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#### OUR GAIN IN HIGH SCHOOL PU-PILS.

High schools in North Carolina since 1910 have experienced a remarkable growth

This development is evidenced very clearly in a comparison between enrolled in all North Carolina high schools only man they can elect. whatsoever, whereas the enrollment for lic and private.

in high school; in 1925-26 11 per cent. was found in the four upper grades.

These figures we found in a recent isther that the number of graduates during this decade and a half soared from 510 to group will be reduced considerably.

At the close of the session 1925-26 there were, in all, 543 accredited high schools, an average of over five for every vate high schools made a total of 49 ac- the head of the party. credited high schools for the Negro race many as all Southern States combined.

There are two significant features in connection with the figures showing the distribution of enrollment by grades in 1924-25 and 1925-26.

During 1925-26, there were 6,282 more pupils enrolled in public high schools than during the preceding year, an increase of 9.35 per cent. Of this number there was an increase of 6,367 in the rural high schools and a decrease of 85 in the city systems. This divergence can be explained partially by the fact that about a dozen of the smaller city systems, on account of administrative advantages, have surrendered their charters and have been included in the rural group. But, even now, only 10.3 per cent. of pupils enrolled in rural schools are in high school whereas in the cities the percentage is 21

An examination will show further that the percentage of pupils enrolled in the various high school grades for the years 1924-25 and 1925-26 is almost identical the ratio of pupils in the 9th and 10th grades being precisely the same. During 1925-26 there were .2 of one per cent. less pupils enrolled in the eighth grade than during the preceding school year, but this inequality is leveled up in the eleventh year.

In comparison with national averages for 1923-24, the latest available figures this distribution of pupils in the public high schools for white children appears quite favorable. According to the reports of the U.S. Bureau of Education for that year. there was in North Carolina a higher percentage of pupils in the third and fourth years of high school than the national average.

In 1915-16 only about one pupil out of six entering high school in North Carolina graduated four years later. In 1925-26 approximately one-half of those entering finished. Approximately three times as many pupils proportionately graduating from high school in 1925-26 than was the case a decade before!

There are thirty (30) high schools in the State with one teacher each, and the enrollment in these 30 schools is 738. This is almost precisely one per cent. of the total enrollment in public high schools. There are 70 schools with two teachers each with an enrollment of 3,012 or 3.1 per cent. of the total enrollment in high

There are 117 high schools with three teachers each with an enrollment of 7,-262 pupils and 138 schools with four teachers each with an enrollment of 11,-602. In these 255 schools with three and four teachers 18,864 pupils are enrolled. They constitute about 25 per cent. of the total enrollment.

There are 94 schools with five teachers each, having an enrollment of 10,211 students; 69 schools with six teachers each, having an enrollment of 8,052; 28 ment by intimidation. We can't have schools with seven teachers each, having justice in the courts if we are to quake an enrollment of 4,125; 19 schools with and tremble every time bomb outrages eight teachers each, having an enrollment and other threats of violence are held up of 3,195; 18 schools with nine teachers before our eyes. ch, having an enrollment of 3,556.

SOR.

Prominent Republicans, representing various elements in the party organiza- they should pay the penalty. tion, have been out to see the President and after the conference expressed the belief and hope that he will accept the nomination if he sees the people of his this. party want him more than any one else.

These men, some of the biggest in the Republican party, do not say the Presiwill make the race if he sees his party rested and tried. wants him badly enough to place him above all others.

persuade Mr. Coolidge to run again bements in 1910 and 1925-26. In the former cause they can't agree on anybody else. year there were only 12,470 pupils enroll- In other words they are afraid he is the

Take the situation in North Carolina the year 1925-26 was 89,469, including for example. Three of the leading Rewhite and colored, urban and rural, pub- publicans of the State have discussed the matter of finding a successor to the Pres-An increase of 79999 pupils, or 618 per ident and they are nowhere alike in their cent. in 15 years! In 1910-11 only 2.3 per predictions. Neither are they agreed as cent. of the total school enrollment was to the kind of man to be chosen. The situation no doubt is the same in other States, leading to an uncertainty that makes the leaders desperate in their efsue of School Facts, which shows fur- forts to make Mr. Coolidge run at least

William G. Bramham, recognized as 11,352. It is gratifying to note that of one of the leaders of the G. O. P. in Tarthis number graduating year before last, heelia, can see nothing but former Govonly 392 finished non-standard high ernor Lowden. He predicts that the Reschools. The indications are that dur- publican party in this State is "overing the next session the non-standard whelmingly for Gov. Frank Lowden for President."

