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### BUSINESS HOUSES HAD GOOD YEAR, MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

**Larger and Improved Quarters in Making for Several Well-Known Hendersonville Firms.**

Hendersonville business houses have enjoyed a good year of trade and some of them are making changes and additions in order to improve upon their quarters and facilities for handling even larger volumes of business.

Among those making and contemplating changes are:

Chas. Rozzelle, Bland Hardware Company, Hendersonville Hardware Company; Hendersonville Laundry, Ice & Fuel Company; Ewbank, Ewbank & Company; J. H. Dittmer, Hart's Bicycle Shop, E. Lewis & Son.

Mr. Rozzelle has taken on additional quarters as storage room for his furniture. In addition to his main store this gives him three large storage rooms.

Mr. Hart's has extended a partition across his place of business so as to give more privacy and comfort to the mechanical department.

The Hendersonville Hardware Company is placing a new metal ceiling and building quite a number of fixtures, cabinets, etc., for convenience in handling hardware. The company has expanded its quarters and is using an adjoining room for storage purposes.

The Bland Hardware Company has moved its office to the rear of the building. It is building an enclosed office of large dimensions. On top of this office will be quarters for the cashier, which means that the carrier system will soon be installed. This will make the second of the kind in Hendersonville.

The firm of E. Lewis & Son is erecting a modern plate glass front extending across the entire front of the store, the capacity of which was recently doubled.

The front of what was formerly Alderman's grocery store is being converted into offices for Ewbank, Ewbank & Company and the Hendersonville Laundry, Ice & Fuel Company. The latter plant will open an office in this building and have in charge at least one person at all times in order to add to the convenience of customers. A partition will be run from the front to the back and the other side will be used by the real estate department of the firm of Ewbank, Ewbank & Company, which occupies the rear offices in this building. E. W. Ewbank will have his law office in one of the two rooms to be occupied by the firm.

Mr. Dittmer is planning to occupy the old stand of the Hendersonville Hardware Company if an extended lease can be had. If he succeeds in getting a long lease he will make considerable improvements on the interior and plan for an exhibition of plumbing fixtures in a most convenient, modern and attractive manner.

#### New Hotel Steps

The Kentucky Home has erected quite attractive and substantial stone steps to take the place of the wooden steps at the front entrance of the hotel.

#### Harrill Drug Company

The W. R. Harrill Company, wholesale druggists of Forest City and Hendersonville, a corporation, has been dissolved and a private partnership formed with no change in ownership, management or nature in business.

### ESSENTIAL POINTS IN THE PROPOSED ROAD LAW

The Board of Trade last week held a very harmonious meeting to consider the proposed road bill, the essential features of which are:

Take jurisdiction out of hands of magistrates; appoint three road trustees, one to be member of board of county commissioners, this body to name two others at \$3.00 per diem and mileage, said board to meet monthly and to have full power and absolute road control; appoint a full-time road supervisor and fix his salary; road subjects work 5 days or pay \$4 instead of \$2.50 as heretofore; fix penalty for failure to keep up road signs; empower county commissioners to increase road tax levy to not exceed 4 mills and be not less than 2 mills; give right to take property for road work, giving property owners right to file claims for damages if agreement is not reached otherwise; work with the view to upkeep rather than road construction for the next few years.

#### Citizens National Bank

The stockholders of the Citizens National Bank met last Tuesday in annual session and re-elected the following directors:

E. W. Ewbank, B. Jackson, C. E. Brooks, W. C. Rector, R. P. Freeze, F. A. Ewbank, W. S. Ashworth, C. S. Fullbright, F. A. Bly, C. B. Glazener, W. A. Cannon, Foster Bennett.

The directors met in annual session and re-elected the following officers:

President, E. W. Ewbank; vice presidents, C. E. Brooks, Brownlow Jackson; cashier, C. S. Fullbright; assistant cashiers, W. A. Young and E. H. Davis.

The bank has had a good year. At the end of last year's business the deposits were \$479,080.43. The semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent has been paid and the surplus fund has been increased to \$10,000.

The bank officials are looking forward to the time when they will occupy their new and more commodious quarters, which will probably be erected this summer.

### HENDERSON COUNTY INVITED TO ATTEND ROAD CONFERENCE

Dr. L. B. Moore is in receipt of a letter from Division Engineer W. M. Peyton of the State Highway Commission asking if he can attend a road meeting on February 1 in Asheville.

Engineer Peyton states that in addition to all the county commissioners and road commissioners in Western North Carolina he wishes a delegation of representative citizens from each county in order that they may confer and unite in an endeavor to establish a real genuine constructive program for a substantial development of the main highways of this section.

It is estimated that North Carolina will receive two million dollars of the federal road fund annually and since a state highway passes through each county seat in this section Engineer Peyton wants a gathering to outline a real system and endeavor to work in unity and harmony to the end that Western North Carolina gets all of this fund it is entitled to.

This meeting is very important and should have considerable to do with the road building policy of Western North Carolina for a number of years.

### PRES PATTON THREATENS TO QUIT LOCAL ROAD WORK

Pres Patton, county road engineer for several years, threatens to quit the job because he feels that his services have not been appreciated.

