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THAT WHICH IS MORALLY WRONG CANNOT BE POLITICALLY RIGHT.

BLOCKADE EDITORIALS

Danville has put the lid on again.

The root of all evil is nine tenths politics in some communities.

Mr. Justice may not have a press agent at Raleigh, but he certainly has a loyal supporter there in the person of the gentleman who sends in those Monday morning letters to the *Greensboro News*. And reasoning under the same observation, we would say that somebody in Raleigh is making it quite clear that he is against Mr. Overman.

Congratulations to Editor John T. Oliver, of the *Reidsville Review*, who has just landed a post office and through this same paragraph we offer condolence to Editor Misenheimer, of the *Madison Herald*, who has just failed to land one.

We wish to place in nomination the name of T. E. Jennings for a member of the Board of Aldermen. He's wide-awake, clean, strong, progressive and an all round live wire and good citizen. Don't ask him if he wants it—of course he does not—but make him take it.

Since Danville has decided to close up the dram shops, the thirsty will have a little more difficulty in getting the wet goods. Practically all of it will come by express in the future which means that there will be less liquor consumed here or that more blind tigers will spring up.

Thomasville's banking institutions, The First National Bank and the Bank of Thomasville, have their statements in this issue of the *DAVIDSONIAN* and the showing made by these banks is one of Thomasville's proudest assets.

It matters not how the bond issue goes next Tuesday—whether for or against—there is no getting away from the fact that Varner has discharged his duty faithfully and unflinchingly.

We can't say how the bond issue is going this time—that remains to be seen—but there is one thing certain, good roads are coming and you would just as well prepare for it. There is no let up in this age. The move is on and progress is the watchword.

Judge Carter says: "If a man puts a pistol in his pocket and keeps it there long he will shoot sometimes. That's what he puts it there for. It would be foolish to say that a man put a pistol in his pocket without expecting sometime to use it against his fellowman. And the man who carries a pistol long enough soon loses his courage and his virtue. I don't believe any man ever carries a pistol twelve months without becoming a coward, and a coward is much more dangerous than a brave man. The coward will shoot when the danger is fanciful. The brave man will wait until it is real."

Take this one from *Webster's Weekly*: "The old-fashioned man with his hair parted on the side will erelong disappear and in his stead will reign the pompadour and the dude who has his divided equally in the middle lead too much weight be put on one side."

Representative Webb is asking for special favors too. He wants to change the cotton schedule and make it conform to the ideas of certain men in certain sections of the country. This is that new kind of Democratic faith that has sprung up in recent years.

When to Stop Advertising

Will a merchant who is wise Ever cease to advertise? Yes—when the trees grow upside down;
When the beggar wears a crown;
When ice cream forms on the sun;
When the sparrow weighs a ton;
When gold dollars get too cheap;
When women secrets keep;
When fish forget to swim;
When Satan sings a hymn;
When girls go back on gum;
When no politician schemes;
When mince pie makes pleasant dreams;
When it's fun to break a tooth;
When all lawyers tell the truth;
When the drummer has no brass—
When these things shall come to pass
Then the man that's wise Will neglect to advertise.

Gold Medal to be Awarded

By Federal Government for Best Composition on the Repair and Maintenance of Roads. All Boys and Girls Between the Ages of 10 and 15 May Enter the Contest.

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition, not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the composition can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years' experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many children living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantage of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age and address of the writer and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the Superintendents of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

Rev. R. M. Courtney in Lexington

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church is still going on. A great deal of interest is being manifested. The preaching is being done by Rev. R. M. Courtney, the talented and eloquent pastor of the Thomasville Methodist church. He is a preacher of great power and affectiveness and big congregations are hearing him at every service. Even through the bad weather of last week the people continued to crowd the house and with good weather this week, even greater crowds are expected. The singing is being directed by Prof. O. V. Wooley and he is getting results. The choir of the Methodist church is being assisted by the choirs of the other churches and mighty fine music is the result. Services will continue throughout the week, with preaching at 3:30 in the afternoon and at 7:45 in the evening.—*Dispatch*.

