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**ABOUT OUR ROADS.**

According to the Charlotte Observer practically every county in the state has had the misfortune of seeing its roads go to pieces under the tremendous strain of this winter's weather. The macadam, top soil, and sand clay have failed to stand the test.

We believe that under the circumstances where the sand has had time to be mixed in Henderson county has just as good roads as the average. Winter's back is broken and before very long the roads will again be smooth and easy to travel. With some repairs before the summer season the auto tourists will again be able to praise Henderson county for its magnificent net work of sand clay roads.

**THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.**

Several subscribers of the Hustler took exception to the statement in a recent issue of the Hustler in which was stated that the prime object of the Board of Agriculture was to secure demonstrators for Henderson county. This was a mistake. It should have read one of the prime objects and as we see it there are quite a number of prime objects and reasons why the Board of Agriculture should succeed. The farmers in Henderson county without an organization will lose thousands of dollars every year. This is the age of modern marketing, farming and scientific methods.

Growing Hendersonville must have more and better school facilities.

It's harder to untie a knot than it is to tie it. That's why it costs more to get a divorce than it does to get married.

Job was undoubtedly a patient man but we have no record of his ever having attempted to put a tooth-cutting baby to sleep.

There is little probability of President Wilson plunging this country into war with Germany until every effort to prevent actual hostilities has failed. And when the time for action does come, he will have burned the bridges behind him. The President has been for peace all the while, but no ignominious peace. And the people believe in him.

**A PLEA FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

(Member of Educational Committee of Women's Club.)

There appeared in last week's issue of the Western North Carolina Times a statement from the treasurer of the Hendersonville public school board to the effect that unless more funds were forthcoming with which to run the school another year, the high school department of the graded school would have to be abandoned.

Although the poor financial condition of the school has long been known by those connected with it in a business way, the statement came as a surprise to the large majority of Hendersonville people. The greater part of us have been so busy with the routine affairs of life, the buying and selling, the monotonous round of office work, the care for the day and the scheming and planning for tomorrow, that we have lost sight of our real work—the providing for the proper training of the growing generation. We have taken too much for granted; we have assumed that, as long as we heard no particular criticism, everything was alright.

Our high school was established in the early years following the State's provision for such schools. At the first we were proud of the advancement a bit out us in line with the majority of other towns and rural districts of North Carolina. Since then, we have bothered little about it. Whether it has kept pace with other similar schools or whether its graduates have been able to compete advantageously with students from these other schools in the colleges and universities where they represent us, seemingly has been a matter of small concern. These things, we have left in the hands of a very small body of men whose duty it is to get teachers

when and where they can on two thirds or half pay; and to say what work they should do and how much; to judge whether it was well or poorly done.

I doubt if there are fifty people in Hendersonville who could name members of the school board. Those fifty, I wonder how many know them personally, which is to say, know they are capable of doing this work as it should be done!

Surely we have forgotten the best interest of the town when we have doled out only a handful of money and put three teachers to do the work of five. These, we have given little room and nothing to work with. It is only this year, by public begging have the teachers themselves added apparatus or the minimum of a laboratory that they may effectively teach some of the sciences.

The members of the school board have never failed in their interest, they have helped when and where they could. The teachers have done unusually good work.

Handicapped as is our high school for room, for teachers, for equipment, small wonder there is that number of our youths in high school age are loafing on our streets or working at petty jobs with no prospect of improvement in wage or citizenship. It is but the natural consequence that no college nor university will admit our graduates unconditionally. There are rural high schools in our state doing better work than are we.

All these matters can be remedied. Instead of tagging at the end of the line, we could so easily take our place at the front.

The enthusiasm of our teachers and the interest of our school board can and have done much without assistance.

With the natural increase of students, there will be less room next year than this. Without sufficient funds to pay the teachers we already have, how are we going to add another?

Since the inauguration of the State high schools on the present basis ten years ago, no other institution has made such rapid strides. In our towns and cities where it has reached its maximum efficiency, nothing is so far-reaching in its good effect on the citizenship at large. Nothing raises the moral one or advances the progressive spirit of their community so much as the hordes of boys and girls who walk out of these doors armed with a practical knowledge of what living means, a tremendous incentive towards the proper goals of life and a spiritual perception of the needs of all humanity.

Shall we have this for our very own, or shall we go back altogether? Shall we advance the moral tone of our town or shall we stay idle and go backwards? Shall we increase the forces of efficiency or add to the number of illiterates? Shall we take the best means at hand to give the children of Hendersonville an impetus towards right living or shall we let them take chances on the reform school? Shall we spend our money on a school building or later enlarge our jail? Shall we pay for more teachers or more policemen? Is it better to put out more on the running expenses of our school or our criminal courts? Which shall it be?

