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If You want to Vote For Good Roads Pay Your Poll Tax Before May 1st

HEAR BOTH SIDES.

Read and Consider the Facts Herein Provided

There is a question now before the people of Person County which is the most vital that has come before them for years, that is, the question of a bond issue for improvement of our roads.

We believe that every qualified voter in Person County is in favor of good roads and wants good roads. The only question is, how best to get them. As has been demonstrated in the past, we cannot hope to get them by our present methods. The way left to us is to vote bonds and by paying a small additional tax, such as will hardly be noticeable to any of us, have money enough to build them.

The first question you ask is "Will good roads be worth to me what I will have to pay to get them?" Let us consider this point right here. Under the present law, you are now paying 25 cents on every \$100.00 worth of taxable property. The new bill for the bond issue distinctly specifies that the tax cannot be more than 35c. on the \$100.00 worth of property. That is, your taxes cannot possibly be increased more than 10c. on the \$100.00. For instance, if you are now paying \$15.00 tax, this could not possibly be increased to more than \$16.50 or \$1.50 more. Are not good roads worth \$1.50 a year to you? The season for planting your crops is already very late. If you could have easily hauled your fertilizer during the bad weather when you could do practically nothing on the farm so as to be ready to take advantage of the first pretty day, would you not willingly have given \$1.50 or even twice this? Just think, one load of wood on a rainy day when you can do practically nothing now, would more than pay your tax for the entire year.

You, as a farmer, represent a type of our best citizenship and, after seeing for yourself by reading the bill, that the above is true, we cannot but believe that you

will readily agree that the benefits to be derived are overwhelming in proportion to the small cost. We dare say that the additional charge made by your doctor now for the time consumed and what it would be them, will twice pay your tax.

You have been told, or will be told, that your best land will be seized and your best timber cut down. Of course, the Road Commissioners will have certain authority. You easily recognize this as necessary. It is foolish, however, for any one to say they will do the above. Some few, who are against this bill, are trying to make a bug-a-boo of the section in the new bill which gives the road commissioners certain powers to use timber and soil to construct the roads. Do you know that, under the present laws now in force, the county commissioners, through their representatives, have the power to enter your lands for the purpose of road building take your soil and cut away your timber? If they do not do this now, will they do it then? If the ones who are trying to frighten you by quoting the above, know this, why do they not tell you that the section in the new bill, in all it's essential features, is practically the same as the laws now in force? We will quote right here a few extracts from the Public Laws of 1899, chapter 581, section 11 and 12, as amended by chapter 205 of Public Laws of 1901: "The said superintendent and supervisors are hereby authorized to enter upon any uncultivated lands near to or adjoining such roads, to cut and carry away timber, except trees or groves on improved lands planted or left for ornament or shade, to dig or cause to be dug and carried away any gravel, sand, clay or stone which may be necessary to construct, improve or repair said road, and to enter on any lands adjoining or lying near the road in order to make such drains or ditches through the same as he may deem necessary for the betterment of the road." First sentence section

12 says "That, subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners, the county superintendent of roads is hereby given discretionary power, with aid of a competent engineer or surveyor, to locate, relocate or change any part of any public road where in his judgement such location relocation or change will prove advantageous to public travel." If you doubt this, read the law as cited.

The new bill provides that every township shall choose a representative for the road committee. These men, in conjunction with the county commissioners, will constitute a Supervising Board to have complete charge of building the roads. You do not mean to say that you would elect any man to that board who would wilfully order destruction to your property. Under the laws now in force, you have no man from your township to look out for your section personally. Under the new law, you will have.

The bill also provides that any land of yours used whatever shall be paid for suitably. If you do not wish to accept the offer made by the board, you have the right to refuse it and subject this to a board of arbitration. So you will laugh at the man who tells you your lands will be confiscated.

Another very vital question is this: "Suppose I vote for the bond issue, what guarantee do I have that any of the money will be spent in my township? How do I know that I will receive any value for the money spent?" Right here is one of the fairest of fair propositions. The bill distinctly specifies that each township shall have spent on it's roads the amount equal in proportion to the total amount of taxes paid in. What could be fairer? If one township pays a tenth or a fifth of the total county taxes, it has an absolute guarantee that \$15,000, or \$30,000, as the case may be, will be spent in it's boundaries on it's roads. It would be absolutely illegal if, at least, that amount was not spent in that township. Besides you have a representative on the controlling board elected there by yourselves to look out for your interests.

If you should ask where the roads will be surveyed; by your house, or by your neighbor's house, the answer will be "We do not know." This is left entirely in the hands of the supervising board and, as stated before, it is composed of one member elected from each township and the three county commissioners. You have as much to say about this through your representative as any one else and it is entirely in their hands.

The good roads question is one that is vital to all, both individually and collectively. Stop and realize what it means to you as an individual. Think of the convenience of being able to haul what is now a four horse load with two horses and how the two horses could trot where the four now are tugging and straining under the same load. Think what it would mean to be able to haul your tobacco to market and your fertilizer home whenever you wished regardless of the rain and bad weather. Think of the saving of time—the saving to your horses—the saving to the wear and tear to your harness and vehicles.

Think what it would mean to your community. How it would bring you together, making almost every man in your township your next door neighbor. If your neigh-

bor now lives three miles from you, it means almost an hour's driving over rough roads to reach his house. With good roads, this would mean only a pleasant drive of 15 or 20 minutes.

Please let us beg of you to read the bill now before you carefully. If you can find one single objectionable feature, not another word will be said. We say this, however, because there is none. The bill has been drawn to give every one absolute justice and fair play. This movement is growing in popularity every day and will, no doubt, be carried by a big majority. Don't let it be said that you were opposed to the most progressive step that has been before you in years. Help to carry this bill solid by coming out on May 12th and casting your vote "FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT BONDS."

