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Why the Bridge Should be Built

Unanswerable Arguments for Its Construction

MR. A. L. BOLICK WRITES

It Would Help Newton and Conover as Well as Hickory—Has Been Crying Need for Years

Will you allow a few words of explanation on the bridge question? I don't know of a single improvement in Western North Carolina so much needed as the proposed new bridge, the Salisbury-Asheville Highway not excepted. I believe furthermore a considerable part of the opposition on the part of Newton and the remote parts of the two counties involved comes from a lack of knowledge of the situation and conditions that brought about the bridge sentiment that touched a responsive chord on the part of our commissioners.

The fight seems to be centered on Hickory as the sole beneficiary of the enterprise. This is a mistake. While we admit it will be a great benefit to Hickory, it will also be a great benefit to the two counties, as well as the whole country in general.

We advance several reasons why the bridge should be located at the site proposed: We have a stretch of country up and down the river for about ten or twelve miles and reaching back, widening out somewhat fan shaped, to the distance of 25 miles. This whole section is practically cut off from market.

In this section is to be found vast stretches of comparatively level land capable of highest improvement, productive hills, and fertile valleys. In this section are also included the Brushy Mountains that cannot be excelled for fine fruits. In fact this whole section is destined to become one of the finest fruit, grain and grass regions in the state.

Our people for years have been marketing a considerable amount of lumber, bark, grain, fruits, and live stock, but we have been dependent upon a half dozen old rickety, dangerous ferries with rough roads, muddy landings, drowning and crippling stock, breaking vehicles etc., until many of our best and most enterprising citizens are selling out, going to other counties to Virginia and other states. When you ask why they are doing so, the answer every time is; "We want a better way to get to market." These are some of the things that have brought about the bridge sentiment and the people of this same section have been the prime movers in the matter and will do all they can financially toward its erection.

We note a few objections brought out by the opposition. They tell us it is too near the other bridge (the Catawba-Caldwell) but the distance is seven miles below. The above named section is practically cut off from the other bridge by Upper Little river and Gunpowder Creek with their tributaries and almost impassible hills and bluffs. Our people never think of using that bridge only in cases of absolute necessity when the river is past crossing in ferry.

They tell us the bridge should be located at Oxford Ford. This would be a more central point between Taylorsville, Hickory, Conover and Newton, but to locate it there would be putting it beyond the reach of this same section of country that stands so greatly in need of the bridge, for it is cut off from Oxford Ford by the waters of Middle Little river and Barretts Mountain with its rugged bluffs and spurs. Besides, Oxford's Ford is only about seven miles from Taylorsville where all that section has advantages of a railroad market.

Now as to the location of the proposed bridge. The access from both sides of the river cannot be excelled anywhere. The point is central, for the above named section of country can be easily reached by all the people who cross at the 5 or 6 old rickety ferries above mentioned. While Hickory will share as it always has done, a goodly portion of our trade, it will not necessarily monopolize it, for the first public road reached from the site of the bridge leads direct to Newton, being a shorter distance, less hilly than any of the roads leading from Oxford's Ford to Newton. So Newton and Conover

will doubtless receive a share of the trade.

In consideration of all this we venture the assertion that if two bridges were built, one at the proposed place, the other at Oxford's Ford or some point below and a record kept of the number of teams crossing at each place 5 teams would cross at the proposed site to one at any other point.

In conclusion we would sum up the whole situation. The bridge is a public necessity. It will benefit the whole county at large, the location is all that could be desired, the funds are all in sight, the construction forces are ready to do the work. To retard, hinder or stop the enterprise would be nothing less than a public calamity, and an injustice to the people who have so long been cut off from the markets and who have labored and sacrificed so much to bring this enterprise to a finish, the need of which has so long hindered our progress and development. Let the good work go on.

A. L. BOLICK.

Snow Creek Suffered from the Storm

Correspondence of The Democrat.

Snow Creek, Sept. 13.—Farmers are breaking land for wheat and pulling fodder.

The heaviest rain and destructive storm that has visited this section for a number of years came last Friday evening. Considerable damage was done to the corn and hay crop along the creek by the overflow. A large quantity of timber was destroyed, fences blown down and straw stacks upset.

Mrs. H. E. Eckard and children are the guests of Mrs. J. P. Huffman.

Some of the young people are contemplating going to Wesley's chapel camp meeting Sunday.

