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ENTHUSIASTIC MASS MEETING ENDORSES THE RAILROAD

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO RAISE FUNDS TO FINANCE A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF THE ROUTE FROM BRE- VARD TO SOUTHERN CONNECTION.

At a largely attended meeting of enthusiastic railroad boosters, held in Transylvania county last Saturday, the proposed railroad from Brevard to Seneca, S. C. was enthusiastically endorsed and a committee composed of leading business men of several counties affected by the road was appointed to secure funds for a preliminary survey of the three routes proposed and report back to another mass meeting to be called at some time when the survey has been completed.

Representative business men from Seneca, Pickens, Greenville and Oconee counties, in South Carolina, as well as several hundred residents and business men of Transylvania county were present at the meeting here today and the announcement that Philadelphia capitalists have already endorsed the proposed railroad and were ready to join in financing its building, provided a survey by a reputable engineer disclosed a practical route, aroused great enthusiasm.

All the business houses in the town were closed while the meeting was in progress and the court room was crowded to its capacity by enthusiastic railroad boosters when the hour for the mass meeting arrived. The interest shown in the project was much greater than expected by those who have had the matter of calling the meeting in hand.

J. M. Hamlin, one of the best known residents of Transylvania county, was selected as presiding officer. By a strange coincidence Mr. Hamlin served in this capacity at a mass meeting in Brevard about 30 years ago, when plans were put on foot to extend the present railway from Hendersonville to Brevard, and in his opening remarks he called attention to this fact, mentioning a number of incidents connected with that historic meeting.

Brief talks were made by many of the delegates present from the South Carolina counties, as well as those living in this county, and it soon developed that there will be great rivalry between Greenville, Pickens and Oconee counties when the selection of a route comes up for settlement, for each of the three routes proposed will receive the backing of one of these counties. Friends of each of the 3 routes proposed pointed out the advantages of the one favored by the speaker, but the sentiment of the meeting generally was for something definite in the matter of getting some route established and the work of grading started and so the matter of the ultimate route will be left largely with the engineers who will investigate each of the three under consideration and will probably recommend some one of the three proposed.

The joint committee appointed to secure funds for the preliminary survey of the three routes is composed of L. B. Houston and J. N. Cleveland, representing Greenville county; J. Carey and Samuel Craig, representing Pickens county; Styles Hughes and Dr. J. S. Stribbling, representing Oconee county and W. E. Breese, B. Deaver, Dr. C. W. Hunt, R. Fisher, J. H. Pickelsimer, J. W. Nett and T. S. Wood, representing Transylvania county.

This committee will begin work once in raising funds to defray

expenses of the survey, and will at once make arrangements with some engineering firm to make the survey.

As soon as this survey is completed this committee will report to the chairman of the meeting when another mass meeting will be called to meet here for the purpose of taking action on the report of the engineers.

The plan under consideration for financing the building of the road is to secure the co-operation of foreign capitalists, who will be asked to take charge of the proposition, and each of the counties through which the road will pass will be asked to vote bonds for the purpose of carrying the project to a successful conclusion, the counties to be issued stock in the corporation for the bond money used in its construction.

Such a plan was used in the construction of the road from Hendersonville to Brevard and from Brevard to Lake Toxaway, and Transylvania county still owns a large interest in this road, from which it derives large revenues through the lease of the line to the Southern Railway company. There appears to be a strong sentiment in each of the counties affected by the proposed route for the bond issue, and it is thought little opposition will be offered when the bond elections are called.

In the event the road is built it will open up large areas of virgin timber lands and will make thousands of acres of fertile farm lands accessible to the markets of this state and South Carolina. If it should appear that an electric line is more practical than steam, thousands of horsepower of electric current can be generated along the route.

Interest in the proposition is now at fever heat, and the work incident to the preliminary survey will be rushed with all speed in order that the final selection of a route may be made and bond elections called before the interest loses any of its force.

Among the prominent speakers were Mayor Thos. H. Galloway, J. M. Hamlin, Rev. J. C. Seagle, Hon. W. E. Breese, C. B. Deaver, Atty. Charlie Cooke, J. N. Cleveland of Manitto, Greenville county, S. C. S. Hughes, Dr. J. D. Griffin, Mr. Hopkins of Oconee County, S. C. Mr. J. M. Hamlin was made permanent chairman and W. A. Band, secretary.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN

(The following article has been received from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)

Exchange Notes For Registration

To all companies in the district. Loan to build. Something like 80 years ago my father and I made a trip over this same route and he made the remark that it was the easiest way to get to South Carolina.

If we all pull together I am sure I will live to get some of the benefits of this new road. Now is our chance, so let's build the road.

THE NATION WIDE CAMPAIGN

THE BATTLE CRY

Can you do less for God, than you have done for your Country?

That is the battle cry of the Nation Wide Campaign. That is the challenge of the Church today and the program of this campaign is, To bring the whole power of the Church to bear upon the Church's whole talk.