**DEATH OF MRS. MARTHA SUMMEY**  
(Contributed.)

On February 5th 1917 one of Henderson County's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Martha Summey passed away at the age of eighty-eight years.

Married to Langdon Summey in 1854, she came with him to the old Summey home, and lived there until her death nearly sixty-three years after.

Her husband died in 1877, and she was left with nine children eight of whom survive her. Miss Alice Summey, Mrs. E. G. Reiber, Mrs. Ida Christie, Miss Mary Summey, Mrs. Cora Lollis, George Summey, Hill Summey and Lee Summey. She left one grandson, Langdon Christie.

Mrs. Summey had been in failing health for several years. She was a kind neighbor, always ready to help in time of need.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and her home was always open to welcome her pastor and all Christian workers.

**FIFTY-SEVEN STEEL SHIPS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

Fifty-seven steel vessels, of 395,537 tons displacement, are being built or have been ordered, at navy yards and private yards for use of the navy and other government departments, according to returns from shipbuilders announced last Saturday night by the bureau of navigation or the department of commerce. This list of vessels does not include 61 submarines, details upon the construction of these new under-water craft being withheld by direction of naval officers.

American ship yards during January completed 10 steel merchant ships of 47,769 gross tons and entered into new contracts to build 24 steel merchant ships of 77,830 gross tons, the returns showed.

**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.

**FIGHT FOR PROHIBITION BILLS GROWING INTENSE AT RALEIGH**

Other Important Legislative News by The Hustler's Special Correspondent.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—By a vote of eleven to seven, the House committee on the liquor traffic reported unfavorably the prohibition bill offered by the Anti-Saloon League, through Representative Gardner, of Yancey. This bill would so regulate the traffic, that the possession of whiskey beyond two quarts a year for medicinal purposes could not legally be transported by any public carrier into the State. When the vote was taken ten members of the committee were absent, most of whom had been considered favorable to the bill. But the House, on Friday, when the bill was reported, voted down a motion to re-commit the measure to the committee or further consideration and it sleeps quietly on the unfavorable calendar. A bare quorum was present, only sixty-eight, according to the report of the News and Observer, being on hand at the time the vote was taken,—twenty-seven for, and forty-one against letting the bill go back to the committee. However, the "stand-patters" were there prepared for action, just as they were three days previous when the committee met or the first hearing on it. Evidently, the opposition is well organized and fully determined to defeat, if possible, any effort to deprive them of "that quart" every fifteen days. And if the anti-liquor members are really in earnest about the enactment of needed temperance legislation at this time, they had better get together on a satisfactory bill, stock together and "stay on the job."

The Gardner bill is dead and buried, but another equally as effective can be easily prepared and put through, with proper organization and leadership. The Anti-Saloon League has done its part and the responsibility of enacting further temperance legislation rests upon other shoulders than the officers of the League. It is inconceivable that a North Carolina legislature will adjourn without providing some effective means to rid the State of blind tigers and boot-leggers. We believe the people of the State will approve a law prohibiting the shipment of any intoxicating beverages in North Carolina. If the General Assembly lacks the nerve to pass such a bill, let the proposition be referred to the voters of the State. A campaign of education would be a good thing, anyway, and the temperance forces invite the issue. Other states are passing genuine prohibition measures and why not North Carolina? Are not our boys and young men just as worthy of protection against the temptation of strong drink, which the "quart law" affords, as are those of any other State?

By large majorities both houses of the legislature of Arkansas, on January 22, passed a bill making it practically impossible for a person in that state to procure liquor except for sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes. The newspapers are not permitted to carry liquor advertisements; in Utah, only a few days ago, the legislature passed one of the most drastic prohibition measures ever enacted by any State. The bill prohibits importation, manufacture, sale and possession of liquor, except pure alcohol and sacramental wine, to be sold as the governor may prescribe; a new law recently enacted by the legislature of Oregon prohibits importation of liquor except for medicinal and sacramental purposes; the Tennessee legislature has passed a bill which puts an end to all shipments of liquor as beverages into the state after March 1; the West Virginia House of Delegates has strengthened the prohibition law of that state by passing a measure which completely bars liquor shipments into the state; both branches of the Indiana legislature voted dry last week; the Oklahoma Senate lately passed a bone-dry measure by a vote of 22 to 5; on January 31, the Kansas House passed a bill which prohibits the keeping of liquor in one's home, even for personal use; Alaska and the District of Columbia will soon be dry and stringent temperance measures are pending before the legislature of many other states now in session. Shall good old North Carolina fail to take her place in the march forward, when most of the other progressive commonwealths of the Republic are endeavoring to rid themselves of the demon rum, with all its attendant evils? We hope not.