Best wishes for the Democrat.

PAL.

A Fierce Storm

Hickory suffered from a destructive wind and hail storm Friday afternoon. The roof of the Moretz-Whitener store was lifted, and a great deal of water let into the building. Big oak and elm trees were blown down, a number in the park. A lovely umbrella tree in Mr. D. M. McComb's yard was blown down and a half day spent in replanting it.

In the Dudley Shoals section the tobacco fields of Messrs. Ben Satterwhite, Chas. Meadows and Will Blair were ruined. Mr. Jeff Satterwhite's corn crib and well house were blown over. Much timber is down.

Church of the Ascension

There will be services at the Church of the Ascension next Sunday as follows: 9:45 a. m. Sunday School. 11 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon; subject, "Blessings and Dangers of the Lowest Place in God's Kingdom." 8 p. m. Evensong and address—On Sunday Evenings. A series of popular talks on some of the principal Psalms, to which the general public is cordially invited.

Death of Mr. Harvey White-ner

This town was much distressed last Saturday to learn that the night before Mr. W. Harvey White-ner had died at his home in Lenoir. He had been sick about four weeks with typhoid fever, but his condition was reported favorable from time to time and his death was not expected.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitener, of Hickory. His brothers are Messrs. Vance, Edward and Carl. Mrs. R. D. Latta and Mrs. T. L. McCarley are his sisters. He was married to Miss Alma Bost who survives him.

The body was brought to Hickory Saturday and the funeral held from the Reformed church Sunday morning conducted by his pastor, Dr. Murphy.

Mr. N. H. Lawrence Dead

Mr. N. H. Lawrence was found dead in bed Friday morning. He had been at work at his trade of carpenter the day before and his death was a great shock. His age was 65.

Mrs. Lawrence had dreamed, that night that she saw her husband lying dead.

He moved here from near Petra Mills 7 years ago. He was a Baptist and an earnest Christian.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Bridge Is Up To Alexander Co.

Catawba Commissioners Sign the Contract.

NEWTON'S GREAT AID.

Dr. Nicholson and Mr. Shuford in Taylorsville to Get Little Aleck's Board to Sign Contract.

The county commissioners yesterday at Newton agreed to appropriate \$6,000 for the Catawba-Alexander bridge and recommended the site a mile and a half below Moore's ferry. This makes the bridge a certainly as far as Catawba county is concerned, and Dr. Nicholson and Chairman Shuford went to Taylorsville today with the contract signed by this county's commissioners to get the Alexander board to do the same.

Newton did Hickory a splendid turn. Messrs. Geo. McCorkle and Feimster joined with Messrs. Self, Nicholson, Wootten and others in asking the site and appropriation. The Democrat is sorry if it misrepresented, in its editorial last week either the city or any individual in Newton.

There ought to be another bridge lower down the river, and when the time comes to build it, Hickory will cooperate with the rest of the county to get it.

THE PONY EXPRESS.

Fearless Riders and the Dangers and Hardships They Faced.

Perhaps the most picturesque figure on the old trail was the pony express rider. The overland stage proved too slow for mail and express in its flight from the Missouri and the Pacific. True, it had cut down the months of the old or team to twenty-five days, and still there was a clamor that the east and west be brought closer together, and it was done. The pony cut the time to ten days.

Those who were personally acquainted with the famous pony express of those days could never forget the intrepid rider who braved all perils, forgetful of self, intent only on the speedy delivery of his precious mchilla to the next hardy horseman. Hard and fast he rode over mountain and plain, across scorching desert and icy snow, through sunshine and rain, past friend, away from foe, to the final achievement—the safe delivery of his charge.

Forty fearless horsemen in saddle riding west, as many more riding east—and this novel but useful enterprise was in motion. For two years the pony express carried messages of business and love across 2,000 miles of western mountains and plains, over a country peopled with a hostile race, destitute of cultivation or development, through a region wild, desolate and little known.

It was in 1859 that the pony express was established. The route, briefly stated, was due west from St. Joseph to Fort Kearney, up the Platte to Julesburg, thence, by Fort Laramie and Fort Bridger, to Salt Lake City, thence to Camp Floyd, Ruby valley, the Humboldt, Carson City, Placerville and Folsom, to Sacramento and San Francisco by boat.