And there's Hon. David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue and with more power perhaps than any other man county in the State! When Shiloh in in the party in North Carolina, who does Camden County was added to the accred- not mention Lowden in his summary of ited list during that year each of the 100 what is going to happen now that Mr. counties had at least one standard high Coolidge has indicated that he might not school, the number ranging from one in enter the race. "The Republicans of Camden to fourteen in Buncombe. Of North Carolina are for Mr. Coolidge tothe 543 accredited high schools, 479 were day with the same degree of enthusiasm public and 64 were private. Of the 479 and loyalty as they have manifested in public high schools there were 453 the past." Here's another proof that the white and 26 colored. These 26 colored leaders in Washington are doing everyhigh schools together with 23 colored pri- thing possible to keep the President at

And then we turn to another leader, in North Carolina-exactly one-third as Hon Brownlow Jackson, chairman of the many as there were for the whites in State Republican executive committee, 1920, three times as many as in any other and find him not so certain about the Southern State, and about one-fourth as President entering the race but certain that a man of the Coolidge type is the ne needed.

"If Calvin Coolidge is definitely and finally out of the Presidential race the Republican party is going to seek as a presidential nominee that man who will most closely follow President Coolidge's policies." That is rather indefinite for no one knows now who that man may be.

The President has his party in the air, and we still hold to the belief that he wasn't certain about not entering the race when he used the unfortunate word 'choose" in discussing his future action.

# GOVERNMENT BY THREAT.

Dollars to doughnuts Sacco and Vanzetti never die in the electric chair for the murder of which they were convict-

determine the guilt or innocence of the men. That matter was left with a jury, and the jury found them guilty. Then started the technical proceedings that have kept the case and men alive for seven years, proceedings that are calculated to breed contempt for the courts

and our system of government. Government by threat is what the radicals want and they have given in this case a clear demonstration of their attitude toward constituted authority. They would brow beat our officials into submission. They would cow the American

We do not argue that Sacco and Vanzetti should be electrocuted simply because of their radical tendencies and utterances, but certainly they have said reported, since many of the mothers are commission paves the upper route and things that rob them of the right of any consideration. They have preached anarchy in every utterance issued since their conviction. They have supported are lacking, as we are in saving the lives paved road but since the commission and its courts. They talk about being but there is a dark side also, and to remcrucified simply because a jury, several edy this we should give special attention. judges and a committee of three, composed of two college presidents and a former judge, decided they were guilty.

Is the American government to follow the same proceedure in all future cases in which anarchists are at the bar?

Are we going to submit to the threats of these aliens? Are we going to tremble at the sight of bombs and marching protestators?

If this is to be our course of action we might as well turn over affairs to these anarchists. We can't have good govern-

possible to defeat the court sentence and can nomination.

radicalism. Better to let crime run ram- ident Wilson had nothing to do with this year is more than two per cent. pant than to have court farces such as where he was detailed to serve. Friends greater than the volume registered for

wants the nomination but they do say he of gaining an end should likewise be ar- sured Mr. Wilson.

our jails the dangerous creeds of an- the battle front in France.

ders, in more serious rioting, in more dev- reads: astating demonstrations against constituted authority.

#### THE DARK SIDE TO THE PIC-TURE.

Again North Carolina leads the nation

Babies were born in North Carolina during the year 1926 at the rate of 28.8 per 1,000 inhabitants, a rate higher than that of any other State, and a survey of the records show that this is the seventh consecutive year North Carolina has led

North Carolina not only produced more babies per inhabitant than any other State. Based upon the birth rate for litical enemies-without foundation. 1926, the foreign born population of the State is only two-tenths of one per cent., this being a figure that cannot be approached by any other State in the Union.

We have a right to be proud of this record, but our pride should not make it impossible for us to see the dark side of this birthrate picture—a darkness brought about by illegitimate births. Concerning the illegitimate births The Charlotte Observer says:

"During the year 1926, the State gave birth to 4,529 illegitimate children, or a little more than six per cent. of the total of 82,459 births. Inasmuch as there were eight counties which registered no illegitimate births whatever, these figures mean that there was an average of 50 children born out of wedlock in the remaining 92 counties of the State. One of the most striking facts connected with the issuance of these figures is that all the eight counties which contained no illegitimate births were in the eastern sections of North Carolina. The counties referred to are Dare, Gates, Hyde, Jones, Northampton, Pamlico, Perquimans and Warren. If there are those who would believe that illegitimacy is confined to the negro race, let him be reminded that the counties above mentioned contain large negro populations.

"These are not pleasant facts. Of all the editorials patting ourselves on the the road specified in the court decree and For seven years this case has dragged back for our wonderful showing, The through the courts of the United States Observer has not seen one which dared and the example thus set is certain to in- speak of the one ugly feature of the refluence criminals throughout the United port. Statistics are not available but if States. Americans should hang their they were would North Carolina rank heads in shame at this spectacle of court high in this respect? The probable answer is not pleasant to think of. An av-We don't know enough of the cast to erage of 50 children born out of wedlock annually in every county! This, North Carolinians, is a problem, which is suffic-

ient to challenge the best that is in us!" The figures carried in The Observer do not give the total illegitimate births by counties, but enough has been said to show that illegitimate births have been surfaced roads in this State until all of reported in 92 counties in the State. The the important roads in every section total for Cabarrus, as reported, is about have been paved. People all over the steward and pastor of that church for denying 15 to 20 a year, and all of these are not State pay the money that maintains the among the colored race, although the highway department and one section is number among the negroes is larger than among the whites.

