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The Road Question

Editor Fayette Falcon,

Dear Sir—I note in last week's Falcon an article signed by Dr. Albright, complaining of road conditions. It is usually a waste of time and energy to reply to criticism. We cannot all think alike. It would be a sorry and uninteresting world if we did. Every man who sets out to do anything in the public interest naturally becomes a target for those who differ with him. However, every man in such a position has a right to expect that criticism of his acts be intelligent and based on fact. Opinions as to policies and methods may differ but the truth remains as constant and unassailable as the rock of Gibraltar.

It is with the truth in relation to Dr. Albright's article that this story has to deal. Let us set these matters right, Mr. Editor, and then, if you will allow me, I may make some general observations on the responsibility of those who disseminate "backstairs gossip" without taking the trouble to ascertain its truth.

There are four statements in Dr. Albright's article on which all his conclusions are based. They are:

First—That the roads are in rotten shape.

Second—That the Highway Commission has spent \$27,000 on these roads and now asks for \$10,000 more.

Third—That only 100 miles of road have been built or worked.

Fourth—That the Commission spent \$600 in June on machine repairs.

Let us take up these statements in their order. With the first I can agree with the Doctor. The roads, as a whole, are in rotten shape and while this phase of the subject is under discussion it is necessary that the Doctor and everybody else realize this fact now that some of our roads will still be in rotten shape when the year's work is finished and probably next year and the year following some of them will still be in bad shape. A good road system is not a product of a few months' growth. As to the causes behind the present condition of our highways, I will not presume to discuss that feature of it with Dr. Albright. He is entitled to his opinion.

Dr. Albright's second statement would be important, if true. Personally, I believe the citizens of Fayette County would be justified in a lynching party with the Highway Commissioners on the knotted end of the rope if we had spent \$27,000 on the roads with no more to show for it.

Now what are the facts? In the beginning the county had only \$13,229.48 available for all purposes, bridges, levies, new equipment and roads. Out of this amount the Highway Commission has spent on building roads—(not \$27,000) but \$3,381.85. This amount includes the expense of running three tractors, salaries, oil, gasoline, money paid contractor in District 15, all items for special work in repairing bad spots in the roads.

Dr. Albright speaks of the large amounts spent for new equipment. Let us see what this amounts to.

The Commission has spent for equipment the sum of \$7,008.33. This includes the purchase of two tractors, road graders, tractors, three teams of mules, harness, wagons, Ford auto trucks, shovels, picks, etc.

Part of this equipment has a constantly deteriorating value as machinery wears out with use, but the mule teams are worth more today than the county paid for them.

Now as to statement number 3, that only 100 miles of road have been worked. This statement is so ridiculous as to be imbecile. The tractor crews alone have built 200 miles of road in spite of the fact that it has only been since June 15 that the weather has permitted uninterrupted work. The Commission has no exact figures at hand as to the mileage worked by other methods, but a conservative estimate would be 200 miles more.

Regarding the fourth statement that \$600 was spent in June on machine repairs. The books show that only \$428.20 has been spent during the whole year on these repairs. It is true that the Commission paid Chas. Oliver a check for \$67 in June, but this included the purchase of a Ford car and two new automobile castings. Only a small part of it was for repairs. Under our contract with the tractor manufacturer repairs on each tract are guaranteed not to exceed \$60.00 per year.

I have no fault to find, Mr. Editor, with any intelligent criticism of the Commission's methods or policies but I believe you will agree with me that Dr. Albright could have learned all these things by examining the county records. There is a receipted bill or voucher for every cent expended and a complete

set of books showing the expenditure in every department. The impression conveyed by his article was that the Highway Commission has been so inefficient and extravagant as to be guilty of almost criminal negligence and it was based on the misrepresentation of the facts. Dr. Albright says he was told these things. That does not excuse him.

In conclusion let me say that I do not think Dr. Albright or any man has the right to wilfully or negligently spread broadcast in the press misstatements of facts that from their very nature must injure men who, at considerable sacrifice of personal affairs, are sincerely trying to promote the welfare of their community. Each man has a moral and legal responsibility in such matters that cannot be avoided.

