

REV. P. OLIVER.

Writes Another Letter Against the Good Roads Bond Issue.

Messrs. Editors :

I am glad that the issue before the people of Stokes is not "good or improved roads," but the "bond issue." Every man wants better highways, but many of us want them in a safe way, to pay and improve as we go, not to pay \$3 or \$4 in interest for \$1 spent on the roads. This I discussed in the last week's paper. Fellow citizens, at this time, labor is scarce and high, and every one knows that "public money goes free" from the General Government at Washington, and down even to our counties and townships. We may be certain that if we undertake to build roads at once all over the county they will cost us entirely too much. I suggest that the commissioners levy a reasonable special tax for road improvement. This could be spent in an economical way. Many farmers living near the road could be employed at reasonable prices to follow and drag the roads. Many of the worst places could be paved with stone that are in the farmers' way, and leveled up so the road would last for years. I know what I say by a little personal experience. I hear some one replying, "we have no funds of that sort in hand with which to begin." Our people will work on time until such tax can be collected. After a few months it could be a cash business. We cannot afford to try to keep up with other counties whose taxable property is three, four and five times as much as ours. There let me state the relative value in several counties. These figures are taken from the N. C. Hand Book, published by the Raleigh News Observer Company for the year 1913, giving 1912 statistics, etc. Stokes county \$4,408,935. Remember this takes in all, real, personal, railroad, telegraph and express companies. Iredell, \$14,533,853; over 3 1-4 times the property of Stokes. Guilford, \$22,975,07; over 5 times the property of Stokes. Mecklenburg, \$25,821,557; over 5 1-2 times as much as Stokes. Forsyth, \$24,162,463; over 5 times the property of Stokes.

Now, fellow citizens, if we attempt to keep up with those counties what must be our tax rate? Just in proportion to our property of course. Then let us improve our roads in a safe way as fast as we can, and be out of debt each year. Let every dollar we pay be spent on our roads and not in paying interest. Kind voter, let us stop just here and view Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Statesville, large cities, filled with millions of dollars worth of property, factories, etc., with their paved streets and concrete sidewalks pointing in every direction like spokes in a wheel pointing in every direction from the hub, and in addition each county referred to is comparatively level. Now, how do these facts and conditions compare with what we have in Stokes? Let us be frank and open about the matter. For our seat of county government we have only a village and that not even incorporated with neither streets nor roads from which to extend our proposed system of public roads. Looking from Danbury in almost every direction we see almost insurmountable barriers, great mountains, hills and hollows. I think it is a well established fact that even macadam roads will not stand much of a grade. I call on all to behold our hills and hollows, and see this matter it is for themselves. I mention these things not in disparagement of our dear old county, for in love and devotion whether I yield to no one, and

I hope and expect to spend the rest of my days on earth right here in the shadow so to speak of the grand old Sauratown mtn. We hear it urged that we might as well vote bonds, for in case the scheme is defeated at the polls the board of commissioners, acting under a certain power vested in them by law, will proceed to issue the bonds any way. This sort of "persuasion," if translated into the language of the lone-highway-man, would read something like this: "Hands up, you numb-skull, pass over your valuables at once or you will be assisted in complying with my command." Friends, whither are we drifting, and where is our boasted "sovereign rule of the people?" Let not this sort of "hold up" induce any one to vote against his good sound judgment. The road for this manner of procedure is pretty strong. First, to accomplish this purpose there would have to be found a board of commissioners elected by the people and sworn to faithfully discharge their duties in the interest of the citizens of Stokes county,—a board having a political party at the back and responsible for its conduct; that would find it in their hearts to ruthlessly over-ride, rough-shod, the majority will of the people fairly expressed at the ballot box. And second, there would have to be located men of money who would be willing to invest their money in bonds issued under such condemnatory acts and a cloud of circumstances. We will cross that bridge when we reach it. Let us not lose sight of the issue now confronting us.

