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## County Commencement Attracts Thousands For Third Successful Annual Event

Children From all Over the County Gather for the One Big Day—Judge Pritchard Delivers Eloquent Speech. Many Prizes Won—Floats Were Best This Year.

The third annual county commencement was held here on last Friday and was a perfect success. These commencements are the big events of the year in which the people of the whole county unite, and are interested, and gather in Hendersonville to witness the various contests of the school children from all over the county. All the schools and their communities vie with each other in bringing the biggest crowd to town for the event, and there is much sharp rivalry for the many prizes. And last Friday's program seemed fuller and better than usual.

**Line of Parade.**  
The day's exercises were opened at 10 o'clock by a parade of school children led by the Hendersonville band. Handsomely decorated floats from the various schools, school boards and Parents-Teachers Associations. The Hendersonville school did not turn out in full but was represented by the high school boys who were dressed in military uniform, and following the band, led the procession, coming next was a large and very beautiful float, and immediately following this was a large number of the grammar school boys dressed in sailor suits. The various schools of the county followed in succession as they ranked in size, many of them headed by artistic floats. A number of school boards and Parents-Teachers Associations marched with their schools.

Notable among the floats were those of Hendersonville, Flat Rock and Tuxedo. The Hendersonville float represented the United States and was a large wagon completely disguised in red, white and blue bunting and driven by a typical Uncle Sam. It was mounted by representative layers of decorations, piled high, and seated on the topmost pinnacle was Columbia who was Miss Alice Peace, and standing nearby was the Goddess of Liberty impersonated by Miss Eleanor Sargent.

**Flat-Rock Floats.**  
Flat Rock school was headed by Miss Annie Patton dressed as Columbia and Singletary. Thompson in the garb of Uncle Sam both on horseback. Flat Rock had three floats, one was a field ambulance with wounded soldier and attended by Red Cross nurses another was a red and white and blue wagon filled with school boys dressed in uniform of the North Carolina Guard and carrying the North Carolina flag; the third was a boat containing members of the Parents-Teachers Association and decorated in black and gold, the colors of the association.

**Tuxedo School Represented.**  
Tuxedo had a beautifully decorated float representing the United States and filled with school children dressed to represent the many kinds of people, professions and occupations of the population of the country. Another float from Tuxedo was filled with little Indians and their war whoop drew much attention; a third float from Tuxedo carried a huge ball of cotton surrounded by children dressed in gray representing the cotton mill at that place and the work of the community in which the school is located.

**Judge Pritchard Speaks.**  
The many units making up the parade were attractive and interesting, and made an inspiring scene and the different sections were lustily cheered as they passed. Their line of march which was from the court house up Main, out Fourth avenue, and returning to Main by Sixth avenue. The parade dissolved at the big tent erected for the Browning-Chamberlain meetings. And here, at 11 o'clock, Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, Judge of the United States Supreme Court, addressed as many of the great crowd as could get even standing room in the tent. The Relation of the Home to School, the Community, the Church and the Nation. It was one of the finest addresses ever heard here and was replete with practical, sound, common sense advice to parents in regard to raising their boys and girls so as to make valuable citizens. Among other things, Judge Pritchard stressed the fact that boys and girls are the most valuable resources of the country, the most precious jewels of any parents, and that they should be carefully guarded and guided in their development. He said that any average child was capable of becoming what God intended him or her to be but that it could be attained only through training. Judge Pritchard paid his scornful respect to the man and the woman who house and carefully tend their horses, cows and hogs, and at the same time turn their children loose to address at liberty wheresoever they choose. Judge Pritchard spoke for over an hour and held the closest attention of his audience throughout.

### CITY'S NEXT MAYOR



Hon. C. E. Brooks, Vice President of the Citizens National Bank and Mayor of Hendersonville.

### Bank Appraisers

Finish Work Here

H. T. Prosser, of Hamlet, N. C., and W. F. Stevens, of Charlotte, N. C., land appraisers of the National Farm Loan Bank, have been spending several days in the county relative to the opening of the Blue Ridge National Farm Association of this county. In fact the local association was the only one ready for the appraisers in this part of the state. Twelve farms out of twenty five have been visited by the appraisers and local representatives and the entire inspection will be finished this week, after which it is only a question of a few days before the sum of nearly forty thousand dollars will be available to various members of the local association.