This statement is made with the idea to correct false impressions in the minds of the public and as far as the Highway Commission is concerned this statement will end the controversy.

Yours Most Sincerely,
WYATT WILKINSON,
Chairman.

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Annual Announcement

The Falcon office is beginning this week work on the annual announcement of the Fayette County High School which will be ready to send out to patrons in another week. The school has better promise of a large attendance this year than it has had in several years and there appears now no interruptions such as were encountered. It will open the fall term between the first and middle of September, and already prospective pupils are giving in their names for entry at the beginning of the new session. Prof. Matthews will be in every part of the county between now and the opening date, seeing those who contemplate going away from their homes to school, with a hope of inducing them to come to Somerville. The number of students here from over the county last year was larger than for two or three years, and the prospect is that it will be still larger this year.

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Non-Resident Notice

E. C. Lucas vs. E. C. Boswell, Exr. of Mike Lucas, Dec'd et al.
In the Chancery Court of Fayette County, Tennessee.

In this cause it appearing from the bill which is sworn to that the defendants, William Lucas and Mrs. Cora Mulligan, are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, and residents of the State of Arkansas, they are, therefore, hereby required to appear on or before the First Monday of September, 1919, it being a Regular Rule day of said Court, before the Clerk and Master of said Court at his office in Somerville, Tennessee, and make defense to the bill filed against them in said Court by E. C. Lucas or otherwise the bill will be taken for confessed.

It is further ordered that this notice be published for four consecutive weeks in The Fayette Falcon.
This July 22nd, 1919.
W. M. MAYO, C. & M.
C. A. Stainback, Sol. 8-15

Hand in Hand

One of the main reasons why there has been such a marked improvement in the wholesomeness and healthfulness in food products the last ten years has been on account of the co-operation between pure food officials and domestic science teachers. These two elements have been working toward a common end—our protection against unscrupulous manufacturers who have not based their claims to business on the quality, but rather on cheapness and who, in their endeavor to market their products on price or quantity, have often resorted to substitution and to the use of unwholesome material. Though progress has been made, yet much remains to be done.

Mr. Harry L. Eskew, Food Commissioner of Tennessee, has been very active in his efforts to safeguard the health of the people of his State. In the New York Journal of Commerce he has the following to say about so-called Self Rising Flour, which is used in certain sections:

"I would not tolerate flour products like some of the 'self-rising flour' sold in a large part of the South, the concomitants of which are alike unknown and not to be ascertained by the consumer and whose purity in the matter of phosphate is open to serious question as a deceptive agency."

When the need of improvement of certain food products is pointed out so definitely and at the same time is backed up by thousands of domestic science teachers throughout the country, it is quite natural that American housewives will gradually become schooled in the proper selection of food products, and at the same time demand proper labeling of all food products.

Maudie Marie Costello

NOTE—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.

Moscow

The Falcon has in recent issues carried some very interesting and attractive articles among the most notable being the one on the local or county public road system by Dr. Albright and the one on the enforcement of the stock law, both articles creating much comment and has awakened the people in this vicinity no little. It does seem with taxes higher than ever and so much more revenue coming into the county strong box that we would have some decent roads and bridges.

Deciding a lawsuit by the flip of a coin is a mighty poor way of giving justice to either side in the case.

Miss Ethel Hood is visiting friends in Corinth this week.

It is said of President Lincoln that he was never too busy to be kind.

How easily some men are swayed from the path of justice and right, like a reed shaken with the wind, and they are often found in high places. A man is measured by his integrity.

Every store in town closed Friday afternoon to attend the ball game between Oakland and Moscow on the grounds of the latter, the former winning by a score of 11 to 7. Oakland has a good ball team.

Miss Willie Stevenson is visiting relatives in Saltido.

Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Bobbitt have returned from an extended visit with relatives near Lexington.

Mr. A. R. Miller is again with the Southern Railway Company at the local station.