The intention of the pony express was to carry letters only and not more than ten pounds at a trip. It was decided that the safest and easiest mode of carrying the mail was to make four packets, one in each corner of the mchilla, a covering made of heavy leather for the saddles and generally used by the expert Mexican and Spanish riders. The mchilla was transferred from pony to pony and went through from St. Joseph to San Francisco, the packets containing the mail being locked and opened only at military posts on route and at Salt Lake City. These precious letters were wrapped in oiled silk to protect them, but even this precaution sometimes failed. Riders had to be crossed; horse and rider swam together.—W. C. Jenkins in National Magazine.

Intoxicated by Tobacco.

Giving evidence against a man on a charge of disorderly conduct at Bow street police court, a constable said that the accused behaved in a very violent and disorderly manner in Leicester square on Tuesday evening. He quarreled with a cabman, and eventually the witness took him into custody, believing him to be drunk. At the police station the prisoner denied that he had been drinking, and the doctor who examined him reported that he had chewed tobacco to such an extent that it had had the same effect upon him as alcohol.—Pall Mall Gazette.

"Ha! dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me."—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

COMMENT

NEWTON SHOULD BE ON THE HIGHWAY.

Perhaps the most important question in regard to the Salisbury-to-Asheville Highway to be settled at the convention here, during the Street Fair, on Nov. 2nd, will be whether Newton or Statesville shall be on the line. Messrs. W. C. Feimster and R. B. Caldwell, of Newton, were here this week to see President Nicholson, of the Chamber of Commerce, to ask co-operation of Hickory in Newton's effort to get the auto trail. It is a pretty straight line from Salisbury to Newton via Mooresville and near there is a fine bridge. The road is already a good one and capable of great improvement.

If the highway comes via Statesville a costly bridge as we understand, will have to be built over the Catawba. The road going by Statesville would leave Newton off and run straight from Claremont to Conover.

The Democrat votes for Newton and the Mooresville route. In this, too, we stand for Hickory.

A THROUGH EXPRESS

The Asheville Citizen of Monday hears of the possibility of running the New York-Memphis flyers Nos. 25 and 26 over the Western North Carolina division: The New York-Memphis train is one of the finest of the Southern's through trains and is equipped with several sleepers, a diner and observation car. Its route heretofore has been from Memphis to Chattanooga, to Knoxville, to Bristol and thence over the tracks of the Norfolk and Western to Lynchburg, Va., where it was taken on the Southern tracks again. The Norfolk and Western line it is understood, is badly congested, and it is supposed that the Memphis train will be changed for this reason. It is likely that there would be but one stop between here and Salisbury, and that would probably be at Hickory, and between here and Knoxville there would be but one stop made.

This train would be a great thing for Western North Carolina. Its only stop between Salisbury and Asheville will be for water. Railroad men tell the Democrat that Connelly Springs would probably be the stopping point, as it is nearest the centre of the line. Even if Hickory should not get the stop, as the Citizen suggests, we people would be glad to see the train put on. There would perhaps be at first some desire to have this train stop at a few points along the road, but this would kill the train. It is essentially an express. Even though it would go galloping through Hickory like John Gilpin's nag, the train would mean a great deal to this section. It would carry tens of thousands of people through our mountain region who would go back home and say they had seen the most beautiful country of the earth. It would be a splendid advertiser for Western North Carolina, and the Democrat will be deeply disappointed if it is not run this way. If it should not stop in Hickory, the passengers will see about as much of our burg as they will of any other town on the line.

Features of the Fair

An interesting feature of the Street Fair Nov. 2, 3 and 4 will be the making of the best jug or crock from Catawba county clay for which nice prizes are offered. A \$40 scholarship in Claremont College goes to the best display of farm produce, live stock, pantry supplies, etc., by any local Farmers Union.

Several \$5. in gold and other prizes are offered to boys who do best judging of corn, hogs, horses, dairy cattle and beef cattle. Send names to O. L. Schaub, director.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Sold by Grimes Drug Co.

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT TO VISIT EXPOSITION

PRESIDENT AND EX-PRESIDENT TO BE GUESTS OF APPALACHIAN.

OTHER NOTABLES ARE COMING

Roosevelt Will Be There on Spanish-American War Veterans' Day, October 7.

