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## HENDERSONVILLE WELCOMES THE EDITORS!

PRESENTING THEM WITH THE KEY TO THE LAKE CITY OF THE MOUNTAINS

### North Carolina Newspaper Men In Session Here!

About 100 Distinguished Molders of Public Opinion Present. M. V. Richards of the Southern Railway to make Important Address. The Program.

Hendersonville has this week the honor of entertaining the North Carolina Press Association, probably the most influential body of men in the State. About one hundred are in attendance, the larger part of whom came in a special car on the 5:15 train Tuesday evening. They were met at the depot by a large reception committee. Many of the editors are accompanied by their wives and families, wherein the town is doubly honored.

The first business session was held at the court house this (Wednesday) morning, at 9:30.

Mayor R. H. Staton welcomed the gentlemen of the press and Col. S. V. Pickens re-iterated that welcome. Mr. M. L. Shipman made a few brief and appropriate remarks on the part of the local newspapers.

The Convention lasts Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday the Association, in a body, will leave for Lake Toxaway in their special car, returning Saturday, when they leave for their homes.

The Hotel Gates is headquarters, where the Mergenthaler Linotype Company have a type setting machine in operation.

Mr. M. V. Richards, Land and Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway, will deliver an address on the wonderful development of the South, at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

The program of entertainment prepared by the local committee and citizens of the city provides for a ball at the Hotel Gates on Thursday night, to which one hundred invitations have been issued; a street car ride to Laurel Park, on Wednesday afternoon, through the courtesy of Hon. W. A. Smith, and on Thursday a ride in carriages and automobiles to the lakes and to Mt. Hebron.

Messrs. M. C. Toms and J. L. Orr have tendered the free use of the tower at Mt. Hebron, while Mrs. Solomon Jones has given the free use of the road to that point.

There are many well-known newspaper men of the State present. Among them are:

Rev. J. O. Atkinson, Elon College; Christian Sun; Jas. W. Atkins, Gastonia Gazette and wife; J. D. Divins, Albemarle Enterprise, and mother; R. R. Clark, Statesville Landmark; J. P. Caldwell, Charlotte Observer, wife and daughter; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh News and Observer, and sons; J. J. Farriss, High Point Enterprise; Jno. D. Gold, Wilson Times, wife and 3 children; J. F. Hurley, Concord Tribune, and wife; W. E. Holbrook, Hickory Democrat; W. C. Hammer, Asheboro Courier; W. B. Harker, Maxton Scottish Chief; Archibald Johnson, Thomasville Charity and Children, and wife; W. K. Jacobson, Washington Progress; Jno. M. Julian, Salisbury Post, and wife; Thad R. Manning, Henderson Gold Leaf, and wife; Rev. J. L.

### MEETINGS PUBLIC

The citizens of Hendersonville are cordially invited to attend all meetings of the Press Association, which are being held at the court house. Come and listen to some good talks!

**TO-NIGHT, Jno. M. Julian of the Salisbury Post delivers the annual oration. COME!**

Murphy, Trinity Reformed Church Record, and wife; W. M. Moore, Lenoir Topic; J. A. Noel, Roxboro Courier, two ladies; C. H. Poe, Raleigh Progressive Farmer; E. T. Phillips, Ayden Baptist, and wife; N. P. Pepper, Danbury Reporter, and sister Blanch; J. H. Quinn, Shelby Aurora, and wife; Mrs. Dr. E. C. Register, Charlotte Medical Journal.

J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times, and wife; W. B. Thompson, Chapel Hill News; H. B. Varner, Lexington Dispatch, and wife; D. J. Whichard, Greenville Reflector; J. P. Wiggins, Rowland Sun, and wife; M. L. Neager and wife; W. F. Underwood, Greensboro Patriot; R. A. Deal and wife, Wilkesboro; H. H. Hamlin and wife, Beaufort; Owen G. Dunn and wife, Newbern; D. F. St. Clair, Sanford; J. P. Cook and wife, Concord; Miss Horney, Lexington; O. F. Crossen, Burlington News, and wife.

Among the editors arriving Wednesday morning for the meeting of the press association are: W. M. Moore, Lenoir Topic; J. R. Swann, Marshall Record; H. C. Martin, Lenoir News, and daughter; R. E. Ranson and wife, Spring Hope; C. N. Brown, Salisbury Post; C. A. Enry, King's Mountain Herald.

Following is the complete program of the convention:

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30**

In the absence of President J. A. Thomas the convention was called to order by Dr. J. O. Atkinson, third vice-president, who invoked a divine blessing, upon the city of Hendersonville and members of the Association. Mayor Staton then presented

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### KANUGA LAKE WATERS CLAIM ITS FIRST VICTIM.

Sheldon Stepp, a young carpenter employed at Kanuga Lake, was drowned in the waters of the Lake on Saturday evening about four o'clock.

A professional diver was wired for, and arrived Tuesday morning from Norfolk. Up to one o'clock Wednesday the body had not yet been found.

At the end of the day's work, Saturday, Sheldon Stepp, with Furman Bane, son of the chairman of county commissioners, and Robert McCall, a boy of 12

years, embarked on a motor boat they owned and started for the dam at the end of the lake. When within a hundred feet of the embankment, the overloaded skiff capsized. The boy grasped and held on to the overturned boat. Bane swam to the shore, but Stepp sank before aid could reach him. Addison Lambeth, manager of the lake property, who witnessed the accident from the shore, jumped into a motor boat and sent it flying full speed through the water but reached the spot too late to save the unfortunate man.

Every effort was made to recover the body. On Monday boats were taken from Osceola Lake and a crowd of men worked all day dragging that part of the big Lake.

