

**FROM MR. R. L. NUNN**

Some Conservative Figures That Can't Be Disputed.

**THE MUD TAX FIERCE**

Mr. Petree Forgot To Count the Extra Cost of Hauling Nine Million Pounds of Fertilizer Over Bad Roads.

Westfield, March 17.  
Editors Reporter :

When I wrote my last letter for your paper some three weeks ago on the proposed bond issue for good roads in Stokes county, I thought at the time that I would not write anything further on the subject, but since Mr. Oliver continues to write and urge the voters of Stokes to not vote for the bond issue, I feel it my duty to write another letter for your paper and set forth my reasons for being for the good roads bond issue. For the last four years I have been traveling the most of the time, and most of my work has been in the rural districts of North Carolina and Va., and I have had ample opportunities to study the road question.

During these four years I have traveled over many miles of macadam, sand-clay, and top soil roads, and over many miles of mud roads, and I have asked hundreds of questions of citizens in counties where they have a system of permanent roads of either macadam, sand clay or top soil, and have yet to find a man who after having helped to build the roads in his county, is willing or wants to go back to the old way of working roads by free labor.

I find that every county in this State or Va. that has made a success of road building has issued bonds to build them.

Mr. Oliver and all other anti-good road men take the same stand. They claim that they are for good roads, but don't want to vote bonds to build them. They say that they are willing to be taxed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and 90 cents on the poll, and use that money each year on the roads. Now, I will just bet my old Rhode Island Red rooster that if that mass meeting at Danbury had of framed a bill that way, that most of these same men would have been howling for a bond issue.

Oh well, not all of course, for I believe that some are honest in their opinion that the bond issue is not the thing, but with a large part, I heartily believe it is nothing but an excuse to not vote for the bill.

And there is another reason why some people are against it. It is because they were not there and did not have a hand in helping frame the bill, consequently it is no good in their estimation. I just know that is what ails some of our people in Quaker Gap. If they had helped framed the bill it would have been all right, but as they didn't happen to be there on that day it's all wrong.

Not much to a fellow like that, is there ?

If he can't be the whole show himself, he won't be anything.

Now, in all seriousness, what are you going to do in this coming election? Are you going to just look at one side of this great issue, namely: the cost of building roads and maintaining them, and not count the cost of bad roads we have today in this county? If you are, many of you will vote against the bond issue, but if you will carefully study the cost to you of bad roads you will vote for the bond issue.

In last week's issue of the Reporter Mr W. A. Petree has an excellent letter in which he sets forth the facts in the case so anyone can understand them, and he proves by very conserva-

tive figures that the voters of this county are already paying more taxes on our bad roads than we would have to pay to build good roads, and yet he says nothing about the immense amount of fertilizer that is hauled annually over the same bad roads in Stokes county. If he had not forgotten this his figures would have been startling indeed as this county uses around nine million pounds of fertilizer annually.

Let's take an average two horse farmer in my section of the county which is 10 miles from the railroad, figure a little and see what his mud taxes is for one year. A man with a little assistance working two horses ought to make 6,000 pounds of tobacco, 100 bushels of wheat and 300 bushels of corn. It will take 6,000 pounds of fertilizer to make this tobacco, 2,000 pounds of fertilizer to make his wheat and 2,000 pounds fertilizer to make his corn and we consider these figures very conservative as many farmers use more fertilizer than that for wheat and corn. Now, let's see what it will cost him to market his tobacco and haul home his fertilizer. The average load of tobacco hauled to Winston-Salem is 1,000 pounds, and we get it hauled for 50 cents per hundred, and that means six loads at \$5 per load, \$30. It costs 20 cents per hundred to get anything hauled from Pilot Mtn. to our section, and to get his 10,000 pounds of fertilizer hauled or haul it himself it will cost \$20, and a total of \$50.00 for these two items, fertilizer and tobacco.

If we had good permanent roads this same man could haul that six thousand pounds of tobacco at three loads, 2,000 pounds each, thereby saving \$15.00, and instead of hauling 6 or 7 bags of fertilizer per load he could bring from 12 to 15 bags, saving at least \$10.00, making a total of \$25.00 saved in these two items, not to say anything of the wear and tear of his harness and wagon, and this would pay that man's taxes for several years. Now, this is just two items, but there are many more. The trips to town after repairs for machinery, etc., and for that curse to Stokes county (chop) and many other reasons is why a man should vote for the bond issue.

