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HENDERSONVILLE MAY GET RAILROAD CONNECTING WITH A COMPETING LINE

Meeting Called in Board of Trade Rooms—Thousands of Dollars Already Spent on Surveys.
Means Much for this County.

MASS MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A mass meeting has been called for tonight (Wednesday) in the board of trade rooms at the city hall. It is understood that this meeting is fostered by citizens who have a definite plan of securing a new railroad for Hendersonville. Rumors have been current for the past several months that there was a likelihood of Hendersonville securing a competing railroad. Thousands of dollars have been spent making surveys and preliminary reports on the advisability of various routes connecting Hendersonville with

adjoining territory where competing railroads are now in operation. Last week a railroad meeting was held in Asheville, and is said to have been one of the most enthusiastic meetings of its kind ever held there. It was proposed at that meeting to connect Asheville with the C. C. & O. railroad, a distance of about 40 miles. The meeting here Wednesday night has no connection with the one held in Asheville. A large crowd is expected and some interesting information will be given by those who are in close touch with the situation.

NEW DEMONSTRATOR AND FAMILY TO LIVE ON MAIN ST.

Frank Fleming, of Tigerville, S. C., Brings Family to Hendersonville. To Begin Work at Once.

Frank Fleming, of Tigerville, the new farm demonstrator for Henderson county has been here and made arrangements to occupy the Crowder home on Main street with his family. He expects to be here next week and begin active work among the farmers just as soon as possible.

Mr. Fleming is a graduate of Clemson Agricultural college, one of the leading agricultural institutions of the United States. Besides teaching the theoretical side of farming this well known college has a farm in connection with many hundreds of acres where the students are taught the practical side, in experimental work.

Being a native of the upper edge of Greenville county, almost in the mountains of Western North Carolina, Mr. Fleming should be well acquainted with the farming interests of Henderson county and ought not to have any trouble in getting acquainted with the farmers of Henderson county.

One of the hardest duties of a demonstrator is getting close to the farmer. He must be a good judge of human nature and be able to win their confidence.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING.

A meeting of the Parents-Teachers association was held Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Reubin Robinson addressed the meeting which was enjoyed by all present.

Root Memorial Park Almost Certainty

Head Consul V. E. Grant, of North Carolina, who has been attending the S. C. Convention at Greenwood, S. C., wired friends in this city Wednesday that a resolution favoring the Root Memorial Park at Hendersonville for Woodmen of the World, had passed unanimously. This makes two Southern States which have endorsed the movement, which looks more now like a certainty than ever before. Several local sites have been spoken of as a suitable location for the park and it is understood that options will be taken before long.

Hendersonville has long needed a public park close to the business section of the city.

LADIES ORGANIZE AT FLAT ROCK

A parents-teachers association was organized at the Flat Rock school on last Friday afternoon. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. S. J. Garren, president; Mrs. John Perry vice president; Mrs. V. E. Bradley, secretary; Mrs. John Patton, treasurer. A large number enrolled as members and it was decided to meet at the school building every Friday afternoon and also to continue the meetings through the summer.

S. MAXWELL TO BUILD.

S. Maxwell has purchased a lot from the M. E. Edwards' division on fifth avenue and will erect a handsome residence at once. The sale of the lot was handled through the firm of Smith, Jackson and Morris Co.

FIFTH AVENUE PROPERTY SOLD.

C. N. Allison, of the Balfour Quarry company, has purchased the W. C. Humphries home on Fifth avenue through the real estate agency of Smith, Jackson & Morris company.

WOODMEN GO TO GREENWOOD TO PUSH PARK PROPOSITION.

Head Consul Grant and Party Journey to Meeting of S. C. Woodmen to Offer Resolution.

A party of local Woodmen of the World headed by State Head Consul, V. E. Grant left Monday for Greenwood, S. C., where the South Carolina State convention is being held. These gentlemen will present resolutions asking for the endorsement of the locating of a Root Memorial park in Hendersonville.

The state convention of this state has already passed such resolutions and it is not thought that there will be any trouble in getting the necessary measure through the South Carolina convention.

There are several plans mentioned as to the method of raising the funds to purchase the property for a park in this city, but it is thought that the matter will be decided by the head camp at Omaha, Neb., and the necessary funds will probably come through headquarters of this great fraternal order.

HEART DAY FOR CRIPPLES.

A total of \$126.39 was raised here last Saturday on account of "heart day." Mrs. Michael Schenck who had charge of the movement, is highly gratified over the results. A large number of young girls of the city assisted in this work, some of them raising ten dollars.

