

NO MORE FREE LABOR

In those Townships Which Carry the Election For Bond Issue.

FACTS MADE CLEAR

This is the Opinion of Attorney General T. W. Bickett In the Matter.

Editor Reporter:

There has been quite a little stir around Germanton over a certain construction which has been placed upon section 19 of the proposed road law for Stokes county.

Some, you know, are prone to look for knot holes in every plank, and for the dark side of every picture. However, we are not at all uneasy when those who can read, take the time to carefully examine the road bill themselves, because there is not a flaw to be found in it.

The only fear we have is that some of the voters will listen to the misrepresentations which have been going on, and not stop and carefully examine the bill themselves.

Quite a few who were anxious to vote for the bond issue have been held up and made dissatisfied by some one telling them that all men of road age could be forced to work the six days in every year at so much per day, etc.

Well, according to the wording of the bill, I knew such could not be the case, but in order that every voter should know the facts, I decided to set at rest their disturbances by getting the Attorney General to render a decision. A copy of the letter written to the Attorney, and a copy of his letter in reply relative to the matter will be found below which will make the situation clear to each voter:

Germanton, N. C.,
Feb. 3, 1913.

Hon. T. W. Bickett,
Atty. General,
Raleigh, N. C.

My dear sir:
A bill is now pending in the General Assembly entitled, "An act to promote highways in the several townships of Stokes county."

In section 19 of said act you will observe that in any township carrying said election—"the general road law now requiring free labor upon the public roads shall be, and is repealed insofar as free labor is required to be done upon the public roads of such township or townships."

It is being urged by certain of the opposition to said bill, that the above clause leaves a loop hole, whereby people of road age could be forced to work upon the roads the usual number of days, though they would be paid a certain amount per day, that they will no longer be forced to work as free labor, but that they can be forced to work and receive pay.

I do not believe such construction is at all tenable, but certain ones are being deluded by such reports.

I will appreciate your construction upon clause in said section 19 in such form as that we may publish in our county paper, setting forth the diversity of opinions on the matter in question.

Thanking you in advance for your immediate reply, I am with regards,

Very truly yours,
JNO. W. KURFEES.

Raleigh, N. C.,
Feb. 6, 1913.

Mr. Jno. W. Kurfees,
Germanton, N. C.

Dear sir:
Replying to yours of the 3rd I beg to advise that under the terms of the law quoted by you

no one could be required to do any labor upon the public roads of any township that takes advantage of the act. I do not think that people of road age can be required to work the roads even if they should be paid, as the law clearly contemplates that the road should be maintained by taxation and not by conscript labor paid or unpaid.

Very truly yours,
T. W. BICKETT,
Attorney General.

The above decision should satisfy the most exacting, and we trust that every voter in the county will, from this time on, look and see for themselves, or listen to some one who is not given to misrepresentation.

We have the opportunity of our lives in Stokes county now, and the outside world is looking on with deep interest.

We are today paying an enormous road tax, or rather "mud tax," without getting any benefit. The difference will be, with a bond issue we will be paying a tax and getting the benefit.

Remember, will you, it will not be a liability we are voting upon us, but a valuable asset for every township that carries it—good roads the balance of our lives.

JNO. W. KURFEES.

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Obituary.

Noah Eaton was born June 1, 1824, died Feb. 4th, 1913, aged 88 years, 8 months and 6 days. He was twice married. First to Bessie Boaze. From this union two daughters were born, both of whom are living and in charge of families. His second marriage was to Louisa Culler, and from this union 13 children were born, seven of whom are living. Thus he leaves 9 children, 93 grand children, 66 great grand children and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. His second wife died in 1885. Thus he was a widower about 27 years. He spent much of this time quite alone, refusing to leave his old home and live with his children. He became very feeble and spent the last several weeks of his life with his son-in-law, T. R. Smith, where he had the kind and careful attention of his daughter and all the family. He professed personal faith in Christ and was baptised into the fellowship of Olive Grove Baptist church about fifteen years ago. So far as known by the writer, he lived a consistent christian life. He was regular for one of his age in attendance to the church services, often the first to get to the church. He could not hear well in his last years, but seemed to enjoy being at church and taking part in the worship. He was buried from Shilo Baptist church, the writer conducting the funeral service in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and sympathizing friends. His body was laid to rest by the side of his second wife, to wait the resurrection of the redeemed. The relatives and friends mourn not as those who have no hope, but look forward to a glorious reunion of the saved, through Christ who giveth us the victory. May all the family be prepared to meet the father in peace and endless joy.

P. OLIVER.

The Boyles Mercantile Co. says that money is easier counted than dress goods. A word to the wise is sufficient. You can't afford to miss this sale.

