

Farmers to Organize Henderson County

The farmers will organize a Henderson County Farmers' Association at the court house Tuesday, January 2, at 11 a. m.

The object of the organization is for the betterment of the farm life, better farms, better stock, better markets, better roads, a county fair, demonstrator, creameries and in fact anything for the good of the farmers.

The new year promises to be the best year for the farmer in the history of the county and with a permanent organization of members from all over the county meeting regularly to discuss improved methods, exchanging ideas and co-operating with the state and government will no doubt greatly increase the values of agricultural lands.

The question of organizing another farm loan association will be discussed. Information will be given by E. S. Millsaps, state agent, who will address the meeting.

A number of short talks and the personal expressions from a number of farmers will be heard at the meeting.

A tentative program has been suggested as follows:

Call to order by Dr. C. Few. Nominations for temporary chairman, secretary.

Object of the meeting stated by the chairman.

Introduction of speakers for 10 minutes talks.

State Agent, E. S. Millsaps.

R. H. Stator, vice president First Bank & Trust company.

E. W. Ewbank, president of Citizens National Bank.

Dr. C. Few, retired physician and farmer.

J. W. Morgan, farmer.

John T. Wilkins, merchant.

J. W. Bailey, railroad agent.

CHRISTMAS AFFAIR AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" was the theme of the delightful entertainment given by the Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Instead of the usual custom of the Sunday school pupils being given a treat of candies and fruit, it was decided to make this a giving Christmas, and the children came with their gifts for those who are less fortunate than themselves.

The church was tastefully decorated in evergreens, and stretched against the railing of the rostrum was a white canvas having the scriptural motto: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In front of the motto stood a white cross garlanded with ivy and kalina, forming a pleasing attractive effect.

Recitations and songs were rendered by the children, all typical of the gift of the Christ child to a lost world.

Two little tots whose songs were listened to with much pleasure and interest were John Brown and Elsworth Meteor, who each stood before the large audience and sang of the joy to the world in the birth of the Savior.

The other pupils rendered their songs and recitations in a very creditable manner, and the entire program was most inspiring and entertaining.

The cash offerings and contributions of groceries and provisions were very liberal. The Balfour Orphanage, and a few needy families were the recipients of the contributions—and as the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" was beautifully demonstrated.

XMAS BUSINESS WAS FINE SAYS ADVERTISERS.

Hustler Investigates Among Its Advertisers—Finds Good Results. Some Doubled.

Hendersonville business houses fared well during the Christmas trade. The Hustler made a careful investigation among its local advertisers and without a single exception it was found that the holiday trade had surpassed last year and in many instances it had doubled the same one year ago.

Hendersonville business men are very much encouraged over the outlook for 1917. Considerable improvements are contemplated for the early part of the year. The city authorities are keeping abreast of the times and are right now spending thousands of dollars in permanent improvements.

As soon as the weather is more settled building will start as never before. Contractors are busy now figuring on many new houses.

The city will in all probability have a golf course within the next few months. An expert was here this week conferring with a local committee in looking over several sites suitable for such. It depends on how cheap the landowners will lease the property before anything definite can be stated as to the location.

Misses Annie Patton and Erline Hart are spending the Xmas holidays in Charleston.



James Foy Justice, Senator of the Thirty-third North Carolina district leaves next week to take up his duties in Raleigh during the legislature.

Senator Justice was elected by a handsome majority and begins his political career quite a young man. He is one of the leading young lawyers of this section of the state and will no doubt make his mark during the session of 1917 legislature.

When seen by a Hustler reporter Mr. Justice was reluctant in speaking of what he proposed to enter in the way of new bills; but emphatically stated that he was not going to impose any additional expenses or taxes upon the county and would use all his efforts in giving his district the best legislation in his power to obtain.

In speaking of creating any new offices for Henderson county Mr. Justice stated that he was not in favor of such unless it was a non-partisan board to take care of the county legislation after the constitutional amendments had gone into effect. He would not commit himself even on this until he has thoroughly gone into the matter after hearing both sides in Raleigh and find what other counties are going to do about it.

Senator Justice has spoken on several occasions that he has no axe to grind or special privileges to extend in serving the people of this district; that he will endeavor to give them the best he has regardless where the chips may fall or the consequence of his political career.