A. O. Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Blue Ridge National Farm Association, is very much encouraged over the fine showing made by his association. He thinks that the members will reap untold benefits for this year's crop, with the money available within a few days.

### WOMAN'S CLUB.

Work Mapped Out to Aid School Tax.

In order that they may effectively use their influence in behalf of the general school tax, the Woman's Club met Monday afternoon to discuss ways and means or in other words to launch a campaign that would get results. They propose to do, women though they are what no other organization except the school board has done: to give their influence as an organization and their time and energy as individuals to the unequalled support of this measure. They have gone to the trouble through authoritative sources, to acquaint themselves of the situation as it really is. They know some of the reasons why that our public schools do not rank with the schools of other similar sized towns. They know that we lack a teacher this year in the high school and that we should have a nine months term instead of eight. They know too that a twenty cent additional tax will not double the money we have to run the school, only that part have to run the town, which is about one half. They know also why the school now is \$4700.00 in debt can no longer borrow, hence must cut down another year, either by dropping off some of the grades or by shortening the term.

The Woman's club has found out these things and many others besides that every man who casts a vote that day should know and if he doesn't know, it will be because the members of the Woman's Club can't find him.

The Woman's club has turned militant for the time being, they have mapped out their plans and dare going to work with a determination to do their bit in the most effective, vote telling way.

If we don't make provision for the education of the children of Hendersonville, what are we going to do with them later?

It is a sorry individual or community that will not help those who can't help themselves. A first class graded school would be the best advertisement Hendersonville could have.

If we care for any earthly thing above money it should be our children. Better give the child a good school than fine clothes.

No vote is a vote against.

### NEXT TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

Some of the leading republicans have expressed the doubt if there will be a local Republican ticket placed in the field for the municipal election next Tuesday. Several leading politicians see a hardship for the city school election if the republicans do not put up a ticket as it is thought that the rank and file of the republican party will not go to the polls and it is known that here are some democrats who are opposed to the increase in school taxes. This opposition is noticeable among big property owners who have no children in the schools. The tax dodger will certainly fight the school election. The voters for the school tax are fighting against big odds—the registration.

Hendersonville would certainly go backwards if the school election falls. There will be nothing left to maintain the high school next year.

P. S.—Since writing the above it is rumored that the Republicans will meet in convention Thursday night to name a city ticket.

### FLAT ROCK COUNTRY CLUB SOLD TO MRS. M. D. MARTIN

Famous Old Farmer's Hotel Will be Improved to Modern all the Year Hotel.

Mrs. Annie D. Martin, manager of Highland Lake Club, and an experienced hotel lady has purchased the Flat Rock Country Club building, which was formerly the Farmer's Hotel on the Greenville highway. The sale was consummated through the firm of Ewbank, Ewbank & Co. Mrs. Martin expects to have installed steam heat and other improvements by the time she opens next fall.

### MRS. J. H. HINES DEAD.

Mrs. J. H. Hines died last Friday morning at the Patton Memorial hospital where she had undergone a very serious operation. The deceased was fifty eight years old and leaves a husband and son and daughter to mourn her death. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of her son-in-law, M. A. Cagle. Interment was made at Oakdale cemetery.

## LAUREL PARK AND 5TH AVE. UNDERGOING IMPROVEMENTS

Prospects for a Great Season and Something Going on all the Time in the Park. Maybe a Train Camp.

Laurel Park will be wide open gates down and the public is welcomed this season. W. A. Smith, the owner, says that prospects are as good for the park this year as they were in July and August 1914, a banner season. The electric line from Hendersonville to Laurel park is now receiving its usual spring improvement, and will be in fine operating condition with the summer rush.

Finishing touches are being put on the canal which connects Rainbow and Rhododendron lake. With a committee of local citizens appointed by the board of trade to co-operate with the management of Laurel park in arranging attractions for the public, it is thought that there will be something doing all the time during the summer season. With two baseball grounds, and athletic field, parade grounds, and mountain trails, auto drives, the tourists will find ample amusements at the park this year.

Mr. Smith, the owner of Laurel park estate is particularly anxious that the people of Hendersonville should feel that his park is their park and that they are welcome at all times. The management will devote more attention to the sale of lots this summer than usual as it is thought that developments made render this one of the most desirable residential parks in Western North Carolina. The owner of the homes in Laurel park gets practically every convenience, and yet is located in a beautiful mountain section, lavished by nature's own hand.