At the meeting last week of the Board of Trade, which met to consider the proposed road bill, Mr. Patton told those present that he was wounded and deeply so at the action of the body.

Mr. Patton expressed the conviction that the county would make a serious mistake in changing its present system. He gave many reasons for this conclusion. As to his personal part, he declared that it was not selfishness, for he had only the best interests of the county at heart.

Mr. Patton reviewed the road work in this county for ten years extensively and gave comparative costs of road construction to show that the county had constructed great road mileage at a minimum cost and that during this time years of his service were given without a cent of pay.

From Mr. Patton's remarks it would seem that he was under the impression that his services had not been appreciated but he was assured by quite a number of speakers that he had misunderstood their action for his services were highly appreciated and his work was held in the highest regard but that they were of the honest opinion a time had come for change in the road law because it had very weak links in it. Mr. Patton was assured that he had gained the wrong impression.

#### FIRST BANK & TRUST CO.

The stockholders of the First Bank & Trust Company in annual session last Tuesday re-elected its board of directors, who afterwards re-elected the bank officers, whose names follow:

President, R. C. Clarke; vice presidents, R. H. Staton, R. M. Oates, P. F. Patton; cashier, J. Mack Rhodes; assistant cashier, H. M. Whitfield; teller, H. A. Stepp.

The directors are: R. C. Clarke, W. A. Smith, P. F. Patton, J. O. Bell, F. S. Wetmur, R. H. Staton, R. H. Bennett, George Stephens, A. Cannon, Wm. Lott, G. H. Valentine, W. J. Davis, J. C. Morrow, J. W. Pless, G. H. Holmes, R. M. Oates, C. P. Rogers.

The First Bank & Trust Company has enjoyed a prosperous year. Eight per cent has been paid in dividends. Its deposits on Dec. 31 amounted to \$556,652.26. Its surplus and undivided profits total \$25,090.43.

#### METHODIST CHURCH OFFICERS

Following are the newly elected officers of the Hendersonville Methodist church:

Treasurer, F. H. Kincaid; secretary, C. F. Bland; finance committee, F. E. Durfee, S. J. Harris, F. S. Wetmur, C. F. Bland, A. L. Gurley; church up-keep committee, J. F. Byers, J. D. Pullen, P. J. Gilreath, J. T. Henderson; publicity committee, C. F. Bland, F. V. Hunter, C. E. Brooks; music committee, Mrs. Katie Toms, Mrs. L. M. Colt, Sam T. Hodges, C. F. Bland.

#### Annual Hospital Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hendersonville Hospital Association will meet at the residence of Dr. Guy E. Dixon on Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30, when all members are requested to be present.

### COMMITTEE IN ATLANTA FOR PROPOSED MILITARY SCHOOL

**W. A. Smith, C. F. Bland and Clarence Latham Visit Georgia Military Academy With Definite Proposition.**

Clarence Latham C. F. Bland and W. A. Smith left on Monday afternoon for Atlanta as a committee from the Board of Trade to visit the authorities of the Georgia Military Academy and lay before them a definite proposition with reference to the proposed establishment of a military school at Lake Osceola.

As a result of this visit Hendersonville will soon know definitely what to expect in the way of the proposed school.

Thus far the school authorities have not named any of the requirements Hendersonville would be expected to meet but the committee goes with a definite proposition and will return with the full knowledge of what this community is expected to do.

The Board of Trade has been working on the school proposition for the past few weeks. The school authorities have said that they were favorably impressed with Hendersonville.

### FLU IS ON RAMPAGE IN HENDERSONVILLE

The influenza is increasing again. There are quite a number of cases in the community and there has been a considerable flare-up within the last few days.

Following are the names of those reported to The NEWS as suffering with influenza Monday in addition to those mentioned elsewhere in these columns:

Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Miss Helen Brooks, Mrs. Joel Fletcher, Miss Beulah Donnanhoe, Misses Mary and Pauline Brown, Miss Hazel Shepherd, Mrs. Jasper Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garren and family, Tom Grice, Misses Lucy, Helen and Mary Dermid, Miss Luratta Thompson, James Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Lanning and family, Will Garren, Odell Garren, Mr. and Mrs. Cloud Stepp, Mrs. Dock Hyder, Mr. and Mrs. Noah McCrary, Sam Orr and family, Miss Erline Case, Miss Roberta Brooks, Miss Beulah Trice, Miss Mary Walker, Garland Sherman.

Mrs. N. R. Sandifer and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stillwell, Tom Israel, Fred Chaple and daughter, Myrtle; Walter Davis, Miss Elizabeth Falder, Twiler Thompson, Wallace Henderson, Miss Helen Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sherman and family, Morris Orr, Southern Garren and family, Frank Blake, Tom Anders and family, Dessie Dixon, Mrs. Jane Allen and family, Robert Ercman, Lois Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Greogry.

There was a considerable decrease in attendance at school, some through sickness some through fear. Several children were sent home sick Tuesday.

#### Maxwell and Jackson

S. Maxwell and Brownlow Jackson have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of dealing in automobiles, in which business Mr. Maxwell has been engaged for quite a while. They are laying considerable stress on the Dodge as will be seen by their announcement elsewhere in The NEWS.