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## PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF CITY ENJOY BRIGHT PROSPECTS

THREE PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS BEGIN SECOND YEAR'S WORK UNDER AUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES; STUDENTS ENROLLED FROM MANY STATES; CAPACITY HAS ALMOST BEEN REACHED.

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### The Public School.

The public schools of Hendersonville opened last Wednesday with an enrollment of about 500 pupils. The new superintendent, Prof. G. C. Briggs of Waynesville, departed from the old custom of school openings in Hendersonville and held somewhat of an educational rally at the court house. The school children, about 500 strong, marched from the public school building at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon after organization and assignment of lessons by the superintendent and teachers. On entering the court house the elementary grades sat below and within the bar while the high school pupils occupied the gallery. It was an inspiring scene, for the big auditorium of the court house was filled to its capacity with many people occupying standing room next to the walls and doors.

The exercises opened with the song, Carolina, with Miss Marguerite Briggs, the music teacher of the school, presiding at the organ. The music was followed by the reading of Scripture, and prayer by Rev. K. W. Cawthon, followed with solo by Mrs. Michael Schenck, Alice Pace and Dolly Posey rendered recitations.

Superintendent Briggs read a letter from Congressman James J. Britt, expressing regrets over his inability to be present as had been intended on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Britt. Supt. Briggs expressed keen disappointment as he had depended on a most interesting educational talk by Mr. Britt, who for a number of years was engaged in school work.

Judge C. M. Pace was received with a great ovation when he was called upon by Supt. Briggs. Judge Pace expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present and said that although in recent years he had not taken an active part in educational matters, he had in former years. He spoke in most flattering terms of the new superintendent, declaring that he knew him thoroughly for the reason that the superintendent boarded in his home for four or five years when teaching at Judson college. He said that Prof. Briggs had made an enviable reputation since then in another State as well as in North Carolina. He spoke highly of his mental and moral qualifications and predicted that Hendersonville would have the best school year in its history.

W. A. Smith was the next speaker and though some of the children showed a little restlessness he succeeded in gaining their undivided attention on the important points, that for a child to succeed he or she must pay attention, and tell the truth. Mr. Smith laid emphasis on these points and evidently impressed the big audience of children with the importance of his subject.

R. H. Staton said that he had been given a better insight into the meaning of the school work by his attendance and that the parents who become too deeply absorbed in their business to attend such occasions are inclined to for-

get and neglect the importance of the school work of their children, and the prospects are bright for a T. W. Valentine and A. L. Gurvey good school year. Blue Ridge and Fleet schools, both for boys, and Fassifern, a school for girls, have begun work for the second year and Fruitland Institute, of many years' service, is now in session and the heads of these institutions report most favorable openings. The Hendersonville public schools have a large enrollment and indications point to most successful terms for all of the educational institutions of the county.

The exercises closed with the talk of Superintendent Briggs, who limited his remarks mostly to the important part the child plays in school life. He said that the child was the unit of the school and the center of all the efforts of the board of trustees, the superintendent and parents. He emphasized the importance of the parent recognizing the fact that his child is the link between the home and the school, the parent and the teacher. The new superintendent pleaded with the parents to make the most of the opportunities for the children. He urged them to co-operate heartily with the school authorities in order to make the school a success. The importance of close acquaintance and more sympathy on the part of teachers and the parents was stressed and warning was given as to the evil effects of parents criticizing teachers before their children and of teachers speaking other than in complimentary terms of parents in the presence of children. Supt. Briggs, although there were not as many parents present as he had hoped to see, thanked those there for their attendance and interest in the school work and assured them that it was his purpose to make the school the greatest success possible.

Expressions of satisfaction were heard from those in attendance and they showed appreciation of this opportunity to enjoy the opening exercises of the school under the new superintendent.

About 500 pupils have been enrolled, an increase over the enrollment of the past year, and the school authorities are pleased over the beginning of the new term since indications point to a very successful school year.

### Commercial Department.

The commercial department will be in charge of Prof. Briggs, Miss Hill and Miss Aiken. It is planned to enlarge this department and embrace book keeping, penmanship, business law, business correspondence, business paper, and such other subjects as properly belong to this phase of business training. The second course will include short hand, and typewriting, the Benn Pitman system of phonography being used. The touch system of typewriting will be taught.

### Music Department.

The music department is a new one for the school. It will be conducted by Miss Marguerite Briggs and the course of instruction will be based on the latest and most improved methods as endorsed by the best conservatories and teachers of music. Musical entertainments will be given occasionally so that the pupils may have an opportunity to play in public, which inspires confidence and gives self-possession. Miss Briggs comes highly recommended as an accomplished pianist.

