

THE TOLL PIKE

A Good Investment For Stokes County Money--Let Everybody Take Stock, That Stokes May Control It.

One of the important features with reference to the proposed toll road to be built from the Buck Island bridge to Walnut Cove, is the large amount of money which the launching of the enterprise will turn loose among our people. Fifty thousand dollars expended over ten or twelve miles of rural district, not on costly material and high salaries, as so many public works expend their funds, but largely on labor, among poor people who need it most, means something good to every citizen of the territory to be traversed for miles around. A period of twelve months or two years will possibly be required to build the road, employing 50 to 100 hands, and 10 to 20 teams, all at good wages. Every merchant, farmer, business man, and all citizens, will feel the great stimulus to trade and traffic of all kinds which the disbursement of so large a sum of money will effect. Building a sand-clay road is not like building buildings, where lumber, brick, iron, tin, paint, lime and cement eat up the appropriation. Building sand-clay roads means the moving of thousands of tons of dirt by hand, and men and mules get the job.

Every merchant, every farmer, every business man, every citizen, man, woman or child, of Stokes county, who loves home and desires to see the county prosper, and go forward in education, morals, and right living, should join in the battle for good roads which means all that we can ever hope to be. Any person who sits off and with slight remark, or weak attempt at joke, with disreputable calculations and slurs or otherwise attempts to discourage or delay the movement for the betterment of our county, in the secret hope that he may be left undisturbed in his sordid stinginess by any public move which might result in his parting with a few dollars, deserves the contempt of the better class of people who are constrained to associate with him. The theory that we are free to live and die like fattened vultures, is an illusion. We are all burdened with duties and obligations to our God, our country and our people.

The wagon traffic on the road from the northern part of Stokes to Walnut Cove and Winston all the year round is large. Every teamster will use the toll road, because he cannot afford not to use it. Then when we count the tolls received from summer visitors, we are ready to conclude with Mr. Chap Bodenheimer and other level-headed and conservative business men who have figured on it, that the Toll Pike will pay for itself in five years.

Mr. A. J. Fagg recently had occasion to visit Guilford county, where there are some excellent sand-clay roads in operation. Mr. Fagg is enthusiastic over their splendid qualities. He says they never get muddy, and are as good as macadam in every respect, while they cost five or ten times less to build than the rock roads. Mr. Fagg is a liberal stockholder in the Sand-lay Toll road from Buck Island to Walnut Cove.

Jesse A. Lawson, E. C. Sheppard, and F. E. Nelson, merchants of the country north of Danbury, are stockholders in the Toll Road. These men know what it is to try to do business where after paying freights of the railway companies, they must pay from 40 to 75 cents per 100 to get their goods hauled over 15 or 20 miles of Stokes county roads--the worst in the world.

One of the broadest-gauged, biggest hearted, and most far-sighted farmers in Stokes county is Geo. Lewis, who said he would give half of his farm for a modern road by it. The toll road will not go near Mr. Lewis' farm, but he took stock in it just the same, because he knows what a good road in the county means. And then he will not have to drive but a few few miles to get on it.

The editor of the Progressive Farmer, Mr. Clarence Poe, who is one of the most broad-minded young men in the South; who is liberally educated by wide reading and extensive travel, is an enthusiastic advocate of good roads. Show us a man who is intelligent, and we will show you a man who is for good roads.

There are so many good things about the Toll Road proposition that it were hard to enumerate them all at once. One of the most valuable features is that it will be an object lesson in good roads in Stokes county, and the contagion will spread like fire in the mountain.

Mr. A. J. Fair, one of the most progressive citizens of our county, takes stock liberally in the Toll Road, and says it means great things for Stokes.

MOUNT AIRY NEWS

AS TOLD BY THE LEADER

Death Of Miss Bertha Creed--
Much Produce On the Market--
Other Items.

On last Saturday night, at 11 o'clock, Miss Bertha Creed, a popular young lady of this city, died at the residence of her mother in this city after a week's illness which resulted in peritonitis. Just a week after she was taken to her bed and with all the efforts of medical skill; she succumbed to a disease that in most cases proves fatal. She was twenty-three years old and was the daughter of the late J. M. Creed, who died about two years ago, and is survived by a mother, and one sister, Miss Mollie and two brothers, Cebren and George Creed. She was a consistent christian, a loving sister and a dutiful daughter and no more can be said of any one. Her remains were buried at White Plains cemetery on Monday, and Rev W. H. Beamer conducted the services that paid the last sad tribute to one whose life seemed so full of promise but whom God claimed for His own. The sympathy of this entire section is with the bereaved ones in this sad hour.