Let us see then, what is the whole power of the Church. Of course the whole power of the Church comes from above but it must be administered and carried out by human hands. We have then, as the human agencies of the Church, our Bishops and other clergy and more than a million men and women communicants of this Church in this land of ours. Well, what kind of men and women are these million? Look around and see! Look first into business and into the professions and you will find the men of our branch of the church right up in the forefront among the doctors and the lawyers and the teachers. We find them among the leaders in the ranks of the merchants and of the bankers. We find them among the leaders of our army and our navy. We need take no back seat to any other body of men in this country when it comes to carrying out our duty as citizens but what about carrying out our duty as churchmen? We sing, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God," I wonder if we believe it. We cannot believe it unless we visualize a mighty army as a gallant band of leaders marching with somewhat halting step, not at the head of serried ranks of privates but at the head of a few faithful followers, hardly knowing what their duty is and knowing less about how to do it. That seems to me to be the kind of a mighty army our Church has been heretofore. We have had our little skirmishes here and there, in parish over here or in that diocese over there but no war was ever won with a plan of campaign like that. No war was ever won without an army trained and disciplined and above all things, stirred to its heart by a common resolve to win a common objective and that is what this Church has lacked until today. Shall she continue to lack it? That is the question.

LEWIS B. FRANKLIN.

"GET TO GETHER MEETING"

The Episcopal church will hold a "Get to Gether Meeting" next Monday evening in the tea room next to the post office. All members of the Episcopal church are requested to attend. Where there is only one of the family a member, this one member is requested to bring the remainder of the family to the meeting. Refreshments will be served and some good talks will be made by good speakers.

ROSMAN TO SENECA IS BEST ROUTE

I have read in your paper about the proposed road from Rosman to Seneca; also about the line by Jones Gap to Greenville. But knowing the country as I do I think the line by Rosman to Seneca, thru Maple Gap, is the one to build. Something like 80 years ago my father and I made a trip over this same route and he made the remark that it was the easiest way to get to South Carolina.

If we all pull together I am sure I will live to get some of the benefits of this new road. Now is our chance, so let's build the road.

J. E. DUCKWORTH.

THE PRAYER CORNER

A NOBLE APPEAL

General Smut, British member of the League of Nations Commission. Johannesburg, South Africa.

"I am told that the league is in danger in the American senate. I can scarcely believe it. But if so, may I send a message from South Africa to America?"

"My people are a small people; my voice in their behalf is weak. But the greatest leaders in America before now have listened to me.

"I trust my appeal will not be resisted. I appeal to America not blast the hopes of the world. America has established a great record in the war. She has shown herself capable of the highest altruism. When human freedom was endangered and appealing hands were stretched out, America rose to the height of her great opportunity, shamed the cynics who believed she was merely bent on money making and rushed wholeheartedly to the rescue of those great human ideals for which her allies were fighting. Her great act of unselfishness and moral idealism in the most critical stage of the war saved world democracy.

"To-day the world is no less endangered; the machinery of the league is wanted to save civilization from dissolving into fragments, from falling into decay. It alone can save tottering Europe.

Faith of Nations.

"No nation put more faith, more effort into the construction of the league than America. It now only remains to ratify and pass the covenant. Other nations have approved of it. Even distant Asia is represented; Japan has given her approval, while America alone hesitates and falters. "Will the great leaders now lag behind the ranks? I cannot believe it. I cannot believe that America will, after all, block the way; that the purely American viewpoint will be allowed to override the wider interests and necessities of our own civilization in the greatest crisis in history.

"America has proven true to the best ideals of free and peaceful government, and can only be true to herself by remaining true to these ideals as embodied in a league for the whole human race. It is the power of America to life the heavy weight of despair which today is bearing down Christendom. We all pray her to do so. We pray her to sign the great covenant and complete the work for humanity which she so unselfishly set out in war to do."

A PRAYER

"O Thou great Father of us all. Thou art the only true father, and all the tender beauty of our human loves is the reflected radiance of Thy loving kindness, like the moon light from the sunlight and testifies to the eternal passion that kindled it. As Thou art ever pouring out Thy life in sacrificial father love, may we accept the eternal law of the Cross, and give ourselves to Thee, and to all men. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ whose life has revealed to us this faith and law and we rejoice that He has become the first born among many brethren.

Grant that in us too, the faith in Thy fatherhood may shine through all our life with such persuasive beauty that some who still creep in the dusk of fear may stand erect as free sons of God, and that others who now through unbelief, are living as orphans in an empty world, may stretch out their hands to the great Father of their spirits and find Thee near. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

C. D. C.

TRANSYLVANIA IS AF- TER PROPOSED R. R.

MERCHANTS CLOSE THEIR DOORS AND TURN OUT TO MEETING EN MASSE

(Special to The Citizen)

BREVARD, Nov. 22—All business houses were closed here today and the citizenship turned out practically 100 per cent strong to attend a mass meeting held at the courthouse in the interest of a proposed railway from Knoxville, via Canton, West Asheville Brevard, Pickens or to Greenville or Anderson.

