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POLICE MEMBERS STATE THEIR POSITION ON THE GOOD ROAD QUESTION

Desiring to acquaint the citizens of Bienville parish of his position on the road question, Mr. J. H. King, police member from Ward 7, authorizes the Democrat to state that he concurs in the stand taken by the Democrat relative to building the roads under the supervision of the State Highway Department instead of the supervision of Mr. Geo. R. Wilson. Mr. King states that he believes it will be to the interest of the people to have all roads built by the Highway Department on which they agree to assist with State and Federal aid.

Mr. King's response to the Democrat's request for a statement we believe will meet with the approval of the people who voted the bond issue standing as he does for the best interests of all.

Bert Davis States Position

I am glad to be able to state my position as police member from Ward 1, on the road question as requested in the last issue of the Democrat.

I will state briefly that I am in favor of having all roads built under the supervision of the State Highway Department which they will approve, and that application be made for all the State and Federal aid we can get. I am also in favor of having all earth-ern or graded roads surveyed by the Highway Department, whether aid is received or not, and desire to state that I endorse the views expressed by you relative to the handling of the road funds, as will be borne out by my actions since I have been a member of this body.

I have never consented and will not consent to the building of any roads in Ward 1 except under the supervision of the State Highway Department. If I have to fight for the next four years, as I believe any other plan contrary to the plan upon which the bonds were voted. Yours very truly,

BERT DAVIS,
Arcadia, La., June 22, 1921.

W. H. Bogan States His Position

Replying to your request in last week's paper for a statement from each member of the Police Jury of their position relative to building roads under the supervision of the Highway Department or under Mr. Wilson's supervision. As police member from Ward 5, I wish to say that I still stand as I did on May 31, 1920, when bids were opened for the building of roads throughout the parish before any surveys had been approved by the Highway Department. To have accepted the bids which were submitted would have meant placing the building of the roads and the expenditure of the funds under the supervision of the supervising engineer and not under the supervision of the Highway Department. Reference to the minutes of that date will show the vote on this proposition stood 4 to 3 against accepting the bids being A. D. Smith, D. M. White and J. H. Corley, and those voting against and defeating the acceptance of the bids being R. L. Colon, A. G. Whitlow, Jr., W. D. Goff and myself.

Believing this makes my position clear, I remain,
Yours truly,
W. H. BOGAN,
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MR. THURMOND FAVORS STATE AND FEDERAL AID ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Believing that it will be impossible for you to live till Police Jury meets without knowing how I stand on road bonds, etc., I will tell you enough to sustain life till the 5th of July. You are respectfully invited to be present and get all the dope fresh from the reel. I speak for and of my ward, and I believe what I say will be applicable to the other six—five anyway. I propose to do all I can and as soon as I can to have work started on Ward 2's part of Dixie Highway, by aid and under the supervision of the State Highway Department. Our money in Tennessee, theirs in Washington, if Congress makes the appropriation, Mr. Bui's word for it. This is the only road in Bienville that he is interested in. As to the balance of Ward 2's prorate; "Sink or swim; live or die; survive or perish." I propose to fight to the last ditch to build road from Gibsland to Bryce land, or southern connection. Mr. Bogan has applied to Highway Department to take charge of road in his ward. He, Bogan, furnishing all the money if this works. Then that proposition is solved if not you will have to wait until we meet. I propose to put all my local funds on roads for the benefit of people, not getting anything out of this bond issue. These are my plans. If they don't suit the people that elected me, all they have to do is to have one of your "Rare-up" meetings and say so, and I will step down and out with thanks. I should have stated above in connection with the Dixie Highway, Mr. J. S. Williams was to correspond with Caldwell & Co., regarding their putting enough money in Louisiana to fill the requirements on this road. I know nothing personally about law suits and I am going to resort to any and every honorable means to avoid one both individually and officially, when it's the last resort I will go to it. Then my prediction is, Wilson nor Thurmond will either one have anything to do with. Did I hear someone say, "So mote it be?"

Some personal slurs and false statements I intended to take up. For the present will say like the fellow that was kicked by the mule's father, "Just consider the source," and I am frank to say, Mr. Cook, I don't believe you are the author of half you have had to say. In conclusion, my private opinion expressed publicly. This Police Jury is going to do mighty little and be very careful how they do that until the injunction is settled and we know who's who and what's what. We certainly don't want to do anything that would "seemingly be in violation of the injunction."

If this much will sustain life till we meet then I will be fully repaid. Should you find a small diamond in this scribble representing truth and light, if you see fit dip it in a pot of ink and exhibit it as stone coal.
J. H. THURMOND.

