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BUSINESS MEN ARE URGED TO MEET ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

Will Work Out Details, Elect Officers and Consider Plans for Thorough and Effective Body.

To the business men of Hendersonville: The merchants' association has not passed out of the embryonic stage, therefore the thought, presence and advice of all the business interests of Hendersonville and community is necessary at the meeting to be held at the furniture store of Chas. Rozzelle on Thursday night of this week.

At the meeting last week a president and vice president were elected. At the meeting to be held Thursday night it is desired that there be a good attendance for the reason that it is hoped to adopt such by-laws and constitution as will be favorable to the majority of the business people. Various business men are making good and very thoughtful suggestions as to how to most effectively conduct the organization and it is desired and necessary that they be present and participate in the organization.

We must organize on a more permanent basis than heretofore or our efforts will avail but little. It is absolutely necessary that we select a capable secretary, and other officers suitable to the majority of the business people.

The opportunity is ripe for a strong organization of this kind in Hendersonville, so I appeal to all business people, regardless of profession or trade, to meet Thursday night and advise together and see what course is best to take.

It is possible for us to meet and cooperate to our mutual advantage, therefore let's meet and unite for this purpose.

The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8:05 o'clock Thursday night at Chas. Rozzelle's furniture store.

Yours for better business methods.
NOAH M. HOLLOWELL,
President.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

(By Mrs. W. F. Womble.)
The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the W. N. C. conference, recently held in Charlotte was one of much interest. The Charlotte people were lavish in their hospitality and left nothing undone for the comfort and pleasure of the delegates in attendance. Miss Lelle Tuttle, a returned missionary, and other prominent visitors added much to the pleasure and profit of the occasion.

Mrs. Hume R. Steel, educational secretary of the board of missions, with her store of knowledge of the work, was an inspiration all during the conference. On Sunday Bishop James Atkins preached the annual sermon, taking for his text the first twelve verses of Ezekiel. This conference will be held in Greensboro next year.

BUNCOMBE ALSO HAS VERY BAD ROADS; GENERAL MUD PREVAILS.

(Asheville Citizen.)
That the roads of Buncombe county are in the worst condition of the past quarter of a century is indicated by statements made by farmers whose business brings them to Asheville and Asheville people who are fond of driving. The mud is so deep in many places, it is said, that the roads can not be used, while in others it is possible to traverse them only with the greatest difficulty.

The condition of the highways at the present time is due to the recent heavy rains which have been experienced here. Ashevilleans recalling that this city has had but few clear days since the first of December. The indications are that there will be no relief from the present conditions until the precipitation is lighter. The road workers of the county are able to make but little progress now on account of the condition of the soil, and it would be advisable to try to improve the conditions as long as the frequent rains continue, the commissioners of the county believe.

One authority on road work said yesterday that although traveling is unpleasant now the heavy rains will prove of benefit eventually. Many of the sand-clay roads, he said, have been in need of a thorough drenching for sometime past and while they are in bad condition now, it will be seen after they have had an opportunity to dry that they are firmer and more durable than they have been before. He called attention to the fact that the recent rains have been steady rather than hard and this, he says, is responsible for the fact that few of the highways have been damaged permanently. When the weather improves, it will be possible to put the highways in excellent condition.

Bad roads are not confined to Western North Carolina just now. The precipitation has been general throughout the south and motor journals show that automobilists are attempting to make few cross-country drives on account of the condition of the highways. Motoring will not be taken up to any great degree until the weather is considerably better throughout the southern states.

BUNCH OF FLOWERS.

"Your paper is doing great work for your city and State. Hope your citizens realize it."—Dr. John E. Ennis, St. Petersburg, Fla.

HOSPITAL AND BELGIAN RELIEF ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment to take place at the St. John's at eight p. m., Feb. 16th for the relief of the Patton Memorial hospital and Belgian sufferers, promises to be a great success. The tickets are selling rapidly. Arrangements have been made to comfortably heat the large ball-room. The electrical effects will be unique and beautiful. The service of a fine orchestra has been secured.

Both entertainers and the public generally are urged to come in fancy costume. Prizes for the prettiest and most comical costume will be awarded by a committee. Messrs. W. A. Smith, Jr., Albert Edwards, Grady Justus, Bert Shock, and Judge H. G. Ewart will act as the committee on reception and entertainment.

The list of entertainers consist of the finest local talent in Hendersonville. Doors will open at seven thirty, p. m. Performance begins at eight p. m. sharp. Admission, adults fifty cents, children twenty-five cents.

The following is the program:

- PROGRAM
- The Time.
- Mardi Gras, New Orleans, Feb. 16th.
- The Place.
- Café de Paris, Canal St, New Orleans.
- The Parties:

The masqueraders present in the café deciding to have a Cabaret choose one of their number as Master of Ceremonies, and the merry making begins.

