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Approves of the Road Plan

J. D. Elliott Heartily in Favor of \$50,000 Issue

Mr. J. D. Elliott is on the jump these days, looking after the big Laymen's Convention, getting things in shape for installing the machinery of which he is president, and, incidentally, looking after his campaign as a candidate for State Senator from this district. However, he stopped long enough for us to sound him on the all-absorbing question of the bond issue for road improvement in Hickory township.

"Am I for good roads? Well, I should say so. Everybody is for good roads. Did you ever see or hear tell of a man who would travel on a bad road if there was a good road leading in the direction he wanted to go? There may be a difference of opinion as to how to get good roads, but we all want them. Right here let me put my seal of approval on the plan that will be voted on April 15. It is not only perfectly satisfactory to me, but I feel confident that the varied doubting Thomas, if he gives the subject an unbiased investigation, will be as well satisfied with the plan as I am. We must carry this good road bond election. If we fail it will be a setback to our township that will take years to overcome. It will place us among the back numbers, and give color to the citizens that have already been made on Catawba county's backwardness in road improvements.

"The tremendous activity in road improvement throughout the entire South is shown by the fact that during the year 1911 something like \$30,000,000 were available for road improvement in nine Southern states. We are a progressive community right here, and we must demonstrate this by falling in with the good road progressive procession, the same as our sister township (Newton) has done. I propose to work for good roads, and, by heck, we're going to have good roads."

Objections to Road Bond Issue Answered

The following letter is being broad casted over the township:

Dear sir: We enclose a circular that gives the exact standing of the bond issue for road improvement in Hickory township. It seems that there is a misunderstanding on the part of some people as to how the money shall be spent and raised.

Some have been told that there will be an extra assessment on property through which the improved roads go, the same as applies in paying for improved streets in Hickory. This is not so. It will not cost any property owner one cent more than the 20 cent tax he is now paying.

Others contend that an improved road through their property will increase the value 100 per cent. In other words, if they could sell their farms at the rate of \$50 per acre without a good road, they could readily sell the same farms with a good road for \$100 an acre. This is the best argument that could be made in favor of road improvement.

Others are under the impression that most of the money will be spent in Hickory. This is absolutely wrong. Hickory's interests are centered in its back country. Ask any merchant what the best business days are and he will tell you, "The days when the farmers come in." For this reason the voters of the city of Hickory will demonstrate at the polls their willingness to pay 83 per cent of the road tax of Hickory township.

Still others contend that the sand clay road is a failure. This is absolutely false, as investigation will prove to any one's satisfaction.

There are some who want to support the bond issue, but are afraid the 20 cent tax can be increased at the will of the County Commissioners. To all such we will state that the 20 cent tax was made possible by a special act, and the 20 cent tax was the limit allowed.

We hope you will vote in favor of this bond issue and use your influence with your neighbors. If you are an earnest doubter as to the wisdom of bonds for road improvements, we invite you to call on any of the gentlemen whose names appear on the enclosed circular, or at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Investigate and you will be for the bond issue, if you are not already so.
Hickory Chamber of Commerce,
A. K. JOY, Sec.

REASONS FOR BONDS.

They Appear in Arguments by Hon. W. D. Turner and Mr. Summey.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. W. D. Turner, of Statesville spoke in the town hall on good roads Monday night. The hall was filled to hear him. Mr. Self introduced him and Judge Council was one of his auditors. Gov. Turner did powerful work in carrying the \$400,000 bonds for roads in Iredell, and made a grand plea for roads.

He said he felt sure that Catawba, whose people were just as noble, brave and intelligent as those of Mecklenburg, Iredell, Lincoln, and other counties that had passed bond issues, would fall in line.

What carried the bond issue in Iredell was the statement that the \$400,000 bond issue would yield 200 mile of good roads. As a matter of fact, it looks now as if there will be 400 miles, for the most difficult grades, including expensive bridges, cost only \$1000 a mile for sand clay roads. Even if the sand clay roads in Hickory township should cost \$1000 a mile, it would yield roads which would reach to every part of the township.

The value of farm lands in Iredell in some places have increased from \$20 to \$75 an acre, and Catawba people are going over there to buy them as an investment.

Mr. Summey, one of Cleveland county's good road builders, was present to answer questions. The machinery to build the roads would not cost over \$1500, he said, as a road machine and 6 scrapers would be enough.

The top soil needed for roads was plentiful in the township. It had never yet hurt a farm in Cleveland to take the soil. Whenever it was taken, the road force went in with six mules and plowed the man's land deep for him, so it raised better crops than was ever before known. The farmers every where were glad to give it. Every one who had been against it was now for it.

