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NO BOOM HERE BUT GROWTH UNSURPASSED

One Year's Increase in Postoffice Receipts, 20 Per Cent; Increased Bank Deposits, Volume of Business Done By Wholesale Firms, All Show Rapid Growth Town.

"I believe," he said, slowly, thoughtfully, "I believe Hendersonville to be the most promising field for profitable investment of any town in the South to-day. Land values are reasonable here now. They will soon be higher, for without doubt Hendersonville inside of ten years will be the principal city of Western North Carolina."

The speaker, a successful man of affairs, a man of large ideas and wide experience, better known in the financial centres of the country than in Hendersonville, continued;

"I shall spend a part of my time here in the future."

This level headed business man had carefully investigated conditions here, and he found:

That the aggregate bank deposits amount to over \$485,000—an increase of about \$113,000 in one year.

That the postoffice receipts are now about \$12,000 a year, and during the past year have increased twenty per cent. (The two quarters ending September, 1909, show an increase of 20 per cent over the two quarters ending September, 1908. There has been a steady increase of \$1000 a year in the postoffice receipts ever since the Brevard road was built.)

That the receipts of the Hendersonville Light and Power Co. show an increase of 38 per over last year.

He found three wholesale grocery houses, doing an annual business of over \$440,000.

He found that Hendersonville would soon have trolley cars—and wondered they were not already here.

That the amount of farm products shipped from this county aggregates not less than \$50,000—and farming conditions here are improving every year.

He found a surrounding country rapidly taking advantage of its agricultural resources and looks for still greater improvement there, when the people now living here discover its wonderful possibilities as an apple raising section.

He found that Hendersonville was consuming steel products at a greater rate—a four times greater rate—than its only competitor in this section—Asheville.

He found real estate values almost doubled in three years, with a strong and active market, with men of wealth selecting Hendersonville in preference to all other places as their future home.

He found Mr. Frank Hayns, for instance, the great cotton operator, spending from twenty to thirty thousand dollars on his newly acquired home here.

He found here paved streets and the finest cement sidewalks, on Main street, of any town in the South.

He found that there would soon be concrete sidewalks all over town.

He found that the city would soon have free city mail delivery and he wondered when the Government would erect a Federal building here, and believed it would not be long.

He found Main street lined with substantial business houses—many of them, he said, would be a credit to Charlotte.

He found the new Peoples National Bank, a \$150,000 institution, one of the latest testimonials to Hendersonville's growth, and the First National Bank with its \$100,000 capital—the strong Wanteska Trust and Banking Co. and the solid and conservative Citizens Bank, an institution whose remarkable growth but reflects the increased prosperity of this town and county.

He found here a Building and Loan Association doing a good work.

He found that Kanuga Lake was no experiment. That many thousands of dollars would be spent this Winter increasing its capacity, and that this great enterprise meant much for the wider advertisement of Hendersonville.

He found here Osceola Lake, one of the most beautiful artificial bodies of water in this country.

He found that Hon. W. A. Smith's plans for the immediate development of Laurel Park, to be the finest residence park in America, called for an expenditure of vast sums.

He found that Hendersonville owed its growth, very largely, to remarkable public spirit of its citizens—both town and county.

He found that the town was blessed with an abundance of pure, mountain spring water, cold, clear and unpolluted.

He found Hendersonville rapidly becoming THE resort of the South—that nearly 10,000 tourists

were here last Season.

He found a climate where extremes of heat and cold are avoided, the best all-the-year round climate in the world, where roses bloom until Christmas and where the fragrant violet brightens the earth during nearly all the twelve golden months.

He found mountains, great, verdure clad masses, blue as sapphire, beautiful and awe-inspiring as a glimpse of Heaven, comparable only with the world famed scenery of the Swiss Alps, enclosing their favorite town, over whose destinies they stand as silent guardians, and whose growth and prosperity, knowing nothing of the word boom, will continue just as long as these giant friends continue their solemn and friendly guardianship.

NOW, with these facts and figures before you, what do YOU think of your town?

Few—Schenck.

Miss Rosa Few, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Few, and Mr. Michael Schenck were married Monday night at seven o'clock. The ceremony, performed by Dr. R. B. Grinnan, at the Manse, was witnessed by Mrs. Harry Ewbank, Mrs. Grinnan, Mr. S. T. Hodges and Mr. S. M. King. Mr. and Mrs. Schenck left on Tuesday morning for Greenville, S. C., and are expected to return to town today (Wednesday). They will be at home to their many friends at Mr. Schenck's residence on North Main, next to the Pine Grove Lodge.

