

**THE GOOD ROADS MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE TUESDAY.**

(From the Daily Herald.)

"The Laurel Park Hotel Company, five hundred dollars!" Applause.

More applause. Then still more applause. Mr. W. A. Smith announced the above subscription to the new Asheville-Greenville highway at the Good Roads meeting this morning: "The Laurel Park Hotel Company, five hundred dollars!"

It sounded good to the big audience in the court room, and they rolled the words "five hundred dollars" around under their tongues appreciatively.

It was but another instance of how absolutely dissimilar projects may really be made to co-operate to attain an object mutually beneficial.

The Laurel Park Hotel Company, a \$100,000 corporation now being organized for the purpose of erecting a mammoth hotel on Mount Panorama in Laurel Park, realizes the importance and the necessity of good roads in Henderson county.

But so unexpectedly large a contribution as this one of five hundred dollars indicates the broad gauge minds of the men behind the proposition—for the general public, the farmers, the merchants, the visitors, will jointly reap a thousand fold the benefit from the new road that will come to the Laurel Park Hotel Company.

It was another instance of the remarkable public spirit of a man known through the State as Hendersonville's most public spirited citizen—Mr. W. A. Smith, owner of Laurel Park Estate and firm believer in the BEST town in the South!

A representative and enthusiastic gathering of men from all the surrounding counties gathered at the court house this morning and discussed the question of better roads for Henderson county.

The meeting was far more of a success than the most optimistic good roads enthusiasts had hoped for. From the beginning of the meeting, throughout the entire session until the last speech was made, enthusiasm ran high and a decided impetus was given to the Good Roads Movement.

The audience was extremely fortunate in having as speakers men so conversant with road conditions and so anxious for this county to take the forefront in the building of good roads in this section of the state.

Supervisor Geo. W. Justice called the meeting to order a few minutes after 11:00 and called for nominations for a chairman. Dr. R. A. Child was chosen in a few minutes and in well chosen words expressed his pleasure in presiding over a meeting of this nature. That good roads do the most good to the greater number of people and that too much could not be done in furtherance of this cause.

After several nominations and an almost equal number of excuses Mr. G. W. Justice consented to act as Secretary and take notes of the meeting.

Mr. C. F. Tomp was called upon to state the object of the meeting and introduce the speaker, Dr. Pratt. Mr. Tomp in a stirring speech expressed his pleasure in welcoming any one to this city but particularly one who came here on a mission of service. That the primary object of the meeting was to start in motion a movement to grade the road to the South Carolina line and open the gateway to this section in addition to giving the farmers of the county a better highway upon which to haul their products to a ready market. The time had passed when they could boast of only one road—a straight line—traversed by the old and cumbersome stage coach. The time is now upon us when more roads and better roads must be built for more modern vehicles and to avoid the freight rate which rightly belongs to the man who produces the articles for transportation. Only through better roads can this be done. Mr. Tomp then introduced Dr. Pratt, saying in words that whenever he went good roads followed and that he had always been as necessary of good to any section he visited.

Dr. Pratt, State Geologist, spoke as follows: The two leading assets of Henderson county are her climate and magnificent scenery. The thousands of tourists who come here annually want good roads in order to properly appreciate the scenery, this they cannot do while jostled about over bad roads. The more tourists attracted to this county through the potent agency of good roads the greater the market for the farmer and producer of every true. Every mile of good roads means an increase of two or three hundred tourists each year. You may call them tourist roads if you wish but the value to the citizens is to be measured in the corresponding increase of income brought about through the instrumentality of better roads. Good roads mean that from two to three times a larger load can be transported in one-half the time. In the Berkshire hills of Massachusetts, the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and the Catskill Mountains of New York conditions several years ago were somewhat similar to the existing conditions here. The people of these sections began improving their roads and those tourists heretofore accustomed to seeking Switzerland, France and other foreign countries for roads more adaptable to motor travel were now well content to spend their summers in this section where the roads had been improved.

The tourists in these sections had now doubled and even trebled as a natural result of the greater inducement offered in the shape of good roads. The roads of primary interest to the people of Henderson county are the Hendersonville-Spartanburg, the Hendersonville-Greenville and the Hendersonville-Asheville. The latter to connect with the Central Highway. These roads must be built; either now or at some future date, and it is well to begin work on them. From the standpoint of an investment good roads will pay every man in the county whether he uses them or not. Good roads cost money; bad roads cost more money. The sand-clay road is recommended because the cost of building over it is

no more than over other roads and the cost of building is much lower. In addition, the sand-clay road is easier to keep in good condition if only a drag is used after every rain. The state cannot furnish the money for the construction of these roads but will send a competent man to do the work or surveying whenever needed.