No doubt many of the illegitimate births are never reported and the total Court was the highest tribunal in the no doubt is much higher than that given State, but since the highway commisin the official figures. Especially among sion has been in operation we almost negroes many illegitimate births are not have had to change this view. If the

Too many of our babies die before they cited for contempt of court. are a year old, too. In this matter we

# SETTING HISTORY STRAIGHT.

Friends of Géneral Leonard Wood, who entered the Army service as a medical officer and rose to the highest ranks in the "line," often charged during the now being carried on has never before World War that President Woodrow been equalled. This is the indication

Wood had charge of the 80th Division, first seven months of this year to be apout when the division was ordered to preciably greater than the volume estab-France he was removed as its command- lished during the corresponding period ing officer and was detained for work in of 1926 when all previous records were applied himself.

er at the bar. They have done everything when General Wood sought the Republi- July, 1926.

dent wants to run. They do not say he who have resorted to violence as a means not die, and many there were who cen- types of construction.

Just think of allowing several hundred 1918 just after he had learned that he found in the volume of contracts already persons to march through an American would not go to France, sets the matter awarded for operations to be undertaken We believe these leaders are trying to street shouting, "mob the police!" Just right. General Pershing and not Presi- in the near future. The June volume of think of showing any undue considera- dent Wilson ordered General Wood to awards is the greatest ever registered for tion to men who having been convicted of remain in the United States, and we do a single month, exceeding by four per murdering another man, are allowed to not doubt that General Pershing thought cent. the previous record, set in August. denounce our officials as murderers, to General Wood would be of greater value 1926. The total volume of contracts censure our government and preach from in the training camps in America than on awarded during the first six months of

If we give an inch of ground in this to Thompson R. Shipp, a personal friend year. case we will pay for it in further mur- and held until after the General's death,

> "My relief from the command of my division was, of course, a very bitter disappointment to me. The Secretary of War informed me that it was made at General Pershing's request that I be not sent to Europe. "The battle front in Europe is large

> enough for all the well trained soldiers of foreign armies, and it should be large enough for the few trained and experienced officers we have.

> "Everybody must subordinate his ambition to one single purpose, and that is the winning of the war. We need the best that is in us to win."

The charges that President Wilson State during 1926, but it produced more was unfriendly to General Wood were native born children than any other like many other charges made by his po-

#### THE NEWTON ROAD.

The Newton paper, The Catawba News-Enterprise, speaking of the road situation in Catawba county, says:

shovel or a plow will ever be struck in dice and intolerance, often masked and any other route in Catawba county be- hooded, usurps the law and administers tween the Catawba river and Newton or justice with the lash. Conover until No. 10 is hard-surfaced. The day has not come, nor is it near, er big they may be, can set at defiance the Supreme Court of North Carolina."

This protest from the Newton paper no doubt results from reports that the this road without paving it. Instead of paving this stretch on No. 10, the commission it is said, will go head and pave in North Carolina but the gumption of the people the upper route where it wanted to build the road in the first place.

The Supreme Court has laid down the law, but if these reports are to be accepted the highway commission is going to violate the spirit of the law without violating the law. The law as interpreted by the Supreme Court in this case, does not say two parallel roads cannot be taken over as State projects. So, the commission will take over for maintenance then pave the road that it favors.

It should not be allowed to do this. The Supreme Court meant in its decision that Route 10 had been specified in the original highway bill as a State project and that as such it must be accepted whether it suits the commission to do so or not. Acceptance of the route as a State highway implies that it is to be paved, since all other stretches of Route 10 are paved.

The commission could pave the stretch in No. 10 and its pet upper road, too, but that would be a waste of money. There should be no parallel hardentitled to as much consideration as an-

not attended by physicians or midwives. leaves No. 10 as it now is, it should be

mob rule in their utterances. They have of many mothers at childbirth. There is seems unwilling to accept any ruling not denounced the government, its officials a bright side to the picture, to be sure, favorable to it, we would like to see a showdown now with the Supreme Court, and this stretch of No. 10 offers a fine opportunity for such a showdown.

## GREATEST CONSTRUCTION PE-RIOD IN HISTORY.

The volume of construction operations Wilson refused to send General Wood to drawn from statistics compiled by the Associated General Contractors of Am-During the training period General erica showing the total volume for the

Immediately there were charges that The month of July developed a volume

UP IN THE AIR ABOUT A SUCCES- every due consideration. They have been charges were heard again during the July figure has been exceeded by only treated far better than the average prison- presidential campaign just after the war two other months, September, 1925, and Gastonia Gazette.