A majority of both branches of the General Assembly has gone on record in opposition to the suggestion of changing the present method of selecting members of the county boards of education. The Page bill was defeated in the House by a vote of 61 to 40, and a bill of like character failed in the Senate, although by a narrow margin. However, the sentiment expressed by the House members on the Page bill indicates a decision to make no change, which is unmistakably a wise conclusion. The people are not clamoring for the privilege of electing school boards and no change should be made.

The suffragette have again failed to convert the legislature to their cause and must wait awhile for the ballot, even in cities and towns. The Roberts bill giving women the right to vote in city elections failed of passage in the House of Representatives on Friday by a vote of 63 to 40, even after the committee which it had been referred made a favorable report. The House had just voted to "stand pat" on the educational system of appointing county boards of education and the members were in no humor to propose radical changes in the State's election laws. There was extended debate on the proposed measure and the galleries were packed with female advocates of the bill. But this did not deter the opposition, and the bill is now dead, or rather it sleeps beside the prohibition proposition. Of course, the ladies are

disappointed, but not any more than the temperance people have reason to be.

During the first days of the session, Representative Matthews, of Bertie, succeeded in getting a bill through the House allowing the people of that county to elect their board of education by the people and should the Senate pass the bill, which now seems probable, twenty other counties will ask for the same privilege. Then times will be lively in Raleigh.

**IMPORTANT MEETING.**

The regular meeting of the Hendersonville Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the school auditorium, Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 3:30. Mrs. Reuben Robertson, president of the Orange street Parent-Teacher Association in Asheville, will talk, her subject being, "Successful Mother and Home-Maker." It is desired that as many mothers as can attend, be present to hear this talk, one in which every mother should be vitally interested. To this end, provision has been made or taking care of the small children at the school building, so let the mothers feel at liberty to bring the children and attend.

MRS. R. T. WHEELWRIGHT.

**MISS LOIS STEPP DEAD.**

Miss Lois Stepp the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stepp died Wednesday from heart failure. She was taken sick Sunday with measles.

Funeral services will be held today. The many friends of County Commissioner Stepp and his family, extend their heart felt sympathy.

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.**

Whereas on the 29th day of May 1916, H. C. Gibbs and J. A. Liverett of the County of Henderson and State of North Carolina executed to Jonathan Case of the County of Henderson and State of North Carolina, a certain mortgage on the land hereinafter described which mortgage is duly recorded in Book 46 at Page 95 of the Records of Deeds of Trust and Mortgages for Henderson County, said mortgage being given to secure a certain indebtedness therein named and whereas default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness, therefore by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will on Monday, March 12th, at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House door of Henderson County, or

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Beginning on a Chestnut in Jones' old line and runs South 19 deg. West 81 pole to a water oak; thence South 4 deg. West 44 poles to a chestnut; thence South 58 deg. West 44 poles to a stone; thence North 15 deg. East 153 poles to a White oak, William Morrison's corner; thence South 80 deg. West 47 1-2 poles to the beginning. Containing sixty (60) acres more or less.

This the 12th day of February, 1917.  
JONATHAN CASE, Mortgagee.  
W. Marshall Bridges, Attorney. 2-15-17

**NOTICE!**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH**

It being made to appear to the Board of Health of Henderson County, that recently a number of people as well as a number of dogs, of the County have been bitten by a mad-dog possessed of a violent case of "Rabies" and it being impossible to ascertain which dogs and what number have been so bitten or infected; and the Board of Health considering it extremely dangerous to the health and welfare of the people of the county to allow any dogs to run loose, under these circumstances, does therefore, for the health and security of the people of the County, hereby order and declare that all dogs, male and female, running loose in Henderson County, from the 6th day of February, 1917, until repealed, is declared a public nuisance and that the sheriff, deputy sheriffs and constables of the County are hereby required to kill any dog found at large in violation of this ordinance, that all persons, being the owners, having in charge or caring for such dogs, violating this Health Regulation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, as provided for violations of the Health Laws of the State and upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than fifty dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days; and that the sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables of the County are hereby instructed and directed to cause this Health Regulation to be strictly enforced.

Passed, ordered and ratified by the Board of Health of Henderson County This 6th day of February, 1917.

**J. T. STATON, Chairman**  
**W. S. SHITLE, Sec'y.**