Mr. Summey did not think the cost of the Hickory township roads would average over \$700 a mile.

It took No. 6 township, Cleveland county, about two years to build 25 miles of sand clay roads. They had 8 convicts at the start and now they work 43. He advised a convict camp system for this county.

What Good Roads Did for Some Mecklenburg Farms.

Mr. J. C. Martin is one of the finest arguers for good roads in Catawba county. He was talking to Mr. G. M. Barger last Saturday.

"There are two men in this city," he said "who own several farms in Mecklenburg county. Six years ago they showed me checks aggregating \$470, which they said was all the money which the renters on their Mecklenburg farms had turned in. They were blue over it. This year I thought I would ask them what they had made on their farms as rentals, and they told me about \$2600."

"Well, what caused the increase over six years ago?"

"Good roads," they replied to Mr. Martin. "Mecklenburg has built good roads to our farms, and as so much more can be hauled into Charlotte over these good roads, we have been able to get better renters, men who know how to farm scientifically, and make money."

"Good roads did the work."

An Interesting Service.

There will be an Easter service at the Methodist church Tuesday evening April the 9th at 8 o'clock, by the charity and help department of the Epworth League. A collection will be taken for the benefit of this department. Special musical by Miss Stecher of Lenoir college and other musicians of the town. Everybody invited.

Puts End To Bad Habit.

Things never look bright to one with the "blues." Ten to one the trouble is a sluggish liver, filling the system with bilious poison, that Dr. King's New Life Pills would expel. Try them. Let the joy of better feelings end the blues. Best for stomach, liver and kidneys, 25c. C. M. Shuford, Moser and Lutz, Grimes Drug Co.

Wall Street Fights Wilson

Its Money Back of Battle On New Jersey

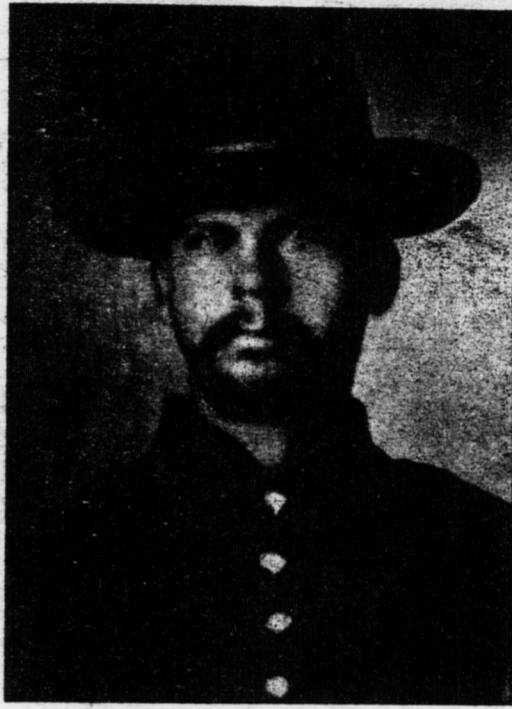
The Progressive Farmer.

In the Democratic Party, the aggressive, National-wide fight on Woodrow Wilson goes on, evidently with all Wall Street's money back of it, while Wm. R. Hearst leads his influence to the same end. The foremost charge against Wilson is inconsistency it that the things he says now, after some practical experience in politics, are not wholly the same thing he said twenty years ago. From our standpoint, this is very much to his credit, Abraham Lincoln once said: "I have changed my mind; I know more than I did yesterday." The masses of the people have progressed as much in their ideas as Woodrow Wilson has.

The real test, too, is not what Woodrow Wilson has said, but what he has done; and as Governor of New Jersey, he has certainly accomplished greater things and brought about a finer program of constructive legislation for the public good than perhaps any other Governor has ever accomplished under like circumstances. It is not our custom to take such interest in the candidacy of a man, and we do so now only because we

believe Wall Street and the big interests are sparing neither the time nor money in an effort to defeat the one man whose nomination and election would insure a wise, well-planned, and successful campaign against the great abuses that have crept into our national government—abuse by means of which these big interests have fattened and grown powerful. It deserves to

be noted, by the way, that the big interests have a distinct grip on many of our party organizations in the South, and the people must be alert to prevent them from delivering the Southern delegates at the National Convention. We should have primaries in ever State, enable the people themselves to say whom they favor for President.



LIEUT. A. E. BROWN.

(Now a candidate for county treasurer. At Petersburg a Bible in his pocket saved his life. It stopped at the words: "Stand ye fast and prepare.")