Senator Justice states that he is in favor of the Australian ballot system and will favor most of the recommendations of the special committee on the reform of our civil procedure whereby the expense of holding courts will be reduced from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to Henderson county and the trial of cases greatly simplified.

The Hustler will keep in touch with legislature and report all matters pertaining to Henderson county.

VETERAN PASSES.

Mr. Enloe, Formerly of Henderson County Dies Suddenly in This City—81 Years Old.

T. J. Enloe, a former citizen of this county, 81 years old, died suddenly at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. N. E. Hesterly, on Washington street, last Friday night where he and Mrs. Enloe were visiting. He is survived by a wife and five children. The children are Mrs. Albert Case, Mrs. Percy Justice, Mrs. George Tripp of this county and two sons who live in San Francisco.

Mr. Enloe had been making his home near Inman, S. C., for the past few years but was for a number of years a resident of Henderson county. He was born in Jackson county. During the civil war he served in the 25th North Carolina regiment and was a member of the Edney Greys of this county. He was one of the few surviving members and it is thought that only one or two members of this well known company are now living.

FLORIDA FIRM WANTS CHICKENS.

The Hyman Grocery Co., of New Augustine, Fla., has written our local Board of Trade asking for the names of farmers who desire to sell chickens, eggs and produce, especially chickens.

Instead of sending a list of names the secretary requests the Hustler to publish this statement, giving each farmer the same opportunity.

MODERN WOODMEN MEETING.

The Modern Woodmen will hold an open meeting next Monday night January 1st, and all members and their families are cordially invited to attend.

MISS JUSTICE SICK.

The many friends of Miss Nora Justice will regret to learn that she is quite sick at her home on Oak street.

CONGRESSMAN WEAVER TALKS

If Mr. Britt Takes it up the Republicans Will Regret it He Says.

REPUBLICANS ARE SORE.

(Guy Gorham in Greensboro News.) Asheville, Dec. 23.—Congressman-elect Zebulon Weaver gave out a statement to the press in which he says that he and his Democratic friends do not fear a contest by Mr. Britt on the floor of the house. Mr. Weaver says that if the congressional fight is taken to the house he proposes to bring out some interesting facts. His statement follows:

"To say nothing of illegalities, irregularities in the election, I expect to show Congress conclusively, in case of a contest, that I received a majority of the votes cast and deposited in the ballot boxes of the district. Evidence in my hands, certified and sworn to, shows this to be a fact. I have not relied on rumors or hearsay statements.

"In regard to unmarked ballots referred to by my opponent in the election, I expect to show that there were many unmarked ballots for him in what Mr. Britt claimed were the returns; that in many precincts unmarked ballots were counted for him and that if the election had been determined by the unmarked ballots alone I would have received a majority of the votes cast.

"Going further there is evidence of illegal voting and other irregularities and this testimony comes from all sections of the district. If a contest is inaugurated by Mr. Britt I expect to expose all illegal and unfair methods resorted to in the district and in so doing I shall feel that I am performing a service to which the people of the tenth district are entitled.

"I hope while in Congress to accomplish some substantial good for the people of the tenth district and I shall enter upon my duties with the purpose of working not only for the tenth district but for the state and the nation. I feel that the Democratic party in the four years of its incumbency has accomplished more for the people than any party has ever accomplished and I will do all in my power to assist in the enactment of progressive and beneficial legislation.

The awarding of the certificate of election to Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, by the state canvassing board, following the congressional controversy between Mr. Weaver and Congressman Britt, which has been on since the day of election, added another chapter in an already famous case and did not meet the approval of the great host of Republicans here in the 10th, as was natural. The Republicans were keenly disappointed for they fully believed that the state Supreme court would uphold Mr. Britt in his appeal and that the certificate would not be awarded to Mr. Weaver.

It is generally believed here that Mr. Britt will take his fight to the floor of the house, which he has intimated here on several occasions that he would do, in case the courts of the state decided against him. No decision regarding this is expected, however, until Mr. Britt's arrival here this week from Washington, the Congress adjourning Friday for the holidays.

