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HENDERSONVILLE BOY HONORED.

Melvin Spofford Hatch Receives Valuable Publicity From Big Magazine.

The American Magazine, a publication of a big circulation over the United States and published in Springfield, Ohio, in the department of "Interesting People," carries in the July number an interesting story of Melvin Spofford Hatch, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hatch on the Asheville road.

The partner referred to in the hog raising business is understood to be Mrs. A. M. Gover.

The story, which was illustrated by two pictures of the young farmer and his farm and hogs, follows:

The late Representative Anderson of Ohio never failed to include in his biography in each issue of the "Congressional Directory" the fact that at sixteen he had saved enough money to buy a home for his mother. This was, indeed, a record of which he might justly be proud, but a young boy in the mountains or western North Carolina, Master Melvin Spofford Hatch, has, to adopt a popular phrase, "gone him one better;" he had bought a small truck farm on the outskirts of the town of Hendersonville when he was thirteen, finishing payment for it by the time his fifteenth birthday had arrived, last September.

And the remarkable thing about his achievement is that it isn't remarkable at all. Thousands of boys are as favorably situated as he is for doing the same thing; it is only that they could do it and he did it that makes the difference. His methods have not been spectacular; he bears not the slightest resemblance to the heroes of various popular boys books, nor has he been spurred by any dire necessity; he has not been goaded into action in any way, or required to drudge away his boyhood; he has merely been given sympathetic encouragement, and been allowed to do his own thinking and planning and to reap his own reward. The fact that at fifteen he has achieved a success that might be envied by a full-grown man (and that without the loss of a single day at school or the loss of too great a part of his boyish pleasures) is to be attributed to three virtues that should be commonplace: thrift, industry, and good judgment.

Hendersonville is a summer resort, where for several months of each year every other house resolves itself into a boarding house for the accommodation of throngs of tourists from the north, south, east and west. The farm that Melvin bought is located just outside the town limits and is two acres in extent; the house has four nice rooms and a front and back piazza; there are fruit trees and a good stable, and a hedge of roses and lilacs adds touch of beauty. It was a wonderful bargain at \$333, as our business man of thirteen could see. Just then he had exactly eighty dollars in his bank. Fifty of this he had saved from nickels and dimes given him for running errands, doing odd jobs, and for gifts on birthdays and holidays.

This fifty does not represent gratification to a very great extent, either, for when he was three years old he began to earn money picking up chips at one cent a basketful. Thirty dollars he had earned by services to persons wholly outside of the family; ten dollars came from the sale of water lilies; the rest from the sale of old iron, bones and junk of various kinds, and of vegetables from his own little garden, and kindling and pine cones. All these he hauled to his various customers in his little goat wagon.

Some of his boyish investments reaped a fabulous profit. A promoter who promised a profit of over four thousand per cent on an investment would be regarded by most intelligent persons as a marvelous fabricator, but this is an understatement of the profits of one of Melvin's business ventures. The explanation is that he bought ten cents' worth of beans for planting and his crop consisted of seven bushels, five of which he sold for a dollar a bushel, donating two bushels for family use.

The purchase of the farm was handled in an entirely businesslike manner. No favors were given or asked on either side. The eighty dollars was the first payment, and a mortgage at the legal rate of interest was given for the remainder of the purchase price. The house was promptly rented for five dollars a month, which took care of the interest and taxes and left a small sum over toward the payments on the principal. At this rate, the farm would be nearly paid for by the time he was twenty-one without a single extra exertion on his part, and all the money he earned might be spent for baseball bats, tickets to the moving picture shows, and other things dear to the boyish heart; some of it did go in these directions, for, be it understood, he is a real live boy, some of it, too, went in a donation to the town hospital and to an orphanage, for he is a public-spirited citizen as well as a good business man; however, our hero of the commonplace did not rest on his laurels, but looked around for more opportunities.

As before said, the town was a summer resort overflowing with boarding houses; it was also minus a system of garbage collection, so the landlady of the nearest boarding house was more than willing to fall in with a proposition to buy two pigs for Melvin to keep on his father's farm, a milk-away, and to furnish the swill, which he would haul away daily, to feed them. The pigs cost \$3.50 each, the food costing nothing, and the net gain to each partner that fall was \$20, but, as the boy philosophically remarked, it was as much trouble to care for two pigs as it was to care for a dozen, so the proprietress of a small hotel was next interested in the same proposition, and the goat was replaced by a young ox, the net profit that fall being \$100 each; the business relations were renewed the following spring and at the time this is written fifteen hogs have been sold at a net profit of \$300, which has been equally divided between the two. There are fifteen shoots and four sows left which will probably bring in ten dollars each.

