

SENATOR JUSTICE WRITES

Raleigh, February 5, 1917. Editor French Broad Hustler, Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Sir: I have just read an editorial in the Western North Carolina Times criticising my action in holding up Mr. Jackson's bill, which they state was intended to prevent further bonds being settled on Henderson county without a vote of the people.

Kindly permit me space to explain the bill and its provisions, which were as follows: First, this bill related to the present method of issuing road bonds by petition and provided that such bonds should be issued only by a vote of the people. Our people are familiar with the fact that the Constitutional Amendment went into effect on January tenth whereby a great deal of local legislation was prohibited to be enacted further by the legislature. I discussed Mr. Jackson's bill with several lawyers of the legislature, and it was their unanimous opinion as well as my own opinion, that the effect of Mr. Jackson's bill under the constitutional amendment would be to leave Henderson County with no provision whatever to maintain its roads. That part of the bill repealing the present law would be constitutional; that part of the bill substituting another method would be unconstitutional. I ask in fairness to myself that the people understand the bill clearly. If the people desire this change there will be machinery provided by this session of the legislature, whereby it can be done legally.

In the second place, the only advice I received concerning this bill was that there was no demand for such a change, and certainly before I left home I do not recall that any one ever suggested to me that such a bill should be passed. And it is my opinion that public opinion should lead in the enactment of any legislation.

Very truly yours, J. F. OY JUSTICE

FAVORS INCREASED TAX.

Editor Hustler: I have noted with much interest the articles lately appearing in your paper concerning the Hendersonville graded school, and I assure you of my support in an effort to better school conditions here.

When I first came to Hendersonville I was disappointed with the public school facilities, and I hesitated somewhat in making this city my home on account of this. I want my children to attend the public school. I believe in public education. I believe in a thoroughly equipped school for the training of the masses, and a school which is maintained by all the people. However, I do not like for my boy to be crowded into a school room with forty-eight other children.

It is impossible for any teacher to give very much individual attention to so many children. Do not understand me to say aught against the instructor of the fourth grade, for she is doing all that any teacher could do. But she is woefully handicapped. Moreover, I have always been accustomed to a school session of ten months, and I know that such a session is the minimum requirement for the length of a standard school session. Hendersonville is not too poor to have schools up to the standard set by her towns and progressive communities, but Hendersonville is too poor not to have good schools.

I intend to live in a community which supports a first class public school system, for I propose to educate my children in the public schools. If Hendersonville does not furnish such a system of schools, other towns will do so.

FRED R. SCOFIELD.

TALK TO TOURISTS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22, 1917. Dear Friend:—I mail copy of Daily Times with a few items marked. Look over the paper carefully, and note some of the many things we do to secure the tourist business.

Your people are not boosters. You have more to boast than we have, yet not one man in your place has ever boasted to me of your wonderful attractions. Suppose every citizen would make it a point to talk to each tourist he meets of the fertile soil, the delightful climate, your clear healing water, your beautiful scenery, the morality of your people, your really comfortable hotels, the improvements made in past two years, and the ones now contemplated the effect would be marvelous. He might hear all this from one man alone and he perhaps would think it a crank, but if he could hear it constantly from all he meets he would finally believe it, and probably locate or at least invest in land or buildings.

Now lets all next season boost our delightful city. Yours truly, JNO. E. ENNIS.

FLAT ROCK NEWS.

Flat Rock, N. C.—(Special)—Those who have been neither absent nor tardy during January for the Flat Rock graded school are:

- 10th Grade—Henry Brookshire. 9th Grade—Dollie Brookshire, Merdith Freeman and Nellie Pearce. 7th Grade—Hixie Pearce. 5th Grade—Arnold Edney. 4th Grade—Martin Garven, Gertrude Hollingsworth, Edwin Drake and Edna Orr. 3rd Grade—Gerardeen Edney and Elbert Jones. 2nd Grade—Mabel Edney, Fred Thomas, Horace Jones and Robert Bell. 1st Grade—Mae Thomas, Ella Mae Bell, Orion Orr and — Jones.

