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A TRUTHFUL STATEMENT

As to the Bond Issue—Road Statement of the Peoples Bank and Bank of Roxboro—Read This Entire Article, Do Not Skip a Line.

A poster being circulated by Mr. C. H. Hunter is most erroneous and the substance is most misleading. Its object seems to be to create prejudice rather than a fair presentation of facts. He quotes the "Good Roads Committee of Roxboro" as saying "In the past about \$12,000 have been spent on the roads" This was the outcome of an error by the newspaper and should have read \$120,000.00 (one hundred & twenty thousand dollars) Although this error was explained to Mr. Hunter before he wrote his poster he persisted in using an error of the printer against the bond issue. Things must be getting pretty desperate in certain quarters. Now as a matter of fact the Commissioners have spent about ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THE ROADS and not a single mile of improved road to show for it. How much better can they do with ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS?

Mr. Hunter tries to show that his system will cost THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and the bond issue SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. Lets see about this. Every body knows that once a tax is raised it is seldom lowered. It is only fair to suppose that once the road tax is raised to 40c. by Mr. Hunter's plan it will never be reduced, unless the system of working the roads is changed. If this be true we can expect the following:

Under Mr. Hunter's plan:
 Forty years tax at 40c.
 per \$100.00 \$640,000.00
 Under the Bond Issue
 Interest on \$150,000.00 for 40 years at 5 per cent \$300,000.00
 Sinking fund of \$1500.00 annually for 40 years \$60,000.00
 Total cost of Bond Issue to Person County \$360,000.00
 Thus you will see that Mr. Hunter's plan will cost the County \$280,000.00 more in forty years

than the Bond Issue. If anybody doubts that this Sinking Fund of \$60,000.00 will amount to \$150,000.00 in forty years, we will refer them to the statement of the two Banks below.

These bonds can never amount to more than this no matter how much figuring "expert" accountants may do. As to Mr. Hunter's statement that the sinking fund would still leave a balance of \$90,000.00 due on the bonds at the end of forty years, he either exposes his ignorance or intends to manage the affairs of the County very poorly. As to proof that a sinking fund of \$1500.00 annually set aside, with interest at 4 per cent compounded semi-annually, will retire the bonds in forty years we refer Mr. Hunter to the table of interest used by all life insurance companies in the U. S. If further proof be necessary we call the voters attention to the following:

To whom it may concern:
 This is to certify that in the event that the bond issue is carried and the County Commissioners provide a sinking fund of FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS annually, that if this amount is deposited with us, we will at the end of FORTY YEARS give the Commissioners the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in return. The banks to compound the interest and their obligation to cease when the said ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS shall have been paid.

Signed: Bank of Roxboro W. F. Long Cashier.
 Signed: The Peoples Bank, E. G. Long, Cashier.

Now why is it that Mr. Hunter figures 900 Polls for the bond issue but "over looked" this item when he figures his tax of 40c. If the poll under the bonds will be \$1.05, will it not be \$1.20 under his tax of 40c.?
 As to Mr. Hunter's fling at the Person County Good Roads Association and his effort to arouse prejudice against owners of automobiles

WHICH KIND OF ROADS ARE YOU USING



"I'LL BE BACK TONIGHT"



"I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR"

we have this to say: We have made our fight in the open, we have endeavored to avoid any personalities, we have sought to advance the cause of GOOD ROADS in the County. We have not presumed to impose upon the intelligence of the people of Person County by "Muddying the water." Our campaign has been one effort to put this proposition before the voters as a business matter. If defeated in the present fight we will keep up the fight for GOOD ROADS. The County needs them and we mean to keep on fighting until the County gets them. No man or any set of men can put themselves against the progress of our County and expect the future to vindicate their action. In this fight for better roads, he is said to the everlasting credit of the town of ROXBORO, that while it pays over ONE FOURTH of the entire road tax, and while not one cent of the bond issue can be spent in its limits, yet, for the good of person County, its citizens are willing to be taxed. Does this have the appearance of a selfish motive?

We appeal to the manhood of the county to lay aside its prejudice and give the bond issue a "square deal." We appeal to the patriotism of the voter and ask him to vote so that Person County will take no backward step. No man who votes for this bond issue will ever hang his head in shame. THERE ARE men who are opposing this measure who will live to acknowledge their error. Above all, we appeal to the REASON of the voter. All we ask is a sane, quiet, thoughtful decision. If your vote is based on REASON, then we have no fear for the result of MAY 12th.

BETTER ROADS FOR PERSON COUNTY IS OUR MOTTO.
 PERSON COUNTY GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

Death of Miss Alice Clay.