I am for the bond issue because I think it the only feasible way to build roads, as you sell your bonds that you issue, take the money and make roads, and while we are paying for them we will be getting the use of them, whereas, if we were just to pay a little tax each year and take that money and dribble it out on the roads we would never have any as long as the world stands.

Now, fellow tax-payers, I have had my say that I am for the bond issue and shall vote for it, and you of course will do just as you please about voting for it, but please don't do anything that you will be sorry for the balance of your days, and remember that a large per cent of our people were against the stock law once, but who would or could for that matter go back to the old way?

An old gentleman told me the other day that he made a mistake once in voting as he voted against the stock law, but he says that he will not make the same mistake this time as he will vote for the bond issue.

Yours very truly,  
R. L. NUNN.

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Mr. J. D. Cardwell, of Walnut Cove, was here Tuesday.

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**Read This Before You Vote.**

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we have previously talked about) "You know I told you thousands of girls here had to sell their virtue to get enough to live upon. I know I did not overdraw the picture. No one knows the miserable condition of most of the wage earners, until he goes to their homes like I have done. It is enough to make any one shed tears of indignation and to ask the God of the Universe, "How long shall these things exist?"

The clipping the gentleman sent relates to the findings of a commission appointed to investigate the cause of the downfall of women as related to low wages and home environment. For lack of space I can quote but one paragraph from the clipping which is as follows:

"The afternoon session closed with a hapless parade of unfortunate women, aged from 21 to 38, who one and all told the same story of their downfall—pitiful tales of miserable wages that did not meet their needs and so led to the first step towards an evil life."

I do not claim that bad roads are the sole cause of these pitiable conditions, but I do believe that they are one of the most potent factors in bringing them about. Then if this "body of death" is helping to blight the human soul does it not carry its influence into eternity? and is it not our duty, dear reader, to do what we can to remove it? Call the debt the proposed bonds would bind on us a "body of death" or whatever else you please. Surely it could not be so objectionable, heavy and burdensome for our people to bear or carry as the other "body of death"—the burden of bad roads; for in the one case we would carry the bonds for the sake of humanity, for the sake of keeping the environments of our homes in such condition as would give more contentment to our children and tend to shield them from the temptations of city life and keep their souls in purity. We would carry the burden for the sake of quicker, easier, and cheaper ways of travel, for the sake of better church, school, and social advantages and for the sake of easier and longer lives both for ourselves and our horses and mules and all the other advantages good roads would bring.

Whereas, in the other case, we would carry the burden of bad roads? only for the privilege of being allowed to keep on carrying it. And I have showed that on just a few items it will cost us \$2,692,171.00 to carry this burden for the next 30 years. And it seems to me that it would be only an act of patriotism for us to assume such obligation as may be necessary to lift this burden from the shoulders of our people. I see no virtue nor dignity in carrying it any longer than we are just obliged to.

Mr. Editor, while this letter is long, comparatively speaking, I have mentioned only a few thoughts bearing on the proposition before us. You can add others if you wish. I will rest till next week.

I may say that I am indebted to Southern Good Roads for many of the quotations in these letters.

W. A. PETREE.

**Quarterly Conference.**

The second quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church for Danbury circuit will be held at Sandy Ridge Methodist church on the fifth Saturday and Sunday in March.

Mr. J. Reid Forest, of Francisco, was a Danbury visitor Monday.

Mr. Robert W. Mitchell was here Tuesday from Red Shoals.

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**ON MOORE'S KNOB.**

Rev. Jas. M. King to Preach On Summit of Mountain Easter Monday.

The Reporter is requested to announce that Rev. Jas. M. King, of Walnut Cove Route 1, will preach on the summit of Moore's Knob on Easter Monday at 11 o'clock. Mr. King is a minister of the Baptist church. A great many people usually visit Moore's Knob at Easter and this service will no doubt attract an unusually large crowd.

Mr. Lem Moorefield, of Sandy Ridge Route 1, was a Danbury visitor Saturday.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Stokes County.**

Office of the Board of County Commissioners. February 20, 1913.