Following the speech of Dr. Pratt which was heartily applauded, Mr. W. A. Smith was called upon to speak a few words. Mr. Smith made a forceful and inspiring talk in which he said that of all the investments he had made none had given richer return than the amount he had invested in building good roads. Dr. Pratt had inspired the Good Roads Movement in this county and it was the duty of every citizen who had the welfare of the county at heart to aid in crystallizing this idea and evolving from it a system of roads second to none.

The question at issue was how to get the money? One way is to subscribe, and I want to have the honor and pleasure of heading the list with a \$500 contribution on behalf of the new hotel to be erected at Laurel Park (applause) and if more is necessary Bill Smith, himself, might be seen for a contribution. (Applause again, and of long duration.) The politicians from both parties should get together and appear before the board asking for a bond issue to aid in this movement with the express stipulation that the next election would not concern itself with this issue and make of it a weapon for offense or defense in the furtherance of political victory.

Mr. Goodwin of Greenville was next called on for a speech but search of the audience failed to reveal him. One of Mr. Goodwin's fellow townsmen arose at this juncture and stated that Mr. Goodwin had started this way in Hendersonville but had been delayed and requested that this message be delivered: "Greenville will cheer you at the county line."

This message occasioned more cheering and it is thought that arrangements for this meeting can be made in the not too distant future.

**ARNOLD SEARCH HAS COST TOTAL \$75,000.**

Fortune Spent in An Effort to Locate Missing New York Heiress—Left Home Last December and Hasn't Been Heard of Since.

New York, Aug. 12.—Since the disappearance of Charley Ross no case of a missing person has had so much attention as that of Dorothy Arnold. And in the history of a missing person was ever so great an effort made in all directions to discover what her fate has been; nor was money ever in any similar case so lavishly spent. The search that so far has been futile has cost \$75,000 if it has cost a penny. It is still going on and money is still being lavishly expended, although as yet there is no definite prospect that the hunt will prove other than futile.

When Dorothy Arnold left her home in Central Park West on December 12 last and left no word behind to explain her disappearance, and not clue to her whereabouts, although the youth and beauty of the girl had been illustrated by photographs of her published broadcast in the newspapers and sent out nearly as widely by the police, the mysterious case took the strongest kind of hold on the public imagination. In addition to her youth and beauty, the wealth of her family and the romances that had been spoken of as indicating the possible explanation of her disappearance, there was in the strange manner of her passing completely out of sight and knowledge to her family and friends a direct challenge to the police and the newspapers and, finally, to her family.

The finding of Dorothy Arnold has been the dream of every newspaper reporter since last December. To obtain a real clue to her whereabouts and to follow that clue to the presence of the girl herself would earn fortunes and lasting favor and fame for any "cub" and would rank as the crowning achievement of even a star reporter.

The newspapers also employed private detectives in the hope that they might discover what the reporters had not been able to. But, all in vain.

For some time the good faith of the Arnold family was doubted; the belief given that the missing girl had communicated with her parents or her parents' lawyers' telling them of her whereabouts, but binding them to secrecy because of dread of the publicity that would blaze upon her on her return. On the other hand members of the Arnold family have never ceased to keep up the appearance of searching for the missing daughter as eagerly and energetically as possible. They, too, hired private detectives at large expense from one of the most prominent agencies in the country. Mother and father, aged, white-haired, growing sadder, querulous when they speak of her fate; doubting if ever they are to see her alive, have made trips to Europe. They have gone or sent their representative to every spot on the map from which at any time there came any word that might possibly mean the locating of the daughter.

The Sunday School Convention at Moore's Creek.

The Sunday school convention at Moore's Grove last Thursday was very interesting and helpful to those who attended.

Rev. R. R. Ray, General Secretary of the Florida S. S. Association, was present and made a splendid address. Owing to his experience in the organized Sunday school work he was able to give many helpful suggestions on the different topics discussed during the day.

The next convention will be held in Green River township at Mountain Page church, Saturday, August 19th. All those who are interested in Sunday school work are invited to be present.

**GREAT AUTOMOBILE PARADE AND HILL CLIMBING CONTEST FOR HENDERSONVILLE.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

An automobile parade and hill climbing contest, participated in by scores of machines now here and scores more from out of town, followed by an automobile ball, promises to cap the climax of the season's social gaiety and afford unlimited pleasure to the town's thousands of guests.

The movement to hold this, the really big even of the season is backed by scores of the most public spirited citizens of Hendersonville—men who realize fully the necessity of making the town's visitors stay here as enjoyable as possible and who are willing to go down into their jeans for that purpose.

