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Laurel Park To Be Made the Finest Residence Park in America! W. A. Smith Spending Thousands There. The New Car Line

to Penetrate the Innermost Parts of Park Will Cost Nearly \$40,000!

Swiss Railway, New Roads, The Canal, and Lake; Modern Car Line to Be Built Immediately.

Of the many great enterprises, public and private, now almost consummated in this city, all of them having a direct and important bearing upon the growth and development of Greater Hendersonville, not one is more important, nor will contribute more to the upbuilding of the city, than Hon. W. A. Smith's comprehensive plans for the immediate development of Laurel Park—admittedly the most beautiful natural park in America.

The old dummy line, which has transported so many hundreds of thousands of people to this beauty spot, is to be abandoned,

The new car line will be extended, as stated, to Crystal Spring, and other parts of the park. From this spring of glorious water to the tower on Park Heights will be built a Swiss railway, or what is possibly better known as a counterweight railway, enabling sightseers to reach the tower on the mountain top without any exertion on their part. But a minimum charge will be made for the trip, which certainly will be novel, interesting and well worth while.

As those familiar with this spot know, from the tower on Park Heights is unfolded to the

great earthen dam offering secure protection to the lower lands below it.

This superb body of water, its shores heavily fringed with laurel and rhododendron and white pine, reflecting the brightest of skies and overleaning mountain tops, will be encircled by a new road now being built, passing through dense thickets of laurel and shaded by magnificent trees which have been many scores of years in the growing.

From one end of Rhododendron Lake opens up the canal which will connect it with its little sister, Rainbow Lake, so familiar to the thousands who have visited Laurel Park. This winding lane of water, nearly a mile in length, is cut along and through the mountain side and is an attraction unique to this park. Above the canal will run the street car line, below it stretches level fields and winding roads. Such a trip as will be possible here, through the canal, winding around the mountainside, through masses of laurel and rhododendron, will afford visitors an experience to be had nowhere else, and for novelty and interest the imagination would be hard taxed to find its equal.

Looking down and into the limped depths of Rhododendron Lake is Mt. Panorama, whose lofty summit is reached by a winding road built through dense growths of laurel and pine—for it's laurel, pine and rhododendron everywhere in Laurel Park—while half way to the peak is a spring of even greater beauty and flow of water than famed Crystal Spring, and one can but imagine the picture unfolded daily from this mountain before the eyes of that fortunate man who, someday, will insist upon buying the great hill and building for himself thereon a home. Nature has been busy for thousands of years preparing this heaped up mass of earth and rocks for some man's habitation, and he who builds on Mt. Panorama will have a site for a home which is well nigh incomparable.

In the 250 acres comprising the park proper, there are now ten miles of roads—and they are good roads, too. Few places anywhere are more abundantly blessed with water—for Laurel Park simply abounds with springs of remarkable flow and purity, whose waters have been analyzed and found to be that rarest of human necessities—just pure water. From one of the many springs gushes

forth a pelucid stream which authorities state to be superior to the famous Poland water of Maine, which has made many a fortune for its fortunate owner.

But not the least interesting feature of a place full of interest is the mammoth stone quarry which Mr. Smith has been working since last Spring. Here may be seen all the apparatus of the modern quarry—compressed air machinery for operating the drills, a great steam drill on its long legs and with a power within it almost marvelous, a powerful derrick for lifting the huge masses of stone, iron cables, buckets and tools of all kinds. Improvements and additions to the already large equipment will be made at once, in the way of a stone crusher, bins to contain the crushed rock,

under which wagons may be easily and quickly loaded, additional trackage, etc.

The stone from this quarry is susceptible of the highest finish. There are several different kinds, all of them of high grade, possessing the most desirable working qualities.

As a developing industry of Hendersonville this great quarry with its interesting machinery is well worth a visit. Only in scenic splendor has Dame Nature been more liberal to this favored spot, for here she has deposited the finest of stone in quantities sufficient to build great cities and to pave the roads of Christendom.