### Expenses.

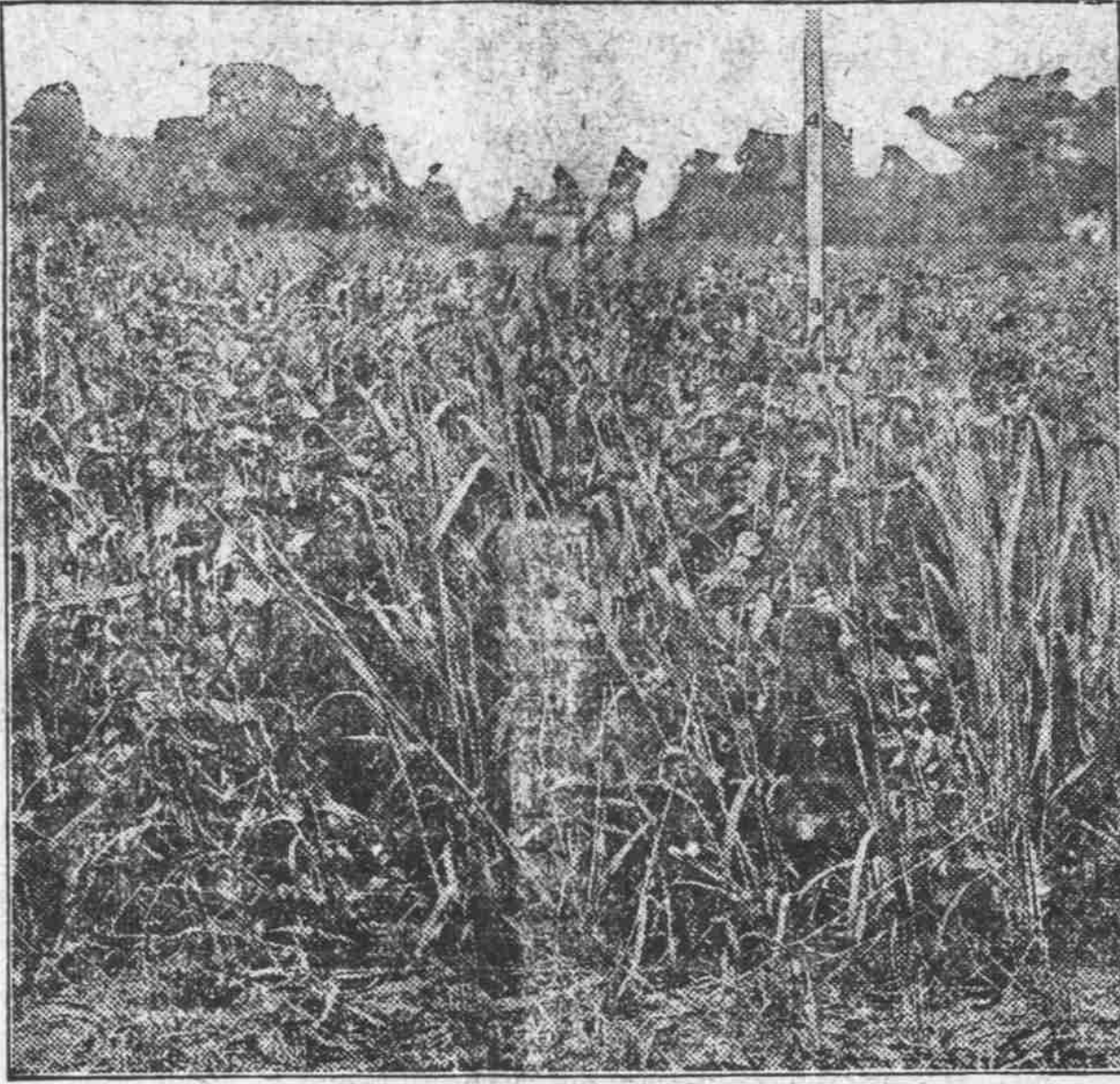
For music, two lessons a week, the tuition fee is \$12 for the half school year. For business course No. 1 the fee is \$10, the same price being charged for course No. 2, both courses being given for \$17.50.

### The Faculty.

The faculty is as follows: G. C. Briggs, superintendent, Miss Bessie Steedman, principal of the high school; Miss Mary M. Hill, Miss Lucile Youmans, Miss Rosa Edwards, Miss Bessie Aiken, Miss Lola Shipman, Miss Gussie

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## COMBINATION OF OATS AND FIELD PEAS



Excellent Roughage for the Dairy Cow.

The raising of oat and pea hay as a substitute for clover hay has attracted considerable attention during the past few years, and especially in those seasons when the clover crop is short.