A list of each young lady's subscription will be given next week.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS READY FOR TRIANGULAR DEBATE.

They Have Been Working Hard in Preparation for the Events—Hendersonville Has Strong Team.

The subject for the regular annual triangular debate for the Hendersonville High School has been announced. It is "Resolved that the United States should own and control all the railroads in the United States."

One of the Hendersonville teams goes to Waynesville to debate on the negative side on the evening of March 30th. The Hendersonville boys are Zollie Reese and Gaither Briggs, while Roy Francis and Vinson Smathers of Waynesville will take care of the affirmative side.

While one team is battling in Waynesville for honor, another team will be in Hendersonville debating in the opera house on the night of March 30. Taking the opposite side of the Hendersonville team from Waynesville. The speakers for this debate will be Pearson Greer and Coy Orr of the local school, taking the affirmative, with William Palmer and William Hannah of the Waynesville school holding up the negative side.

MR. CONNER HURT.

T. B. Conner who has been working for several months at the Carr Lumber Co., at Pisgah Forest, received a rather dangerous wound in the head Tuesday when a piece of steel hit him between the eyes. He came here Wednesday morning for medical aid. A doctor does not think he will lose either eye.

Capt. and Mrs. M. C. Toms who have been the guests of their son, Charles French Toms of Asheville for several days have returned home.

CALL TO ARMS AS IN '61?

Henderson County May be Called Upon to Furnish Soldiers as in 1861. She Will do Her Part.

OLD LETTER REPRODUCED.

A letter is reproduced below, published by a lady from Hendersonville to relatives out of town in 1861. The contents of the letter are particularly interesting just now, while the United States is on the brink of war with Germany. It is highly possible that war will be declared before this article is published, as it is a known fact that President Wilson is seriously considering such a step. Should this country go to war, Henderson county will stand by its traditional records in furnishing men and money to defend the interests of this country.

It is a well known fact that the mountaineers of Western North Carolina have proven excellent soldiers in every war that the U. S. has engaged in. There is at present one military company here, but when a call for volunteers is made by President Wilson hundreds of young men will leave this county to fight for their country.

The following is an exact reproduction of a letter written by Mrs. Ripley and is a clear description of the conditions here at the opening of the civil war:

Hendersonville, N. C., May 13, 1861. Yesterday (the Sabbath) I was an interested witness of a most touching scene, and as there is contained in it much of example, I will describe it for the benefit of your many readers.

You all know that North Carolina is politically fairly aroused, and this village and county are not backward in the good work. Several companies have been organized and the "Henderson Guards," under the command of Capt. Shipp are now en route to Asheville.

Of the ninety men who compose this company only two or three are married men. The remainder are hardy, vigorous, young mountaineers. Eager, impetuous and daring, we would as soon expect to see their own mountain torrents stayed and driven back to their sources as these mountain boys return defeated or dishonored.

But our hopes do not lie altogether in the might of their arms, the strength of their purpose, or even the justice of their cause. These youth are the very jewels of the county; the sons of praying mothers, they are sent forth in tears, their commission baptized by prayer. Let us give you the instance to which we at first alluded.

Yesterday a few of them assembled at their Bible class, when the leader of their class and their minister, (Dr. Parks, of the Presbyterian church in Hendersonville) waving the customary lesson of instruction arose, and after a few impressive words of warning, encouragement and direction, presented each of them with a Bible given by the lady members of the class. We will not soon forget the affectionate tenderness, the earnest entreaty of their beloved teacher and pastor, as he besought them to make the precious gift, "the man of their counsels"; and cold and hardened must have been the heart that did not thrill at the picture of true bravery which he presented in the Christian character, bearing unmoved the jest of the scoffer, or firmly defending, as a true soldier of the Cross, the principles of truth, and of that freedom by which "Christ maketh his flock free."

It was no shame to the manhood of these young patriots, that their tears mingled with those of the congregation who had assembled for afternoon worship, and as the voice of prayer arose every heart was lifted with its full burden of tearful petition to that God who has promised to hear and answer. Can a cause, watered by such tears, baptized by such prayer, be unholily? If we believe that the Spirit dictates prayer, must we not believe that God will, that he does hear us?

As we looked upon the young men accepting with bowed heads and overflowing the sacred gift of their young companions, we felt that they could not be conquered, and our faith gave us this promise, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Indeed the whole of that hundred and twenty-sixth Psalm seemed to be peculiarly applicable to us at this time. For surely we have been "like them that dream" for "the Lord hath done great things for us."