Fall brings school and, consequently, less time for farm work, but it also brings apples. One year he was given the wind-falls from his father's and grandmother's orchards; these he hauled to a cider mill, giving half the cider to the owner of the mill, his own share being some twenty-five gallons, part of which was sold and the rest kept for vinegar, which was afterward sold for ten cents a quart.

In addition to being a landed proprietor, Master Hatch has also a steady income, acquired solely by his own exertions, for he has a small sum of money loaned at good interest, as well as the steady rent of the house, and most hopeful sign, when the country's needs are considered, it is evident that the siren song of the city will fall on deaf ears in coming years, for the other day he said to his business adviser, his mother, "I think it would be a good thing if I were to mortgage my land buy more, so I can be improving it and be ready to make my living on it when I am twenty-one. I ought to be able to get in good shape in the next six years."

HAYNES MANAGER FOR CARTER IN CAMPAIGN FOR ATTY-GEN.

Asheville, June 26.—The Democratic state campaign leading up to the election of November, 1916, was formally launched here today with the statement to the press by Judge Frank Carter, who recently announced his intention of entering the race for the attorney generalship, that he had selected J. W. Haynes, of Asheville, as his campaign manager. Headquarters will be opened here at once it is stated, and the campaign in behalf of Judge Carter's candidacy will be begun with a seal that promises to crystallize the situation in the race at an early date.

This announcement by Judge Carter, it is believed, will immediately force the hand of Josiah William Bailey, who gave out the information some time ago that he might seek the nomination as attorney general; and it is also expected to bring a statement from E. A. Doughton, either announcing his candidacy or his decision not to enter the race.

The 1916 campaign is really on; and those learned in the realm of state politics believe that the beginning made by Judge Carter will be quickly followed by developments in the gubernatorial and other state contests. The campaign is being anticipated by western North Carolina Democrats as the liveliest North Carolina has experienced in a number of years.

EXAMINATIONS OF TEACHERS.

Examinations for the public school teachers will be held at the graded school building of Hendersonville on July 8 and 9.

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE RETREATING ALONG WHOLE LINE.

London, June 26.—Driven back over their own frontier north of Lemberg and forced to cross the river Galicia, in southeast Galicia, the Russian armies continue to retreat before the Austro-Germans along a front of approximately 250 miles.

Berlin records progress in virtually the entire southeastern theater, although violent fighting still is in progress beyond the Gnla Pipe, which joins the Dniester Halicz.

Having forced a passage of this stream General von Linsingen's army is presumably astride the railway running from Halicz to Lemberg and Stanislaw and now doubtless is aiming at the line which runs from Lemberg to Odessa through Tarnopol.

Further Punishment. It seems evident that Germany is bent on further punishment for the Russians before relaxing the intensity of her Galician campaign, but, with the Germans will have to rely almost solely on road transport and their advance will be slower.

J. T. METEER DEAD.

The funeral services over the remains of J. T. Meteer, an account of whose death was carried in last week's Democrat, were conducted from the residence last Saturday morning, the Rev. Mr. Simpson, who is supplying for the Presbyterian church for the summer, officiating.

The deceased was a Mason and his remains were laid to rest in Oakdale with Masonic honors.

JAPAN AND CHINA WARNED.

Peking, June 28.—Warning that the United States would not recognize any agreement between China and Japan which impaired American rights in China or endangered the "open door" policy was conveyed to the governments of both China and Japan in an identical note from Washington which was delivered about May 15.

The notes were handed to the foreign offices of both countries a week after China had acceded to the demands contained in the Japanese ultimatum, insisting upon concession from the former nation.

WILSON IS STUDYING.

Cornish, N. H., June 28.—President Wilson devoted several hours today to the consideration of the Mexican, the European and the Haitian situations. He was in communication with Secretary Lansing and other Washington officials. There was no indication tonight that any of the business brought before him was of such a nature as to take him back to Washington, but he is ready to leave here at any time.

BRAN'S DOCTRINE UNDESIRABLE.

Chicago, June 28.—A meeting of the Sons of Teutons, to have been held here tonight with William Jennings Bryan as one of the speakers, has been postponed. G. F. Hummel, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said, however, in announcing the postponement that Mr. Bryan might yet address the Sons of Teutons, "if satisfactory arrangements can be made."

The subject on which Mr. Bryan was to talk was really a minor matter," said Mr. Hummel. "We wanted him to talk on the exportation of ammunition, and he offered to repeat his New York address on 'Peace.' That talk would do us no good. Stop the exportation of munitions of war and there would be peace in a month."