The Democrats are greatly elated over what they say is an end to the congressional controversy, for many of the leading Democrats here, when seen by representative of the Daily News bureau today, frankly stated that they did not believe that Congressman Britt would dare take the fight to the floor of the house. One Democrat said that if Britt did go to the floor of the house with his fight and lost there that he would be killed politically here in the 10th, as he would be defeated both at home and in the Congress, whereas if he did not go to the Congress with a contest, he could still appeal to the Republicans of the 10th for vindication and would stand a chance of again becoming the congressman from this district.

Republicans, however, hooted at this idea and insist that Mr. Britt will be the strongest man the party ever had in the district, regardless of the outcome of the contest in Congress. He can again be the standard bearer of the Republican party in the 10th, win or lose this time, is the general opinion of several leading Republicans talked to regarding this point.

While the decision reached by the Supreme court and the state canvassing board pleased local Democrats, at least most of them, and surprised and displeased local Republicans, it came as a great relief to many men who do not take any great interests in politics of any nature, other than voting once in awhile. They have been swamped with politics for some time now, in fact ever since last spring, when the Democrats first started the campaigns for the primary and many of these men are glad that they will now have a chance to talk and think of other matters for awhile anyway.

Miss Lila Wynne, a teacher in the Flat Rock schools is spending the holidays in Gaffney, S. C.

DR. ENNIS GIVES GOOD ADVICE

Write What St. Petersburg, Fla., Has and Is Doing—How Hendersonville Should Grow.

SHOULD BUY TWO PARKS.

Hendersonville can be made the great Summer Resort of the south. Scenery rivaling any in Europe or America, Crystal Springs water, clear and cold, curing disease that have baffled our best physicians, air saturated with the exhalations of the noble white pine invigorating all who breathe it freely, a climate unsurpassed, north or south, a location on an undulating plateau unequalled in any other mountain section are the natural attractions given by Deity to your citizens, your State, the nation, the world.

These great attractions are not purchasable, they are a gift, a princely donation made for benefit of man, given only to a few places or sections. For the benefit of the student or recluse ones such attractions may suffice, but for the great masses of people, the professional or the business men, the agriculturist or mechanic who constitute fully nine tenths of the tourists, they are insufficient, the great multitude of men who visit summer or winter resorts for relaxation from business can only be held by social pleasures and outdoor amusements. In a few brief letters we propose to show some of the numerous attractions, furnish here, that has made St. Petersburg the Tourist Capital of the South.

Hospitality shown the tourist should be mentioned first, for it is one of the Sunshine City's main assets. Winter visitors love to come because they find a hearty welcome, they soon feel at home. They appreciate the effort they see made to make them comfortable, to in every way make their stay pleasant, and in return write their home papers glowing letters of the city and climate. The next season they return in a special car filled with friends from their town or county.

The numerous churches and fraternal societies here at once seek out the tourists who are members of their Association and extend to them a brotherly regard and marked attention. Nearly every state in the Union is represented by a State Association. The churches give them the use of the church for their social or business meetings several times each month; for out door amusements our numerous parks give the tourists all they need or desire; our city saw the absolute necessity for parks ten years ago—then we had only one given the city, its founder a Mr. Williams—now we have at least seven fine parks inside the city limits, ranging in size from two to twenty acres. Our city now proposes to make two more on the bay front that for the purchase of the land and preparation for planting will cost over forty thousand dollars. In Williams park, one block from the center of business we have made ample preparation in the way of open-air amusements. There are eight fine croquet courts and about same number of quoit courts. These are kept in fine shape and used daily by hundreds of citizens. There is a beautiful band stand, around which seats are furnished that will accommodate thousands of people. A very comfortable pavilion has been built to be used by picnic and chess players; in the center of the park is a large fountain the water flowing constantly. At the base a pool is made as a home for hundreds of aquatic plants and gold fish. In the park are fine toilets for both sexes. There is also a few squirrels and monkeys that the tourists greatly enjoy.

It costs our city not less than eight thousand dollars to keep these parks in good order, but they draw crowds of tourists who leave millions with us every year and owing so much property our financial rating is equal to any in the land for any bonds we desire to sell. The city band plays in one of the parks every Sunday and is enjoyed by thousands. Mirror lake containing more than twenty acres is located in the center of our finest residential districts, here is our fine Carnegie library with some four thousand books. The Athletic Club and Boy Scouts will both have buildings in this park.