We are told that bonds for roads will increase the value of our lands to such an extent that it will be an easy matter to pay the extra taxes. Gentlemen, I beg leave to differ on this point, and I call attention to the county of Patrick, in Va. to support my contention. Years ago, as I am informed, that county voted \$150,000, or just half what we are called upon to vote. They did this to assist in bringing a narrow-gauge railroad to the county seat, which road has since been converted into a broad-gauge road. It will be observed that in their experience the county did not have to pay any expenses to keep up the road as would be the case with us in maintaining our dirt roads. But on the other hand they received large taxes from their railroad property to assist in paying their bonds as well as for all other purposes. But after paying this pretty stiff special tax to meet interest for many years, many of the citizens, so I am told, began to advertise their farms and homes for sale in their desperation to flee from that tax-afflicted district, as they saw it—wholly on account of the debt which is of small concern as compared to what is proposed to place on us, for they saw no indication of its end, and it is said that lands just a cross the State line on the Va. side was offered much cheaper than lands of a like quality was bringing just over on the Stokes side, but that was not often taken by home-seekers. If we are to get the increase in valuation referred to, I am of the opinion that it will be only on paper, and that paper in the hands of the tax-lister, for it will be needed for taxes without a doubt. Will the lands grow corn, wheat or tobacco any better? In fact, will they grow crops as well after much of the top soil, as deep as the plow goes, has been hauled off in muddy weather onto the roads? These are some of the questions that interest the farmer, and even if the valuation of the land should actually increase, it would not especially benefit the farmer unless he desired to sell. It would only mean higher taxes to

appease the appetite of the bond holder every 6 months. Facts are facts and we might as well be frank about the matter before us, as I see it. Let us be conservative on this as well as on all questions in which our real interest is involved.

Let me say further that the improved roads did not have all to do with the other counties becoming rich, but rather after they became rich, they built the roads as a luxury to some extent as well as for service. We are not able to have the luxuries that wealthy counties enjoy. But we have a fine opportunity to improve and place ourselves in better condition. "It is well to let well enough alone" before we have come to repent, but too late.

P. OLIVER.

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NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Noah W. Eaton, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate of the said Noah W. Eaton, to present them to me for payment, duly authenticated, on or by the 25th day of March, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are respectfully requested to make immediate payment to me. This the 12th day of Feb., 1913.

T. B. SMITH, Administrator. Post Office: King, N. C., Route 2. N. O. PETREE, Atty. for Admr.

NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of John M. Linville, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate of the said John M. Linville, deceased, to present them to me for payment, duly authenticated, on or by the 10th day of Feb., 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are respectfully requested to make immediate payment to me. This the 4th day of Feb., 1913.

P. H. LINVILLE, Administrator. P. O. Walnut Cove, N. C. N. O. PETREE, Atty. for Admr.

Notice.

I am paying cash \$1.10 per bushel for good milling wheat delivered to my mill. I also buy corn and pay cash at the market price. I sell flour, meal and chop at the lowest prices. JOHN R. LACKEY, Walnut Cove, N. C.

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Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes County, N. C., rendered on the 28th day of Feb., 1913, in the special proceeding entitled "S. W. Eaton and others against Etta Dorsett," I will expose to public sale upon the premises in Stokes county, to the highest bidder upon the terms set forth below, on Saturday, April 12th, 1913, at the hour of two o'clock p. m., two tracts of land belonging to Noah W. Eaton, deceased, in Yadkin Township, the first tract being the same tract of land conveyed by deed from Alexander Boyles and wife to Noah W. Eaton recorded in the Register's office of Stokes county, in Book No. 19, page 209, containing 120 acres, more or less, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a white oak, Adam Fulk's corner, running west 40 chains to a white oak, South 30 chains to a Spanish oak, East 40 chains to a rock and pointers, and thence north 30 chains to the beginning. Saving and excepting about 40 acres sold off said boundary to Henry Dorsett, reference being had to the deed to said Dorsett for boundaries of said exception.

Second tract being the same tract conveyed by deed from John Q. A. King to Noah W. Eaton, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Stokes county in book 27, 392, and to which reference is hereunto made, and bounded as follows:

Beginning on two white oaks, said King's and Eaton's corners, South 23 chains to a stake in a place of land sold to Abel Edwards, thence west with his line 1 chain and 74 links to a stake and pointers, thence north 23 chains to a stake and pointers in Martin's old line, east to the beginning, containing four acres, more or less.

Terms of sale: One fourth cash on day of sale, one fourth payable December 1st, 1913, and the remainder payable one year from day of sale, with bond and approved security for deferred payments bearing six per cent interest from day of sale, with privilege to the purchaser to pay all cash if he so desires. This the 28th day of Feb., 1913.

