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building instead of the old, unpainted structure of yesterday; he no longer studies on boards but in a varnished desk; and he is taught by efficient teachers. This means that the future generation of Stanly citizens will be better prepared in every way to meet life's problems. As we have shown you, one of the principal means of bringing this about has been the construction of good roads.

Now let us see how good roads have developed and are now developing business and industry in Stanly County. Of course, the greatest effect of good roads on business and industry has been in the more thickly populated centers such as Albemarle, Badin or the like. Albemarle especially, has a fine situation at the intersection of the Raleigh-Charlotte and Salisbury-Wadesboro highways. This system of roads makes it possible for the greater part of the county's people to do their trading at Albemarle. As stated before, the farmer is enabled to bring more produce to town, and as a result he increases the Albemarle merchants' business to a great extent. Not only do the

highways draw people to Albemarle from Stanly alone, but from all the surrounding counties. The completion and opening up of the concrete bridge over the Pee Dee river formed the completing link in the Raleigh-Charlotte highway, and it has brought increased business to every merchant in Albemarle. One enterprising merchant was heard to remark that, since the opening up of the Pee Dee bridge, his trade had increased forty per cent. In many respects the good highway and the automobile have practically taken the railroad's place. Hence, good roads are doing for Albemarle what the railroad has done for other cities. The highways bring thousands of people through the town every week. Since the roads have been improved and bridges built, a boom has struck Albemarle. Anyone who visits the town today will see many new buildings. A great hotel is under construction and several large business houses are nearing completion. Indeed the future is exceedingly bright for Albemarle. Let us not stop boosting the main cause of this—good roads. We cannot stand

still. We must go forward or backward. But let us build more good roads and then watch Albemarle and Stanly County grow into the most prosperous section of North Carolina.

GOODBYE, SCHOOL MATES

(By Annie Drye.)

Dear schoolmates, we bid you goodbye.
For the parting of the ways has come;
And yet as we go, we look back with a sigh
On our dear old high school home.

Our days here together were gay,
But there is work out in life to be done.
We're willing and strong, and must hasten away,
Ere clouds hide the morning sun.

Our high school shall ever be dear,
It will gladden us on Life's way
To think of the days we spent happily here,
And we wish that we, too, might stay.

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