With all the advantages possible for any spot to possess for home sites, with the new lake, the canal, the new roads and the car line penetrating its utmost recesses, parts of Laurel Park will soon be dotted with modern residences, for it is Mr. Smith's intention to at last put portions of this magnificent property on the market.

The strictest building restrictions will make of Laurel Park the most desirable residence section of Hendersonville. No more attractive spot can be found for a home—a home in the most beautiful park in America, easily and quickly reached by a modern car line and situated but a trifle over a mile from Main street. Truly a rare opportunity will be here offered to those seeking a place where they may own a home confident that no undesirable class, no unpleasant influences will mar the pleasure of that ownership.

So, of all the public and private enterprises now consummating here, all of which will tend to build up and make possible a greater, a more beautiful Hendersonville, none are so fraught with far reaching importance as this development of Laurel Park—which calls for an ultimate expenditure of not less than between thirty and forty thousand dollars—and which without doubt, will influence many a man of means to select as his future home Hendersonville—the fastest growing town in the South!

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OPENS FOR BUSINESS

The Peoples National Bank opened for business last Saturday morning at nine o'clock, when Cashier Fullbright received the deposit of Col. Pickens as the first to put money in the new \$150,000 institution.

Permission to open was received from the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington on Friday night, when the bank's number, 9571, was wired them.

The bank's temporary quarters is in the building formerly occupied by the Wanteska Trust and Banking Company, on North Main, which will be used pending the erection of their new \$25,000 re-inforced concrete structure next the Hustler office.

The Peoples National Bank, under the supervision of the National Government, starts out with every prospect of success. The officers and directors are all well known men, enjoying the confidence of the community and having the largest capital of any bank in this immediate section will doubtless do its full share in developing the latent resources of this part of the State.

Mr. John H. Carter, president of the American National, Asheville's \$300,000 bank, is also president of this new financial institution.

Mr. U. G. Staton, well and favorably known as a keen and successful business man, is vice-president, as also is Mr. Charles French Toms, who ranks high in the legal profession.

Mr. C. S. Fullbright, for many years Southern Railway and Southern Express agent here, is cashier, and Mr. Fullbright is one of those men who have earned and enjoys the utmost confidence of his fellow citizens.

The directors, all active in promoting the prosperity of the town and county, are as follows: U. G. Staton, W. F. Edwards, H. S. Anderson, John H. Carter, W. A. Garland, P. H. Walker, W. C. Connell, R. J. Brown, McD. Ray, M. C. Toms, D. S. Pace, S. J. Thomas, J. A. Brock, S. Y. Bryson, I. H. Cantrell, Chas. F. Toms.

The deposits, up to time of going to press, Wednesday, before bank closed for the day, amounted to \$36,095.02.

CAPTURES DESPERADO

With a shot gun close at hand and a belt of cartridges around his waist, Wade Bowers, an alleged desperado, was captured at the home of Pink Ward, Zirconia, Sunday morning, by Sheriff Blackwell and Otis Powers. He is charged with assaulting

—Pace, who has an ugly wound in his head, inflicted by a shot gun in the hands of Bowers.

The Sheriff and Mr. Powers were called from their beds at one o'clock, Sunday morning, and made a quick trip to Zirconia, in answer to the urgent summons for aid from people there.

They found a crowd of well armed and somewhat excited men in front of the Ward house, waiting their arrival. The house was surrounded and Powers entered and soon had his man safely handcuffed. They returned to town with their prisoner, arriving about 10 o'clock.

Bowers is about 28 years old and has the reputation of being a "bad man," a desperado, and it is said there are two bench warrants out for him in South Carolina. He was taken to Greenville, S. C., on Monday, a deputy sheriff from that town coming here for that purpose. He will later be tried here for assault on Pace.