Services at St. James

At St. James Episcopal Church next Sunday, all the regular services will be held. Early Celebration at 7:30, second celebration and sermon at 11, Sunday school at 3:00 p. m. Rev. Alfred Stubbs of Asheville will conduct the services.

Seedless Persimmon Trees

On Capt W. D. Miller's property near town are two seedless persimmon trees—which are very rare in this country. In fact, there are said to be but less than a dozen in the whole United States.

The U. D. C.

There was a very interesting meeting of the U. D. C., Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. G. W. Brooks, on Church street. New officers were elected as follows: Mrs. S. V. Pickens was again elected President, Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell, Vice-President, Mrs. Chas. Whitaker, Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Dixon, Secretary, Mrs. Reden Kirk, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sue Farmer, Historian. After the business meeting, adjourned, when dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in December at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Whitaker, on Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Lucy Gibbs, "Old Aunt Lucy," who has been so ill that her recovery was despaired of, is now improving.

Judge Gullick, one of the very few bachelors left in this little old town now, left on Tuesday for a week's visit to his sister, Mrs. Kesler, at Hickory.

PERSONAL NEWS OF THIS BUSY TOWN

Now, girls, honestly, wern't you surprised?

Mr. F. S. Wetmur has returned from a trip through the Middle West.

Frank Edwards has returned from the Atlanta automobile races.

Harry Waldrop has gone to Jacksonville, where he has an excellent position.

Miss Sue Cannon was in town last week, the guest of Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. J. W. Staton, of Saluda, is in town, the guest of his son, Major R. H. Staton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hamilton have returned from a pleasant visit to Hickory.

J. Edward Brown, manager of the telephone company, has returned from Atlanta.

Mrs. W. L. Brower, with her children, leave for Sumter, S. C., on Friday, to be gone for the winter.

Mrs. F. V. Hunter has returned from Chimney Rock, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Cout Logan for the past week.

Miss Margaret Hayes, of Somerset, Ky., is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Hayes, on North Grove street.

A party of young people of the city were delightfully entertained at a candy-pulling, Friday night, at the home of Miss Nora Bennett.

Joe M. Bass of Latta, S. C., a prominent cattle dealer is in the city. Anyone having any cattle of any kind for sale will do well to see him.

Both Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis are confined to their homes by what, their many friends hope will not prove to be a serious attack of illness.

Among those who will attend the Methodist Annual Conference at Hickory are: Dr. Waldrop, F. E. Durfee, S. T. Hodges, Jr., Dr. F. V. Hunter, Miss Ella McClain and Mrs. M. C. Scott.

John Ewbank has bought eight acres of land on Shaws Creek street from Lee estate, adjoining the F. A. Bly property. Mr. Ewbank's property is one of the prettiest places in town, and he has already set to work improving it.

G. M. Glazener has returned from Atlanta, where he witnessed the auto races and had a good time generally. While in Atlanta he was the guest of Mr. Bicknell who managed the Blue Ridge Inn here last Summer.

"Jim" Williams, the clever baggage agent at the Southern depot has been absent from his duties for a few days. Mr. Williams has not been well, his many friends will regret to hear.

Capt. and Mrs. Wofford have gone to Florida for the Winter. Their first stop will be at Welaka, where they will remain a couple of weeks. Captain Wofford, an ardent fisherman, looks for some good sport there this Winter.

Mrs. F. E. Durfee received a telegram, Monday, telling of the death of her father, Mr. D. W. Van Auken, at his home in Lansing, Mich. Mr. Van Auken was of advanced age and the end came Sunday morning. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to Mrs. Durfee in her heavy affliction.

The residence of Mrs. Butler, on Sixth Ave., was broken into, Tuesday night, and articles of small value taken.

Mr. J. A. Brock has purchased three houses, on Second Ave., South, from Mr. I. H. Cantrell. The consideration was \$2500.

On pages 6 and 8 appears the complete report of Expert Moore who recently completed his audit of the county's books.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hobbs, on Tuesday, a daughter, Harriet. Mrs. Hobbs and the baby are getting along fine, and Mr. Hobbs is receiving the congratulations of scores of friends.

