

FINAL APPEAL TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE PROGRESS OF CRITTENDEN CO.

The Opportunity to Vote for Good Roads Will Be Yours Next Saturday

If Our County Makes the Advancement, It Should
We Must Have Better Roads and to Get Them
We Must Vote for the Bond Issue

THIS IS A VITAL QUESTION TO EVERY CITIZEN

Dear Friends:

Since this is the last issue of the Record-Press before taking the vote on the bond issue I feel that it is my duty to make this last appeal to you to lend your strength to this, the most important question of general interest that has ever come before the people of Crittenden county. It is not from a selfish standpoint, nor with a hope of individual interest that I am urging you, my friends, my neighbors, even my kindred, to vote "YES" on the ballot next Saturday, but because I am honest in the belief that it will be the means of procuring now, one of the many conveniences the county has long been lacking (good roads) to make us a stronger, more prosperous people. You may read the histories of the civilized nations of the earth and you will find that the roads were among the first things to insure the growth and development of the people. Three of the most important necessities - not commodities - to the welfare of man are the roads, railroads and the mail service. You know we must have roads. If roads of all, why not good roads?

I have been absolutely honest with you in all my discussions on this question. While there may have been some mistakes in some of my figures they were mistakes and not exaggerations - not intentional perversion of truth. I have withheld reply from some of the disparaging comments made in my public statements, simply because they carried with them no reasonable argument, and were intended only to detract from the real meaning of my statements. I have had before me, the whole time, Commissioner Terrell's reports and the law providing for State aid. It is my belief that there are only two classes of men in the county today who will oppose this bond issue on next Saturday, and that is first, the grossly selfish man who grates to see his weaker neighbor receive a slight benefit from a rightful dissemination of his hoarded wealth by a just method of taxation, and second, the man who does not understand the proposition and the meaning of the law. Who are you? If you do not understand the proposition and really want to vote right in the case take for your criterion and guide the sober action of the vast majority of the now one hundred and five counties and vote YES next Saturday. If you belong to the selfish "bunch" be ashamed!

I still hear from voters in the county that a poll tax of as much as \$5.00 will be assessed to pay this bond, this mortgage, this tremendous debt forced upon ourselves, our children, our grand children, our great-grand children and so on down to the end of time. When I hear these wholly intentional misrepresentations of the law I am caused to recall a quotation from the great Sam Jones. "I had rather serve from the rising of the glorious sun to the shining of the stars for a single dollar, and at night place that dollar under my pillow and let the eagle on it sing me to sleep than to set the counter part of Dives in this world and the world to come." I guess Dives was a liar as well as a grouch, but he needed a road that he never traveled and a bridge that he never got.

There seems to have been some confusion as to the proper understanding of Mr. Terrell's explanation of how the State Road Fund shall be divided. In his report on page 25 he undertakes to explain how the fund was divided last year by using this problem in simple proportion $2033410:747519::A:X$. The solution would be

$$\frac{747519a}{2033410} = \frac{2033410x}{2033410}$$

Still, what do you know about it? The thing is simply this: The whole State Road Fund that may be on hand at the time the apportionment is to be made shall be divided among the counties having made provision for receiving such aid, by making appropriations or voting bonds, according to the ratio the amount of tax levied bears to the whole road fund, but no county shall receive in any one year more than 2 per cent. of the whole road fund. Mind you 2 per cent. of the whole State Road Fund and not 2 per cent. of the amount of taxes voted as has been told to some of the voters. This fund is set apart every year and shall continue to be set apart and so divided each year "until such county shall have received from the State road fund an amount equal to one-half of the moneys appropriated for building roads by said county." This is what the book says. Last year this fund amounted to \$747,519. Some of the counties got every cent they asked for, such as Boyle, Bullitt, Grant and many others. The consoling thought is this, when the county votes the bonds the State is bound in a contract to pay her half some time, some way and she can't get out of it. That is enough for me.

Why the informed opposition to the bond issue will try to have you believe that State Aid is a fake and Federal Aid is a wild dream of the optimist is a mystery to me. I cannot see the object unless it is a desire to prey upon the innocence of the un-instructed

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THE LAST CALL TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE.