Part I.

- No. 1. "It's a long way to Tipperary".....Herr Professor Nickel.
- Assisted by Mrs. Leon St. John.
- Chorus; the Cabaret party and the audience.
- "I want to go back to Michigan".....Chorus; the Cabaret party and the audience.

- No. 2. (a) "When Love was Born".....Schleifarth, Madame Satterthwaite, Mrs. M. C. Toms, accompanist.
- (b) "The Years at the Spring".....Beach
- (c) "When Love is Kind".....W. F. Nickel.

- No. 3. "Till the Sands of the Desert grow Cold".....Senor Shock
- No. 4. "The Ride to Death".....Madame S. Nixon Rowe.
- No. 5. "Kentucky Days".....Madame L. R. Mateer, Messrs. Guy E. Mateer and H. C. Rainey.

- No. 6. "Epimetheus".....Madame Mabel Young.
- No. 7. Violin Solo, scene de la bzarda.....Hubay.
- Mademoiselle Evah Blythe.

- No. 8. "Selections from Miss Minerva Hill and William Green Hill".....Madame Mabel Briggs.
- No. 9. Florian Song.....Godard.
- Rose of Yestee-eeen.....Marie Rich.
- Madame Michael Schenck.....

- No. 10. Selections.....Madame A. B. Drafts.
- Intermission of ten minutes.
- Selection by the Morris orchestra of Asheville.

- Part II.
- No. 11. Monologue, "Uncle Bill".....Professor W. H. Bangs.
- No. 12. "Meet me where the Lanterns Glow" with electrical effects.

- From "A Trip to Japan," New York Hippodrome, Cabaret Chorus.
- No. 13. "A sensation in the Cabaret Party" a Visit from a little mermaid, "Arrest of a German Spy," Kaiser Wilhelm, Theodore Roosevelt, W. H. Taft, Cassie Nation, Billy Sunday, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Mrs. Parkhurst, Charles Murphy, and other notables send telegrams.

- No. 14. First appearance in Hendersonville of Alma Gluck, accompanied by a quartette who will sing, "Carry me back to old Virginia," "Love's Old Sweet Song," will be rendered by the New York Neapolitan Trio.
- Madame Melba will delight the audience with Tositi's "Goodbye."
- Miss Clara Butt, the greatest Contralto in the world will sing "Three Fishers Went Sailing."
- Billy Sunday will be heard in a short sermon.

- No. 15. Monologue.....Prof. Pierrot
- No. 16. Medley of Popular Airs.....Morris Orchestra.

LUTHERAN SERVICES.

Lutheran services will be held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A special musical program has been arranged. The public is cordially invited.

W. O. W. ELECT DELEGATES.

White Pine Camp, Woodmen of the World, elected V. E. Grant, J. T. Wilkins and G. J. Milward as delegates to attend the state W. O. W. meeting to be held next month in Durham. The election was held under the Australian ballot system Thursday night at the Woodmen hall and 110 members participated.

Merchants and Newspapers Great Factors In Building Up a Town

PATRONIZE YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER!

Although there are many reasons why EVERY ONE SHOULD DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO HELP THE HOME PAPER, it is self evident that the men who can and should do the most are the merchants. Their success means the success of the newspaper, and none will deny that the SUCCESS OF THE NEWSPAPER IS MAINLY DEPENDENT ON THE MERCHANTS. The newspaper is vitally interested in the success of those who have things to offer to the community.

Women and many men nowadays read the advertising columns almost as closely as they do the news columns.

IF A MERCHANT HAS ANYTHING SPECIAL TO OFFER HE KNOWS THAT THE VERY BEST WAY TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT HE HAS IT IS THROUGH THE COLUMNS OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. MERCHANTS SHOULD TAKE A DEEP INTEREST IN THEIR HOME NEWSPAPER. IT IS AN INSTITUTION OF THE TOWN. IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. IT IS THE GREATEST TOWN BOOMER THERE IS. THE NEWSPAPER IS NECESSARY TO THE MERCHANT AND THE MERCHANT TO THE NEWSPAPER. IF THE HOME NEWSPAPER OCCASIONALLY KNOCKS IT IS TO REMEDY SOMETHING THAT IS WRONG, OR AT LEAST SOMETHING THAT IT HONESTLY THINKS IS WRONG. THE HOME NEWSPAPER'S HANDS SHOULD BE HELD UP. IT NEEDS THE SINCERE MORAL SUPPORT OF EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT NONE MORE THAN THE MERCHANTS.

Merchants of a town, those who supply its daily needs, invariably are PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS. They are the men who make up the boards of trade. They are always in the forefront of any agitation looking to the BETTERMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY. Their cause always is identical with that of the home newspaper. There should be a spirit of co-operation between the merchants and the home newspaper.