The work of the students during January was unusually good despite the inclement weather which interferes with attendance and general progress. A glee club has been organized under the leadership of Miss Albie Herring.

A study of current events has been inaugurated under the supervision of Principal V. C. Bradley as an aid in this work, the principal's room has

# We are Holding Up to You the Mirrow of Fashion in Spring Styles in Dresses, Suits, Coats and Skirts

OUR initial showing of Sport, Tailored and Afternoon Dresses is now on display. We have Taffeta, Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Jersey Silk Dresses, in Gray, Blue, New Gold, Old Gold, Rose, Sand, Wistaria, Black and White. These individual dresses are trimmed with paisley fancy stitching, braiding and beadwork.

You will find our prices as reasonable as our dresses are beautiful

## COLD WEATHER SPECIALS:

Men's Wool Underwear 69c

Men's Heavy 75c Caps 49c

Dixie Cursey Suits for Men \$5.95

Ladies' Black Hose, fast color 15c value 10c

1 lot Men's Sample Hats 49c

Men's Riding Pants \$1.98

Men's wool Union Suits \$1.50 suit

Ladies Long Coats up to \$15 value for \$3.95

One lot Men's Shoes, \$2.50 value for \$1.45

50,000 yds. Percales, 20c val., short lengths 7 1-2c yd

Baby Crib Blankets .49c

Men's \$1 Outing Gowns 49c

Wool Mixed Blanket \$2.49

Men's Odd Coats, \$3.50 va. for only \$1.98

100 Granite Sets \$1.75 va. for only .98c

Men's and Ladies' all-wool Sweaters, One-third Off

Felt Bedroom Slippers .49c

Ladies \$1 Outing Gowns 49c

Heavy wool Hosiery .24c

Men's heavy Jersey Shirts, \$1 value for .69c

One lot of Ladies' Shoes up to \$2.50 value .98c

Oil Cloth .19c yd

\$1.25 Overalls .98c

\$2.00 Comforts \$1.49

Ladies Sport Coats, \$6 value for \$2.75

Men's & Boys' Overcoats 25 to 50 per cent Reduction

We have about 300 Trunks 25 to 40 per cent Reduction

Men's 75c Leggings 49c

Men's Cotton Union Suits 50c

\$1.50 Double Blankets 98c

# H. PATTERSON

King Clothier

### HENDERSON COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS

Parents of Messrs. J. M. and J. F. Stepp Enjoy Old Age in This County—Life Sketch.

(J. A. Robinson in Charlotte Observer.)

Thomas Jones Stepp, born in 1825, and his wife, Nancy E. Stepp, born in 1832, live six miles out from Hendersonville, in Henderson County, N. C., within a mile of where Mr. Stepp was born, and where he has been living all his life. They are 92 and 85 years of age, respectively. They were married in 1850, and their union was blessed with fourteen children; all of whom grew to maturity, but only three are living now. This aged couple is living in sweet simplicity, in the golden glow of life's sunset, on a thick, well-kept farm, in a cosy cottage, with everywhere the air of neatness, and happy environment.

"Since I was 80 years of age," said Mr. Stepp who has all of his faculties well preserved, and who is as active as an active man of 70, "I have worked in a blacksmith shop. I farm now. I do not plow, but I hoe and cut wood. I can walk seven or eight miles a day. I have always been a home man. Enjoy home more than anything else. The pleasures and glare of the world have no charms for me—and never did. I've been a member of the Methodist Church for 70 years. My religion is a delight and a pleasure to me. Don't know that I have any regrets. A good conscience is the best thing for a man to possess. The hope of heaven is the greatest blessing, and I look for its joys with growing delight.

"My own efforts, with the aid of my beloved wife, and prayer and faith, have been my greatest helps. I have been helped by the use of money, but I never put my faith in money to bring me the greatest blessings. It is a great help to aid one in his endeavors, but to be used as all other blessings. My strongest desire always has been to live an independent life, and never owe a debt. I don't owe a dollar in the world to my recollection.