The Chance To Vote For Or Against Good Roads Is Yours Next Saturday

To Keep Our Citizens From Voting Before They
Understand Fully What We Have At Stake
We Submit The Following

EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS ARTICLE CLOSELY

As further proof that the statement in my previous article, that no one knew from year to year just what amount any county could receive from the State Road Fund; that the amount might be exhausted, and payment stopped until more funds were collected from the next tax levy, I submit the following statement from the 2nd biannual report of public roads made to the Governor and General Assembly of Kentucky, Nov. 1st, 1915 to Nov. 1st, 1915. This report is compiled by Robt. C. Terrell, Commissioner of public roads, Frankfort, Ky.

The last time adding \$13 to the unsatisfied counties.

As there was no more of the State Road Fund available, the apportionment was here ended. The final amount apportioned to the various counties, as follows:

| County | Am't asked. | Aid given |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Adair | \$11,551 | \$4,404 |
| Anderson | 12,000 | 9,775 |
| Boyd | 15,000 | 11,766 |
| Boyle | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Bullitt | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Carlisle | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Carter | 10,000 | 6,000 |
| Elliott | 15,000 | 2,717 |
| Fayette | 12,000 | 1,200 |
| Grant | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Grupton | 8,000 | 5,921 |
| Cassidy | 8,000 | 5,658 |

APPORTIONMENT OF STATE ROAD FUND.

The State road fund was apportioned applying for State Aid in accordance with Sec. 5, Chapter 87 of the acts of 1914, which states that "The amount so apportioned shall be based upon the amount of taxes levied, and collected therein for the building and re-construction of public roads." Therefore, in making this apportionment the total of the taxes for road and bridge purposes in all counties applying for State aid was found to be \$2,033,410, and the total amount of the State road fund was found to be \$747,519. Hence an arithmetical proportion was easily made with "X" an unknown quantity.

The table includes every county in the state nearly all of which have asked for state aid, and same is too long to publish in the Record-Press. I have selected a few counties from this report, so as to give some idea as to whether the states, at all times, able to meet the demands of the counties and pay back half the amount expended by them.

Briefly stated, this proportion was the total amount of taxes levied and collected for all purposes in all counties applying for State aid is to the total amount of the State Road Fund as the amount of taxes levied, and collected in the county under consideration is to the amount of State road fund that said county might receive. Arithmetically stated (assuming that A is the annual amount of the tax levy in the county under consideration) the proportion is as follows:

$$\$2,033,410 : \$747,519 :: A : X$$

"After finding the value of X for all counties, it was discovered that some had received more than the 2 per cent limit provided in the law, and some had received more than the amount of their request. Hence, after satisfying all the counties that could be satisfied with the value of X, it was found that a surplus remained, which, when divided among all the unsatisfied counties, yielded the sum of \$2,096, which was added to the original value of X in each unsatisfied county.

Now, my fellow tax-payers, does that look to you like the state put down dollar for dollar, spot cash, with the county in building roads, or does it bear me out in my contentions that it is impossible for any one to know just what the county will receive from the state aid fund until its apportionment is made? Now, bear in mind some of these counties had voted bonds and some had not, but in no case did any county get more than her apportioned amount. Some of the counties are setting aside enough of their tax levy to get their apportioned amount. We can do the same.

Now it is a fact that 103 counties have asked for state aid, but, up to the time of this report, November 1, 1915, only 14 counties had voted bonds for building roads; and, I think I am safe in saying there are not more than twenty-five counties in the state of Kentucky to-day, floating bonds to build roads. A large majority are receiving state aid, and not bonding their property to get it. Is this not a wise solution of the matter? Will we do it, or will we walk into the booth Saturday, May 27, and sign a mortgage on our property, our children's property, our neighbor's property and their children's property? Which shall it be? Remember, if we put this yoke on ourselves, no matter how much it hurts and galls, it is there to stay the remainder of our lives. If you want it, vote yes; if not, vote no.