The diver was wired for on Sunday, and with his assistant and complete apparatus arrived Tuesday at 8:00 a. m. He was immediately taken to the lake where he has been at work ever since.

Sheldon Stepp was 20 years old, a member of the local Carpenter's Union and a fine young fellow in every way. His parents, who are completely prostrated at their son's tragic death, live at Dana.

The diver, who receives \$45 a day and all expenses for his trip, arrived Tuesday and was rushed immediately to the lake, where many hundreds of people watched him at work.

On Sunday, there were at least two thousand curious spectators at the lake, waiting for they hardly knew what. The surrounding roads were full of horses, mules and oxen and people poured in a steady stream along the road to the ill-fated spot. There were automobiles, carriages and ox-carts by the

### W. M. Hill's Store Burned.

Fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, was discovered in W. M. Hill's store on Main street, Wednesday morning, about two o'clock.

Practically the entire stock of goods, valued at \$6,000, was destroyed. The insurance is \$6,000.

The building is occupied by W. M. Hill, with a general line of merchandise, valued at \$6,000, and by J. C. Cagle, jeweler, who valued his stock at \$800. His loss, through fire and theft of goods, amounts to \$400, with no insurance.

The building is owned by ex-Sheriff Williams, and was damaged to the extent of \$500, with no insurance.

Mr. Hill went to Asheville on

turning on the early train Wednesday. He is at a loss to account for the origin of the fire.

The building was first discovered to be ablaze by a tenant occupying rooms on the second floor. The fire department responded quickly, the water pressure was ample, but only by the most strenuous efforts on the part of the nifty fire-fighters, who fought the blaze amidst a choking, blinding cloud of smoke, was the building saved from destruction.

The back door, which Morning Collins, the young man left in charge by Mr. Hill, is very positive he locked on leaving the building Tuesday, was found open.

About three weeks ago Charley Sunofsky found a pile of clothing in the store smouldering and ready to burst into a blaze. It was extinguished, without much loss, \$50 insurance being paid Mr. Hill.

J. C. Cagle is positive the fire was of incendiary origin. It started on a shelf amidst a pile of clothing and inflammable material.

Mr. Hill was insured in the Atlantic, of Raleigh, through Ewbank and Ewbank. The policy expires on August 6.

score, many remaining until late at night.

On Friday, Stepp had been in swimming at the identical spot where he met his death Saturday. Just why he did not grasp the boat as young McCall did will never be known. He was an expert swimmer.

Mr. Stevens, as a consequence of the unfortunate disaster, has forbidden the use of all boats or rafts on Kanuga Lake, except those boats owned by the company, which are, of course, perfectly safe.

### Hendersonville Lands Two Important Conventions

The International Association of Bureaus of Labor and the International Convention of Factory Inspectors To Hold Their Next Annual Conventions in the Lake City of the Mountains.

### SOLD PANTS TO

"Bub" Mitchell, colored, was arrested Monday by Chief of Police McCarson, charged with the theft of much wearing apparel from the merchants of the town.

He implicated two other dark complexioned gentlemen, Jess Wofford and Clarence Smith, who have not yet been caught.

It is believed by the police that these same men broke into Mrs. Posey's millinery store last Saturday night.

Chief of Police McCarson heard some one say on the street, Monday, that Mitchell had sold a pair of pants worth \$6.00 for 75 cents—which was reducing the price some. He investigated and arrested Mitchell as a result of his investigations, finding many good Stetson hats, suits of underwear and pants of the fashionable cut in Mr. Mitchell's possession, belonging to G. M. Glazener, to the Wilson Mercantile Co., and other merchants.

Mitchell had been selling goods at reduced prices to most all the darkies in town, a dollar undershirt for 10 cents being one of his undeniable bargains.

### HENDERSONVILLE HAS

Hendersonville has just spent \$18,000 on cement sidewalks.

Hendersonville has 5,000 population now and is growing rapidly.

Hendersonville has hotel accommodations second to none in the State.

Hendersonville has three banks.

Hendersonville has three wholesale houses.

Hendersonville has two railroads and excellent prospects for two more.

Hendersonville has an altitude of 2,250 feet.

Hendersonville has three lakes—not ponds, but lakes.

Hendersonville shows an increase of 38 per cent in postoffice receipts for May, 1909, over May, 1908.

Hendersonville has nearly 100 new residences now under construction or just finished.

Hendersonville has pure water, pure air, and a larger percentage of sunshine than almost any town in the United States.

The International Association

Bureaus of Labor, which includes representatives of the various states of the Union and the provinces of Canada, and the International Convention of Factory Inspectors, will both hold their next annual conventions in Hendersonville, at a date yet to be set.

These two very important gatherings met last week in New York and through the efforts of Hon. M. L. Shipman, who represented the State of North Carolina at the first named convention, both will meet in Hendersonville next year.

The presence here of so many men of prominence so closely identified with the industrial and commercial life of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, will mean much for this town, for the deliberations of these bodies will be telegraphed all over the country and Hendersonville will loom large in the press despatches while these gentlemen are in session here.

Mr. Shipman, through whose unaided efforts these two conventions have decided to come here, is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the entire success of his efforts.

When Mr. Shipman left for Rochester he intended to try and land the International Association of Bureaus of Labor for his home town. When he found the International Convention of Factory Inspectors also in session at the same time there, he thought it would be an excellent idea to have them both here, and succeeded in persuading the gentlemen of both conventions that the Lake City of the Mountains in North Carolina was the only logical place in the whole United States for their next meeting place.

Mr. Shipman was elected Chairman of the executive committee of the International Association of Bureaus of Labor, and this committee will set the date of the next convention.

Where the Press Association meets.

