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SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BONDS TO BE HELD MONDAY

Forest City Will Either Go Forward or Backward, According to Result of This Election

Let Every Citizen, Especially the Ladies, Vote On This Important Issue—Our City Must Go Forward

WHY VOTE FOR BONDS? BECAUSE—

- 1.—Your vote is against the issue until you vote for it.
- 2.—We must have a school building. That which we have is a barn or worse.
- 3.—The new building has been erected at a very reasonable cost.
- 4.—If we are to get the building we have to pay for it.
- 5.—Bonds will make less taxes for the interest will be less and the time in which to pay it longer.
- 6.—It will make business prosper, while defeat will bring scorn and dishonor on the town for years to come.
- 7.—We owe it to our children. It is the next best thing to helping them find the Salvation of Jesus Christ.

The special election for the issuance by the town of Forest City of school bonds in the amount of \$50,000 will be held here on Monday, Dec. 11th.

There is no such thing as "having nothing to do with this election." Every registered voter stands against the success of this proposition until he or she places his ballot in the box in favor of the bonds. Do not let anybody deceive you. You must vote for this question or your name counts against it just the same as if you voted against it.

Our present school buildings are an absolute disgrace to any civilized community. They are dirty, sooty, smoky, cold, damp, ugly, not properly lighted—a real menace to the health of the children. Hardly a day passes that some room does not have to set with burning eyes from smoke, breathe soot, or be chilled for lack of proper warmth. When it rains the water pours in. Six grades or sections of grades are without a place to go to school, for the old Baptist church has to be given up. If you do not believe this, ask your children or go see for yourself. Our duty is plain. We must have a building!

Our new school building has been erected at a very reasonable cost. The amount originally voted was for a school less than half the enrollment at present. The increase necessitated enlarging the auditorium and providing twelve additional rooms. Seats have to be put in. Every cent is being wisely spent and will be accounted for in a published statement. If we are to get this building we must pay for it. Little & Son are not doing charity work. We are not charity subjects. We can and will pay for what our town needs.

The ideal way to pay for improvements is by bonds, for they are issued for a long period of time—in this case for thirty years. The interest on bonds is low—in this case it cannot be over six per cent. All the folks who come to Forest City for thirty years will help pay for our school building. And they should, for they will help use it and get the good of it. The new building will draw new business; the new business in turn will help pay the cost of the school that made it possible. Money borrowed from the state has to be paid back in ten years and in twenty years. Any other loan would necessarily be short term and at high interest. Taxes will be lower if the bonds are voted than if they are defeated. It is easy to see that if a thing has to be paid in ten payments that would be paid in thirty, it will take three times as much each year, moreover, the business that comes to town the twenty years following has no share. If you want higher taxes, stay at home and vote against the bonds; if you want lower taxes, go to the polls and vote for bonds.

Business is good in a progressive town. People like to live in a community that goes forward. Forest City is already a great boom town. Forest City to have this handsome new building. Mills find it profitable to erect school buildings at

their own expense. Our building represents the concerted spirit of the town and therefore is all the greater credit to the town. To defeat the issue would be to take a backward step. We would be looking down on. We would reap to ourselves scorn and disgust. People would say "I don't want to live in a town that is not for progress." Hang your heads if the bond election fails to carry.

Much as we pride our town, cherish progress and hate high taxes, the chiefest reason why we should vote for bonds is that it is our duty to our children. The children of any community is its chief asset and chief hope. If we give our children the proper education we give them the next best thing to the salvation of Jesus Christ. If we educate our children they can make money; if we give them money without education they will lose it. Best of all, education enables boys and girls to grow into lives of service. The future will differ from the past. If your boy is to take as high place in the world as you have taken, he must have better school opportunities. Opportunities are greater; therefore, competition is stronger and responsibilities larger. Brain investment pays the largest dividends in this world.

The bond election will carry; but it won't unless the voters cast their ballots. Men and women, rise above prejudice, rise above selfishness and greed, rise above indifference. Forest City is being weighed in balances. Will she be found wanting? There are just three things that can defeat the bonds; namely, greed, prejudice, and indifference. They are all unworthy of a Christian community. Do what a Christian spirit dictates and the writer will cheerfully accept the results.

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A FINE BOY

One of the most interesting events of the past week was the announcement of the birth of a son to Capt. and Mrs. B. L. Smith. The stork's visit came on Thanksgiving. Mrs. Smith is at the General Hospital at Spartanburg, and at last reports she and the fine young man were both getting along nicely. The young fellow has been named for his illustrious dad—Benjamin L. Smith. It is said that Capt. B. L. Smith, Jr., has already been elected as mascot at the High School. There is no more popular couple in the state than Capt. and Mrs. Smith and they have been almost overwhelmed with congratulations over the arrival of the fine boy.

MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS.

T. C. Whisnant & Son, the popular wholesale firm formerly located on Depot street, have moved into commodious new quarters in the new James building on E. Main street, where they have greatly added to their fine stock of goods and are better prepared to serve their large list of customers. This progressive firm has made great strides since coming to Forest City and their success is well deserved.