I wish to submit what Mr. Terrell State Commissioner of roads, has to say of our sister

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MARION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Closing Exercises Of The Marion Graded And High School
Was Well Attended By All

The closing exercises of the Marion Graded and High school has occupied the most conspicuous place in the minds and hearts of our people for the five days ending Monday evening, at the Auditorium, when Dr. A. W. Evans in a peroration, thrilled the audience with his address the "Education Of The Heart," delivered to the eleven graduates, seated on the platform before him. The names follow: Misses Mary Dollar, Ivah Asher, Linda Jenkins, Naomi Asher, Anna Cox, and Juliet Pope. Messrs. Rupert Belt, Willie Clark, Owen Moore, Frank Coker and Neville Moore. The program for the evening was carried out as follows:

- March.
- Invocation, Rev. J. B. Trotter, Sr. de Elect.
- Southern Orchestra.
- Commencement Address, Dr. Arthur Walwyn Evans, La Paducah, Ky.
- Orchestra.
- Presentation of Diplomas, Prof. V. L. Christian.

Senior Class of 1916 Delightfully Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Christian charmingly entertained the members of the 1916 Senior class and the High School teachers on last Friday evening. On entering, delightful punch was served by Misses Frances and Virginia Blue. The evening was spent in progressive conversations, and many interesting contests, in one of which Miss Linda Jenkins and Homer McConnell were awarded prizes. After the contests delicious refreshments were served consisting of salad, sandwiches, pickles and wafers as the first course, and brick ice cream with "1916" the year of graduation on it, and cake, was the second course.

The members of the class who enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Christian's hospitality were Misses Linda Jenkins, Anna Cox, Elizabeth Rochester, Ruth Moore, Mary Dollar, Iva Asher, Naomi Asher, Juliet Pope and Janie Ray McConnell. Messrs. Neville Moore, Billie Moore, Homer McConnell, Frank Coker, Willie Clark, Rupert Belt, Medley Cannan, Clifton Crawford, Herbert Moore and Prof. Hollis Franklin.

childhood romance which had been many years in reaching a happy culmination.

There is no finer men in Marion than the groom and we congratulate the bride, whom we have always claimed as one of Marion's fairest and brightest daughters although transplanted temporarily to the Purchase Metropolis. Marion has never relinquished its interest in her, and she will be welcomed home when she and her husband return from their bridal trip to make this city their home.

HAPPILY MARRIED AT LAST

Mr. C. J. Pierce Of This City Weds
Miss. Laura Miles Of Paducah
His Boyhood Sweetheart

The Paducah News Democrat of Thursday May 18 - had this to say of them.

A wedding which will be of interest to a wide circle of friends of the bride in this city will be that of Miss Laura Miles, of this city, and Mr. C. J. Pierce of Marion, Ky., which will be solemnized today at the manse of First Presbyterian church at Memphis Tenn.

Mr. Pierce, his sister, Mrs. W. B. Yandell, and his brother-in-law, Mr. George Crider, of Marion, arrived in Paducah Wednesday. They were guests of the bride's mother, Mrs. Julia Miles of the Cochran apartments and will in the evening at 6:00 o'clock for Memphis accompanied by Miss Miles and her sister, Mrs. Francis Cook.

The couple will leave Memphis immediately following the ceremony at Hot Springs, after which they will begin housekeeping in a lovely new home just completed at Marion.

The marriage will be a culmination of a romance begun in childhood. Miss Miles is a splendid young woman and will be greatly missed from this city.

Mr. Pierce is one of the most successful business men of Marion, whose ability is recognized every where he goes.

From Thursday evening Paducah Sun, we clip the following:

A marriage quietly planned, the announcement of which is of interest to a wide circle of friends in this city, is that of Miss Laura Miles of Paducah and Mr. C. J. Pierce, of Marion, Ky., which was solemnized this morning at 9 o'clock at the manse of the First Presbyterian church at Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Pierce, his sister, Mrs. W. B. Yandell and his brother-in-law Mr. George Crider, of Marion, arrived in Paducah Wednesday and were guests for the day at the Palmer Hotel. Accompanied by Miss Miles and her sister, Mrs. Frances Cook, the party left for Memphis at 6:10 o'clock last evening. From Memphis Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will go direct to Hot Springs for their wedding journey, after which they will begin housekeeping in their beautiful home in Marion just completed.

The bride is of attractive personality and a splendid young woman, she is very popular in a large circle of friends. She is a daughter of Mrs. Julia Miles of the Cochran apartments and formerly lived in Marion Ky. Mr. Pierce is a prominent business man of Marion. The marriage is the outcome of a childhood romance.

A wedding which surprised all of Marion when it was consummated last Wednesday evening in Memphis, Tenn., was that of Mr. C. J. Pierce, of this city to Miss Laura Miles, of Paducah, a