The Democrat is glad to note the favorable attitude as now expressed by Mr. Thurmond regarding the handling of the road funds under the Highway Departments supervision. The above statement from Mr. Thurmond, together with the expressions from three other members of the Police Jury which are published in this paper, encourages us to believe that when the Police Jury meets on July 5th that another effort will be made to obtain State and Federal aid, or to have roads built under the supervision of the Highway Department.

Relative to the personal slurs and false statements referred to by Mr. Thurmond, we are in the same position as the man to whom he referred as being kicked by the mule's father, and for this reason we merely consider the source and go ahead, which is Mr. Thurmond's advice.

Mr. Thurmond states that in his opinion the Police Jury will do mighty little and be very careful about that until the injunction is settled in order

ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT PRAISED AT THE STATE CONVENTION

It was with a feeling of just pride that the delegates from Arcadia to the Louisiana State Fireman's Convention held at Crowley, heard the Arcadia Fire Department mentioned as an example of efficiency and their equipment referred to as the best of any volunteer organization in the State.

When Secretary J. M. Tompkins of the A. F. D. read his report showing a loss ratio of only 185 per cent it proved to be the best record of any fire department in the State including paid and volunteer organizations. Later Chief O'Brien, of Shreveport, commented very favorably upon the work of Arcadia's firefighters, their equipment and their knowledge of how to use it most effectively.

The Arcadia Fire Department was represented at the convention by Chief G. H. Goldman, J. M. Tompkins, L. D. Edwards, Dave Hoffman and Jim Robertson. Upon their return they were enthusiastic in their praise of the people of Crowley, and of the royal manner in which they were entertained and of the cordiality extended to them on every hand. They enjoyed passes to theatres, banquets, balls and pleasant automobile rides and other entertainment.

The Democrat believes that it is the interest of the Police Jury and likewise to the interest of the taxpayers that all the roads possible be built under the supervision of the Highway Department, and that all the other roads, that is the graded roads, on which no gravel is put, should also be built under the supervision of the Highway Department, regardless of whether the state pays any part of the cost or not.

We are fully aware of the claim of some people that the Highway Department will not survey out, or approve ordinary graded roads. Nevertheless we understand the department has done so. Lincoln parish has been getting their services in surveying their roads long before they voted bonds in that parish, and Mr. Cooper who was here some time ago stated that in other parishes they had approved roads which were not to be graded and of which the state was not to furnish any part of the cost of construction.

If these roads are surveyed by the Highway Department, we feel that this will be laying the basis for getting State and possibly Federal aid later.

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when funds are in hand for assistance in building roads, and that if they are surveyed by Mr. Wilson that there will never be any chance for aid from any source, and further that we will get very little benefit from our own money which we spend under his supervision. Ordinary graded roads are being built in other parishes at a cost from two to three thousand dollars per mile, and it is costing this parish about twelve that much and possibly more under Mr. Wilson's supervision, and with the Police Jury paying him 3 1/2 per cent commission, not on the actual cost of the road, but what he estimates the cost of a graded road will be if it should be finished up as a graded or model road. Is it any wonder he wants to build roads in a hurry and get through with his job and get the money and leave the people to try to get it back from him the best way they can? In our opinion he has already received too much for what he has done.

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SHOT IN PARK AT GIBSLAND LAST NIGHT

A shooting occurred at Gibsland last night in the city park, resulting in the death of a man if not fatal wounding of a man whose exact name we have been unable to hear, but who states that he is a brother who is a United States Marshal some place in Kentucky. He was shot by a man recently the son of a joint of some kind in Bienville, and reported as a dangerous character. The shooting occurred about 1:30 in the morning and is supposed to have followed a quarrel originating over a woman of doubtful character who was in the company of the two men.

Deputy Sheriff C. Webb, of Gibsland, reached the scene immediately after the shooting and made a chase after the wounded man's assailant, but was unable to capture him as he caught on an out-bound freight train and made his escape.

WHITE MAN KILLS NEGRO NEAR SIMSBORO

Will Brewer, negro, was shot and killed by Elton Robinson, white, after the black had emptied his pistol at the white man without results. The shooting followed a disturbance raised by the negro Saturday afternoon, June 18th, at a ball game near Mt. Airy church where the negroes were celebrating an Emancipation Day Celebration. No arrests were made however, and a delegation of negroes went before the sheriff and stated that Robinson was not to blame for the shooting.

CASON TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcement is made that Rev. Cason, pastor of the Homer Baptist Church has accepted an invitation to preach at the Arcadia Baptist Church next Sunday morning, June 24th. A special invitation is cordially extended everybody to be present. Rev. Cason is a good preacher and will have a grand message, which though often old will never grow old.

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