GOOD ROADS SPEAKING

At Every School House in Hickory Township

All the Speakings will begin at 7.30 P. M.

April 2, Long View

W. S. Stroup, Prof. G. W. Hahn, W. A. Self, S. D. Campbell.

April 2, Highland

A. A. Shuford, jr., N. W. Clark, Rev. Deaton, Chas. Sykes, Henry Killian, Prof. Fritz.

April 4, West Hickory

Dr. Nicholson, H. H. Abee, Judge Council, Dr. Jake Shuford, C. E. Cole, T. J. Leonard, Walter Burns.

April 4, Fair View

Dr. H. C. Menzies, W. J. Shuford, Bascom Blackwelder.

April 5, Cloninger

W. A. Self, S. M. Hamrick, Postell Cloninger, E. L. Shuford.

April 5, Spencer (Peace)

Rev. Long, M. H. Yount, A. C. Shuford.

April 6, St. Timothy

A. J. Barwick (Newton), Rev. F. K. Roof, P. L. Miller, Dr. Price, A. A. Whiten.

April 6, Sweetwater

B. B. Blackwelder, Dr. Blackburn, J. L. Ingold, Laban Cline.

April 6, Brookford

E. L. Shuford, C. H. Bagby, H. J. Holbrook, John Ballew.

April 8, Killian

S. E. Killian, J. D. Elliott, Jule Leonard, H. P. Lutz.

April 8, Barger

C. E. Bumgarner, M. H. Yount, C. L. Whitener, John Barger, J. W. Blackwelder.

April 8, Windy City

G. H. Geitner, H. C. Menzies, A. J. Barwick, Prof. J. H. Keller.

April 9, Minerva

Z. B. Buchanan, W. J. Shuford, J. W. Robinson, Enloe Yoder, R. L. Shuford.

April 9, Abernethy

J. D. Elliott, H. A. Banks, H. P. Lutz, Geo. Wooten.

April 10, Mt. Grove

Jessie Click, R. L. Shuford, Dr. Foard, Dr. Stevenson.

April 10, Link

S. L. Whitener, A. K. Joy, A. A. Whitener.

April 11, Houck Chapel

S. M. Hamrick, Chas. Bagby, Dr. Henry Abernethy.

April 12, Sandy Ridge

N. S. Dasler, J. W. Shuford, Judge Russell.

Saturday, April 13, Rally in Hickory

The 50 Reunion of Company I

Old Soldiers Enjoy Fine Time Saturday

The 50th reunion of Co. I, 47th Regiment, N. C. troops, was held at Catawba Saturday, and assembled in the old Baptist brick Church. The veterans listened to a brilliant address by Mr. Bascom B. Blackwelder, of the Hickory bar.

The program was in charge of Capt. W. A. Day. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. B. Wilson, also prayer by Rev. Mr. Wilson. Songs and recitations appropriate to the occasion were rendered by the School in charge of the splendid teacher, Miss Edith Arey. Capt. Day read the roster of the company. Only nine members answered, though there are 105 members of the company dead and 36 living.

Mr. B. B. Blackwelder said that when a boy he thought that Co. I represented the entire Confederate Army, and made a speech which captivated the veterans.

Prof. G. W. Hahn in his usual happy style presented the merits of his book, Capt. J. H. Sherrill gave some reminiscences of war times. An excellent string band furnished music for the occasion. When the band struck up Dixie every old soldier's heart in the house was thrilled, and some of them broke out into the rebel yell.

The dinner was spread on a green behind the church. And such a dinner! The crowd was big and hungry but the dinner stood the test. There was nothing better, either, than the corn pone made by old aunt Barbara Smyre, who came over from slavery days. Miss Esther Ransom praised it highly, and she knows when any North Carolina products is good. She ate pone and listened to the boys talk about her father, for the 49th fought under Gen. Matt. W. Ransom, and they all knew him and loved him.

Capt. Bill Day didn't quite catch Miss Ransom's name, and went on to tell about the fight at Boone's mills, which occurred on Gen. Ransom's plantation in Eastern North Carolina, and where one of the finest men in the company was killed and lies buried—young Drum.

It was about this time that Gen. Ransom worked a great game of bluff. He mounted a stump and ordered imaginary captains and colonels and generals to take their regiments to the front, though there were only two regiments at hand, and the Yankees greatly outnumbered them.

"We didn't do it to his face but behind his back we called him 'Old Matt,'" said Mr. Day. Just then Miss Ransom said something about "Father," and Capt. Day, in astonishment, said: "Are you Matt Ransom's daughter?"