Miss Alice Clay died Tuesday night April 28th, at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. H. Clay on Route 3. She had been in declining health for a number of years and had been confined to her bed for several weeks. Death was not unexpected. She leaves a mother, one sister and three brothers and a number of relatives and friends. The burial services were conducted by Rev. D. F. Putnam Wednesday evening at 4:00 at Lambreth Memorial Church.

Democratic Executive Met in Durham.

The Democratic Executive Committee for the Tenth Judicial District of North Carolina met in Durham this day and called a convention of said district to meet in the Court House in Durham on Wednesday, June 3rd, 1914 at 2 o'clock p. m. The object of the meeting will be (1) to nominate a candidate for Judge, (2) to nominate a candidate for Solicitor, (3) to transact such other business as may come before the convention. Notice is hereby given of said convention. By order of the Chairman Frank Nash. This May 1st, 1914.

W. L. Foushee,
 Secretary of Committee.

Against Bond Issue.

I am glad that the people of Person are interested in better roads, but I do not believe that the bond issue will be best for the improvement of the roads of the county. If the plan mentioned in the Road Bond Bill be carried out only about 100 miles of new roads will be built, and of course, all of these will run to Roxboro, our county seat. Only about one fourth of the farmers of Person have Roxboro for their shipping point. About three fourths haul their guano from points on the Southern Railway and the N. & W. R. The manufacturers and most of the merchants of the county are at R. R. stations, and do not need new roads; but the farmers, living all over the county, especially need good roads, for hauling their guano and carrying their produce to market and to mill. They are the ones who should especially be favored in building good roads. There are about 700 miles of public roads in Person, and if the bond issue should be carried, about six hundred miles of our roads will not get any of the \$150 thousand. The interest and sinking fund on the bonds would be \$9 thousand per year. A road tax of 25 cents on the one hundred dollars would yield about \$11,500. This would leave about \$2,500 to be expended on the roads of the county, and it would take all of this amount, to keep in order the hundred miles of new automobile roads, leaving nothing for working the other six hundred miles of roads. Let us consider the example of Granville Co. that issued bonds for twenty thousand then for one hundred thousand, in all one hundred and twenty thousand, and used all of it in building about 88 miles of new roads, all running to Oxford, the other six hundred and fifty miles of roads in the county getting nothing. They have a road tax of 25 cents, and pay \$7,200 per year on their road bonds. Their new roads are getting in a bad condition, for lack of road money for repairs, and the other 6 hundred and fifty miles of roads are not worked at all except by the farmers, who are summoned out to work them four days in the year. Should this bond issue be carried, about six hundred miles of our roads will not be worked at all for the next forty years, unless an unreasonably heavy road tax be levied, or the farmers be summoned out to work them.

Decidedly the best plan for keeping all the roads of the county in order will be, not to issue bonds, but to use on them the 25 cts. tax each year.

It was expected that the bond money raised in each township would be used therein, but the Bill says in Section 13 that the money raised in each township shall be approximately used therein. That word approximately denotes an indefinite quantity and may permit any part of the money raised in any township to be used out side of said township.—A Citizen.

To The Voters of Person County—

Look at The Courier's first page written by the "Good Roads" Committee of Roxboro. They say, "In the past about \$12,000.00 have been spent on the roads."

I will say our tax levy of .15 gave us \$8,000.00. The levy for 1913 is .25 which we are now collecting for the first time. This will be ten thousand dollars. .25 on the \$100 is the limit. I said in my letter that we could get the Legislature to allow us a special tax for our road work. .40 would give us \$18,000.00. This amount in 8 years would be \$128,000.00 for road work, with no debt and no interest.

Now let us see what the "Good Roads" Committee has to say:
 The first 8 years at .40 \$128,000.00
 The next 32 years at .15 192,000.00
 Total in 40 years \$320,000.00
 Now for the Bond:
 Forty years at 6% \$30,000.00
 900 polls at 1.05 94,500.00
 Balance due on Bonds 20,000.00
 Total \$686,200.00

Subtract the direct tax from the bond tax and you will find a saving of \$366,200.00. The sinking fund will in 40 years reduce the bonds to \$90,000.00. The Good Roads Committee says that the sinking fund of fifteen hundred dollars will retire the bonds in 40 years. The way I see it, we would owe \$90,000.00.

I am sure that if we will properly ditch our roads, keep them high in the center, and keep the trees and bushes trimmed back, our roads will be good, and at such a saving to the tax payers.

C. B. Brooks wants to know how the county commissioners can do more work with \$128,000.00 than the bond commissioners can (Continued on page 4)

Death of Hill Clayton.