Our First Citizen

Capt. F. C. Robbins is the foremost citizen in Davidson County. He is a prudent man, and never rushes heedlessly into a cause that he has not carefully considered. In this week's *Dispatch* Capt. Robbins comes out in a card heartily endorsing the bond issue for good roads, and begs his fellow citizens to give it favorable consideration. Capt. Robbins would suffer his right hand to be cut off before he would sign an indorsement to a trick to plunge the people of Davidson county into trouble. There is a long white road behind him and he is facing the end of the journey. His wise words ought to have great weight with those who are honestly striving to do the right thing about this bond issue.

Rev. M. L. Keeler attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liberty-Piedmont Institute at High Point last Tuesday afternoon.

Office of BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Mecklenburg County

Charlotte, N. C., April 4, 1913.

Mr. H. B. Varner, Lexington, N. C.

Dear Sir and Friend:

Yours of March 31st, received and contents noted. In reply will say that when it comes to the question of whether it pays to improve the roads of any county in the state, there is so much to be said in favor of good roads, and nothing in favor of bad roads, that I hardly know where to start or when to stop, especially when you go to arguing and figuring on the advantages of good roads and the disadvantages of bad roads.

There is no way to tell what it is worth to the tax payers of our county to have fine roads leading out in all directions from the city to the county line.

Mecklenburg County, as you know, leads all other counties in the state in building roads. We have been building good roads for over thirty years, and have between 250 and 300 miles in our county. We are still building and repairing roads with three chain-gangs equipped with modern machinery.

If we have any tax payer who is not willing to freely pay his road tax, I have not met him. It does not make any difference what his politics are he is in favor of the road work going on.

I believe that our good roads and highways have done more to build up our county and city than any other one thing we could have done.

There is no way to tell how much it has increased the valuation of farm lands as well as the city property. I know of farm lands that were a drag on the market ten to fifteen years ago at \$10 per acre that are now selling from \$30 to \$150 per acre.

I have been living here for the last thirty-seven years and remember when this county first started to improve roads. I have watched road building all the way up to this time and ought to be about as well posted as any one on the value of good roads in the county.

I will say that I do not believe that the taxpayers could make an investment in anything that would give as good returns as the money spent in the building of good roads, provided it is economically spent and there is no reason why it should not be so expended for you can get all the information needed from those who have learned from experience.

We have spent over \$2,000,000 in money besides the labor of our convicts, since starting the road work. If it were possible to refund every dollar of the road fund back to the taxpayers and remove all our improved roads, put all our people back where they were thirty years ago and pay them three times the amount they paid out, I know they would not consider the proposition at all.

Now, as to the voting of good roads bonds in your county, every man that owns real estate can well afford to vote for them as it will increase the value of his property two to three times over what it cost. That is to the real estate men.

Then as to the poor man that does not own even a wagon to run on the road it will pay him to vote for the bonds. Should he have a few miles to walk to town he will have a good road to walk over.

I cannot see how that your people can afford to not vote for the bonds.

There is more agitation on the question of good roads now all over the United States than ever before, and the county that has the opportunity to get in line and keep up with the progress of the country, and does not do so, will undoubtedly make a big mistake, in my honest opinion.

If I can be of any worth to you in getting further information, will be glad to do so.

Call to see me when in our town.

Yours truly,

W. M. LONG,
Chairman, Board Co. Commissioners.

Varner in Town.

Good Roads Campaign—Makes Fourteen Speeches in Town.