FROM MR. MITCHELL

Writes Interesting Letter From His New Home In Florida.

LIKES THE CLIMATE

Expects to Return to Stokes and Spend the Summer—Faring Sumptuously Every Day.

Callahan, Fla., Feb. 8, 1913.

Editor Reporter:

As I promised some of my friends to let them hear from me through the Reporter, with your kind permission I will write a few lines to say that I have about recovered from injuries received from the runaway accident mentioned in last week's Reporter and am enjoying this splendid mild climate. January was almost like summer at home and we can have oranges, grape fruit, cabbage, snap beans, turnips, green peas and many other luxuries that we can't have in Stokes before June.

Callahan is the gateway to Florida and the beauties of the Atlantic coast. Two railroads cross the Atlantic coast going to Jacksonville and the Seaboard going to Gainesville and all points South with more than 50 trains daily. The town has a splendid citizenship, and has a good deal of wealth. Several stores, 2 brick yards, a turpentine distillery and two saw-mills besides other industries, two churches, Baptist and Methodist, preaching at both every Sunday and some times oftener.

It appears to be healthy here and people don't have to wrap up and stay in by the fire, but can go without coats the most of the time. I have enjoyed better health and have been free from bad colds and have been better of catarrah than for several years, but I expect to come back to dear old Stokes to spend the summer and I intend to come back here in the winter.

The land here is generally level and clear of rocks and gullies and the beauty is we can have something growing the year around, and especially fine for vegetables and can grow two and three crops a year.

Several Stokes friends live here and seem well pleased, Jacksonville, a large city and a great business place on the East coast, is only 20 miles distant. St. Augustine, the oldest settlement in the U. S., is a little farther down. We can have plenty of fish and oysters and fare sumptuously all the time.

Don't worry in your work for good roads and good schools in old Stokes.

Wishing the Reporter and its readers much happiness and success, I close for this time.

Respectfully,
J. G. H. MITCHELL.

Paying The Mud Tax.

Mr. G. A. Hill came in yesterday hauling a wheel, and with a pole supporting one side of his wagon. The wreck occurred in one of the bad holes south of Danbury.

Mr. J. N. Young's wagon is wrecked, standing idle in the street near Fagg's store. It couldn't stand the strain of rocks and pitfalls.

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MAKING GOOD ROAD

Forsyth County Is Grading the Red Bank Road To Germanton.

A GREAT BLESSING

This Road Is Direct Line To Winston—Other News From Germanton Route 2.

Germanton, Route 2, Feb. 10.

We are proud to know that Forsyth county is now having graded the Red Bank road between Germanton and Winston. This road is a direct line to Winston from Germanton and will be a great blessing to the people of Stokes county as well as Forsyth.

We are having a great deal of sickness in our community at present. Mr. L. C. Merritt has been confined to his bed for the past week with grip.

Mr. Bill Sapp's baby has been seriously ill for some time of scarlet fever.

Mr. Arthur Simmons of Francisco spent a few days the past week with his aunt, Mrs. T. J. Crumpler, on Germanton Route 2.

Mr. Rober Caudle, wife and children of Germanton visited Mrs. Caudle's mother, Mrs. Young, near Walnut Cove.

Misses Alma and Elah Crumpler gave a flinch party Saturday night. All present seemed to enjoy it very much.

Miss Blanch Merritt is teaching one of the best schools at Red Bank that has been taught there for years. When it comes to teaching Blanch knows her business.

Miss Alma Crumpler, of Germanton, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Simmons, of Francisco.

Letter From Montana.

Turner, Mont., Jan. 3.
Danbury Reporter,
Danbury, N. C.

Please allow me a little space in your valuable paper for a few lines to my many friends of old Stokes.

This is a fine country. The land is almost level, and I can see so far. The land is all most gone around here. There is still land in the hills to be taken yet.

Well, we are having some pretty cold weather now. It has been 31 below zero here. One of my neighbors' wells froze over. Now you say, well, that is some cold, but it don't seem so bad as you would think. We are having schools in the different parts of the country, but we don't have any Sunday School or preaching near here.

I have lots of neighbors. My nearest neighbor is one-half mile away.

MRS. A. J. SHOCKLEY.

To My Friends and Customers

I have bought the interest owned by J. P. Lewis in the Lewis & Simmons Clothing Business and have moved my stock to the W. T. McDaniel Store building next door to O. N. Swanson's old stand. I want to cut down my stock to make room for spring goods which are now coming in. In order to do this I am making lower prices by far than I've ever made before. Don't fail to see me for anything you need in my line. I will save you money.

