







## WEEKLY SENTINEL

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### SHALL WE HAVE GOOD ROADS?

The county papers carried the announcement last week that the commissioners court had ordered an election to be held Tuesday, May 20th, to determine whether or not a bond issue of \$800,000 shall be levied against the county for the purpose of building good roads. As it was also noted in the same connection that the bonds would run for a period of forty years, bearing five per cent interest.

The time for holding this election is but a little more than three weeks off, and if there is to be any discussion of the proposition, the campaign must be inaugurated at once. But The News believes that there will not be much discussion for the reason that we have been gradually getting up to the point for a long time, and the people's minds are pretty well settled in the matter.

It is manifest, the fact standing out paramount, that if we ever get a system of good roads we must spend a goodly sum of money at one time in getting them built. With any other method the improvement washes away before the next stretch can be built, and we spend all the money we can get in construction with nothing left for maintenance. The further fact is also manifest that if the county ever comes into its own materially, morally and socially it must have a better system of roads, and realizing this great truth all branches of government are lending every aid and encouragement possible to get them built as quickly as possible. With the success of our bond issue we would get an equivalent from the state and federal governments, but we can't get a dollar of it unless we match it with an equivalent amount, the policy of the government being to help those who help themselves.

The only objection urged from any quarter is the fear that certain sections of roads would not get a share of the improvement, and if this condition should obtain it would be a righteous protest. But each precinct has its commissioner, and each should have enough consideration for his community to see to it that it gets its share. If the issue is elected, it will be by the people who have confidence in the integrity of their representatives, and they will hold them to a strict accountability.

All the neighboring counties are voting bond issues for road improvement, and Nacogdoches county can't afford not to do her part in bringing old East Texas into its own, as a system of good roads will. Every argument is in favor of the good road, with not a single argument of any merit against it. The little tax will be insignificant compared with the benefits to be derived, and through this method the railroads and other big corporations will be made to do their part. The News believes the issue will carry with an overwhelming majority, and the old county go forward in the progressive movement as she has always done when a righteous verdict was left to the people.—Garrison News.

### SHALL WE GROW?

It is known beyond doubt that the price of building material and labor can not suffer any material decline in values for some time to come, and the nations is being urged to go ahead with its building program. To apply the logic locally it would seem that Nacogdoches is suffering very materially for the lack of building—more emphatically so in the matter of rent houses. Every citizen no doubt desires to see the old town grow, and more especially so the wealthier ones who have holdings here, and who would derive the most profit from the building. These facts should convince the man that is able to build that now is an opportune time.

Nacogdoches has a good prospect of becoming a great city. We shall not at this time undertake to detail her many resources. Her municipally owned water and power plant, however, with its excellent standard of service has earned statewide attention. The fact that the Stephen F. Austin normal was chosen to be built here has also turned the eyes of many prospectors in this direction. Many have come, could not find houses to live in—or even rooms—and have left.

We have now reached the point where we must go forward with rapid growth or must forever stand still.

There are more things to do than build houses, however. By building a few more sidewalks, we can secure free mail delivery, and thus help in our onward stride cityward. We must have a live commercial organization. We need more business houses. But worst of all that the citizens of Nacogdoches need is a little more pep and a little less lethargy.

### WEAK AND UNCIVILIZED MAN.

It is marvelous to think how far man has advanced along the lines of civilization and decency on a small scale, and how far he has gone in the direction of savagery and barbarism on a large scale. It would be better to say that on a worldwide scale he has never departed from the rules and regulations that have governed barbarians from time immemorial. War is the world's weapon to redress insult. War is the world's method to measure state pride, and national pride. But who ever heard of anybody having world pride? We gather in groups and defy anybody to attempt to interfere with the strength between nations. War is the world's method to give tone and prestige to peoples. We, over here in America, have community pride, county pride, peace and dignity of our country. No band of outlaws can molest the quiet, orderly business of our citizens. The State is all powerful in the protection of life, liberty, and the daily pursuit of happiness. We delight to have the sentiment in favor of law and order prevailing in our communities. So delighted are we with order and law that the evil doer can find no safe refuge in our land. We talk in terms of peace and the sorriest citizen in all the State dares not attempt to set himself up as a definer of law. In order that bad men shall not carry on their persons deadly weapons we have deprived all persons of the savage privilege. Our whole system of government is founded upon the principles of justice, fair-play, decency and common sense. We only resort to force when all the powers of reason have failed. Now, why cannot all the peoples of earth who love peace say to those who do not, what the law-abiding people in any civilized community say to the outlaws? Are not the nations who desire permanent peace greater and more powerful than the militaristic nations? Are not the nations that desire to be ruled by law greater than the outlaws? If we are to conclude to have wars because we have always had them, we deny all the teachings of Christ and set up the doctrine of force as the ruler of mankind. But could not the same argument have been employed against the organization of this republic? There had never been a republic that reposed as much power in the people. It must, therefore, be a failure. All the blessings have ever come to the people have come over the ruins of ages-old institutions.—Rusk County News.