R. L. Haymore left this morning for Roanoke, Va., where he goes in the interest of the proposed railroad from that place to this city.

The first chestnuts of the season appeared upon the local market last week, and there is said to be an unusually large crop this year.

A. E. Tilley has been appointed Substitute Clerk in the local postoffice as a result of the Civil Service examination, he having secured the highest average over about twenty applicants. He is now working in the office for instruction.

As an indication of what can be accomplished in the way of farming, in this section, Mr. T. N. Brock has sold twenty acres of standing corn to Mr. W. E. Merritt for eight hundred dollars. The purchaser is a good judge of a cornfield and no doubt, feels that he has secured a bargain.

One hundred and fifty loads of cabbage were sold on the market last Monday; this represented

about 2500 crates. The cabbage were of a superior quality and brought from fifty to seventy five cents per crate and yet the warm weather was against hauling them.

Thos. F. Satterfield, the Main street merchant and who sometimes farms has in his window five pumpkins that weigh four hundred pounds and they were all raised from one vine on the Korner bottom near this city. The seed were secured from Mr. C. W. Bunker and the result is, at least, "some pumpkins."

Dr. W. S. Taylor and W. J. Byerly are attending a meeting of the directors of the Mt. Airy and Roanoke railroad which is to be held tomorrow in Roanoke, Va.

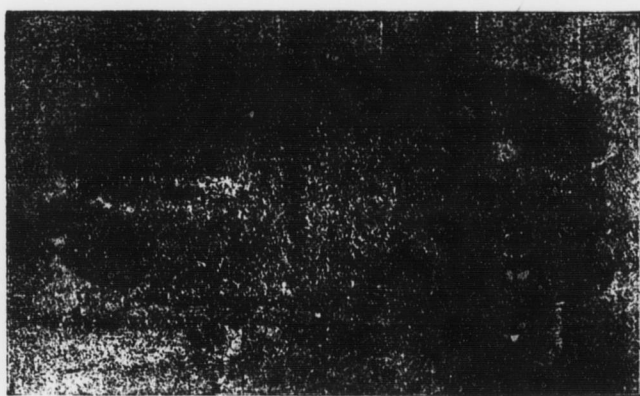
Everett Scott, a farmer living near Brim, had the misfortune to burn a fine barn of tobacco last Thursday afternoon and the same day and about the same hour, Clinton Dearman, a colored farmer of the same neighborhood also lost a barn.

Hon. Chas M. Steadman of Greensboro, is spending a few days at White Sulphur Springs and spent yesterday in this city shaking hands with his numerous friends. The Major is very popular in this section of his district and no man ever represented North Carolina in the National Congress, who is more personally popular with all classes.

Chief of Police, E. M. Taylor of this city, received a telegram last Monday from T. L. Clarke, at Stuart Va., asking him to look out for his daughter, Lucy Clarke, who ran away with W. C. Staples. The girl is described as red haired but the chances are that the young couple by now are happily married and ready to ask for paternal forgiveness.

Edward Turlington, of this city will leave next Friday for New York from here he will sail for England and take a full course at Great Britain's famous college, Oxford. Mr. Turlington is a graduate of the North Carolina University where he won the Phode's scholarship that gives him this splendid opportunity and course of instruction. He deserves congratulations and the fact that he has won these laurels at home assures his success abroad.

Mr. D. H. Tillotson, of King, was here this week.



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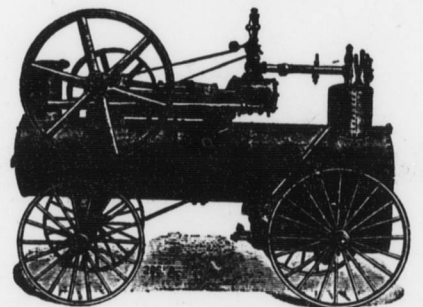
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Yours for business,

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