Our city is now making six fine Rouque Courts in this park to be used by various national clubs.

Now is the time for Hendersonville to secure at least ground enough for two city parks, one to be on north Main street and the other on the south. As an investment it will pay better than anything you can do.

In next letter I will describe our golf grounds and ball grounds. These have already brought hundreds of new citizens and a vast sum of money to our city.

Yours truly, JNO. E. ENNIS.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rusher, of Petersburg, Va., are visiting the home of Mr. Rusher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rusher. Mr. Rusher will return Friday.

XMAS TREE A BIG SUCCESS

Mayor Brooks, Chief Powers and Committee of Ladies Receive Praise For Their Efforts.

LIBERAL SUPPORT GIVEN.

(Sam T. Hodges.) It was some community Christmas tree—well I guess so. Everybody was there including Santa Claus a la M. C. Letson, and everybody was happy. Why not? One look at the delighted faces of the poor little tots who received gifts would have sent a yuletide glow into a heart of stone—and there were no stony hearts there. Big "Ed" Brooks, or to use his official title Mayor Brooks, started the ball rolling when he introduced in a few well chosen words the Big Scout, Rev. Geo. Wright. "Big Scout" Wright was in his happiest humor—he saw the happy faces of the needy children and he saw further—he saw into the hearts of those children and he knew that impressions were being made that would last throughout all time.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ—and the Christian spirit was everywhere in evidence. Chief Otis Powers was there with the tree and the decorations and called on Bill Bangs to "electrify" things. Bill was there as usual when anything is needed. Lots of folks stand in awe of a chief of police probably because he represents lawful authority but nobody was awed by the smile that stuck to the face of our chief of police Saturday. He had worked hard and he received his reward, the only reward that any real man ever desires on such an occasion, the reward of a duty faithfully performed and the satisfaction of knowing that by reason of his efforts he was bringing sunshine and happiness into the lives of hundreds of poor little children who but for the community tree would have had no presents, no toys, no candy and no real Christmas.

The ladies, God bless 'em, they are always right and they were as busy as could be—Mesdames L. R. Barnwell, J. F. Brooks, James Laughter, R. P. Freeze, J. L. Rose and Miss Ella McClain made a sextette of ministering spirits whose kindness, love and care for the poor made them known as real Daughters of the King. They were everywhere, they wanted to help every needy one and they did. Dr. C. Few, who attended the festivities, thought for a minute that he was attending a Methodist love feast and he had difficulty in restraining a shout of praise. "No wonder—any man with a heart would have felt the same way—and the men who attended the community celebration were men with big warm hearts.

The merchants and citizens of Hendersonville had the spirit all right, they contributed freely. Lawyer W. A. Smith had the honor of making the first contribution and his friends know that Bill Smith is ready always to do a most liberal part for Hendersonville on every occasion. It is to Bill Smith more than to any other man that Hendersonville owes her position as the leading resort of the Western North Carolina mountains and he was right there to start off the community subscription. Almost everyone helped. Just a few tight wads—and every town is cumbered with a few selfish spirits who want to keep every penny that they can get their clutches on refused to contribute. They didn't get much pleasure out of Christmas—such people never do. The spirit of Christmas isn't for such people. The real Christmas joy consists in making some one else happy—and it's a paradoxical truth that in giving to others we receive more than we give.

But this story has nothing to do with them. This is about the people who did—not those who didn't.

Hendersonville's second community tree was such a success that everybody agrees that it must be an annual event hereafter. Mayor Brooks was as happy as tho' he had just heard of Zebulon Weaver's election to Congress. There was not a sad heart in the city hall, unless it were some heart big enough to feel sorrow over its inability to provide a similar occasion for all the poor little waifs of the whole world. The author of Christmas has promised that even a cup of cold water given in His name shall have an abundant reward. Then think of the reward for the people who contributed their means or labor to make happy hundreds of poor ones most of whom they do not even know. They are the salt of the earth and Hendersonville is full of such. It makes a fellow feel good to know that he can shake hands with such real human folks and be one of 'em.