Boone & Person.

Now Bro. Person you wanted to know how I felt about what Marcus C. Winstead had to say about my dishonesty and integrity week before last. In answering I will say that his trashy sayings, and poisonous strikes afforded me a hearty laugh. Some one said you must reply, I said no my father always said "Boys if you don't want to get dirty stay out of the dirt." Then the thought came to me that such dirt and trash of this kind had been flung in the face of our people until most of our people are blind as to the real conditions that exist in our county. I have been here a little over three months and I can tell the Mayor of Roxboro more than he knows or ever will know about the county. There is a vast difference between a man walking around with his eyes opened, and a man being led around with ignorance and superstition.

From the moment I felt the responsibility of citizenship in my boyhood days I have labored both day and night for the uplift of humanity, and for the furtherance of civic righteousness. To this end I now write that the people of Person may know the facts and figures just as they are. And as I write I write over the protest of some of my best people. One man has said that the Mayor's write up brought to the hearts of our people more shame and disgrace than any thing that I had said or could possibly say. If I had a twelve year old boy that could not write a more logical piece, and make a greater display of knowledge than Marcus C. Winstead has made I would feel uneasy about his future success. One of the most ridiculous things he said, was the assumption that he himself was the whole of Person County. His saying, "It strikes us of Person County that bro. Boone should have at least been here long enough to have known something of the condition of things before he published to the world that he was located among the filthiest people he has ever known." If I didn't know more about Person County than the mayor knows, I never would appear before the public as he has and made such a display of his limitations. In all of my writings I haven't made a statement but what I can prove to an intelligent man. Yes I have good people, and some progressive spirits, for both men and women of our best homes have been to me and said these conditions do exist, and also said that such men as our mayor is re-

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Important Announcement.

On another page of this paper there appears an advertisement of the Person Dry Goods Co., setting forth their sensational prices for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and also stating that their sale will positively close Saturday night April 18th. Since printing this advertisement Mr. Featherstone and Mr. Forst, the manager in charge of the sale have decided to continue their sale another week, which would bring the close of the sale to Saturday, April 25th. Their reasons for doing this are first, that owing to the unsettled weather and the fact that this is a busy time in the country districts a great many people were unable to attend this great sale, and second, next week being court week, when hundreds of people in the surrounding country visit town, they will have an opportunity of availing themselves the same sensational prices that have marked the success and individualism of this sale from the very start. In next week's paper there will appear another ad. of their Thursday, Friday and Saturday specials, and the prices appearing in their ad. in this week's issue of The Courier will prevail throughout the remaining days of this truly remarkable sale. Therefore if you have not as yet attended this store during their selling out, do so now, and if yet you have already made some purchases there, call and see them again, as Mr. Forst, the manager in charge assures us that every dollar's worth of brand-new Summer goods just arrived this week, will be put on sale at the same sensational prices. Remember now that this sale will last all of next week, closing Saturday night April 25th.

Negro In Bed Room.

On last Sunday night when the boarders at Col. W. L. Lewis' returned from church and entered the house they heard some one in the Cols. room, the Col. and Mrs. Lewis being away from home. Upon investigation they found Robert Jones, a negro who had formerly worked there, asleep under the bed. He seemed to be drunk or crazed from dope, being addicted to both habits.

Messrs. C. C. Cunningham and B. V. Henry started with him to turn him over to the police, but before getting to headquarters the negro broke and ran and left these gentlemen holding on to his coat. He was giving a hearing yesterday evening and was fined \$5.00 and the cost. He was lucky to get off so lightly for this thing of entering dwelling houses is a very serious proposition, though in justice to the negro the fact that he was drunk and being of a good character aside from his drinking, was due the light sentence.

Revival Closes.

With the services last night the revival which has been in progress at the Methodist church for more than two weeks came to a close. Rev. H. M. North did the preaching and his praises are being sung by all of our people regardless of creed. It was decidedly successful being more than forty additions to that church and many who have not joined any church made profession.

Miss Grace Newton left last week for Salisbury where she has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Mess. Maynard Bros.

"THE SAME OLD STORY"

For many years this has been Person County's best store. It is still so and will remain so for many years to come. The people have long ago learned to look to us for something good, the best to be had for the price. They still do this and there is good reason for it.

Our business has steadily increased and during the past three years it has increased by leaps and bounds. The late Spring hasn't hurt our business. March was the best March we ever had. We made a gain of 15 per cent in sales over last March.

The reasons for this are easy to see. We have the goods the people want and sell them just as cheap as the other fellow sells the other kind.

We were never better prepared to furnish you with the goods you want and we are satisfied with a modest profit. Another thing, our goods are bought right. Bought at the very lowest prices obtainable and we discount every bill that comes into our store.

It will pay you as well as us for you to trade here.

Harris & Burns.

ROXBORO'S BEST STORE.

BUILDERS HARDWARE



A BUILDER HAS A GOOD REPUTATION IF HE USES GOOD BUILDERS' HARDWARE IN THE HOUSES HE BUILDS.

OUR BUILDERS' HARDWARE HAS THE BEST REPUTATION, BECAUSE THE BEST BUILDERS COME TO OUR STORE TO BUY THEIR SUPPLIES.

NOT ONLY DO WE KEEP COARSE GOODS FOR HEAVY BUILDING, BUT THE VERY FINEST MATERIALS FOR FINISHING THE INSIDES OF FINE HOUSES.

Long Bradsher & Co