It is of particular note the rapid building of homes on beautiful Fifth avenue leading into the park. Among those now building and those just completed are: The pretty Kantro-wich bungalow, R. C. Clarke's handsome residence, S. Maxwell's two one story bungalow types, W. S. Penney's residence, Dr. John Ennis' improvements, Mrs. Mathew's home, and Lau-

### BUSINESS AS USUAL AND GOOD TIMES TO CONTINUE.

Hendersonville is not afflicted with any pessimistic citizen, who in this World War period would lose confidence in the future.

Hendersonville, in these days of world war, is demonstrating to the world that her citizens are not afraid of the future, and are going right along in the usual way of creating more business, which in itself is the highest type of patriotism.

The city is demonstrating anew that SPIRIT that has put her in the place she is, and in spite of the terrible setback from the floods of 1916, there can be found nowhere in the country where business is progressing more absolutely "AS USUAL" than right in Hendersonville.

Hardly a street in Hendersonville can one fail to find scores of new houses now under construction.

One lumber dealer said yesterday: "We are now carrying three times the stock we have ever carried and yet we cannot keep up with the demand. As fast as we get framing lumber on the yard there is a standing order to take it out." This condition is the same with every lumber dealer in the city.

Laborer's and carpenter's are being imported from other cities. Two out of the three brick mills near here cannot fill an order under 30 to 60 days. All booked up with orders.

The wise prudent citizen sees no reason to make any radical change in his mode of living. He is careful, of course—but he has the peace and prosperity of this country at heart, and continues to show that true COMMUNITY SPIRIT which has been his predominate characteristic as an AMERICAN.

The approaching season has every earmark of that of a most successful one. The HUSTLER is emphatic in not calling it hot air when one knows as an absolute fact that houses are being rented every day for the summer—the hotels have twice or more tourists right now than any previous year. The few vacant stores are being rapidly nearing completion. \$40,000 is being spent on Main-street building improvements alone this spring. The increase cost of material seems to have had very little influence in reducing the continued growth of Hendersonville.

Lumber has been so much in demand that saw mills have been forced to put up within the city limits, where over the timber can be had. A mill is now operating in Columbia Park.

Southern Railway company is now doubling its tracks near the depot to handle the increased freight which proves that the merchants of Hendersonville are keeping their shelves filled with new goods and that these are moving fast.

The Henderson county farmer is far from ASLEEP—he is right on the job and the results of his toil will be in evidence when harvest time comes. The local gardens have already begun to show signs of vegetation and the prediction is that the low cost of living will be one of the prime inducements for thousands of summer visitors to come to Hendersonville.

## DEMOCRATS NAME TICKET IN CONVENTION THURSDAY

Mayor Brooks has no Opposition. A. H. Hawkins, J. A. Fletcher, W. M. Bacon, J. S. Forest Com.

## TENT MEETINGS DOING GOOD

The Rev. Mr. Browning is a pleasant speaker with great ability to present the truth in that clear and forceful manner that it stays with the hearer. While at the same time his words are seasoned with love that stirs the heart and awakens an interest in the things of God.

Mr. Harry Chamberlain, the leader of the singing was happily greeted with a choir of 100 voices and with his gentlemanly manner and mastery of voice was able to at once inspire the thousand or more people that gathered at the tent to enter upon the campaign of leading mankind to the Christ who died that all men might be saved. Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Chamberlain the power behind the throne in the great success of these men of God, were in their places. Mrs. Browning seated back of her husband on the platform and Mrs. Chamberlain at the piano, assisted by Mrs. Wilson Allen and Miss Gussie Dotson. The orchestra, led by C. F. Bland proved a great help in the music. With such an organized force the results could be that of success.

Brother Browning opened the meeting with a sermon from Matthew 22:37-39. The duty of man is to love God with his mind. To use his intellect in God's service. To love him with his strength. Work in his cause. To love him in spirit, worship him as his God.

The evening service saw a congregation of 1200 or more people crowded under the tent. The text was Eph. 6:10-17. The Armor of God. 1st. The helmet of truth. Man must be truthful—and to be so he must be touched by divine life. 2nd. He must have the breastplate of righteousness. Man must live right if he is to be of any benefit to his Christ or fellow-man. 3rd. The shield of faith. Here he showed that all success in life is by faith and therefore if things are to be brought to pass in spiritual things man must have faith in God. It was a blessed service. The people went to their homes with a longing to be more efficient in life's work.