L. S. Pender has returned to Lockhart, Fla., after spending the past six months here the guest of Capt. Miller. Anyone wanting good oranges would do well to communicate with Mr. Pender.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morris, Tuesday, a girl—a ten and a quarter pound girl! Mrs. Morris and the child are doing well and "Lum" was not at the store Wednesday.

S. H. Friedman, that clever salesman, who left here some time ago, was in town today. Mr. Friedman is now living in Asheville, but will probably return here.

The city authorities have ordered a four-inch water line to be built on West Broad st. The work is being done under the supervision of J. W. McIntyre, chairman water works committee, and is a long needed improvement in that part of town.

Evangelistic services are being held at East Hendersonville Baptist Church, this week, every evening at 7.30. Pastor A. I. Justice is conducting the services and a most cordial invitation is extended to you to attend.

Mr. Carroll Baker, Chicago, head of the Steel Trust's selling force, left for his home, Saturday, after spending a few days with friends at the Oakley Florida Home. Mr. Baker is delighted with Hendersonville, which he thinks a coming big city.

D. T. Gillespie, good hunter, was on Main street Saturday with the results of a days hunting at Mills River—a fine, fat deer. Mr. Gillespie and two companions saw fifteen deer during their days tramp, and comment on the excellent condition the animals appear to be in.

Mrs. C. M. Gallamore, her daughter, Miss Lorell, and son, Vernon, were guests of Mrs. W. L. Carmichael, Friday night. On Saturday morning Miss Gallamore left with her brother for an extended visit to Charleston, Columbia and other points in the South. Mrs. Gallamore returned to Brevard Saturday afternoon, accompanied by her husband, Prof. C. M. Gallamore, who went home to spend Sunday. He is the efficient principal of Pleasant Hill High School.

TO BE MARRIED AT GATES TOMORROW

One of Asheville's most popular and successful business men is to be married at the Gates tomorrow afternoon. With his bride to be and four friends they will make the trip here in an auto. At the request of friends, the names of the contracting parties are not published, for their popularity in Asheville is such that they prefer to have the ceremony performed here. Dr. Grinnan will officiate, and supper will be served the bridal party at the Gates Hotel.

DIVORCED UPSTAIRS; MARRIED DOWNSTAIRS

Mrs. Ada Lyda, 27 years old, was granted a divorce from her husband, Monday, in the court room where Judge Justice is dispensing justice this week, then walked downstairs to Registrar Sam King's office where she and E. P. Stepp, 25 years old, entered the sea of matrimony once more. Squire J. G. Laughter tied the knot. They immediately left for their home near Horace.

Mrs. Stepp married a man named Long in South Carolina seven years ago and was granted her divorce on grounds of desertion. She is the daughter of J. W. Lyda, and niece of W. C. Lyda.

Court, civil term, with Judge Justice on the bench, is in session. Hon. J. F. Spainhour, "the ablest Solicitor in the State," came to town Monday. The attendance at court is rather large.

D. H. Russell, of Saluda, was granted a divorce from Hulda Russell, who eloped with John Stone, same place, some time ago. Mrs. Russell left her husband and five children and has never been heard of since.

Hamilton vs. Hamilton; jury found the defendant owed the plaintiff about \$25. The open account sued upon was barred by statute of limitation.

The land case of Bishop vs. Dalton, Saluda, has been decided in favor of Mr. Bishop.

150 ROOMS TO BE ADDED AT KANUGA LAKE

Three hundred and twenty-five people spent the past summer delightfully at Kanuga Lake. Mr. George Stephens looks for about 600 next season.

The accommodations at the Lake will be increased to accommodate about that number. To the club house and annex will be added not less than 75 rooms, while about 20 new cottages will also be erected to help take care of the rapidly increasing club membership.

The miles of roads and bridle paths already built will be extended, until eventually there will be thirty miles of sand-clay roads through this beautiful estate.

Mr. George Stephens, at Kanuga Lake, is working out and developing a project which means much for the wider and favorable advertisement of the incomparable advantages of Western North Carolina.

Notice.

The Peoples National Bank is now open for sealed bids for the construction of their new building, plans and specifications now on file at the Bank in Hendersonville and also at Smith and Carriers office, in Asheville, N. C. Estimates to be for brick and re-inforced concrete. All bids to be filed by Monday, Nov. 22nd, 1909 at 12:01 p. m., at which time they will be opened. This committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bond will be required for the maintenance of this contract.

Recent Marriage Licences

Miss Rosa Few, 25, Michael Schenck, 32, City.