MERCHANTS, BOOST FOR THE HOME NEWSPAPER!

"MOVIE" PEOPLE TO BAT CAVE.

Mr. Turner Induced Moving Picture Makers to Visit Esmeralda.

Thomas F. Turner, proprietor of Esmeralda Inn at Bat Cave, while in the city Monday announced that he had induced the World Film company, which visited Asheville a few days ago, to visit Bat Cave and make a picture.

The company of ten people passed through Hendersonville Tuesday morning en route to Bat Cave, where they will make headquarters at the Esmeralda Inn. The "movie" people will be there until they can secure the scenery for one picture. It is their intention to return within six or eight weeks after visiting the South.

Upon learning that the people were in Asheville Mr. Turner visited the management as a result of which Bat Cave scenery again will be featured in the moving picture world.

INSURANCE AGENTS' FEES.

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—The house discussed for an hour and then passed the Seawell bill for 12 1-2 per cent flat and 12 1-2 per cent contingent fee for fire insurance agents, contingent fees to be based on profits of the agency. The vote for the bill was by a large majority. Representative Grier, in strenuous opposition, declared that he thought that the recent insurance investigation "was to stay the great insurance octopus," but he now feared that the legislature was on the advice of the investigating committee, "simply strangling a little jelly fish." The bill was sent to the senate.

1,974 BALES SHIPPED.

Fayetteville, Feb. 3.—A single shipment of 75 carloads of cotton is being railroaded out of Fayetteville. This shipment consists of 1,974 bales of cotton and is the largest single shipment ever sent out from here. It is being shipped by Hart & Howell of this city and will be exported from Norfolk by Rogers & Co.

The Democrat's Clubbing Offer

- Three yearly subscriptions, paid at one time \$2.50
- Five yearly subscriptions, paid at one time \$3.75
- Subscriptions for more than one year at less than \$1 yearly will not be given.

This is an exceptionally good opportunity for some progressive person to make \$1.25 on five yearly Democrat-Hustler subscribers for a NEWS-PAPER worth every cent of \$1.50 but reduced to \$1 per year.

Do It Now!

BROUGHT RESULTS.

W. F. Case advertised in the Democrat for a white girl to do house work and as a result immediately received about half a dozen inquiries. The Democrat's classified advertisements are widely read and they bring inquiries. If you have property to rent or sell, want help, etc., the Democrat can render great service for only a few cents.

WESTERN TRAINING SCHOOL.

Jackson County Journal Says That its Charges Remain Undenied. (Jackson County Journal.)

The Journal wishes to express its thanks to the Western Carolina Democrat for presenting our views upon the establishment of the Western Training school. We had about despaired of getting a hearing when, last week the Democrat came forward with this:

"The Jackson County Journal is jumping on the proposed training school for Western North Carolina with both feet. Four years ago Hendersonville was very busy in an effort to land the proposed institution. This year it is not doing anything. There is no occasion to pull for the school for any one locality until the legislature makes an appropriation.

The Journal is naturally interested in the Jackson county institution, Cullowhee, and if it can see where the school would be crippled by another, then its fight would be very plausible. We are not well enough informed on this subject to take sides, but we are told that Cullowhee's influences killed the bill two years ago. In order that the Journal's position may be made known we reproduce the recent editorial."

There follows a complete presentation of what we have said about this matter.

We would remind the Democrat that the Journal has charged that the purpose of the Buncombe people is to establish a school there the object and intent of which is to combine the Cullowhee and Boone schools in the new one at Asheville. No one has denied it, so far as we know. Not a word have the Buncombe papers said in denial of the charge.

We repeat that it has no other object in view than the destruction of our splendid schools in Watauga and Jackson for the benefit of Buncombe. Commenting on the action of the Greater Western North Carolina association the Journal says:

We fear that this is rather misleading, for, on the face of it, it appears to reflect the sentiment of the whole of the counties of the association, which it does not.

Mr. Ensley's plea was that it was not a matter upon which the association should act, as its purpose is to build up one section to the prejudice of another.

The association has done a great work and we are with it to the last ditch, therefore we want it distinctly understood that the association is not to blame for the attempt that was made to use it for the benefit of one county. The blame lies entirely with the county of Buncombe, the county that is fighting for the establishment of the school, the county would derive the emoluments of its establishment.

COL. HODGES TO BREVARD.

(Asheville Citizen.)

An announcement of unusual interest in local railroad circles is that of the transfer of Col. C. C. Hodges, superintendent of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway company, to the Transylvania division with headquarters at Brevard. Col. Hodges will be succeeded at this city by S. S. Collins, of Selma, Ala., who for the past several years has been superintendent of the Mobile division.