A combination of oats and field peas makes a most excellent forage crop for all kinds of stock. In many instances oats are grown alone for hay and are excellent for this purpose, but field peas are leguminous plants and contain a much larger percent of protein than oats, consequently, if peas are mixed with oats, the crop is more nearly a substitute for clover hay. If peas are sown alone they are inclined to lodge and they are difficult to harvest, but when mixed with oats in equal proportion and sown at the rate of about two and one-half bushels per acre, the oats will help hold the pea vines up and keep them from lodging, and the crop can be cut with a common mowing machine the same as any grass crop with a little expense. It should be cured in the same way as grass.

## ANOTHER HOSEIERY MILL IS COMING TO HENDERSONVILLE

Hendersonville is to have another hosiery mill.

A site for the new plant has been purchased on Fourth avenue near the Southern railway and the citizens of Hendersonville have subscribed contributions aggregating \$600 in order to induce the promoter of the proposed mill to locate in this city.

It is proposed to build a \$10,000 plant and to soon enlarge it to a \$50,000 enterprise.

The citizens of Hendersonville have subscribed donations with the understanding that the mill is to be in operation with at least twenty operatives before the money is paid over to the promoters.

James P. Grey of Johnston City, Tenn., and son, James P. Grey, jr., will conduct the plant, the latter having been engaged for some time at Freeze-Bacon Hosiery mills and the Skyland mills.

### Roller Mill Didn't Materialize.

A few months ago citizens of Hendersonville subscribed about \$500 toward the establishment of a roller mill in this city, but for some reason the project failed to materialize. The subscriptions were transferred in favor of the hosiery mill.

Repeated efforts were made by Mr. Grey to secure a lot adjoining the property of the Freeze-Bacon Hosiery mills but satisfaction in this respect could not be had and as a result a lot was selected on Fourth avenue.

Plans for the plant are under preparation and building operations are expected to begin on the brick structure at an early date and soon thereafter Hendersonville will enjoy another mill payroll.

Postmaster S. Y. Bryson and George W. Justice secured subscriptions for the proposed roller mill and W. J. Davis and W. S. Miller took the subscription list in charge when it came to securing consent to the transfer of the donations to be made when the proposed mill is in operation.

### Machinery Already Ordered

Mr. Grey, when seen by a representative of the Democrat this week, stated that machinery had been ordered for the mill for ship-

ment on November 1. He stated that building operations would soon begin and that the structure will be larger than at first necessary in order to take care of the intended increase in capacity at an early date. The mill will manufacture seamless hose and preparations are to be made for turning out 200 dozen pairs daily, but the building will be erected with a view to increasing the machinery capacity to 1,000 dozen pairs of hose daily.

Mr. Grey and his son will make their home in Hendersonville and it is highly probable that Mr. Grey will at an early date move his family here from New York. So far as possible the mill will use home help and the management is anxious to employ efficient and dependable labor of as high type as possible. He observes over the State that hosiery mill help is of a higher type than that usually found in cotton mills and it is his desire to take care of the best working element of Hendersonville that can be secured and make the work as dignified and honorable as possible.

### Sentiment for Mills.

Mr. Davis states that in his efforts in behalf of the proposed mill he finds that sentiment has materially ripened of late in favor of industries in Hendersonville. He encountered little difficulty in securing donations and he found that the citizens are talking industries of all kinds for the community. "Hendersonville, for a city of its size would be the best place in North Carolina if we had about fifteen mills here," said Mr. Davis. "They would not interfere with our tourist business in the least. With plenty of industries Hendersonville would be a paradise."

### GIVE IT FREELY.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thy hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee.—Proverbs of Solomon.

## MR. EWBANK WRITES ABOUT RECALL OF FARM DEMONSTRATOR

DEPLORES FACT THAT PREJUDICE AGAINST SCIENTIFIC FARMING OR THAT POLITICS HAS STOPPED DEMONSTRATION WORK, WHICH HAS BROUGHT GOOD RESULTS; ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE COUNTY

Editor, Democrat:

It has just been called to my attention that at a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners the proposition of contributing a sum toward the employment of a county farm demonstrator had been discussed, and that said sum had not been allowed, which action, I am informed, affected the termination of the services of the demonstrator who has been serving the county for the past two years. I remember that the employment, two years ago, of a demonstrator, was effected by the board of county commissioners supplementing a sum contributed by the government. Last year when the matter was brought up for consideration by the commissioners this sum was not allowed. The amount was later raised by public spirited people throughout the county, and the demonstrator was retained for the year. I learn now that this latter method of supplementing the government allowance has been disapproved on the ground that any community not sufficiently interested in the matter to contribute the necessary amount, which is indeed small, in such a manner as that the payment of the same shall fall on the whole population rather than on a few, should not receive the assistance of the government. I think this position is correct, though I am very sorry that Henderson county citizens should take so little interest as to allow such a decision to be rendered where they are concerned. As I have heard it, there are several reasons for the failure of the board of commissioners to allow this sum. "Politics" has been the most generally mentioned. There are also a good many who contend that the reason is that we want a "Home" man and a man raised on a farm. Inferring that the present demonstrator is unsuitable on account of being a stranger and not having been raised on a farm. There are also many who think the cost is not justified by the results. Some object to the man!