T. B. SMITH, Com'r. N. O. PETREE, Atty. for Com'r.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes County rendered on the 28th day of Feb., 1913, in the special proceeding entitled "S. W. Eaton and others against Etta Dorsett and Reid Dorsett," I will expose to public sale upon the premises in Stokes Co., to the highest bidder upon the terms set forth below, on Saturday, April 12th, 1913, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., the lands of Mrs. Louisa Eaton, deceased, in Stokes county, being lot No. 4 in the partition of the lands of Joseph Culler, dec'd., as appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Stokes county, in Book No. 15, page 102, etc., and to which reference is hereunto made, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a post oak Bannister's former corner, running west thirty chains to three white oaks in Gynon's line, north on his line thirty four and a quarter chains to a post oak in Martin's former line, East on said line seventeen chains to a Spanish oak, his s. e. corner, South four chains to pointers, a corner of lot No. 3, East with said lot thirteen chains to a chestnut, old corner, South thirty chains and a half to the beginning, containing 97 acres, more or less. Saving and excepting 43 1-2 acres sold off of said boundary to S. J. Wall, dec'd., recorded in Register's office of Stokes county in Book 25, page 486, to which reference is hereunto made for boundaries of said exception.

Terms of sale: One fourth cash on day of sale, one fourth payable December 1, 1913, and the remainder payable one year from day of sale, with bond and approved security for deferred payments bearing 6 per cent interest from day of sale, with privilege to the purchaser to pay all cash if he so desires. This the 28th day of Feb., 1913.

T. B. SMITH, Com'r. N. O. PETREE, Atty. for Com'r.

Notice.

Having this day duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Joel Y. Holland dec'd., all persons owing dec'd are requested to make immediate settlement of same, and all persons holding claims against the estate of the said Joel Y. Holland, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, duly proven, to the undersigned for payment on or before the 10th day of March, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Germantown, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

This the 26th day Feb., 1913. JOHN M. REDDING, Ex. of Joel Y. Holland, deceased. J. D. Humphreys, Atty. for Ex.

Notice.

Having duly qualified as executor of the estate of John H. Merritt, deceased, late of Stokes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at King, N. C., Route 1, on or before the 10th day of Feb., 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th of Feb., 1913. IRA W. MOSER, Executor of John H. Merritt, dec'd. CHAS. R. HELM, Scribe. Atty. for Executor.

SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior court of Stokes county rendered by M. T. Chilton, c. s. c., in the special proceedings entitled "Sadie Isom and her husband, L. H. Isom, Gracie Gatewood and her husband, Bruce Gatewood, J. Frank Dunlap, Berchie Dunlap, Hattie Gann and her husband, Roscoe Gann, Robah Smith and Roy Smith, the last two named by their father, J. F. Smith, Exparte" which proceedings are partition proceedings for a sale for division of the hereinafter described lands, I will on the 29th day of March, 1913, on the premises sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the county of Stokes and State of North Carolina and in Beaver Island township adjoining the lands of R. W. Mitchell, J. G. H. Mitchell and others and more particularly described and defined as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a white oak said Mitchell's corner in J. G. H. Mitchell's line, runs North 86 degrees West with R. W. Mitchell's line 30 1-2 chains to Lynn's creek, thence up the meanders of said creek 62 36-100 chains to pointers R. I. Dalton's line thence South 86 degrees, East 16 75-100 chains to a black oak, thence South 55 chains to the beginning containing 107 89-100 acres more or less and it being the same land described in bond for title from G. T. Dunlap to J. Frank Dunlap and in deed from same to J. Frank Dunlap and conveyed back by J. Frank Dunlap to G. T. Dunlap by a deed bearing date of Sept. 20th, 1909, and recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Stokes county, N. C., in Book No. 54, on page 143 to which reference is hereby made for further description. Sale subject to confirmation of court. This Feb. the 20th, 1913. J. D. HUMPHREYS, Commissioner.

Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust executed to me by J. M. Jackson and wife, Etta Jackson, on the 13th day of Oct., 1910, duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Stokes county, N. C., in book 55, page 277, and to which reference is hereunto made to secure the payment of a certain note on bond therein recited and default having been made in the payment of said bond and the holders thereof having applied to me to make sale of the lands conveyed in said deed in trust to satisfy said bond, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash upon the premises in Stokes county, N. C., on the 8th day of March, 1913, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., the tract of land conveyed in said deed in trust, bounded as follows:

Beginning on a stone in Joel Jackson's line on the Rockford road, runs north said road 450 feet to a stone in said road, thence nearly East 210 feet to a stone, thence nearly south 450 feet to a stone in said Jackson's line, thence with Jackson's line to the beginning, containing two and three tenths acre, more or less.