During inaugural ceremonies at the capitol there were several tense moments. When Governor Slaton approached the new governor to deliver into his hands the grand seal of the state, a few hisses were heard from the crowded gallery. President G. Ogden Persons, of the state senate, rapped sharply with his gavel. The hisses continued and Governor Slaton paused. President Persons rapped again and the hissing ceased. He warned the spectators unless they were in order the galleries would be cleared.

Instantly there was a tumult of applause. After it subsided Governor Slaton turned to the new governor and said, presenting the seal.

Governor Harris, I know that during my term of office this great seal of state has not been dishonored." His words were greeted by another prolonged outburst of applause.

Leaving the capitol the crowd screamed in on the former governor and had to be held back by the militia. Hisses and shouts greeted his ears. Some one yelled "traitor" and another called him "King of the Jews." Governor Slaton hurried to his automobile, accompanied by his successor. The crowd followed the car under the impression that it was on the way to the terminal station, where the police had to disperse the throng that quickly gathered. The two governors did not go to the station. They were on their way to the hotel where the luncheon to Governor Harris was given.

Atlanta, Ga., June 26.—A battery of artillery, fully equipped, a battalion of infantry and a troop of cavalry stood guard tonight at the country home of John M. Slaton, who retired at noon today from the office of governor of Georgia. All was quiet during the early evening and there seemed to be no indication of further demonstrations tonight by persons who disapproved the former governor's action in commuting the death sentence of Leo M. Frank.

BANKS CLOSED JULY 5.

On account of July 5th being a legal holiday the banks of Hendersonville will be closed for the day.

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PATRONIZE THE HOME NEWSPAPER!
Friends, this town is YOUR HOME. You are PROUD of it. You were born here perhaps, or you have spent most of your life here.

YOU WANT TO SEE THE OLD PLACE BOOM. YOU WANT TO SEE IT DEVELOP MORE AND MORE INTO A LIVE WIRE COMMUNITY. YOU WANT TO SEE IT RECOGNIZED ALL OVER THE STATE AS A TOWN WITH A PUNCH. YOU REALIZE THAT THE MORE CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS WE HAVE THE BETTER OUR TOWN WILL BECOME. YOU ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN OUR CIVIC WELFARE. YOU HAVE GIVEN AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS YOUR EARNEST AND HEARTY SUPPORT.

Friends, we hope this is ALL TRUE OF YOU. It is TRUE OF US.

THIS PAPER HAS WORKED AND FOUGHT WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT FOR THE REAL, PRACTICAL BETTERMENT OF THIS FINE OLD PLACE. EVERY WORTHY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT HAS HAD OUR ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL AND OUR CONSTANT HELP. THIS PAPER HAS STOOD EMPHATICALLY FOR A BIGGER AND A BETTER COMMUNITY—FOR BETTER ROADS, FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, FOR BETTER FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION, FOR MANY OTHER BETTER PUBLIC NECESSITIES.

This paper thinks it has earned your RESPECT and deserves your SUPPORT. We ask you to read it. We ask you to enter into any fight it may undertake for your betterment. We ask you to interest your friends in our undertakings for the public welfare. We want your backing, both MORALLY and MATERIALLY.

If you are proud of your home town, don't you think you should CORDIALLY and CONSTANTLY support your HOME PAPER?

This paper supports YOU in your demands for civic betterments. You should support IT.

925 VACCINATIONS IN HENDERSON COUNTY

Gentle Reader:
The following is NOT A JUMPING JACK, BUT MERELY THE CAPERS CUT BY MR. E. Z. EXCITABLE AFTER HE DECIDED TO TAKE THE ANTI-TYPHOID TREATMENT. He is of a very frail Anatomy and the ANTICIPATION of Any Event No matter how TRIVIAL Causes him Great Mental Anguish. However, Mr. E. Z. Got Through the Ordeal Without loss of Life or Property. He Knew it was the Proper Thing To Do.— Hence His Decision. MORAL: Anti-Typhoid Treatment DOES NOT HURT!



The anti-typhoid campaign in Henderson county is not in the least disappointing to the authorities. At their various appointments over the county the physicians in charge are administering to a large number of patients. Nearly 900 was treated in Hendersonville last Saturday. Hendersonville, Flat Rock and Tuxedo are going in strong for the treatment. To date 925 people have taken the treatment in Henderson county. The physicians are filling their appointments as heretofore advertised in the Democrat. There is practically no sickness reported as a result of the vaccinations.