Despite the fact that last month's fig-Now the truth has come to light and ure is below the total set for July, 1926. We can't afford to compromise with according to General Wod himself Pres- the volume for the first seven months of of Mr. Wilson declared all along that the the same period in 1926. This condition We not only should see that the court President did not detail the officers, this has been brought about by steady mainsentence in this case is carried out but being a matter for General Pershing and tenance of a speedy pace since early in a large business we should see to it that those persons his staff to decide, but the rumor would the year. These statistics cover all

A strong factor entering into predic-A letter written by General Wood in tions that 1927 will set a new record is 1927 is seven per cent. greater than the The letter written by General Wood figures for the first six months of last are flying pretty

A scale which places the 1913 average at 100 as its basis shows the index figure for the July volume of construction operations to be 221.

### WEALTH AND ILLITERACY.

Iulian Harris in his recent address to the North Carolina Press Association made a plea for the editors to fight illiteracy, prejudice and ignorance in the a symbol of good tas South. Ouoting Walter Hines Page that "South, illiterate, unhealthy, poverty- lite it themselves-fi stricken was a national peril," the editor beauty. The variety declared that "to that statement I would add that it is equally true that a South illiterate and intolerant, but wealthy, is a national menace."

"If you are tempted to reply that as soon as the South is wealthy, illiteracy and ignorance, which breed intolerance, will be wiped out, my reply is that the South, even now, is rolling in wealth."

Reciting a list of figures showing the the expense of the State great increase in recent years of wealth an intimation of conscient in the South, Mr. Harris said the South is no longer poverty-stricken and unheal-"But let nobody fear that a pick or thy, "yet, illiteracy thrives, and preju-

## KLUCKERIZING AGAIN.

High Point Enterprise.

An effort to revive and strengthen the Ku Klux Klan is being made in this state. Solicitation of to effect a program of economy, members is forward in High Point now. Klucker the right tack in watching expension workers say they want 2,000 new members here.

State Highway Commission, despite a integrated. Two well known North Carolinians decision of the Supreme Court ordering who undertook grand dragonship came out in open antagonism after experience on the inside. First the road through Newton accepted as a Major Bruce Craven, of Trinity, stepped out with State highway, plans to formally accept his declaration of loss of faith; and then Judge Henry A. Grady broke with the klan.

thing to do with reducing the ranks of the klan

nse is enviable, but that of the rank and file klucker is pitiable. He pays his \$10, gets his lofty and near-illiterate principles, and then senses to be a klucker without kluxing is, as he readily inderstands, a vanity. The natural result of this primitive cerebration is a flood of anonymous. threatening letters and possibly a few cowardly hysical attacks on men and women whose shoddy living makes them natural targets. Other eventual results are the arousement of the intelligent majority, a few jail sentences and another period

# HEFLIN AGAIN BARRED.

of its pulpit by Senator Heflin who wanted to

his usual tirade of political propaganda, just as broadcasting station he ridiculously charged that We had an idea that the Supreme Heslin the use of its facilities for spreading his was the DeKalb church in denying him the use of and should be commended for it. Of course, Heffin If the Alabama voters will only follow the good

example that has been set and retire him from the senate so he cannot use that as a means for getting in the limelight, it won't be long until The public is entitled at once to this Heslin will have dropped out of the light per-

# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

whole of North Carolina

gard to the growth of the high schools of the State as just reported by the State Superintendent. If this development has been taking place over the State as rapidly as in this county, the statistics furnished strike one as reasonable and conservative and to be expected as applying to the

A far more refreshing finding, however, is that nore high school students are finishing their

tion than formerly. mentary grades had been finished, they are seeing the high school grades through now and when a student completes this course in the schools of the State today, he is possessed with a fairly creditable mount of learning, provided, of course, he has

efore our eyes.

Sacco and Vanzetti have been given had kept General Wood at home. These than the volume registered for June. The thought all along they came from Detroit.—New hair wanted her to keep it dark. "A certain South American insect," says one

SUMMER COTTON IN

Encouraging reports

England cotto

They are making and will intelligent effort.

lina is taking a step in when they get back. Last year,

business and some of it for If North Carolina's ad

expenses to department heads and

of this money was spent on tripe

State will receive with deeper news that North Carolina's hired considered as other indi their personal pleasure.

# HORSE AND BUGG

New York World

them managed to perch for a

Thank God, the young generation

TOURISTS PAL

cents derived from the but vacationists there is much p

first rate tourists hote nost immediately. There's no use sitting down

would descend upon u stirring ourselves. PITCH AND TOSS TO MA

Home economics seems ing a motor car and a radio