This the 6th day of Feb., 1913. J. A. STONE, Trustee.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes county, N. C., rendered on the 7th day of Dec., 1912, in the special proceeding entitled "D. H. Boyles and others against Arrena Boyles and others," I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash, upon the premises in Stokes county, N. C., on Saturday, March 22nd, 1913, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., a tract of land, bounded as follows:

Adjoining the lands of D. W. Gordon, deceased, John Sheppard and others, beginning at a post oak in the Steel line, running West 6 ch. to a black oak, thence South on this line 6 ch. to post oak and Spanish oak, Wm. Jackson's corner, thence West 6 ch. and 82 links to J. G. Gordon's corner, thence North 11 ch. to a stake, Gordon's corner, thence West 10 ch. to a black gum and stake, Gordon's corner, thence North 5 ch. to persimmon and pine, thence 7 1-2 ch. East, crossing a branch to a white oak, thence North 5 ch. to a pine, thence East 16 ch. to pointers, thence South 15 ch. to the beginning, containing 31 acres, more or less, (less the amount cut off of same by Bose, supposed to be 9 acres, more or less), and being same tract of land conveyed by deed from D. H. Boyles to Sarah E. Boyles, recorded in the Register's office of Stokes county, in Book No. 52, page 221, and to which reference is hereunto made.

This the 14th day of Feb. 1913. N. O. PETREE, Com.

State of North Carolina, Stokes county. Court, before the Clerk. Notice to non resident defendant to appear and answer. Robert C. Hairston, Susan C. Dalton, and her husband Bedford Dalton, Plaintiffs, against Jemima Hairston, Patrick C. Hairston and others, Defendants.

It appearing to the Court upon affidavit filed in the above entitled action that Patrick C. Hairston, one of the defendants therein, is a non resident of the State of North Carolina, and can not, after due diligence be found therein, and can not be personally served with summons and is a necessary party to this action, it being a proceeding to have dower assigned to Jemima Hairston, widow of Wm. C. Hairston, deceased, in the lands of the said Wm. C. Hairston, and for partition of said lands, subject to said dower,

It is therefore ordered by the court that publication of notice be made for four successive weeks in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in Danbury, N. C., notifying the said Patrick C. Hairston, to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior court of Stokes county, N. C., in Danbury, on or before the 22nd day of March, 1913, and answer or demur to the petition now on file in said case. And let Patrick C. Hairston take notice that if he fails to appear and answer said petition on or before the 22nd day of March, 1913, the same will be heard ex parte as to him, and the relief therein prayed for will be granted.

This the 12th day of Feby. 1913.

M. T. CHILTON, Clerk Superior Court, Stokes Co., N. C. Watson, Buxton and Watson and N. O. Petree, Attys. for Pliffs.

Notice of Sale.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 8th day of July, 1912 by E. H. Biggs to the undersigned J. D. Humphreys, trustee, to secure the payment of a certain bond due to C. W. Ferguson, which deed of trust appears of record in office of the Register of Deeds of Stokes county, N. C., in book no. 55 on page 330, and to satisfy the terms of said deed of trust, and in accordance with its terms, and upon request of said C. W. Ferguson, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on the 15th day of March, 1913, at the store house of E. H. Biggs where said property is located all of the property conveyed in said deed of trust which is described as follows to-wit:

All of the goods, wares and merchandise which consists of a general stock of goods, wares and merchandise now in the store of E. H. Biggs, one half of which he has this day bought from C. W. Ferguson which stock of goods and store is at present on the lands of J. S. Biggs but which in a short time will be removed to a storehouse lot that E. H. Biggs is buying or about to buy from Mattie Martin which is just across the road from the present store house. This lot of land adjoins the lands of J. S. Biggs, Mattie Martin. Also such goods and merchandise as may be added from time to time to the stock in the usual course of business, and also scales and all things that belong to the store.

The above description is as of deed of trust. This Feb. 10th, 1913. J. D. HUMPHREYS, Trustee.

NOTICE.

Having this day duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of G. T. Dunlap, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to come forward and make immediate settlement of same and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly proven to the undersigned for payment on or before the 25th day of Feb., 1914 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Gideon, N. C., Feb. 15th, 1913. J. FRANK DUNLAP, Executor of G. T. Dunlap, dec'd. J. D. Humphreys, Atty. for Ex.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John Neal, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate of the said John Neal, to present them to the undersigned for payment, duly authenticated, on or before the 10th day of Feb., 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are respectfully requested to make immediate payment to me. This the 4th day of Feb., 1913.

JOHN H. NEAL, Administrator. P. O. Meadows, N. C. N. O. PETREE, Atty. for Admr.