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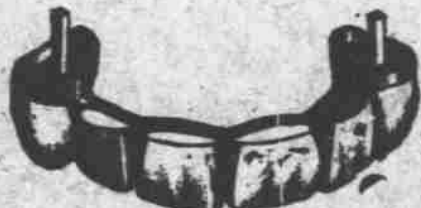
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HENDERSON ENJOYS GREATEST GOOD ROADS ERA IN HISTORY.

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provement in their township. It is understood that some of the roads are being sand-surfaced while others are being graded. Contrary to reports that have gone out from the Fletcher section, it is said the road is not being worked by contract, but by a foreman under the supervision of trustees, among them being the following prominent men of that section: J. P. Fletcher, P. A. LeLong, Mon. Souther, W. W. Bagwell. The county road supervisor has no supervision over the work being done in Hooper's Creek township, as it is purely a township development.

By volunteer services, without pay, Mr. Patton is supervising road construction in Hendersonville township, having taken charge of this work by request of the trustees. As county supervisor Mr. Patton has charge of the expenditure of the \$25,000 county road fund, the surveying and laying out of the highways on which it will be spent, and the supervision of the county chain gang, the place and nature of their work, etc.

The sand-clay process of road building will be followed in practically all the work of the township and county. In order to facilitate road surfacing an order has been placed for a sand dredge, which is expected to arrive the early part of this month. A contract has been entered into with Major Theodore G. Parker for all the sand needed and the dredge will be placed in Mud Creek near Hendersonville. The dredge will have a capacity for keeping seventy-five teams busy hauling sand on the various roads leading to and from Hendersonville. It has been built to order so as to conform to the needs and conditions of the streams of this mountain section and therefore a little delay has been necessary in its shipment. The machine will take the sand from the bed of the creek and dump it into the wagons, thereby obviating the necessity for handling it more than one time in removal from the stream to the wagon. Hendersonville township will pay half the cost of this machinery while the county will pay the other half by order of the commissioners.

It is the policy of Mr. Patton to leave unimproved those roads for which citizens living thereon will not contribute sand for surfacing. Major Barker has contributed all sand desired and the greater part of that for the highways in this township will be taken from his streams. J. P. Fletcher is furnishing considerable sand from his sand bars and Cane creek. This sand is already on the banks of the stream and there is no expense attached to getting same only that incident to loading and hauling. Various other citizens have offered the use of their creeks for sanding purposes and their contents are used when it is found convenient.

In order to assist in the road work, a number of citizens on various highways have voluntarily contributed to the cause in order that road improvement might be furthered. Their subscriptions amount to between \$400 and \$500.

Mr. Patton states that the road work is progressing satisfactorily and he outlines improvements on the following thoroughfares:

Under the supervision of R. K. Stepp there is a squad of men on the Spartanburg road working from the city limits to the township line, a distance of about two and one-half miles. About one-half the distance has been completed, except for the sanding, none of which has been done in any part of Hendersonville township, as such work has been postponed until the arrival of the dredge.

Under the supervision of T. H. Liverett the Price-Lane road has been completed from the Crab Creek road to the Mud Creek road, a distance of about one and one-half miles. Mr. Liverett has also completed the Black road from Mr. Lott's place to the church of St. John in the Wilderness, a distance of two miles; and the Tracey's Grove road from Bat's Fork to the township line, a distance of two miles. Mr. Liverett has his force of men on the Dana road from Bat's Fork to the township line, about half of which has been completed.

Under Jim Carver the road from East Flat Rock to the Greenville road, a distance of one and one-half miles, has been about half completed. Heretofore the people of East Flat Rock have been seriously handicapped by reason of poor roads, but this improvement will give this village of about a thousand people much better road facilities.

The Jones or Mt. Hebron road under Curtis Justice is about complete from the city to the Anderson place, a distance of about one and one-half miles. This road is twenty-five feet wide, of good grade and furnishes one of the best scenic routes to be

found in this part of the country.

The County Funds.

With reference to the expenditure of the county funds, under the supervision of Frank Pace the Blue Ridge road is being sanded at the far end, this road being about five miles long and leading from the forks of the Blue Ridge and Edneyville road to the top of the mountain at the Justus place, forming a link of the road to Sugar Loaf mountain.