There are probably something like a hundred buzz buggies now here. It is thought possible to have another hundred here for the event. A great parade of gaily decorated cars in the morning, a hill climbing contest in the afternoon, and a ball at night is the tentative program. The details of the whole affair are now in the hands of a very hard working committee of automobile enthusiasts—who will shortly make further interesting and authoritative announcements.

The prizes to be offered will be substantial ones—and may aggregate a very large sum. Almost \$300 has already been subscribed by public spirited citizens and visitors and more is in sight. Every cent subscribed will be used in furthering the event. There is no profit in the matter for anyone—it is just simply to give the visitors here an example of what the town can do when it tries to entertain them.

The parade in the morning will be one of the most interesting features of the day's sport. All cars must be decorated and no money must be paid to anyone for services in helping to decorate. The idea is to let each car represent the efforts of its owner to his family and friends. Flowers, etc., may be used or any other method adopted which the owner of the gasoline wagon may wish.

The hill climbing contest will be out Fifth Avenue, at Laurel Park, where there is a stretch of road which answers admirably all purposes of the contest. The cars will be divided into classes and prizes offered for each. It is expected that this contest will interest agents for different machines in Asheville, Spartanburg, Greenville and other cities, and will bring many cars from these places.

The ball will be held in the Casino at Laurel Park—the accessibility of this place, and the excellent dancing floor there, making it meet all requirements. Guests will wear automobile costumes, linen dusters, goggles, etc., an excellent orchestra will be on hand and a thoroughly enjoyable time may be anticipated.

Mr. George Stephens, of Kanuga Lake, Mr. Joseph Holt of Highland Lake, Mr. W. A. Smith of Laurel Park, Mr. W. M. Stimson of the Sugar Creek Automobile Club, are expected to become interested in promoting this Hendersonville Automobile Day. They all are excessively busy men, but thought they may be prevailed upon to aid personally, as well as financially, in making the event the one great red-letter day of the season of 1911.

The following prominent motor enthusiasts will be asked to take charge as a committee of arrangements. They will also handle the funds raised, divide the aggregate sum subscribed into appropriate prizes and see that these prizes are paid:

Dr. N. M. Stimson, president Jacksonville Automobile Club.  
Mr. George Stephens, Kanuga Club.  
Mr. Joseph Holt, Highland Lake Club.  
Mr. W. A. Smith, Laurel Park.  
T. C. Fush, New Orleans.  
R. J. Smith, Charlotte.  
Alex B King, Atlanta.  
Arthur Chenoweth, Birmingham.  
John Maybank, Charleston.  
Walter B. Smith, Hendersonville.  
Edward Ehrlich, Columbia.  
Mr. Burgess, Greenville.  
Messrs. Sawyer and Lang of Asheville.

Julian Calhoun, Spartanburg.  
Other southern cities will be as ably represented as those already named. A more complete list will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Among the subscribers to the fund to be divided into prizes for the winners in the parade and in the hill climbing contest are the following:

Further subscriptions will be announced later. The events will be "pulled off" some day next week.  
Wanteska Trust & Banking Co. \$15.00  
K. G. Morris..... 15.00  
French Broad Hustler Co..... 15.00  
W. H. Hawkins & Son..... 10.00  
Rigby-Morrow Co..... 15.00  
Walter B. Smith..... 10.00  
Sladen-Fakes Co..... 10.00  
Jimmy Furlow..... 15.00  
S. F. Wheeler..... 5.00  
Thomas Barber Shop..... 5.00  
"Piccer"..... 5.00  
Funter..... 5.00  
Hendersonville Mercantile Co..... 5.00  
Cramer's Auto Storage Garage 5.00  
Clarke Hardware Co..... 5.00  
Wetmur & Houston..... 5.00  
W. W. Shepherd..... 5.00  
W. F. Ostendorf..... 5.00  
Edward Ehrlich..... 5.00  
Mrs. E. Cahn..... 5.00  
Mr. Chenoweth..... 5.00  
Glover Orr..... 5.00  
Citizens Bank..... 5.00  
Pruett's Garage..... 5.00  
Kanuga Club..... 5.00  
Burekmyer Bros..... 5.00  
Gus Ward..... 5.00  
J. W. Bailey..... 5.00  
J. C. Cullum..... 5.00  
Hubert Smith..... 5.00  
Claude Pace..... 5.00  
D. E. Stepp..... 5.00  
Charles Burnette..... 5.00  
James A. Switzer..... 5.00  
H. Patterson..... 5.00  
J. C. Sherrell..... 5.00  
Chas. Sumofsky..... 5.00  
E. C. Meyer..... 5.00  
E. R. Black..... 5.00

C. C. Jordan..... 2.00  
R. M. Oates..... 5.00  
J. E. Shipman..... 2.00  
Wilshire Griffith..... 2.00  
M. M. Shepherd..... 2.00  
M. S. Woodall..... 2.00  
J. H. Harris..... 2.00

**Women's College for Hendersonville**

(From the Daily Herald.)