Have you time for more? Let me tell you something of the women of Hendersonville.

The call came suddenly to them that these volunteers were to be equipped for the field. Matrons and maidens, the old and the young, vied with each other who should give the most assistance. Uniforms, shirts, knapsacks, even tents were to be made, and to avoid sewing on the Sabbath, these wives and daughters of Hendersonville, God bless them, denied themselves natural rest, and worked faithfully, cheerfully, earnestly, until every soldier was supplied. We believe women delight in works of supererogation, for not content with their severe work, they resolved their volun-

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FARMERS TO MEET APRIL 14

Board of Agriculture to Hear New Demonstrator and Reports From Members.

ALL FARMERS URGED TO ATTEND.

The board of agriculture will meet April 14th at the court house at 10:00. Many important subjects will be discussed. Mr. Flemming, Henderson county's new demonstrator will address the farmers. Several interesting talks on road maintenance by farmers who have had practical experience. Mr. S. R. Goodspeed, chairman of the board, has returned from New York city and other northern points, where he has gathered some interesting information. A large attendance is urged at this meeting.

OFFERS \$5 IN GOLD FOR MOST POP-CORN

W. C. Jordan Will Pay Boy or Girl Under 20 Years of Age a Prize for Most Corn Grown.

To encourage the planting of more white pop corn, W. C. Jordan owner of Henderson County Flour Mills has offered \$5 in gold to the boy or girl under twenty years of age who raises the largest amount of pop corn by next December.

This contest will be profitable to even those who do not win the prize, as white pop corn always sells at a fraction over the cost of ordinary corn and is always in demand. Mr. Jordan is anxious that more pop corn be raised in this county. He admits that he could use hundreds of bushels at his mill, and will pay well for it. To enter the contest, contestants should apply to the Henderson County Flour Mills office, in Hendersonville over Rose's Pharmacy and get full particulars.

M. L. SHIPMENT, JR., IN ACCIDENT.

McTchell Lee, the youngest son of M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, was run down last Friday afternoon on a street of Raleigh by an automobile and sustained several serious bruises. He lip was cut severely necessitating four stitches to be taken. Fortunately the Ford was not running very fast when young Shipman was caught between the fender and wheel. He had presence of mind enough to catch hold of the car and hold himself up, thus probably saving his life. He was rushed to a hospital and later to the home of his parents, where he is now resting easy.

CAPTURED STILL.

Sheriff Case, Deputy T. V. Lyday and Chief Newman of Saluda successfully destroyed a large illicit still near Mountain Page in Raven Rock township. The still had a sixty gallon capacity and over one thousand gallons of beer were destroyed along with six gallons of whiskey. No arrests were made.

BIG REVIVAL BEING HELD AT THE COURT HOUSE

Evangelist E. N. Sanders, Assisted by Rev. J. F. Morgan and Prof T. Locke Attracting Large Crowds.

TO HOLD TWO WEEKS MEETING



Prof. T. M. Locke, who is assisting in the revival services at the court house. He has charge of the singing.

Much interest is manifested over the revival services being held in the court house every night this week. The meetings were started Monday night and the attendance has increased each night. Evangelist E. N. Sanders, assisted by Rev. J. F. Morgan and Prof. T. M. Locke, singer, have charge of the meetings.

The subject for Wednesday night will be, "God is Love." Subject for Thursday night, "Putting off Salvation." Subject for Friday night, "Playing Set Back with the Devil."

REV. SIMPSON OUT OF TOWN.

Rev. A. H. Davis will conduct prayer meeting at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday night for the pastor, Rev. T. Ellyson Simpson, who was called away on account of the illness of his wife. Mr. Simpson is expected back the latter part of the week.

GONE TO GREENSBORO.

Mrs. J. F. Brooks left Monday for Greensboro where she will attend the Womans Missionary Union of the Baptist Church as a delegate from Hendersonville. Mrs. Brooks has been asked to make an address at this meeting.

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED \$10 FOR OPERA HOUSE

So Writes Person to Editor of the Hustler in Letter—Works a Hardship.

To the Editor of the Hustler:

It is with no feelings of acrimony, but with those of real sadness, not unmixed with indignation that I am moved to address you in regard to the really pitiable case to which Hendersonville has come in relation to the school children.

