then it is time to send in your renewal NOW.

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#### BIG DAY AT WAKULLA.

Anniversary of the Birth of Bethel Celebrated at the Home of Mr. W. J. McDonald Last Week.

At the residence of first prize farmer Mr. W. J. McDonald at Wakulla in Robeson county every year is celebrated the anniversary of the famous birth of Bethel. This year the event was celebrated on June 29th instead of June 19th as usual. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald as usual made the day a delightful one to the three dozen Veterans and sympathizing citizens who were present. Among those from Fayetteville were Mr. C. W. Broadfoot, Messrs. J. E. Allen, W. G. Hall, James Kirkpatrick, F. E. Goulburn, S. H. McNeely, Ronald McMillan and A. A. Williamson.

#### Death Near Stedman.

At her home near Stedman, Mrs. Alex. Aune died Tuesday afternoon last week at 7 o'clock. She was about 50 years of age. The funeral was conducted Wednesday at the family grave yard. She is survived by her husband and seven children. She has been a faithful member of the Methodist church for years.

#### Marriage at Roslin.

Spouse John Smith of Roslin was in Fayetteville Monday. He reported two recent marriages at which he officiated. Mr. D. R. Thomas and Miss Fannie Smith of Hope Mills, on June 18th and Mr. A. H. Faircloth and Miss Ida Lauer of Hope Mills on June 25th. Spouse Smith says the crops in his section are fine.

The building of good roads will not only be of untold convenience to the people now living here, but it will at once give us a prominent place in the eyes of the outside world.

People with capital will be induced to come among us and take an active part in bringing about the highest development in every phase of life of this highly favored section.

Let the people study the question of good roads, read what experts have to say on the question in this the greatest road building age of the world. Let us also learn what has been the result in our own State in the counties that have issued bonds for the purpose and I believe that we shall be so thoroughly convinced of the importance of voting the issue here that we shall do it without hesitation.

W. S. SNIPES.

#### SYNOPSIS OF NEW CUMBERLAND ROAD ACT.

Mr. H. McD. Robinson who drafted the Cumberland County Good Roads Bill Passed by the Last Legislature, Gives a Synopsis of the Act, Points Out its Strong Features and Shows Why Cumberland Can Not Afford Longer to Follow the Present System of Road Construction—Some Striking Facts and Figures.

In a letter to Mr. T. G. McAllister, president of the Cumberland County Good Roads Association, one of the leading and best informed citizens of Cumberland county says:

Mr. T. G. McAllister, President, Cumberland County Good Roads Association, Fayetteville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in complying with your request that I write my views on the subject of issuing bonds for the purpose of making, improving and maintaining the public roads of Cumberland county.

I believe I can say with propriety that I have always been an advocate of good streets and good roads, and an opponent of the present system of road construction. As a graduate of the Legislature of 1887, I was during my career in the county so impressed with the bad results of the present system that I made up my mind and announced it as my aim to bring about a change. Accordingly one of the acts which I introduced and secured the passage of was the road law of 1890, which provided for material, particularly that which was the best thing which could be gotten at that time. I also had the proposition of building the streets of Fayetteville with them, and are being so materially improved and beautified. In the early part of the present year at the request of the Good Roads Association, I, with other members of the Committee appointed for that purpose, prepared the good roads law for Cumberland county, passed on the 24th of March, 1911. A brief synopsis of this Act is:

1st. Authority to the County Commissioners to hold an election upon the question of the County's issuing \$200,000 of five per cent road bond to run forty years.

2nd. The creation of a road commission composed of five members, one from each section of the County and one from the City of Fayetteville, two of the Commissioners to serve for a term of two years, two for four years and the fifth for six years, and their successors to be elected for a term of six years at the regular elections to be held for the election of members of the general Assembly. The first Commissioners who are named in the Act are W. E. Honeycutt from the Northern section, F. A. Marsh from the Southern, W. McK. Mottram from the Western, Dr. K. G. Merritt from the Eastern, and Dr. H. W. Lilly from the City of Fayetteville. Under the provisions of the bill the entire road machinery of the County, the determination of what roads shall be highways, the control of the convicts, and all other matters pertaining to the public highways and roads of Cumberland County are under the supervision and control of the Highway Commission of the County.

3rd. The Act also provides that the road fund shall at all times be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and that the Treasurer of the County shall give a separate bond for the protection of this fund. Under the Act the Treasurer will receive only one per cent.

4th. As soon as the Highway Commission shall be organized, it will be its duty to elect by ballot

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