With the promise to divulge no names for several days yet the following authentic information has been given the Herald:

Hendersonville is soon to have a college for women, located at some convenient place and to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

This college will accommodate several hundred students and will rank with the best in the South. Hendersonville has been chosen in preference to any other place in Western North Carolina.

The three paragraphs above are not mere surmises, nor exaggerations in any way but the real facts in the case and later developments will prove their authenticity.

Plans have already been set on foot by responsible parties to build a college for women, located at some easily accessible point in the city and known to the college world. The Herald has been assured that the venture gives every promise of ultimate success and that later information will soon be given which will place the scheme beyond the peradventure of a doubt.

This plan has been under consideration for several months by the men behind the movement but it was deemed best to keep it secret until positive assurance could be given that the plan would reach a successful fruition. The matter has been gone over thoroughly in all of its details and every angle of the proposition has been exhaustively discussed, the final decision being for the building of this institution. Men thoroughly conversant with the peculiar requirements for success in the founding of such an institution have given the question careful consideration and reached the conclusion that no other place offered such an excellent location as could be found here in Hendersonville.

The climate, which perhaps is the most essential requirement for a college of any kind, impressed the founders more favorably towards this place than any other one thing. Another almost equally impelling force is the nature of the surroundings. Fortunately Hendersonville could boast of these two things above any other section of the country and the claims in these two respects finally swung the balance in her direction.

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**Laurel Park Retreat Sold**

Laurel Park Retreat, a family hotel in Laurel Park, has been sold by Mr. W. A. Smith to Miss Florence Jordan.

The consideration was \$13,600. This price included the furnishings of the building.

Laurel Park Retreat is a small private hotel of the highest class situated in one of the prettiest parts of Laurel Park, facing Rainbow Lake and commanding a superb view of the surrounding mountains.

It has been remarkably successful under the capable management of Miss Jordan, the purchaser of the property. The hotel was practically full of guests by June first. Since that time probably three hundred would-be guests have been denied admittance, and it is without doubt the only hotel in Western North Carolina having an actual waiting list of people anxious to partake of its hospitality.

Its guests this year, as in the past, are from every Southern state, and Laurel Park Retreat is best advertised by its loving friends.

The sale by Mr. Smith of this property in no wise conflicts with the new hotel to be erected on Summit Heights in Laurel Park. As is generally known, the Laurel Park Hotel Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, is now being organized for the purpose of erecting a mammoth hotel on Summit Heights in the Park, one of the commanding eminences of the estate. The building of this new hotel is assured. It will be a hotel in fullest accord with its surroundings in "the most beautiful natural park in America" and will add to the fame that estate has heapd upon Hendersonville.

The remarkable and insistent demand for accommodations at Laurel Park Retreat is sufficient commentary upon Miss Florence Jordan's well known ability in catering to the traveling public. Under Miss Jordan's personal management the Retreat has become known as far more than a hotel—rather as a home in the fullest sense of the word—to the people of every Southern state and their

eagerness to avail themselves of the hospitality is but well-earned appreciation of Miss Jordan's efforts.

**SHORT LOCAL ITEMS.**

The cross-ties on Main street yesterday seemed to have lost that resigned neglected look they have been wearing for several weeks past and a more benignant, patronizing set of cross-ties was never seen—the steel rails had arrived and they had evidently heard the good news.

A negro was yesterday arrested for the theft of a pair of shoes and given a preliminary hearing at which he stoutly denied his guilt. Even after Deputy Stroup by diligent searching had found the shoes in question the defendant continued to assert his innocence and offered various excuses for having the shoes in his possession. The evidence against him was so conclusive however that he was held for the higher court.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist and professor at the University, who made an address at the Court House this morning left for Asheville where he is expected to deliver another address. From Asheville Dr. Pratt will return to his home in Hendersonville to attend to the business of roads to be held at Chapel Hill.

Mr. W. P. Cantwell of Spartanburg has returned to his home after spending several days with his family who are here for the summer. Mr. Cantwell is County Supervisor of roads in his home city and was intensely interested in the good roads meeting here and at Spartanburg.

Mr. J. H. Clifton and family of Sumter, S. C., are registered at the Wheeler hotel. Mr. Clifton is the representative of his county in the State Senate.

Misses Ethyl and Clara Bowers and Bana Green of Newberry, S. C., are the attractive guests of the Misses Lane. They expect to spend several weeks in the city.

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