Rarely, if ever, have we seen the entire community so shocked as it was over the news of the death of Hill Clayton. His brother, Mr. B. G. Clayton, received a telegram about two o'clock that Hill had been seriously hurt, and in about two hours another followed telling him of his death. Full particulars will be found in another column.

On Saturday evening a large concourse of friends and loved ones gathered at the Methodist Church, of which he was a faithful member, to pay their last respects. The services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. N. C. Yearby. Hill Clayton was a Roxboro boy, having been raised here and was a universal favorite with all who knew him. For several years he had been with the Export Leaf Tobacco Co., but the people had not forgotten their great attachment for him. The entire town mourns with the loved ones over the death of this most estimable young man.

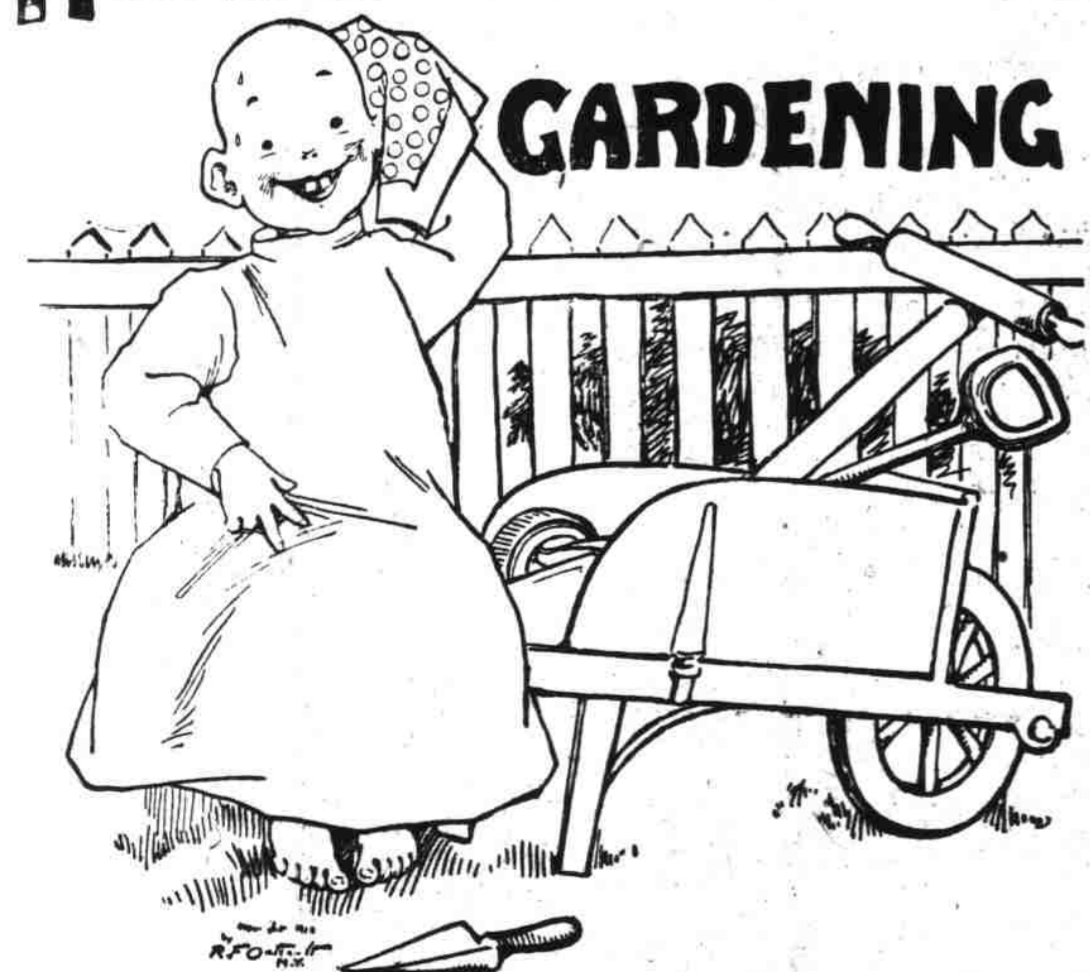
Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind and undivided attention during the sickness and death of our daughter and sister, Alice, and we will not forget to thank her kind physician, Dr. Bradsher, in whom she had so much confidence, for his medical aid. May Heaven's richest blessings ever rest upon each one.—Mrs. P. H. Clay and family.

At The Grand Thursday.

Send the children in the afternoon to The Grand Thursday to see the circus.

HERE'S WHERE WE GO GARDENING



FOR YOUR GARDEN DON'T YOU NEED A WHOLE LOT OF NEW TOOLS?
 WE HAVE THEM. DON'T BORROW YOUR NEIGHBORS'.
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