"In one sense of the word, life is worth living, and then again it isn't. The hope of a better life beyond is an incentive to a happy successful life. The enjoyments of this world, without that hope, I would say life is not worth living."

Mrs. Stepp, who is quite active and jolly for one of her age, said:

"Since I was 80 I have not done any great big things; but I have made quilts; attend to the milk and flowers, and endeavored to make home sweet. Am happy in my religious views. Have no regrets. Have endeavored to make life, home and children happy, and I have the sweet consciousness of believing that I have accomplished something along that line. Our lives are blending into a beautiful twilight of eventful days, and we enjoy the peace of sweet tranquility and the hope of heaven."

### LOCAL XMAS TREE.

The following is taken from the February issue of the Southern Telephone News and will prove interesting to the many friends of the employees of the local telephone exchange:

"The Christmas holidays were greatly enjoyed by the employees of the Hendersonville Exchange. Every one seemed to enter into the Christmas spirit, and all had a really merry Christmas.

"The big Christmas tree was dazzling with a myriad of beautifully colored lights and loaded down with many beautiful and useful gifts. It made a pretty sight, and one long to be remembered.

"There were large boxes of candy, big baskets of fruit and several boxes of oranges, given by the business concerns of the city in recognition of the splendid service rendered during the year.

"The operator's life during the year was rather a strenuous one as the flood in July caused a tremendous amount of work for them, but they stuck to their post day and night, and nothing but words of praise could be heard on all sides for the highly efficient operators who rendered such satisfactory service under difficulties.

"The beautiful tree and many acts of appreciation added greatly to the joy of all present."

Louisville, Ky., has 703 saloons, one to every 334 people.

### HORSE SHOE NEWS.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Julian Moffitt is at home on account of the cold weather, as this prevents his work as a carpenter.

A. E. Pressley went to Hendersonville on Saturday and had some teeth extracted. We fear this weather will be rough on him.

Jack Fletcher and son Russell, have been busy getting out chestnut wood at this place, but the cold weather has run them out. Mr. Fletcher is expected to get out all the chestnut wood and catch all the skunks as he is a great trapper.

Yop Case is at home again. His many friends are glad to have him back.

T. N. Redden and family dined with G. S. Case and family on Sunday.

Joe Capps dined with Mrs. Tom P. Jimison on Sunday.

Miss Annie Johnson is getting along nicely with her broken ankle.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Bird is able to be out again.

Our weather is the coldest we have had in years. The mercury went down to 6 degrees below zero.

Louis Allen is at home or a few days.

Rev. I. C. King and family will leave in a few days for an extended visit to Clayton, Georgia.

Mrs. Brannon Moffitt was called to Mills River last week on account of the death of her brother, James Underwood.

Frank Johnson is home for a few days.

M. S. Leverette has returned home from an extended trip to Texas.

The attendance of the Horse Shoe school is very few in number just now on account of the cold weather.

The Horse Shoe Adult Bible class have purchased a new supply of Bibles to be used by the class.

James Duncan has gone to Brevard to erect a house for Lee Dalton.

Mr. Lintz of Hendersonville is taking a cross tie ticket these cold days instead of using his Ford. But he is making his usual rounds.

A Cannon had a very close call on Saturday. He was on his way from his home to the station and became so cold that he was unconscious and had to be carried to the store where assistance could be given him.

At the last business meeting of the Adult Bible class, Mr. R. V. Duncan was selected chairman of the prayer meeting committee.

### HENDERSONVILLE R. 2 NEWS.

(Special to The Hustler.)

The farmers of this section have been very busy working on the roads.

Mr. Pinkney Rogers made a very interesting talk at Edneyville Sunday.

The Sunday school here is progressing nicely.

Miss Myrtle Edney spent Sunday and Sunday night with Miss Della Edney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barnwell spent Sunday with his father-in-law, John Cox.

Mr. Maxwell spent Sunday with his son-in-law, John Barnwell.

Miss Lola Justus who has been spending some time with her sister at Hendersonville, has returned to her home.