Sanding is being done on the Asheville road from the Buncombe county line to the top of the ridge between Mud and Cane creeks, a distance of about four miles, under the direction of Ed Ward. About one third of the road has been sanded, the material being furnished from Cane creek by J. P. Fletcher.

W. F. Byers has supervision of the sanding of a stretch of the Asheville road from the top of the ridge between Mud and Cane creeks to a point one-half way between Hillgirt and Balfour. About one third of the distance has been sanded. M. L. Byers is furnishing sand for this piece of road.

The chain gang is doing some effective work on the Shaw's creek road under B. B. Souther.

Although the agitation for good roads in Henderson county was at fever heat several months ago the work could not begin until the first of the year for the reason that the money had not been received from the sale of the bonds. When received this money was distributed among the three banks of Hendersonville, and in drawing interest, R. H. Staton being the treasurer of the Hendersonville township funds. This money was received only a few days before Christmas. Immediately after its receipt the road work was begun and considerable progress has been made by reason of the very favorable weather conditions. The grading of the roads will soon be finished and unless the weather makes the roads in very bad condition for hauling purposes the sand will be placed thereon during the winter months and thoroughly worked before the packing process incident to the usual summer conditions.

None of the work has been done by contract as it was believed by those in charge that more could be accomplished by placing it in the hands of supervisors, all of whom are believed to be well suited for the tasks they are performing. They are receiving \$2 per day for the time they work and laborers are paid \$1.25. An allowance of \$3 per day is made for double teams.

The majority of the grades have been made not to exceed four and one-half per cent, and in no case has there been any made in excess of five per cent.

The road work that will be accomplished within the next few months will form very important links in a number of highways leading to Hendersonville from other sections.

The road from the Henderson county line to Asheville is excellent. Spartanburg county has a good road to the Polk county line and Polk county is spending \$100,000 in road building and is doing very effective work on the stretch from Saluda to Tryon. Henderson county has promised to meet Polk at the county line and Supervisor Patton now has the location of the new road under consideration. He firmly believes that a grade not to exceed three per cent can be had and that the distance between Hendersonville and Saluda can be made one-half a mile shorter than the distance covered by the Southern railway. Mr. Patton states that the promise of Henderson county to the Polk authorities will be fulfilled and that the road will be in good condition for the traffic of next summer.

Leading from the Greenville county line to Hendersonville is an excellent grade. The people of Edneyville township are preparing for a bond issue which will give a good road from Hendersonville to the Bat Cave section, making connection with the highway leading from Charlotte to Asheville.

During the next twelve months many miles of road will be built and improved in Henderson county, thus making it one of the leading counties of the mountains in road improvement.

Road work has been most economically done in this county under the supervision of Mr. Patton, who is drawing a monthly salary of only \$35, when it is understood that he could draw \$75 under the law. He is greatly devoted to the cause of road building and has freely given his time to this work when not required to do so by the position which he holds.

A. B. FREEMAN LEAVES.

Collector A. B. Freeman, who has been in the revenue service for the past ten years, with headquarters in Asheville for the last five years and with residence and family in Hendersonville, has gone to Roanoke, Va., to which place he was transferred.

CONGRESSMAN GUDGER GETS ANOTHER CHAIRMANSHIP.

Succeeds Representative Pepper as Chairman of House Committee on Expenditures in P. O.

North Carolina is assured the chairmanship of another committee of the house of representatives through the succession of Representative James M. Gudger, Jr., of the tenth district to the place made vacant several weeks ago by the death of Representative Pepper of Iowa. Gudger has been the ranking member of the house committee on expenditures in the postoffice department since the committee were thoroughly reorganized last March, and no opposition has shown itself against the precedent of advancing the ranking member of a committee to the chairmanship when a vacancy occurs.

The house ways and means committee which has the designation of members and chairmen of committees, by a vote of 10 to 4, expressed its preference for appointing Mr. Gudger chairman. It is now necessary for the house to ratify the recommendation of the ways and means committee in caucus, and it is admitted freely, that Gudger will be ratified without opposition.

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