The placing of Col. Hodges in charge of the Transylvania division followed the creation of the office by the management of the railway a short time ago. The line is one which is in need of the services of a superintendent who can give his entire time to this work, it is felt, and for that reason it was decided to establish a separate division with headquarters at Brevard. That the Southern regards the division as an important one is shown by its action in naming Col. Hodges to have charge of it, the latter meeting with much success in the various capacities in which he has served the Southern.

STATE AID TO RAILROADS.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.—The Senate today killed the Muse bill designed to break up the State policy of aiding the construction of railroads in undeveloped territory by working convicts in exchange for stock; and this, with the action of the House more than a week ago in defeating the Page bills to repeal the acts that authorized the convict work now in progress, is taken to mean that the 1915 Legislature has now fixed this State aid policy at least to the extent of carrying out the contracts that the State has with railroad companies for this co-operative construction work.

MR. VALENTINE DROPS NINE BILLS IN LEGISLATIVE HOPPER.

Bills Call for Salary Increases, Incorporation East Flat Rock; the Tax Bill Asphyxiated.

(By T. R. Barrows.)
Raleigh, Feb. 8.—About one half of the General Assembly's allotted span of life has passed into the great beyond. There have been 466 bills introduced in the Senate and 743 in the house. Henderson county's representative, Mr. George Valentine, has dropped 9 of this number into the hopper.

Mr. Valentine's latest bill is one to incorporate the town of East Flat Rock. He has received, and is receiving, many petitions for and against the proposition. The bill has not yet been reported from the committee. Mr. Valentine's bill to induce prompt payment of taxes in Henderson county was put to sleep in the Senate. It will not awaken. Another Henderson county measure which may pass the House, when it is introduced, will provide for increases in certain county officials' salaries. It may pass the House, when it is introduced, but that's about as far as it will get. They are a rude, rough set of men in the Senate—sometimes.

It is common talk on the floor of both Senate and House that the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League's liquor bill will pass, practically without amendment. As is generally known, the bill is most sweeping in its provisions. It would absolutely prohibit the shipment of booze into the State except to ministers of the gospel—to be used in church services only.

But—and please mark this but—while the bill will be allowed to pass its ratification will be left to the people sometime during 1916. That would mean another prohibition campaign, and its outcome would be problematical. But, again, should the law actually become effective, the Old North State would be prohibition in fact as well as in name.

Another bill of interest to the Western part of the State is the child labor measure—killed in the Senate last week. Another measure, for the same purpose, will be introduced this week. It will have the endorsement of Commissioner of Labor M. L. Shipman and stands an excellent chance of getting through. It simply provides the machinery for making the present child labor law effective and carries only the modest appropriation of \$6,000 annually for that purpose.

The big measures will be heard of from now on. A State-wide primary will be put on the law books—possibly for all officers down to constable. The State Highway commission is another matter of large importance. The statement is made repeatedly that bond issues are voted, additional burdens placed on the people and still no roads that are roads, built. As the bill is State-wide in its provisions, Henderson county will have a peculiar interest in its passage.

REPORT OF CHARITY WORK.

Out of Ten Applications, Five Found Worthy; Help Greatly Needed.

Following is the report of the organized charities of Hendersonville covering the work done since the organization was perfected in January. The society is in need of funds and help of all kinds, as will be seen by the following report:

Regular monthly meeting of the Associated charities of Hendersonville was held at the public library Monday morning, February 8th at 10:30.

Present: W. F. Humphries, T. W. Valentine, Mrs. R. P. Freeze, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Miss Ella McLain, Mrs. William Lott, H. F. Stewart.

A review of the previous month's work showed three meetings were held during January; applications for help, 10; number found deserving, 5; number helped, 3; cash and pledges received, \$38.00; amount paid for fuel and provisions to the poor, \$3.50; for stamps and stationery, 50c.

A room has been provided for storing clothing or articles of any kind that may be utilized for the relief of the needy, and a number of articles have already been given. A number of cases coming to the attention of the association have been reported to the churches and other organizations of which they were members, and relief furnished through such organizations.

We find lots of work to do and much suffering, especially through the cold weather. More funds are needed, and those disposed to alleviate suffering of the unfortunate can find an expression of their interest by contributing to the association, where every cent is spent judiciously, and a careful investigation made of the parties receiving same. We do not help where the parties are able to help themselves, but the work of the association is to help those unable to help themselves, and to discourage promiscuous and injudicious giving, and to protect the public as far as possible from being imposed upon by professional beggars.

Any contribution may be turned over to the president, the secretary or treasurer, and it will reach its proper channel.

W. F. HUMPHRIES, President.
MRS. R. P. FREEZE, Treasurer.
H. F. STEWART, Secretary.