The Grand Finale



HENRIETTA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore spent Thanksgiving in Hendersonville, enjoying the day with Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Rollins.

Miss Lillian Belk spent the week-end here, visiting Mrs. K. E. Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Babington, of Shelby, spent Thursday most pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Armour.

Mr. S. P. Verner enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays with his family at Ryeard. Since his return Sunday night he has been suffering an attack of grippe and has not been able to attend school. We hope his condition will soon be better.

Mrs. M. W. Belue and two children, of Gaffney, S. C., have been spending a few days here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith Mrs. Belue's parents. They returned home Monday.

Miss Osthine Whisnant, who is teaching at Washburn this year, spent Thanksgiving at home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamrick, Miss Alma Whitaker and Louie Smith enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner with Miss Elma Scoggins at her home in Moresboro.

Mr. J. E. Christopher spent a few days at his home in Pickens, S. C., last week.

Mrs. Durham Moore, of Shelby, is here to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamrick.

Mrs. C. B. Wiseman spent Thursday in Lincolnton with her daughter, Mrs. Theron Chiles.

Mr. Will Smith, who is with the W. L. Fanning Co. of Shelby, enjoyed the day with his family here Thursday.

Miss Francis Postelle, who has been taking treatment at the hospital in Asheville, has returned home and is much improved. We are indeed glad to see her able to be home and out and hope her condition will continue to improve.

Miss Edrie Boylston spent Thanksgiving at her home in Greenville, S. C. Miss Marietta Dandridge accompanied her, spending the holidays most pleasantly in her home.

Misses Virginia Edwards and Dovie Sue Harris spent Thanksgiving at their home in Rutherfordton.

Mrs. A. C. Lovelace had as her guest from Thursday until Saturday, Miss Carolyn Hall, who is a member of the school faculty at Rutherfordton. They were old college mates and the visit was indeed an enjoyable one.

Mr. John Webb, who has been working for several months in Florida, returned home Saturday to spend a few days.

Misses O'Lema Flock and Clara Harrill spent the holidays at their homes in Forest City.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will give their annual Christmas bazaar at the Welfare House Saturday night. Dinner and supper will be served to the public and every one is

urged to come and help in this worthy cause.

Miss Annabelle Sane enjoyed Thanksgiving at her home in Campobello, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flowers left Tuesday for Darlington, S. C., where they go to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. K. B. Pratt enjoyed Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Camitz at Caroleen.

CAROLEEN NEWS

Most of the teachers were out of town for the holidays. Miss Heath spent Thanksgiving with friends at Waco. Miss Ollie Mae Gold spent Thanksgiving at Shelby with her parents. Miss Starnes spent Thanksgiving at her home in Granite Falls.

Miss Carrie Beason, of Rutherfordton, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Fred McDaniel.

Mr. Dock Philips spent Sunday with Mr. J. L. Philips.

Mr. J. D. Mauney and daughter, Sue, and Sarah Hughes, spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Piercy.

Misses Thelma and Ruby Michael were pleasant visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hamrick during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Francis and children visited Mr. T. S. Watson of Mt. Vernon.

Miss Smathers spent the week-end at Henery, N. C., with Mrs. North Gaunt.

Miss Leona Edgerton spent Thanksgiving at home in Mill Springs, N. C.

Mr. D. F. Beachboard and family, accompanied by Miss Reba Philips, spent Thanksgiving in Asheville and Chimney Rock.

Mr. Buren Philips spent Thursday in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey and son were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Stalnaker Thanksgiving day.

Mr. W. V. Smith and family spent the week-end in Waco with Mrs. Smith's parents.

Messrs. H. L. Cudd, B. S. Haney and J. R. Lynch made a business trip to Charlotte and Salisbury Monday and Tuesday.

Several boys from here attended the football game at Greenville, S. C., Thursday.

Rev. W. T. Tate took the girls auxiliary of the Baptist church on a ride to Boiling Springs Thanksgiving day. They had a delightful time.

Rev. W. T. Tate gave the deacons of the Baptist church an oyster supper Friday night, Dec. 1. They report a fine time.

The Caroleen Baptist church gave a Thanksgiving dinner at the pastorium Thursday.

A full house enjoyed "Carmen," a first-class picture, given at the Caroleen hall Tuesday evening.

The regular meeting of the Caroleen Parent-Teachers' Association will be held at the Methodist church Thursday p. m. Education will be the general topic for discussion. Prof. W. R. Hill will be

the principal speaker for the occasion. All the parents are requested to be present. A full house is expected.

The Parent-Teachers' Association has been of a great service to the town at large. Much interest has been manifested in all the meetings which have been held. The organization brings the parents to closer facts in regard to what their children have been doing in school.

The Parent-Teachers are putting much stress on "Education Week." Caroleen has just cause for being very proud of this wonderful organization.