### WAR AND HUMAN MINDS.

Fine minds have been finely touched by the war, and base minds basely. By fine I do not mean refined, or fine with an esthetic or spiritual reference merely. I mean fine in the good colloquial sense of "he is a fine fellow," whether a dockman or waiter, or clergyman or college president is intended. The finest fellow I met in 1918 was an American-Italian orderly at the front, whose heart was absorbed in the care of a reckless young army doctor to whom he was attached. And I think often of a half wild Corsican and wholly wild Apache of Paris who protected my friend, a young French Lieutenant, one on either side in charge of retreat and "mothered" him when he was ill in the trenches. Such men as these have been made into raw material for reconstruction by the war; finer minds in the intellectual sense of the word have been roused to a pitch of leadership and creative energy not equalled since the early Renaissance. And, furthermore, there are the millions of women who have flung themselves into the conflict without incurring the passionate reactions of bloodshed, and are transformed into a power for good we can not yet measure. But base minds have become baser, uncertain souls less certain still; and unfortunately it is the hearts of gold and not lead who have gone eagerly to death. France has lost the flower of the next generation; one in five perhaps of the university men of England are dead; not many in proportion, but to many of the very best boys of America have been left on the western front. And therefore, upon those of us, whether young or old, who feel the world is worth re-making and are left for the task, a tremendous responsibility descends. The dead have died for no lust of conquest or personal reward, but to save, as they hoped, their country. It is for the living to see to it that the world is really saved. No plans of federation or defense, however wise, can secure the future, unless those whom this war has made strong can lift to safety those whom it has made weak.—H. S. Canby in Yale Review.

Despair not school teachers who are underpaid and discouraged. Remember that one of your profession is teaching the whole world a lesson, even if one of the pupils is playing hooky.

It is expected that Angelina county will go over the top with her Victory Liberty Loan quota within the next few days, and then a number of our persistent patriots will invade Nacogdoches, put some pep into that sleepy old town and show her citizens just how to put over a Victory Loan on schedule time.—Lufkin News.

Don't worry about Nacogdoche's brother, she has never failed yet, and we stand ready for a comparison of our records. Plans are completed for the subscription of our quota in a rush when the time is ripe.

Authorities are now contending that should Japan take the same stand that Italy did as regards Chinese concessions, and Wilson make the same declaration, that it would be equal to a virtual declaration of war. Many sources seem to be anxious for a war between the United States and Japan, and have been fanning the smoke for a number of years. Japan has her answer to her problem already, as the Wilson declaration was understood to take in her calm, also, and she has not yet declared war—and neither is she likely to.

The proposed street dance as part of the entertainment for the soldier boys in Nacogdoches Saturday night is bringing on more talk than was perhaps dreamed of in the beginning. In yesterday's Nacogdoches Sentinel an article appeared under the heading "Church Action Concerning Soldiers' Entertainment." There is yet time for others to be heard before the time arrives for the proposed dance.—Lufkin News.

Now we have it. The other day a case of sleeping sickness was reported in Houston, one hundred and eighteen miles away, where the patient was doing nicely. Up in Tyler, 90 miles away, a lady died of the disease. The closer to Lufkin the epidemic gets, the more deadly is the effect. If it strikes in the vicinity of Nacogdoches that town will be obliterated from the map.—Lufkin News.

William Jennings Bryan of Timpanog was in the city Saturday and Sunday prospecting, and may become a citizen of our city.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

No, he is no relation of the former secretary of state, and the apostle of grape juice—just a plain, law-abiding citizen, who is content to reside in East Texas, even if he is forced to live at Nacogdoches.—Lufkin News.

Five million are reported to have died of influenza in British India. It is also said that the influenza epidemic caused several times the amount of deaths that the war did. Locally it is said that over a hundred have been buried here in the past year, their deaths being caused by the epidemic. Let us hope that we will not be visited with it again next winter.

The Sentinel editor is indebted to County Chairman Harris for a Liberty Loan medal and a German helmet, given in recognition of the newspaper's service to the Liberty Loan campaigns. The newspapers have done their part to put over the various loans, and they are justly entitled to recognition.

The soldiers will be allowed to vote on the constitutional amendments, on May 24th next. Those who have been over in France for some months probably stand ready to give the women folks whatever they want by now.

It is declared that democracy is the only fit form of government for Russia. We were just beginning to decide that Russia was the only fit habitat for autocracy left in the world.

The Italians are an emotional people and easily change their mind—as do the French—and the American schoolmaster has the floor and the limb.

A picture of a big fat, bouncing baby announces that he is the only absolute monarch left in the world.

### NEGRO WHO ESCAPED JAIL HAS BEEN APPREHENDED

Sheriff G. W. L. Woodlan, and County Attorney L. G. King went to Rusk yesterday, where Mr. Woodlan got Albert Sanders, a negro, who had been arrested by the officers at Rusk and returned to Nacogdoches with him.

Albert Sanders is one of the negroes who broke jail here last October, after having knocked deputy sheriff J. M. Spradley down and taking his pistol from him. The other negro's name was Williams, and he has not been arrested yet. Sanders claims to have left Williams shortly after their escape, saying that Williams was too bad a negro for him. Sanders is already convicted and under sentence to the penitentiary.

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