The people of this section are very anxious to have additional railroad facilities and are ready to do most any thing in order to relieve the unhandy and cumbersome way of getting here and through this section.

J. M. Hamlin, chairman of the first meeting ever held here in regard to bringing the present spur of the Southern to this point, presided over the mass meeting this afternoon. Among the large numbers speaking were:

J. M. Hamlin, The Honorable T. H. Galloway, Rev. Seagle, Chas. Cooke, W. E. Breese, C. B. Deaver, Ralph Fisher, Wm. A. Band, R. H. Zachary of Transylvania County.

The Hon. J. L. Lawery, mayor of Seneca, Dr. J. S. Stribbling, J. E. Hopkins, Styles Hughes from Oconee County and J. Norwood Cleveland of Greenville, S. C.

The railroad project into Transylvania is backed by a Philadelphia financier, who wants a preliminary survey made and complete information compiled. A joint committee from the four counties, Transylvania, Greenville, Oconee and Pickens, was appointed and will raise funds to make the survey and ascertain the most feasible of the routes proposed.

Construction of a road from Rosman, a junction on the Southern, to Seneca or Pickens, a distance of from 21 to 25 miles, is first sought as that will connect the two main railroads and provide immediate relief to some extent. —Asheville Citizen.

SUPERIOR COURT

Superior Court convened last Monday with Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding.

A number of minor cases have been called and disposed of. The Owen's murder case was called last Tuesday but owing to the fact that the preliminary trial was held here last September it was ordered by the court that the sheriff to summons a special venire of two hundred freeholders of the county to appear next Monday at which time twelve jurors will be drawn from the special venire and the case will be taken up again.

"UNCLE" J. D. GALLOWAY MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

A serious, if not a fatal accident occurred last Tuesday when Mr. J. B. Galloway, eighty one years of age, was struck by a freight train at Rosman. From the information gathered regarding the accident it appears that Mr. Galloway was walking on the railroad and became confused when he heard the whistle and saw the approach of the train.

Dr. E. S. English, of Rosman, was called and responded immediately. It was his opinion that owing to Mr. Galloway's advanced age, that the accident would prove fatal. Mr. Galloway is an uncle of Messrs Tom and Welch Galloway of Brevard.

A NATION-WIDE BET- TER SIRE CAMPAIGN

A nation-wide better sire campaign is being launched all over the United States. The better sire campaign for North Carolina is from Dec. 1st to Jan. 1st. The object of this campaign is to improve every kind of livestock on the farm by using better sires, including the horse, hog, sheep, beef and dairy cattle and poultry. If you are not using a pure bred sire on your farm now is the time to sell the scrub and get a pure bred sire. Better sires will make bigger profits.

A marked improvement has been made in both the cattle and hogs of Transylvania county during the past two years in quality and quantity. According to the tax list of the county there are seventeen hundred and seventy more in Transylvania than there was two years ago and the majority of this increase are registered hogs. Over one hundred herds of registered hogs have been started by the farmers during the past two years. The county is not only raising its own meat but is shipping out hogs in car lots.

A notable increase has also been made in cattle. Two years ago there were thirteen head of registered cattle in the county and today there are seventy five head of registered cattle with twelve new herds started.

The poultry industry in the county should be improved as the county does not raise enough for home consumption. Poultry is one of the most profitable money crops on any farm and during the summer months Brevard is one of the best poultry markets to be found.

Tobacco

Why not make tobacco a money crop for Transylvania county. I am told that it was once raised extensively in the county and a number of small patches is now raised. Tobacco is averaging now for the States of North Carolina three to four hundred dollars per acre and is bringing on the average of sixty-five to seventy cents per pound.

R. E. LAWRENCE, Co. Agent

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very much enjoyable occasion was the surprise party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Allison Monday night in honor of Mr. Allison's forty-sixth birthday. Owing to the fact that the party was a surprise to Mr. Allison only a limited number of his friends were invited. After cigars and cigarettes had been passed around punch was served by Mrs. Allison, music, both instrumental and vocal, was furnished by Miss Irene Duckworth and Miss Marion Younge. Mrs. Allison was assisted in cooking and serving the guest by her daughter, Miss Gertrude, Miss Irene Duckworth and Miss Marion Younge. Mr. Allison had as his guests the following gentlemen:

B. W. Trantham, J. M. Allison, W. H. Duckworth, M. Robinson, D. E. Kilpatrick, W. B. Duckworth, Fred Shuford, Fred Johnson, J. H. Pickelsimer, C. C. Younge, W. A. Band, C. S. Osborne, Ed. Mackey, Ralph R. Fisher, Frank Duckworth, and C. B. Osborne.

They all agreed that no better time was ever had and they all wish for Mr. Allison many more similar occasions.

NOTICE!

A meeting of the proposed new railroad committee which was appointed last Saturday at the mass meeting has been called to meet in Mayor Galloway's office at 1:30 p. m. Friday, Nov. 28.