Election Returns Yesterday

Gov. Eben Draper, republican, elected governor Massachusetts. Rhode Island elects Gov. Pothier, republican

Virginia elects Democratic ticket.

In New York, Tammany Hall scores triumph. Judge Gaynor, democratic nominee for mayor, elected by 70,000.

Mayor Tom Johnson, Cleveland defeated.

NEW INSURANCE FIRM

U. G. Staton & Co., a new insurance firm here, offices in the Peoples National Bank, represent an excellent line of fire and general insurance companies.

What John H. Carter Says

Mr. John H. Carter, president of the Peoples National Bank, head of a dozen big enterprises says: "I read the Hustler with interest. I believe it is read more closely than any other county newspaper of which I have knowledge. I approve of its policy of 'boosting'."

JOHNSON—DAWSON.

Mrs. Sophia Johnson, widow of the late Noble Johnson, and Mr. Joseph Dawson, were quietly married at the Methodist Parsonage, Monday afternoon, by Rev. Jno. W. Moore.

The newly-mated couple left on the evening train for an extended wedding trip. Their future home will be in Springfield, Mass., where Mr. Dawson is a successful business man.

Mis-Application of Funds?

Editor Hustler: By what authority of law will city council pay Contractor Jordan for the cement cross walks? Out of the bond issue surplus? This would clearly be illegal—would mean misapplication of funds and render city council liable to fines, etc. VOTER.

Street Railway News.

The representative of the bond house which expects to finance R. M. Oates' street railway and power plant improvements, arrived in town Wednesday morning, and has spent the day in an "automobile inspection" tour of the country near town. He is most favorably impressed with Hendersonville and conditions here. He will remain in town several days. His name is C. T. Blake.

Improvements at Kanuga and Beaumont

The big Kanuga Lake has been emptied and repairs and improvements to the dam are being made. It is said work in full blast will start at the Lake not later than Nov. 15. The club house will be enlarged, many new cottages built, and miles of new roads and bridle paths constructed, involving an expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

Contractor Baine has secured the contract for remodeling "Beaumont," Mr. Frank Haynes magnificent home in Flat Rock. Over \$10,000 will be spent on the building, already a handsome and substantial structure. Another \$10,000 at least will be expended on the grounds. Mr. Haynes is one of the big cotton operators of the country and with his family will occupy his new home next Season.

TREES AND SIDEWALKS

The cement sidewalks on Main street are being injured by the roots of the sycamore trees on the street. In many places,

notably in front of Hyder's store, where a block of the cement is nearly an inch out of place, the walk will soon be ruined and it would seem to be a question of sacrificing the trees or having an uneven and broken pavement.



Trees and One of the Many Springs in Laurel Park

done, and in its place will be operated modern street cars, which will traverse the present dummy route on 5th Ave. to Rainbow Lake in the park, and will then be continued on, through those superb thickets of laurel, up the mountainside to Crystal Spring. From there it will be extended so as to make almost every part of the great 250 acre tract directly accessible to the line.

These cars, having no unsightly trolleys, the motive power for each being contained within itself, as in an automobile, represents the latest phase of the true solution of the traction problem as worked out by the transportation experts of the country. The system is in general use where new car lines are being built and is eminently satisfactory and successful.

visitor a panorama of such superb scenic beauty as to cause almost a gasp of wonder, an involuntary cry of heart-felt admiration.

East, west, north or south, in America or Europe, no finer mountain scenery than this. A broken, tumultuous skyline, with here and there a giant peak rearing its head toward the azure sky, of a most beautiful blue in the distance, the nearer mountainsides are covered with great splotches of color, the vivid scarlet of sourwood contrasting with the more sober bronze of oak and maple, the ever green and ever beautiful and stately pine everywhere, while in the near foreground is the white city—Hendersonville—a city fast coming to the park—a city of which any man may be proud to say "I live there!"

From this vantage point may be seen, too, Rhododendron Lake, rapidly filling with water, its