"Yes," she replied. "have you a picture of my father and would you like to have one?" Miss Ransom takes great delight in hearing the veterans speak of her father. She enjoyed a conversation with Color Bearer Stewart and Mr. A. E. Brown and they, too, are likely to get pictures of the general. "I saw a veteran once," she said, "who met father with ill-suppressed tears. 'Why, General,' he said, 'broken hearted over time's ravages, 'your hairs white!'"

The memory of the big conflict is kept green by the splendid old soldiers who went out from Catawba Station in '61. When the leaders of Co. I were getting up their chapter for Prof. Hahn's book, they met at Capt. James Sherrill's home—Bill Day, A. E. Brown, and other—and sat up over the writing until the chickens announced the first crack of day.

Among the Hickory people at the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Miss Macie Blackwelder, Miss Margaret Bost, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Whitener, Miss Lizzie K. Ford, Prof. G. W. Hahn, Mr. Howard A. Banks and Mr. A. W. Cline, of the Democrat.

Among the candidates we met Messrs. J. U. Long for the State Senate, Mr. Walter Sherrill and Mr. Geo. Drum for the treasurer-ship.

Ran Away from Home

Corns, Bunions, Warts, leave home when Dr. King's Corn Salve gets after them, and though it only costs 10c, is guaranteed same as if sold for a dollar. That's King's way always. Sold by all medicine dealers.

Elated on Creamery Growth

Chief Dairyman Rawles Congratulates Catawba Co.

The advertisement of the Catawba County Creamery, recently published in the Democrat, has attracted wide spread notice. It has started the Charlotte News to hammering on the need of a creamery for Mecklenburg. The following flattering letter now comes from Chief of the Dairy Division Rawles, and we know all of our farmers will read it with great appreciation:

March 27, 1912.

Mr. John Robinson,
President, Catawba Creamery,
Hickory, N. C.

Dear sir:—Conover has just sent me a copy of your advertisement showing your January and February statements for 1912 and I am greatly elated over your February statement. I am therefore writing you just a word of appreciation of the progress that your creamery has made and the outlook that evidently is before you. I am particularly gratified to see that your raw material is supplied by such a long list of patrons. This bill indicates that as these patrons realize the advantage of your creamery they will increase their production. They can easily double or quadruple the business of your creamery in but a very short time. I cannot help but think of the advantages that will accrue from your creamery when it reaches the point of distributing \$500,000 a year among the farmers of your vicinity; how much more prosperity it would bring to your neighborhood; how much more of the comforts and conveniences of life, and furthermore, the bulk of this money will return to the merchants of your city for these comforts and these luxuries.

This creamery reminds me a good deal in its effect of what takes place when a worn-out farm is developed. The farm is worn out by having crops grown on it and sold off it, and more crops grown and sold, and eventually it becomes poor. If we can convert these crops into some marketable form and turn back all the fertilizer to the farm and supplement this with good methods and some extra crops to back to the farm, perhaps as green crops, our farm begins to get rich. This same thing happens to a community. When all the money for butter, pork, lard, flour, furniture and a hundred and one other things goes away from a community and fails to come back will not this community, like the farm, become poor?

You have established in your creamery an institution to turn back these funds into the surrounding community and we can hardly appreciate what it will mean to turn back half a million dollars a year into the vicinity of your creamery. I am delighted with the prospects and we stand ready to help you at any time we can. I am writing this not because of any information it may contain but because it expresses my interest and enthusiasm for the bright prospects of your creamery. With personal good wishes to you and the other members of your company, I am,

Very truly yours,
B. H. RAWLES, Dairyman.
Chief of Division.
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

A Good Doctor

of South Carolina said: "I have used Dr. King's Remedies a great deal in my practice and find that they give perfect satisfaction on both myself and patients. I heartily recommend them. W. R. Clyburn, M. D."

And they still grow in favor because they cure. Guaranteed by all medicine dealers.

Miss Virginia Moser, is expecting her cousin, Miss Ruth Moser, of Charlotte, to visit her over Easter.

Headache and Neuralgia can be Cured

These distressing troubles are permanently cured by Lee's Headache and Neuralgia Remedy. Even temporary relief is grateful, but permanent relief is almost too good. But the proof follows:

Mullins, S. C.,
Being subject to sick headaches all my life, and trying many medicines, I never got relief until I fortunately used Lee's Headache Remedy. I found permanent relief after 15 minutes. E. O. Bramford.
Kept by all medicine dealers.