The campaign for the good roads bond issue for Davidson County has taken on fever heat in Thomasville and the supporters of this issue are sparing no time and energy in working for the bonds. This was evidenced on Tuesday when Mr. H. B. Varner, of the Lexington *Dispatch*, accompanied by Mr. Frank Lambeth, both of whom are exerting ever effort for the bonds, visited every factory in town, fourteen in number, and at each one Mr. Varner made a speech of about twenty minutes duration, in advocacy of the County Good Roads Bond Issue. The employees of the factories were allowed this time from their work to hear Mr. Varner and from the reception and applause received, it is evident there will be a sweeping victory from the laboring men of Thomasville, for the bond issue.

All day Tuesday Mr. Varner was in town making these speeches and yesterday he was joined here by Gov. Locke Craig and these two made a trip through this adjoining section making Good Roads talks to give the people of Thomasville much pleasure to have had Mr. Varner in town in advocacy of such a good cause.

Slightly Mixed

Chap about to wed was nervous; To the young best man he cried: "Tell me, is it customary For the groom to kiss the bride?" HAROLD SUSMAN.

Thomasville Township Farmers To Inspect Guilford Roads Saturday.

All the automobile owners in Thomasville and vicinity have agreed to carry from 75 to 100 of our leading farmers from this community over the good roads in Guilford County. The party will leave Thomasville about one o'clock P. M. Saturday, the 19, and will be joined in Greensboro by Mr. W. C. Boren, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, who will make an address to our farmers, and have some of the leading farmers along their fine sand clay road between Greensboro and Kernersville address our citizens on the question of good roads.

Any farmer desiring to take this trip free from all expense, will please see Mr. Chas. M. Hoover, who has charge of the arrangements and be at Thomasville ready to start by one o'clock. The committee would be pleased to carry every farmer in the County if it were possible to do so, but we can only take a limited number from each community, and we trust these farmers, who do go, will tell their neighbors all about the roads in Guilford County. The party will arrive back in Thomasville about six o'clock Saturday evening.

Salem Street has been in awful condition this week on account of the daily rain. The street was plowed up last week preparatory to making a sand gravel street, but the sand has not been placed yet and now the street is wearing the heaviest coat of mud it has worn in many months.

Mayor C. G. Hill and Street Commissioner Chas. F. Finch Endorsed.

The one thing important in the coming municipal election, is to secure the proper men to manage the business of the town. Good men morally, are not necessarily qualified to govern. And economy is not always the chief thing to be considered. But we must be chiefly concerned as to how our funds are handled. And a man who has been a success in his own affairs should be successful in conducting business for the public, and will be provided he can be secured to devote a portion of his time to public affairs.

But there is another thing that is important, which is this, that too frequent changes in officials will by necessity unsettle our government. Every new mayor has a new policy, every new board has new methods. There must be continuation in office of the proper men in order that the best results may be obtained.

We have to a great degree enjoyed a prosperous year, which has just past, and we wish to hold up before the citizens of Thomasville two men whom we should continue in office. They are Mayor Chas. G. Hill and Street Commissioner Chas. F. Finch. These men are well qualified for their work, and have demonstrated this fact by their record. They are conversative but reasonably so, they do not want to spend until they have the money to spend, and they have liberality of mind enough to spend in the proper way and place. They have made a success. May we continue them in office. I would say, that this is written unknown to either of the men.

A VOTER

Capt. F. C. Robbins—Davidson's "Grand Old Man" Expresses the Hope that the Bond Issue Will Carry.

If there is one man in the county who carries the respect, confidence and good will of everybody that man is Capt. F. C. Robbins of Lexington, and his message in the *Dispatch* this week expressing the hope that the bond issue will carry next Tuesday will be read with interest by every citizen of Davidson County. His message to the *Dispatch* reads as follows:

Lexington, N. C., April 12th, 1913.