It is a sad plight if the county interests are pitched from pillow to post as the ball with which the game of "politics" is played. If this is so it is time that the people take the ball from the players or a new nine selected who will play the game fair. The "Home" man idea is "boosh." I do admit that a demonstrator would be useful and profitable if we had a "Home" man for the job, then it shows beyond belief what a narrow, self-centered, egotistical, clique bunch of folks we are, that we are unwilling to go beyond our boundary line to employ brains and experience which we can not furnish at home. I don't believe many people feel this way about the matter. I say this because as far as I can learn we have no man, native to or living in Henderson county, who would be accepted by the government as farm demonstrator. And for my part, I have faith enough in the agricultural branch of the government to believe that when they inform us that we have no man in our county who is well enough posted to fill the requirements for farm demonstrator we had better accept that as fact until we do have a man that can stand the examination and prove that he is capable of holding the position.

I have not been over the county or talked with enough people to say whether or not the results so far have been good or worth the outlay, measured by the standard of visible results, but I am convinced that from what I have heard from various people in the county that judging from visible results plus a very small allowance for results we can not trace, the work has been very successful taking all things into consideration. It must be remembered that the best results are those that show the least many times, and there are many things that demonstration work will do indirectly and those results multiply until you will find in a county results of demonstration where the direct influence has been many times removed. It is not always possible to get tangible results and the growth and prosperity and the general welfare of a community must often be the judge as to whether the expendi-

ture of the people's money has been wisely accomplished. It is also to be borne in mind that a demonstrator, to accomplish the most good, should be a man of good personality and one who makes himself agreeable in the community where he is at work; one taking the proper interest to acquaint himself with the people in that spirit of friendship and interest in their affairs which will enable him to have the proper co-operation and confidence, by which and through which alone, can any agricultural community make proper use of the demonstrator or the demonstrator himself be properly imbued with the desire to make his county a banner one in which the people take pride. This is true of any line of business where the leadership of any man is to launch any industry into new fields of industry and profit. I am interested in the demonstration work generally and am sorry to know that this county has been deprived of the services of the demonstrator. I hope it will not be for long.

He who excels in any profession is he who gives the most time, backed by correct thought. A man is not successful simply because he works hard, but is the man who works with understanding that makes the success in the long run. There is plenty of knowledge in the world to make all men successful if they knew how to get and then how to apply it. It is the aim of the demonstration work to aid the farmer in both these. It is a misfortune that so many people look upon the demonstrator as a man with lots of book learning and no practice. That day has passed. The farmer who thinks he knows all about farming in his community simply because he has lived there all his life is generally found to be making very little progress, and the man who refuses to listen to the demonstrator or fails to read and profit by the department's literature is making a failure for some period sure unless perchance he is following some one who has so availed himself. The day of "Chance" farming at a profit is rapidly vanishing and I am thankful to be able to think that the fellow who "Don't want none o' yr book learned farmers on my place" are vanishing fast, too, may be not as fast in Henderson county as we would like, but the day is not far off when they will. If he would remember that the government is spending millions of dollars every year to improve farming methods to place the farmers in a better position in every respect, and that the demonstrators all over the United States are being sought and consulted, and what they say they say for the farmers good, that it is an earnest desire on the part of the government to furnish this information, that it is really helpful, the demonstrator would receive an ovation in place of a sneer. No man ever amounted to anything who was not guided by the experience of others; and the government is trying to

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### LOUIS DURHAM WINS AUTO.

Hugh V. Walker Gets \$100 Diamond Ring; Contest of Merchants a Success.

The Merchants Trade Boosting campaign which has been conducted in Hendersonville for several weeks closed Saturday and Louis Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Durham, won the new handsome 1916 5-passenger Overland automobile, Hugh V. Walker of Fletcher winning the \$100 diamond ring.

The merchants had a most successful campaign, which created considerable interest.

### The Decision.

"We the undersigned judges have counted an checked the votes of the contestants in the Merchants Trade Boosting campaign and find the two leading contestants and their number of votes as follows:

- "Master Louis Durham, 6,853,473."
- "Hugh V. Walker, 2,821,183."
- "C. M. PACE,
- "E. E. BROOKS,
- "J. MACK RHODES."

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