I have been keenly interested in all that pertains thereto having a son in one of the upper grades and thus keeping in intimate touch with the boys and girls. I have followed the Hustler's warm espousal of school interests and must be permitted here to express my admiration of the valiant stand taken by the editor who has struggled to place before the fathers and mothers and those truly interested in the youth of Hendersonville, the grave responsibility of doing all they can to strengthen the educational facilities of the graded school.

What then can be said when we have this extraordinary situation confronting us? The demand is made that a little group of school children all of whom are under eighteen, hand over 20% (or as we learn this later was reduced to \$10.) of the receipts taken at the door of the "opera house"

where they produced their little play. This demand is made upon nine children, who fired with laudable pride an ambition to win in the race to lift the silver cup at Chapel Hill and thus grace their own home town, have been working every afternoon from 2:20 till 5:30 and often six o'clock for nearly eight weeks foregoing their play and recreation to perfect themselves in the effort to present a creditable performance.

A short time ago this ten dollar fee for the use of the town property was the ultimatum delivered by the town board. Two dollars of this at most goes for lighting; a dollar for the janitor possibly a dollar for the cost of heating. What of the balance \$6.00? This of course will help swell the coffers of the city treasury, this treasury which does not hesitate to accept the albor and strength of the children in the Hendersonville graded school.

In sharp contradiction is the action of a New York theatrical broker. This man, unknown to, and not knowing a person in Hendersonville when the situation was placed before him—that the children were struggling for cup, that they were dependent entirely upon their own resources to replenish their empty school treasury, that they were denied as a school the funds so vitally necessary to enlarge and better equip conditions among them, that they were

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President Wilson Calls Congress April 2nd--State Of War Exists

FILM COMPANY FORMED TO PRODUCE PLAY HERE

To Produce "Rise and Fall of the Confederacy" at Hendersonville on and After April 1.

AUTHOR OF PLAY IS HERE.

The film corporation, which will produce "The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy" on the Ransier place near this city has been organized in the city of Charlotte. Edward Lansing Cowles, the author of the scenario is now in Hendersonville supervising the construction of studios, relative to their occupancy about April 12th. The Charlotte Observer of recent issue carried the following interesting story: "Charlotte is now the headquarters of an important moving picture corporation, the American Feature Film Corporation Inc., with offices in this city and producing headquarters at Ransier Place, Hendersonville. At a well-attended meeting of this corporation Thursday afternoon in Charlotte, presided over by President Horace A. Tansill, treasurer and manager of the Greenville Vagator Company, Greenville, S. C., Victor H. Boyden, of Morganton, was employed as general manager of the corporation and various business matters of importance in connection with a forthcoming production were acted upon.

Officers have been elected as follows, all being men of prominence and integrity in mercantile centers of the two Carolinas: President, Horace A. Tansill; vice president Charles A. Williams, of the Williams-Shelton Company, wholesale dry goods, of Charlotte; secretary, Anthony J. Gocking, of Charlotte, and treasurer, Dr. Charles A. Bland, president of the People's Bank and Trust Company, of this city.

"The directors elected include the above named men, with the addition of Dr. J. P. Matthewson and Edward L. Cowles. The corporation has an authorized capitalization of \$125,000, and will begin business with approximately \$50,000. Quite a number of stockholders are Northerners and it is the intention of the corporation to centralize its productions, or rather the making of them, here in the Carolinas, with studios at Hendersonville, although some of the actual scenes will be taken around the Queen City.

"The studios near Hendersonville will be ready about April 1 for the making of this production, one depicting "The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy," from the scenario of Edward Lansing Cowles, formerly managing editor of The Charlotte Observer.

A long distance message from Asheville received Wednesday at 3 o'clock conveyed the news that President Wilson has called a special session of congress to convene April 2nd, which is fourteen days sooner than the first date set for the session. It is understood that congress will be asked to declare that a state of war has existed between this country and Germany since diplomatic relations were broken. Other important measures will be taken up at once by congress.

PROMINENT ASHEVILLE MEN CAUGHT WITH MOUNTAIN LIQUOR

Four men who gave their home address as Asheville and a negro driver were passing through Henderson county last Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, when sheriff Allard Case, and deputy sheriff T. V. Lyda halted the party about two miles from this city and instituted a search. Ten gallons of blockade liquor were found in the car, and the gentlemen were placed under arrest and later gave bond for their appearance before a magistrate here this week.

Rev. Raymond Browning who is to hold revival services in Hendersonville in April, returned Monday afternoon from Richmond, Va., where he has been engaged in revival work. He is expected to preach at the Union services at the First Baptist church Sunday night.