To the Editor of the *Dispatch*:

Having carefully read and considered the Act of the recent General Assembly providing for an election on the 22nd inst. to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of \$300,000 to build good roads in Davidson County, I wish hereby to express the hope that the election will result in favor of the bonds. I do not propose herein to enter upon a discussion of the question, for the reason that full information has been given the voters of the county by the distribution of papers and circulars on the subject. The Act carefully provides that the money is to be in the hands of men who will see that it is honestly, wisely and fairly expended for the people of the whole county, without favor or partiality to any section. If sensible men, and our people are sensible, will think and act up to the enormous waste we suffer in mud tax, I have no doubt that the bond issue will be ratified. Believing our people will think and vote for this proposition, so vital to the prosperity of our county, I content myself with the expression of my opinion, well considered and emphatic, that the bonds ought to carry as the best investment the county can make for its present and future progress.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. ROBBINS

List of Letters Remaining Uncalled for in This Office for the Week Ending April, 14th, 1913.

Mrs. Lue Barging,
Miss Pearl Barley,
Walter Daniels,
John Cahatt,
Lum Cranford,
Cook & Harris,
Miss Hattie Holmes,
Andy Harris,
Pearl Hunt,
Mrs. Lula Lindsay,
Myrtle Mason,
Miss Lella Martin,
Gessie McCora,
Mrs. J. W. Myers,
Samuel Perkins,
Elmer Smith, (2)
C. F. Sender,
E. D. Stensel,
Mrs. Essie Whiteside.

Notice

North Carolina Davidson County

In the Superior Court April Term, 1913

J. B. Jones vs H. W. Schafer and the Hagerstown Milling Company.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Davidson Co., the said action being for the recovery of damages for failure to deliver a consignment of wheat according to contract. And the said defendants will further take notice that an order of attachment has been issued against all moneys and choses in action due and owing from the Bank of Thomasville to the said defendant. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the next term of the superior court of said county to be held on the seventh Monday after the first Monday in March, 1913, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This 19th of March, 1913.

C. E. GODWIN

Clerk of Superior Court

B. W. PARHAM

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Mortgage Sale

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me on the 25th day of September, 1911, by J. T. Valentine and wife and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Davidson County in Book No. 51, page 248, I shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction at the court house door in Lexington, N. C. on the 5th day of May, 1913 at 11:00 o'clock A. M. the following described property, viz: A tract or parcel of land in Thomasville Township adjoining the lands of L. B. Moore and J. T. Valentine and others and bounded as follows; Beginning at J. T. Valentine's corner and running thence westward fifty (50) feet to an alley; thence northward two hundred (200) feet; thence eastward fifty (50) feet thence southward two hundred (200) feet to the beginning.

Also Lots No. 22 and No. 23 on Moore Street the same being fifty (50) feet one hundred and fifty (150) feet and being a part of the lands of the late Capt. W. T. Moore and divided among the Moore heirs.

Default having been made in the payment of the bond secured by the said mortgage deed, this sale is for the satisfaction of the same.

This 3rd day of April, 1913.

MRS. BUDDIE LOOKABILL

Mortgagee.

BENJ. W. PARHAM, Attorney.

No. 8788.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

THOMASVILLE, N. C.

At close of business April 4, 1913.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$ 185,885.58
Overdrafts, secured & unsecured	1,173.40
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	800.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	4,900.00
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	5,611.06
Due from National Banks and reserve agents	14,921.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	1,463.88
Exchange for Clearing House Checks and other cash items	1,782.58
Notes of other National Banks	4,900.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	302.65
Specie	5,279.59
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	150.00
TOTAL	247,270.15

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	7,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes Paid	803.92
National Bank Notes outstanding	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	88,957.03
Time certificates of deposit	78,707.72
Cashier's checks outstanding	221.51
Notes and bills rediscounted	1,050.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	15,000.00
TOTAL	247,270.15

State of North Carolina, County of Davidson, SS: I, A. H. Ragan, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. RAGAN, Cashier.

Corrct-Attest:

C. L. HARRIS

C. F. LAMBERT

T. J. FINCH

Directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of April, 1913.

T. E. JENNINGS,

Notary public.

The post office site snap, promises to be as lively as the fight for the post office. Several sites have already been thrown into the ring.