Among the many notables who will attend the Appalachian exposition in Knoxville, Tenn., September 12 to October 12, none will be more cordially welcomed and more gratefully received than President William H. Taft and ex-President Theodore Roosevelt. The exposition officials have positive and personal assurances from them



President William H. Taft.

that they will honor the great exposition, greatest exposition the southland has ever known, by their presence.

The date for President Taft's visit has not been definitely determined, but it will be the last of September or early in October. However, Col. Roosevelt has fixed October 7 as the time for his visit to the exposition. Spanish-American war veterans' day will be celebrated on October 7, and Col. Roosevelt, being a Spanish war veteran himself, will take a lively and leading part in the exercises of that date. He will deliver an address to his comrades of '98, and he will hold a reception at which he will meet personally and shake the hands of thousands of the boys of the north and south who followed the stars and stripes in '98.

Soon after Col. Roosevelt returned to the United States from his African tour of 15 months a committee of representatives of the Appalachian exposition, headed by Hon. W. J. Oliver, the energetic and efficient president of the exposition, visited Col. Roosevelt in his offices in the Outlook building in New York City. He gave the gentlemen a most cordial reception, and, when informed by them that they wished his acceptance of an invitation



Hon. Theodore Roosevelt.

to visit the Appalachian exposition, he readily accepted. The gentlemen presented Col. Roosevelt an invitation carved upon marble native of the Appalachian region, and inclosed in a case made of leather tanned in the present year, and he at once indicated his great interest in the undertaking and his desire to attend. Subsequently he gave his positive acceptance of the invitation, and he will soon announce the exact date of his coming. He will be accompanied by a coterie of officials, and "Taft Day" at the exposition will be a notable occasion. A number of social affairs in compliance to the president and other visitors of that day will be arranged. The president will be the house guest of Col. William J. Oliver while in Knoxville. Railroads will operate special trains into the exposition city on Taft and Roosevelt days, and every facility possible will be arranged whereby the masses from all over the Appalachian region may gather at Knoxville and greet the president and ex-president

Carpenter Discharged.

There was intense interest and a packed court room in the preliminary trial before Justice Cochran, in Newton, yesterday of D. J. Carpenter, charged with arson by Rader, who said Carpenter got him to burn the Newton Hosiery Mill warehouse. Rader, his wife, Mr. John Yount and other witnesses were introduced by the prosecution conducted by L. C. Caldwell. Carpenter was represented by Messrs. Self, A. A. Whitener, Witherspoon, Feimster and Gaither. Carpenter was discharged.

St. Andrews Church at Lenoir College to be Dedicated Next Sunday

The new church at Lenoir College is to be dedicated next Sunday. Rev. L. W. J. Boger, the President of the Tennessee Synod, will deliver the sermon and assist in the dedication. The services will begin promptly at 11 o'clock. The congregation will form in the chapel and proceed in a body to the new church. Special music is being prepared for this service, the choir being in training by Miss Stecher, the instructor of voice in the College. To this service the public is most cordially invited.

Sunday night at 7 o'clock the Young Peoples Missionary Society will hold their first public meeting for this year. At this service there will also be a specially prepared programme, and the friends of the college are invited to attend. These services will be held each third Sunday night.

Report of Catawba Co-operative Creamery for Month of August.

Sales for Butter and Cream	\$1,600.98
Butter on hand 200lbs.	60.00
	\$1,660.98
Amount paid patrons	\$1,385.93
Sinking fund	25.00
Expenses	250.00
	\$1,660.93
Paid patrons at 31c for butter fat	\$ 884.92
Paid non-patrons at 30c for butter fat	501.01
	\$1,385.93
Amt butter fat rec'd.	4,512.54lbs.
Amt of cream rec'd.	15,819lbs.

We are pleased to state that we are still growing, receiving for August nearly five hundred pounds of butter fat more than for July. We now have a total of 69 patrons. However, we need more and urge upon every patron to exert his influence on his neighbor and get him to join. We can make ten thousand pounds of butter at a very little additional cost. We have built up in three months a splendid reputation for our butter and it is preferred wherever used to Fox River, according to reports from our customers. We are turning down orders that we cannot fill; at the same time, there is going out from Hickory a thousand pounds a week of tub butter and the farmers are only getting from 17c to 19c for this stuff as it can hardly be called butter.

We are now prepared to take care of patrons' eggs, and if we can put a guaranteed brand of eggs on the market, of course we can get a fancy price.

Catawba Creamery Co.
W. J. Shuford.
Sept. 14th, 1910.

