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## GIVE US THE TRUTH

**Let No Honest and Intelligent Man Be Fooled By False Statements Regarding the Cost of Building and Repairing Roads--Read What Dr. Pratt Says.**

The Reporter learns that many wild and untrue reports are being circulated in the country by opponents of the bond issue regarding the cost of building sand clay roads.

It would be much better to let only truth be told, and if good roads are a bad thing let them be voted down, but if a good thing lets build them. Let the people decide with their intelligence and judgment from a truthful statement of facts whether or not we need good roads, and what their cost will be.

There is a report in Danbury township that \$15,000 will not trim out the brush, etc., for the route. Such false tales as this are doing the cause of good roads a benefit rather than injury, and will fool no one.

The Reporter invites the consideration of honest and intelligent people to the following letter received from Dr. J. Hyde Pratt, the North Carolina State Geologist, and one of the highest authorities on road building in the South:

March 6, 1913.

Editor Reporter,  
Danbury, N. C.

Dear Sir :

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date regarding the sand clay road in Stokes county. The estimate that I gave of \$1,500 per mile for the construction of sand-clay roads in Stokes county took into consideration that you would probably have a great deal of grading to do. If you have little or no grading, you can reduce the cost of sanding a clay road down to as low as \$200 and \$300 per mile, according to the distance you have to haul the sand. We have built sand-clay roads as cheap as \$275 per mile according to the grading.

If conditions exist as you state in your letter you ought to be able to cut down the \$1,500 figure I gave you quite a lot. Then again it depends on the width of the road. Do not make your roads less than 20 feet wide. You will get better results in the end. You will not need, however, to sand-clay but 9 or 10 feet in the center, keeping the dirt portion on each side of the sand-clay with a gentle slope to the ditches.

I built last year a small stretch of sand-clay road in front of my house. Last winter, which was one of the most severe we have had here at Chapel Hill, the sand-clay road did not soften or have much more mud upon it than a regular macadam road, while the balance of the roads were anywhere from a few inches to hub deep in mud. As soon as the rains ceased and the snow got off the road had dried out hard and smooth almost within twenty-four hours. We have built the sand-clay roads in the mountains in Buncombe and Henderson counties, and it is considered by all up there better than their macadam roads and it goes through the hard winters without being especially hurt. In order to keep a sand-clay road in first class condition the road drag should be run over it after heavy rains.

I wish to say that if the people of Stokes county vote the bond issue, they will never regret it. You have naturally a fine county, which will grow in wealth and population rapidly with a good system of roads.

Yours truly,  
J. HIDE PRATT,  
State Geologist.

In another letter regarding the cost of repairing roads, the Reporter has received the following:

Editor Reporter,  
Danbury, N. C.

Dear Sir :

I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of February 25th in regard to the question of maintenance of sand-clay roads.

Mr. H. H. Reid, of Danbury Route 1, was seriously and almost fatally hurt last Saturday by a rolling log, which caught him and crushed several ribs. He is in quite a serious condition, but it is expected that he will recover.

Mr. Reid was attending a chopping when the accident happened. He is attended upon by Dr. McCauley of Danbury, being confined to his bed with much suffering.

### Lawsonville.

Lawsonville, March 10.—Mr. Willis Moore visited his sister, Miss Oberia, Sunday.

Miss Sallie Shelton returned home Saturday after spending two weeks with her brother, Mr. Hub Sheld, of Stuart, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lawson visited at Mr. J. H. Robertson's Sunday.

Mr. Josiah Robertson visited his brother, Mr. John Robertson Sunday who has been sick for some time. He is not improving very much we are sorry to know.

Misses Oberia Moore and Pearl Sheppard and Mr. Willis Moore visited at Mr. J. A. Sheppard's a short while Sunday evening.

Misses Fannie Sands and Ola Burge visited at Mr. J. A. Lawson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sheppard, Mr. J. A. Lawson and children visited at Mr. M. H. Robertson's Sunday evening.

Mr. R. L. Lawson and daughter, Miss Myrtle, attended divine service held at North View Sunday by Rev. Watt and Paul Priddy and Walter Mabe.

Mr. Fred Ayers of Stuart, Va., visited at Mr. E. C. Sheppard's Sunday.

Mr. Percy Sheppard visited at Mr. Z. R. Sheppard's Sunday.

Quite a number of young people visited at Mr. J. A. Sheppard's Saturday and Sunday. Among those present were Misses Annie Ayers, Alpha Brown, May and Alpha Jessup, Messrs. Ralph Brown, Lester Smith, Jimmie Crans, Roy and Noy Doss, Wheeler Smith, and others.

Mr. Fred Smith returned home last week from Winston where he has been employed by East & Dairy for several months.

Virginia, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Sheppard, who has been sick for some days, is improving, we are glad to know.

### JOEL Y. HOLLAND.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called from our midst and church one of our beloved members.

Joel Y. Holland was born April 3, 1891, died Feb. 24,

1913, age 21 years, 10 months and 21 days. He professed faith in Christ at a protracted meeting held in the grove at Haw Pond school house in August 1909, and was baptized at the close of said meeting.

Afterwards he united with Quaker Gap Baptist church when organized in Oct. 1909. Brother Holland had scarcely arrived at early manhood when the summons came; which should be a caution to all to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Resolved first, that we deeply sympathize with the relatives of our deceased brother, and would gladly help them bear their sorrows. Second, that we commend them to Him who knoweth and doeth all things well.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes and one be sent to the Danbury Reporter for publication.

W. G. SLATE, J. H. COVINGTON, Com.

W. J. JOHNSON.

At Mt. Olive Church Third Sunday In March.

King Route 2, March 10.—Mr. Archibald Johnson, the editor of Charity and Children, of Thomasville, will address the people of Mt. Olive Baptist church the third Sunday in March at the morning service on the needs of the orphanage. Would be glad to have a large representation from other churches. It will do you good to hear brother Johnson.

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