TWO GREAT SERMONS BY REV. O. L. STRINGFIELD

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, supply pastor of the First Baptist church, has announced that he will preach to men and boys only and to ladies only next Sunday.

The sermon to men and boys will be delivered at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock p. m.

At 4 o'clock he will deliver his address to ladies at the Baptist church.

Following is a skeleton of the two great addresses:

To Men and Boys Only.

1.—The most wonderful thing of this earth is the love of a girl, or woman for the man who has won her heart.

2.—The man who fails to take in the meaning of a woman's love is more of an animal than a man, and the fewer the children born to him the better off the world will be.

3.—To abuse this love is to bring life-time regrets to himself, and besides becomes unworthy of the respect of all men.

4.—The thousands of our girls in our reformatories hang like ghosts about the heads of those men who made it necessary for us to shut up the girls as from lions and wild beasts.

5.—The kind of girl you want for your wife—pure as an angel, as to character.

6.—What is man's highest office in the social world? He is the PROTECTOR of girls and women.

How she depends upon him! Why do women so highly honor soldiers? How handsome the soldier looks to her in his uniform, 16 shooter on his shoulder marching off to protect her honor.

7.—From this minute will you protect girls like you want boys to protect your sisters?

To Girls and Women Only.

1.—A woman's real place in the world is not fixed by the clothing she wears, by the work she does for a living, whether making soap or pies or writing letters, but in the adornment of her soul (1 Pet. 3:4, Titus 2:3-5, Col. 3:18-20).

2.—She is a great factor in the first institution the Lord established—the Home. She is to settle the question as to whether it shall be a home or a boarding house. The Lord marries some and the devil marries some. The devil's greatest thrust is at the home life, destroying the sacredness of the girl's, the woman's

COUNTY OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Rutherford County's New Officials Are Given Oath of Office at Rutherfordton last Monday.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 5.—New county officers were given the oath of office last Monday. There are very few new faces at the courthouse, notable among the new officers being Mrs. Minnie Fortune Blanton, who succeeds Mr. J. F. Flack as Treasurer. She is the widow of the late T. R. Blanton of Forest City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fortune and is 38 years old. She is the mother of three children. She will do light housekeeping here with Mr. and Mrs. Plato C. Rollins. She was educated at Forest City High school and Fassifern, Lincolnton and has always been active in public affairs. She succeeds Mr. J. F. Flack, who has been treasurer four years. She defeated him in the primary by 11 votes.

Mr. M. T. Wilkie was sworn in as Register of Deeds. He begins his third term, or fifth year.

Mr. D. P. Houston begins the second term, or fifth year as Clerk of Court.

Sheriff J. W. Beason began his third term, or 5th year as sheriff.

Mr. W. G. Harris took the oath for county commissioner for six years. He was elected chairman of the board. He has just served two years and has been on the board previous to the last term.

Mr. G. W. Rollins took the oath for the four-year term. He served one term of two years previous to Monday.

Mr. G. F. Watson succeeds Mr. D. D. Fortune for the two-year term.

Recorder O. C. Erwin takes oath January 1st while the Supt. of Schools goes in the first Monday in July and the board of Education the first Monday in April. The last Legislature changed this law as they formerly went in the first Monday in July.

UNION MILLS NEWS

Lewis-Goforth Wedding.

A marriage of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties was that of Mr. Frank Goforth and Miss Annie Lewis which occurred in Marion on Thursday, Nov. 23rd. This bride is a daughter of Mrs. Hattie Lewis, of Union Mills, and the late Charles M. Lewis. She was educated at Round Hill Academy and the North Carolina College for Women, at Greensboro, and is widely acquainted throughout this section of the state. Mr. Goforth is the youngest son of Postmaster and Mrs. C. C. Goforth, and holds an important position with the Southern Railway. Both the bride and groom are from prominent families, and have the congratulations and best wishes of a large number of friends.

GEER—WATKINS

Mr. Van Watkins, son of Mr. Will Watkins of this city, and Miss Bessie Lou Geer, of Rutherfordton, Route 4, were married at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday morning at 7 o'clock by Rev. Parker Holmes. The couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

person and manners—this he strives to do by keeping girls and women in ignorance as to what it means for a girl to be immodestly clothed, to dance, to see immodest pictures, to allow men and boys to even touch more than the tips of their fingers, to ride in autos without a very safe chaperone, to have dates with boys before she is old enough to take in what real love is, nor how to know real love when she sees it, for real love never yet brought regrets to its object.

3.—Why do boys deceive girls, fool girls, as we say? Nine tenths get too soft towards boys and the boys get tired of it.

4.—Failing to ring the 10 o'clock bell has ruined many a home.

5.—Our girls who need a reformatory are no more capable of making homes than are our convicts to make fine citizens.

6.—Things that are more solemn than graveyards—wrecked lives in and out of a reformatory.

7.—How to sit in company.

8.—How to win a husband and keep him won.