In the matter of road election in the several townships of Stokes county under an act of the General Assembly, session of 1913.

Notice to the qualified voters of Stokes county of the calling and holding of said election.

In pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, passed at the session of 1913, it is ordered by the board of county commissioners of the county of Stokes that an election be held under the provisions of said act, at all the election precincts in the several townships in Stokes county on the 1st day of April, 1913, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the qualified voters of the respective townships upon the question as to whether or not the said townships, or any of them, shall issue township bonds in the amount stated below for each respective township, with which to raise funds for the improvement of the public highways thereof, as follows:

- Yadkin township, fifty thousand dollars.
  - Meadows township, forty thousand dollars.
  - Quaker Gap township, fifty thousand dollars.
  - Peters Creek township, thirty-five thousand dollars.
  - Snow Creek township, thirty-five thousand dollars.
  - Sauratown township, fifty thousand dollars.
  - Beaver Island township, twenty-five thousand dollars.
  - Danbury township, fifteen thousand dollars.
- Said bonds to run thirty years, bearing semi-annual interest, with a provision for the levy of taxes to create a sinking fund with which to pay said bonds at maturity, to begin fifteen years from date of issue.

That for the purpose of holding said election it is further ordered by the board that the following registrars and judges be, and they are hereby appointed, to hold said election under the provisions of said act:

- Danbury precinct: L. J. Young registrar, and J. D. Smith and J. L. Coleman judges.
- Wilson's Store precinct: J. Walter Fowler registrar, and J. C. Wall and J. B. Greene judges.
- Germantown precinct: L. M. McKenzie registrar, and S. O. Watts and Geo. W. Newsom judges.
- Boyles' precinct: R. M. Covington registrar, and L. R. Pulliam and F. L. Fowler judges.
- King precinct: J. W. Spainhour registrar, and J. S. D. Pulliam and H. S. Greene judges.
- Pinnacle precinct: A. J. Boles registrar, and W. A. Sullivan and R. F. Fulk judges.
- Covington's School House precinct: D. A. Simmons registrar, and Jesse George, Jr. and Wm. Martin judges.

- Francisco precinct: I. E. Jessup registrar, and J. J. George and J. C. Flippin judges.
- Lawsonville precinct: H. H. Reid registrar, and Jesse A. Lawson and Joseph Martin judges.
- Sandy Ridge precinct: W. A. Jessup registrar, and T. M. Martin and F. M. Amos judges.
- Mitchell's precinct: Alex. Flinchum registrar, and L. J. Duncan, and Jno. W. Gann judges.
- Pine Hall precinct: J. C. Flinn registrar, and W. M. Chisman and T. G. Reynolds judges.
- Walnut Cove precinct: J. F. Hawkins registrar, and Joel I. Blackburn and P. H. Linville, judges.
- Freeman's precinct: J. C. Neal registrar, and M. D. Linville and A. D. Murray judges.

That at said election all qualified electors who favor the issuing of said bonds shall vote a ballot "For good roads bond issue," and those who oppose the issuing of said bonds shall vote a ballot "Against good roads bond issue."

That said election shall be held as near as may be under the general law for the election of members of the General Assembly.

That the registration books shall open for the registration of voters on the 28th day of February, 1913, and shall close on Saturday the 22nd day of March, 1913. That said registration books shall be kept open on each day (Sundays excepted) from nine o'clock a. m., until sunset. That on each Saturday during the time aforesaid, the respective registrars shall attend at their respective precincts with their registration books for the purpose of registering voters. That Saturday the 29th day of March, 1913, shall be challenge day.

That the respective registrars and judges of the respective precincts make return to the board of county commissioners of Stokes county of said election on the Thursday next following the election in accordance with said act.

That the clerk of the board cause notice of this order to be published once a week for at least thirty days next preceding the election in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in Danbury, N. C., and further cause notice hereof to be posted at five public places in each township, for thirty days next preceding the election, and also cause notice of the order to be served by the Sheriff of Stokes county on the registrars and judges hereinbefore named.

By order of the board.  
This the 20th day of February, 1913.

JOHN G. MOREFIELD,  
Clerk Board County Commissioners.

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