Below is a list of the contributors. Some names may have been omitted. But there is a record kept by the Clerk who makes no mistakes. He has their names as well as these for a future holiday that will be theirs when the King makes up his jewels.

A balance of \$54.85 was turned over to the Associated Charities to help relieve the needy during the long hard winter months that are to come. Cash contributions to the Community Christmas tree:

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ADVISES WHAT WE SHOULD DO

To Make Hendersonville Famous as an all the Year Resort City. Suggestions.

LITTLE THINGS COUNT.

(By Old Hurraygraph.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 23.—A headline question in the French Broad Hustler of December 14th was: "Will Hendersonville Become Tourist Capital?" I answer Yes—if the proper means are used. The Great Creator has done all He could do for Hendersonville, in beautiful scenery, healthful air, and pure water. It is for man to carry on the work of utilizing the great advantages, and letting it be known to the world. How? Preparedness, agitation and publicity.

Preparedness is being ready to entertain the guests in the things they most delight in. You have the Carolina Terrace, as fine a hotel as any tourist could wish; the Park Hill Hotel, and the Kentucky Home, and good boarding houses in large numbers to entertain guests. Now go in for golf links, tennis courts, and all those kinds of amusements that draw and hold people who are out for pleasure. Give them the pleasure and Hendersonville will not be long arriving at the "Tourist Capital" stage. Hendersonville has long been in a class to itself in its broad streets and sidewalks, with their beautiful shade trees, and rest places along these pavements. That of itself has been a drawing card. Now arrange for other things to suit other tastes: When a man gives a house party, or an entertainment to his friends he is very careful to see that all their wants are anticipated in order that they may enjoy themselves to the fullest extent, so he provides for their different whims. The same policy will work with tourists. It is the only correct policy to pursue to make Hendersonville a hustler for the summer and winter travel or rather business.

Agitate! Keep things going. Get up early and talk Hendersonville to every man, woman and child. And sit up late doing the same thing, if it is necessary. Every letter you write invite some one to come to Hendersonville—and bring a friend; or several. Send Hendersonville literature to everybody you know—and a great many more you do not know. People are curious to know how they get things; how you got their name; and they begin an agitation of the matter. This is a little thing, but it tells immensely. Use your town papers by marking items about Hendersonville's improvements, new enterprises, and all these things of public interest, and send them to somebody at a distance. It creates talk—and talk about Hendersonville. And a great deal of talk leads to an investigation.

Publicity. Keep everlastingly advertising Hendersonville. It talks for you while you sleep. Use the papers in telling what you already have and what you expect to have and get right down to having that. Go right into the heart of the big centers where the tourists come from and use their papers in telling them the advantages of Hendersonville. Do it big. People in this day like big things, and when you come down to climate, scenery, water, pure air, and hustle Hendersonville is a big thing for those who know nothing about the facts. But it is worth while to give them the facts. There are people all over this country just waiting for you to invite them to some handsome, happy, hustling Hendersonville. But you say this will cost money. Of course it will. Everything of any worth in this life cost money. But it will be money well spent. It will pay handsome dividends. It is the only way to get what you want. Go after it.

But the Hendersonville people know what to do to make their town the "Toughest Capital. Just get together. Pull together. I hope they will pardon my "butting in." I feel interested in Hendersonville, and I want to agitate some.

I read with interest, and a great deal of pleasure, the letter of Dr. John E. Ennis, of St. Petersburg, Fla., in your issue of December 14th. He is agitating right. That's good wholesome stuff he's writing. As a booster, Dr. Ennis is a good one. In St. Petersburg he boosts Hendersonville; and in Hendersonville he boosts St. Petersburg. That the kind of men to tie to. If he will allow me, I would call him St. Booster of St. Petersburg. But what has been done can be done again. He tells you what has been done. I believe Hendersonville can outdo that. That's my faith in the good people of Hendersonville. God bless 'em, as Tiny Tim would say, "every one."

Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and are ready, with renewed courage, hope and determination, for a new start in the New Year to making Hendersonville the Capital for Tourists.

This New Year hint. With the entire press of the country clamoring for cheaper paper; the North Carolina publishers looking around with a

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