Miss Agnes Holmes has accepted the agency of the Southern at Rogers Springs.

Mr. Andrew Smith is located in San Angelo, Texas.

Residents of Charleston Street continue to keep same in an attractive state. If every street in town were given like attention our city would indeed

present a neat appearance.

Magistrate R. N. Ware now owns a Dodge car.

Miss Estell Ayers, daughter of W. S. Ayers of Memphis is the guest of Miss Ernestine Ware.

Local people are beginning to take an active interest in the coming County Fair and it is hoped that some will grow into a creditable exhibit from the district.

The tax on wagons and buggies is creating quite a fund and if properly used on the county roads and bridges will prove of value to the taxpayers.

Plans are under way for a big Sunday School picnic to be held in the beautiful Bryan Grove on the eastern edge of Moscow sometime in August, the exact date will be given out soon. The affair will be under the auspices of the local Sunday Schools and every effort will be made to make the affair one of pleasure and to bring good results. Able talks will be made by prominent Sunday School workers, with good music and singing.

Dr. J. M. Stevenson is having his house improved in appearance by a new coat of paint. The Doctor believes in keeping his premises in an attractive condition, and we have a few other property owners who believe likewise.

The local Methodist protracted meeting begins Sunday August 4. Good preaching and singing is assured. It is expected that the electric lights will be installed by this time thus affording a splendid light for the occasion. Rev. Frank Acuff, the pastor, is leaving no stone unturned to make the meeting a success from a Divine point of view.

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Fayette County Home Demonstration Club Girls Camp

Following is the program for the Fayette County Home Demonstration Club Girls Camp to be held at Joyner's Camp Ground August 19 to 23:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Day will be spent in arranging camp and in receiving the girls, checking up equipment, supplies, etc. All members with their club chaperons, should arrive at the camp at sometime during the day.

7:30—Supper, Basket lunch is to be brought already prepared for Tuesday evening.

8:30-9:30—Camp fire story telling.

10:00 Taps.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

6:00 a. m. Reveille.

6:30-7:00—Physical culture.

7:00-8:30—Breakfast and putting camp in order.

9:00 10:00—Taking care of God's Temple, Emma Belle Stevenson, R. N. State Anti-Tuberculosis League, Nashville, Tennessee.

10:15-11:15—Boy's and Girl's Poultry Club Work. R. N. Crane, Poultry specialist, Knoxville Tenn.

11:15-12:00 Recreation.

12:15-1:30—Dinner.

2:00-5:00—Canning fruits and vegetables in steam Pressure Canner, by Miss Elise Catron.

5:00-7:00—Group playing conducted by Miss Alicia Musser, National Y. W. C. A.

7:30—Supper.

8:30-9:30—Moving pictures, "Out of mud."

9:30-9:50 Vesper service.

10:00—Taps.

THURSDAY AUGUST 21

Same procedure as preceding day as to rising, meals, devotions, etc.

9:00-10:00 Lessons in Practical nursing Miss Stevenson, R. N.

10:12-12:00—Meat canning, Miss Ruth Arey, District Agent, West Tennessee.

2:00-5:00—Cake Baking and Decorating by Miss Gathrie, Home Economics Specialist.

8:30-9:30—Moving pictures, "Government Poultry Farm" and "Milk and Honey."

FRIDAY AUGUST 22

8:45-9:45—Care of the Teeth—Dr. W. P. Claxton.

10:00-11:00 Demonstration in first aid to the injured, Miss Stevenson R. N. Peabody College.

11:00-12:00—The Call of The Forrester R. S. Maddox State Forester Nashville Tenn.

2:00-5:00—Pastry making by Miss Guthrie.

8:30-9:30—Moving pictures, "India, The Land of Mystery."

SATURDAY AUGUST 23

Rally Day

Basket Dinner

10:00 a. m. Club Work in Tennessee Director C. A. Keffer.

11:00 a. m.—Rural Sanitation, Dr. C. B. Crittenden, Trenton, Tenn.