P. E. SIMMONS,
Pilot Mt., N. C.

Dillard Items.

Dillard, Feb. 5.—Messrs. J. M. Fagg and J. Wilson Mitchell went to Danbury Monday.

Misses Annie Blair and Bessie Fagg spent Saturday night at Mr. J. F. Rothrock's.

Mr. John Mitchell, of Winston, was here today.

Mrs. G. Roberts spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Carter.

Miss Lemma Duncan closed her school near Pine Hall Friday on account of measles. She returned to her home here Sunday.

Among those who visited at Mr. J. F. Rothrock's a few hours Saturday evening were Misses Annie Blair, Bessie Fagg, Bettie Roberts and Della Alcorn; Messrs. James Herd, Robert Alcorn, Elbert Roberts, Will Ward, Grady Mitchell and Willie Alcorn. All report a nice time.

Mrs. J. M. Fagg, Mrs. J. Wilson Mitchell, Misses Annie Blair, Bessie Fagg and little Davis Fagg called at Mr. G. W. Roberts' Sunday evening.

Mr. Perry Dillon, of Winston, is visiting at Mr. J. Ham Mitchell's this week.

Gideon.

Gideon, Feb. 11.—Choppins are all the go in this neighborhood.

The farmers are burning plant land and preparing for another crop of tobacco as they got a big price for their last year's crop.

Paul Davis, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, is sick at this writing.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flynn has been real sick but is improving some, we are glad to note.

Miss Berchie Dunlap is visiting her sister, Mrs. Isom of Walnut Cove.

Mr. James Dunlap has moved on the farm of Mr. J. Frank Dunlap.

Mr. Walter M. Flynt, Jr., has mumps at this writing.

Mrs. B. J. Martin, who moved to Florida to spend the winter, lost a good farm mule at this place Monday, we are sorry to note.

Misses Myrtle Fagg and Bessie Mae Flinchum, both of Red Shoals has mumps.

Rev. King filled his regular appointment at Oak Grove last Sunday.

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The Other Side.

Some of the opponents of good roads have counted up the interest for 30 years and will show you a terrifying sum which they must pay the next 30 years if the bond issue carries. This is child's reasoning. Suppose they calculate what their taxes will be the next 30 years without roads, and see what the result will be. According to expert testimony it is costing Stokes county \$80,000 per year to do without roads and in 30 years we will have lost \$2,400,000, that is provided our citizens stay here long enough to be taxed.

Walnut Cove

Business Pointers

John A. Burton offers sugar 25 pounds for \$1.20.

See change of Dodson & Co.'s ad. Several solid car loads of Daisy Middlings, hay, corn and oats.

STOKES ROAD BILL

Passed Its Final Reading In the Legislature Thursday of Last Week.

ELECTION SOON

The Bill Provides That County Commissioners Call Elections In Various Townships Within Ten Days.

The act to promote public highways in Stokes county recently introduced in the Legislature passed its final reading Thursday and a certified copy of same has no doubt been forwarded to the Stokes county commissioners.

The bill provides that the commissioners shall call an election in each township of the county within ten days from its receipt by the chairman for the purpose of allowing the citizens to vote on the question of issuing bonds for roads.

It is very probable that the election will be called within the next few days, though a special meeting of the board for that purpose has not been called at this writing.

Pine Hall.

Pine Hall, Feb. 10.—Measles have about died out through our section now but smallpox is around again.

Mrs. O. M. Creakman who has been visiting friends and relatives in West Virginia returned to her home here last week.

Mrs. J. C. Flynn visited her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Cahill, at Madison last week.

Mr. J. A. Hardin of Roanoke, Va., was a visitor here last week.

Misses Minnie and Laura Ingram visited friends in Mayodan last week.

Era and Edna, the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Collins, are right sick with measles. Hope they will soon recover.

Mr. Gordon of Yadkin county has moved his family here. We are glad to have them in our community.

Mr. J. A. Hall, traveling salesman for Star Brand Shoes, was here last week.

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All Who Want To Pay Down Can Do So.

There are a few who are in favor of good roads, but don't want the bonds to run so long. They had rather the debt be paid and have done with it. Now, the county commissioners will arrange so that any one who wishes to pay his part of the bond issue down, can do so, and get a clear receipt for 30 years on so much property as levied today. Those who are so full handed as this, may be accommodated. The commissioners will do this with pleasure, gentlemen.

Union Meeting.

There will be a Union meeting at Young's School House on Feb. 22nd at 7:30 p. m. All members are requested to come out as there is important business to attend to.

J. M. ALLEY,
President.

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