

### THE MIDGET

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### GOOD SCHOOLS A COMMUNITY PROGRESSOR

(By E. F. H.)

We are now living in an age which demands education above everything else. Every branch of work requires only the skilled workman. We are no longer content with mere amateurs, but are only satisfied with the ones most expert in their profession. And is not education the impartation of skill? But to improve the education—an act which is so needed—one must have modern schools for imparting this skill.

Good educational facilities are a splendid boost for a community. One of the foremost tests and one of the first questions a person asks of a community before he decides to locate there is: "Can I educate my family and myself in this community? How about its public schools—present and future?" Another question the home seeker asks is: "What about the government of the county?" If he has learned about the educational opportunities, he has learned the condition

of the government, because the education and government of a region run parallel, and are so closely related that one can be judged by the other. Where there is deficient government there is always illiteracy.

Although Stanly County is far behind in her number of efficient schools, she is rapidly coming to the front. Her greatest weakness lies in the illiteracy of her women. Woman has now gained her place in the government of the land. Do we want our community to be governed by uneducated women—as well as men—who are incapable of judging for themselves because of their ignorance? If we do not, why not lessen our expenditure on the unnecessary luxuries and by building good schools give these people an opportunity to learn? That Stanly County believes more in gasoline vehicles than in education is proved by the fact that in 1921 she spent \$58 for cars and only \$12 per head for schools. How long are we going to let this fact stand?

People of Stanly County, wake up, and let us do our part and make education our slogan! If we do this, Stanly County will march to the front with swift strides, and will soon be known as the most progressive and wide-awake county in the Old North State. Vote for schools!

The members of the Senior Class have shown their interest in the future welfare of the Albemarle High School by installing an up-to-date shower bath equipment for the athletes and others who may need it. They give this with the hope that by next year the School Board will

see fit to build an additional room for a much-needed science laboratory. If the Board will do this, we, the members of the Senior Class, feel sure that the people of Albemarle will support the movement by giving some apparatus for the equipment of the laboratory. If someone did not care to donate a whole apparatus, even a small amount of money would be appreciated and used beneficially for this purpose. Due to the lack of room for a modern Home Economics Department and a laboratory, and due to the steady increase of the number of pupils in the grammar grades, a new high school building on a new location is very badly needed. There would then be more room for athletics for the high school, as well as for playgrounds for the grammar grades. If the Board and the people of Albemarle would only co-operate, and if each person would do his part in helping the Albemarle Graded and High School, it would be one of the most efficient schools in the state. Let us have a school that we can think of with pride!

—E. F. H.

### A BY-PRODUCT OF THE DEBATE

(By George Harris.)

Even if our debaters did not bring home "the cup" from Chapel Hill last month, it seems as if they brought back something that will perhaps be worth more to the school than any cup or medal. While at Chapel Hill these debaters had the privilege of seeing a high school track meet and tennis tournament. So our orators returned to their classmates and told them of the various jumps, races, jav-

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