12:00-2:00 Dinner on the ground

2:30-3:00—George R. James, Memphis

3:00-3:45—Education, Supt. W. T. Loggins

3:45-5:00—Mrs. H. S. Nichols, and Miss Ruth Arey, of Jackson, Tenn.

6:00—Break camp.

Visitors are welcome at any time during the day, and a special invitation is extended to everybody on the Rally Day, August 23.

Duroc Club Organized

The organization of a County Duroc club was completed last Saturday with the adoption of constitution and by-laws. R. B. Young is President, W. M. Pierce, Vice-President, and T. A. Moorman, Secretary, the three offices named constituting the Executive Committee. The dues were fixed at \$2 per year and all those present at Saturday's meeting paid their dues to the Secretary. Others desiring to become members can send \$2 to T. A. Moorman, Secretary, Somerville, Route 1. The Duroc hog has gained a strong hold in this county, and with the active assistance of the club it is expected that the raising of this breed will spread still more rapidly over the county.

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County Schools To Open August 4

Next Monday, August 4, is the date set for opening the county schools, and with a few exceptions the schools will open on that date. There are a few schools yet not supplied with teachers, and the strict enforcement of the laws by the new State Superintendent makes the supply of teachers less than has been contemplated. Under the law no temporary certificate can be granted to any person who has not stood an examination, and who has not gotten grades above 50 on every subject, with a general average of 65 or above. This law has not been rigidly enforced by former state Superintendents, and it has been possible for the County Superintendent to secure temporary certificates for some who had never undergone an examination at all. New teachers must have had four years of high school work and must have undergone an examination with results as named above, or they can not be employed. A number of teachers who expected to teach have been cut out by these rulings, and others who failed to take the March examination have been cut out, so that the supply is hardly equal to the demand, and while every effort is being made to secure teachers, it is feared that a sufficient number will not be secured for all the schools of the county.

Numerous questions have come to the office of the County Superintendent in regard to the new textbooks recently adopted. It is regrettable to state that not one word of information has yet been issued by the State Superintendent in regard to this matter, and the County Superintendent knows no more about it than the teachers do. But this advice is given: The new books are not now available, at all. They can not be had. We would go ahead using the old books when schools open, and it may be, continue that use thru the entire session. But certain it is now that no new books can be bought before September, and then they will likely be scarce. Under these circumstances there is nothing to do, but to use the old ones, the same ones used last year, for the present, and when we get information from Nashville regarding the new ones we will govern our actions accordingly.

The first monthly meeting of white teachers for the new school year will be held in Somerville on the third Saturday in September. The law requires attendance at these institutes, and it can be stated here now that teachers must comply with the law. It matters not what kind of certificate a teacher holds, the certificate can be revoked if institute attendance is neglected by the holder. Attendance of our teachers in the past has been most gratifying. Out of 60 teachers in the white schools we have often had 40 to 45 present at a meeting. And yet there are a few teachers who have never attended an institute. Some of these are being refused schools this year for this very reason, and the law must be applied to all.

With colored teachers the matter is different. The colored men who teach have never attended teachers' meetings, summer meetings or monthly meetings, and many of the women have not. Out of about 80 colored teachers in the county, many meetings have been held with less than 20 present. This condition can not continue and the colored teachers had as well understand it. A score of the delinquents are being dropped from the list of teachers this year and others will be dropped. They must comply with requirements made by school law and the State Office or be dropped from the list of teachers.

Many complaints have come to the County Superintendent and members of the Board about teachers disregarding hours fixed by the Board for opening and closing schools each day. A strong effort will be made this year to secure uniformity in this respect. Regularity in running a school is absolutely imperative, and no school that does not open and close on schedule time is worthy being called a school. And nothing should be allowed to interfere with school for a day. School every day in the week with regular hours for opening and closing should be the slogan of every teacher.

With colored teachers this trouble has been more marked than with white teachers, and these colored teachers had as well make up their minds to comply with these rules or quit, one or the other. Go to school on time, stay the full day, and carry this rule out every day for five days each week.

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