The singing school at Mt. Zion closed Thursday. Mr. James Clark spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Ilfie Justus.

Mr. Plato Edney was the guest of Miss Ollie Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Luther Edney and family and Grace Ward spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Edney.

The prayer meeting at Edneyville is progressing very nicely.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Jane Lyda who has been sick for some time is rapidly improving.

Charles Lawrence spent Sunday with Carl and Everette Edney.

John and Miss Della Edney escorted Miss Myrtle Edney home Monday.

Mr. Walter Justus went to Hendersonville on business Tuesday.

The weather in this community has been very cold for the past few days, freezing some stock to death.

Hundreds of gardeners have dropped Jersey Wakefield cabbage and substituted Copenhagen Market. We don't advise you to do it until you have tried a small plot of Copenhagen Market. It is a highly successful variety that will probably become the leading early variety grown in this country.

Los Angeles has one saloon to each 1,274 of population.

been designated as a reading room where magazine and papers are collected and kept to which students have access when not otherwise busy. A sewing club has been organized under the leadership of Misses Wynne and Stepp, that meets once a week.

### TEACHERS' MEETING.

The Henderson County Teachers Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday February 10th in the graded school building. Interesting papers will be read by Miss Beryl Murray of Pleasant Hill and Miss Lois Edwards of the city graded school.

J. J. SLATTERY, Pres. GUSSIE DOTSON, Sec.

### Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

### HENRY FORD OFFERS HIS PLANT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer and peace advocate, is said to be in Washington today conferring with President Wilson and other officials of the government. It is reported here that Mr. Ford goes to offer the use of the Ford plant here to the government.

### HONOR ROLL OF THE BALFOUR GRADED SCHOOL.

First Grade—Onie Belle Duncan, Clara Edwards, Aberree Newman, Vernon Shupe, Cecil Shupe, Willie Sanders.

Second Grade—James Dunlap, Ruth Manser, Minnie Sanders, Olive Odam, Ransom Newman.

Third Grade—Custie Corn, Naomi Johnson.

Fifth Grade—Pearl Whitaker, Everett Israel, Athall Edwards, Emma Dunlap, Edna Gant, Finis Baldwin.

Sixth Grade—Vera Dixon, Elizabeth Israel, Iris Constant.

Seventh Grade—Jammie Condry, Jos'e Duncan, Odell Drake.

Eighth Grade—Dollie Whitaker, Ruby Edwards.

Ninth Grade—Jessie Smith.

### AGED CITIZEN DEAD.

Van Whiteside, one of the best known citizens in the Bat Cave section of Rutherford county died last Tuesday at the age of over 80 years. He has lived in this neighborhood nearly all his life and was known by every one who has ever traveled in this section.

### CABBAGE PLANTS.

We will have them soon—leave your orders—Plants scarce. Hunter's Pharmacy. 2-1.Stc.

### Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

### SOUTH IN BETTER CONDITION.

The farmers of the South are in better condition by more than half a million dollars—a statement well worth a second thought and made on the authority of a man who knows—Fairfax Harrison. Mr. Harrison bases his statement upon the reports secured from the Department of Agriculture and when the unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed in many sections of the South last year are called to mind, not to mention the damage done by the boll weevil, the statement is more remarkable. The report of the United States Department of Agriculture says that in States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi, the total value of all crops grown in 1916 were \$1,882,000,000, as compared with \$1,377,352,000 in 1915, an increase of \$504,708,000, or 36.64 per cent. These figures are arrived at by taking the reported values of 13 principal crops as to which the Agricultural Department collects annual statistics and adding values for all other crops based on the per centages of the 13 crops to all crops as shown by the census of 1910.—Asheville Times.

George W. Jenkins, a clothing merchant of Asheville, has brought suit against the Asheville Power and Light company, for damages in the sum of \$25,000. He alleges that last summer while attempting to catch a street car he was jerked down by the sudden start of the car and dragged several feet by the car, finally being thrown into an open manhole, sustaining permanent injuries to his legs and feet.