HICKORY MARKETS

PRODUCE	
Corrected by Whitener & Martin.	
Hens, per lb.	..... 9c
Spring Chickens, per lb.	..... 12 1-2c
Turkeys, per lb.	..... 15c
Eggs, per doz.	..... 22 1-2c
Butter per lb.	..... 18 to 20c
Creamery Butter.	..... 30c
Apples, eating.	..... 50c per bu
Sweet Potatoes.	..... 60c to 75c a bu
Irish Potatoes.	..... 60c to 75c a bu
Cabbage, per lb.	..... 1c
Beans, per bushel.	..... 50c
HIDES AND TALLOW	
Prices paid by Hickory Tannery	
Chas. H. Geitner, Prop.	
Green Salted Hides.	..... per lb 10c
Green Hides.	..... per lb 9c
Sound Dry Salted Hides.	..... per lb 15c
Sound Dry Flint Hides.	..... per lb 18c
Prime Tallow.	..... per lb 40c
Rye Straw.	..... 100 lbs 6c

Don't let the baby suffer from eczema, sores or any itching of the skin. Doan's ointment gives instant relief, cures quickly. Perfectly safe for children. All druggists sell it.

Shipping 50 Bales a Week

Average Business of the Brookford Mill

BASEBALL TEAM WON

Mr. Hunt and Miss Huffman Married—Moral Influences at the Mill are Excellent

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Brookford, Sept. 12.—The health of this place is fairly good.

The Brookford mill is doing a very good business. The mill is shipping out on an average of 50 bales of cloth per week. Three weeks ago the shipment was 64 bales.

Our last wedding was that of Mr. Otis Hunt and Miss Myrtle Huffman. They are both employers of the mill.

The Brookford Baseball team crossed bats with West Hickory team last Saturday. The score was 5 to 0 in favor of Brookford.

There was an Oyster and Ice cream supper here last Saturday night. The young people seemed to enjoy the supper and themselves very much.

We are glad to mention that we have three good Sunday Schools in our little town every Sunday. We also have prayer services five nights in each week at the different churches.

Two new families moved to Brookford to-day.

A large number of the Brookford boys and girls are preparing to go to the camp meeting next Sunday.

Brookford is coming to the front at last. We are expecting three new stores at once. Two will be open for business in a very few days.

Success to the Democrat and its many readers. H. J.

The Roman Tribune. The tribunes in ancient Rome represented the people in much the same way that the house of commons does in England and the house of representatives in this country. For a long time the patricians or aristocrats of Rome had everything their own way. But when the plebeians (or, as we would say, the "plain people") got their tribune the reckless tyranny of the patricians ceased. The tribune had great power. He could veto almost any act and nullify almost any law passed by the Romans. Liberty among the Romans dates from the time they first secured their tribunes.—New York American.

Friendship's Tributes. Gladys—Did you see what the society column of the Daily Bread said about Nin Gillard the other morning? "She moves with ease and grace in our most exclusive circles." May-belle—Yes, I read it. It's dead certain that the editor who wrote that had never seen her on roller skates.—Chicago Tribune.

Against His Convictions. "Have some of this Welsh rabbit, Bjnson?" asked Bjnson as he stirred the golden concoction in the chafing dish. "No, thanks, Bjnson," returned Bjnson, patting his stomach tenderly. "I am unalterably opposed to all corporation taxes."—Harper's Weekly.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

Notice—Sale of Valuable City Lot.

By virtue of an order made by the Honorable W. C. Ervin, referee in the matter of W. G. Fox, bankrupt at Hickory on the 9th day of September, 1910, the undersigned Trustee of said bankrupt will on the 8th day of October, 1910 at noon at the steps of the First National Bank of Hickory, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, that certain lot in Hickory, N. C., lying between 14th and 15th avenues.

Beginning at the north-east corner of J. H. Patrick's residence lot and running with his line S. 240 feet to 14th Ave.; then with said Ave. E. 100 feet to the corner of J. Thos. Setzer's lot; thence with his line N. 240 feet to 15th Ave. then with said Ave. to the beginning.

The lot will be sold free and discharged from all incumbrances and the purchaser given perfect title, in fee. This is a very desirable city building lot.

This is the 9th day of September, 1910. S. E. KILLIAN, Trustee, E. B. CLINE, Attorney. 9|15 4t