The sermons of the week have been strong and powerful, but we have space to give only the texts with a few suggestions connected with them.

Monday morning, a continuation of the Armor. At night Eph. 6:10. "Be strong in the Lord." An appeal to the Church members to exert themselves in the strength of God. Test his promises—rely upon his word to do what he says he will—when man puts an effort forth to do things for him.

Tuesday night, James 1:27. Pure religion is to keep one's self unspotted from the world.

Wednesday morning, Acts 12:1-19. Prayer. Man's privilege to move Heaven and earth to accomplish the desire of his heart. Night, Ex. 3rd chapter. Excuses. Who am I? I am slow of speech. They will not believe me. The "I am" was his badge of authority.

Thursday morning, Romans 1:16. Not ashamed of the gospel. The worth of all statements lies in the sacrifices made. Religion cost Paul his home, his Church, his life of ease his former associates. At night Acts 16:30-31.

Friday night, Judges 16:20. Lost power. Samson, 1st, with associates. 2nd. Went with the evil girl. 3rd. Lost his life. 4th. Gambled. 5th. Tied. 6th. Lost vision of God. When in prison under great affliction his vision of God returned.

Saturday night, Gen. 1:1. The Bible answers three questions—God, duty and destiny. Sunday afternoon, Jno. 1:6 to 14. 1st. God's revelation in nature. 2nd. God's revelation in the inspired word. 3rd. God's revelation in Jesus Christ. Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Sunday night witnessed the largest crowd ever assembled in the city at a religious service—more than 2,000 people were under the sound of the preacher. Matt. 12:31-32. 1st. The personality of the Holy Spirit. 2nd. The bond of mercy. 3rd. The sin of grieving the Holy Spirit. 4th. The awful consequence. More than 100 came forward for prayer at the close of the sermon. It was a blessed service and many left the tent with the message in heart to live better lives.

Monday morning he took an hour's prayer. Mat. 6:9-13, from which he was speaking each morning during the week.

Monday night was given to the children and Mr. Browning told his

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The city Democratic convention held in the opera house last Thursday night was a genuine political love feast. Chairman E. W. Ewbank, called the convention to order in a few very appropriate remarks in which he stated that the present administration of Hendersonville was the best that the city has ever had, and that it was the desire of the democrats to see that the good work goes on. He stated that Woodrow Wilson was the greatest president in the history of the United States, which proves that the democratic government was the most profitable to the people. Urging that every democrat in the city of Hendersonville do his part in the coming election, Mr. Ewbank closed his talk and called for nominations.

**Mayor Brooks Nominated.**  
Solicitor Michael Schenck, made a motion that the three men who received the highest votes be nominated as the candidates for the four years term, and the next highest be for the two years' term. The motion was carried.

Mr. Schenck nominated Mayor C. E. Brooks for re-election. He spoke in the highest terms of Hendersonville's present mayor, stating that there was not a more loyal, unselfish citizen who had the interest of the city at heart than Mr. Brooks. He praised Mr. Brooks in his untiring efforts in managing the flood relief funds, last summer and fall. It was moved that the nominations be closed, and C. E. Brooks was nominated by acclamation.

**Commissioners Named.**  
The nominating of commissioners was certainly not a cut and dried affair, as about fourteen citizens were nominated to fill four offices. Those nominated were: W. M. Bacon, A. H. Hawkins, C. F. Bland, R. L. Edwards, Joe A. Fletcher, John Forest, Dr. Guy E. Dixon, E. J. Rhodes, M. C. Letson, C. N. Wrenshall, F. A. Ewbank, C. W. Hart, W. P. Whitmore, W. H. Bangs, and others. The four gentlemen receiving the highest votes were: A. H. Hawkins 42, Joe A. Fletcher 37, W. M. Bacon 35, and John Forest 34. These gentlemen were nominated for the coming election, Tuesday, May 8.

When called upon for a speech, Mayor Brooks made a few remarks, he said that he wished he had words to express the gratitude he felt for the confidence the democrats had placed in him. He felt it quite an honor to be mayor of such a progressive city as Hendersonville. Although it took lots of time and thought and hard work to manage the affairs of the city he felt sure that with the assistance of the splendid men who have been nominated to work with him that the city would receive an even better administration for the next two years than in the past.

Mayor Brooks urged the citizens to give him suggestions and advise. He assured them his careful attention and stated that he wished to profit by his mistakes in the past. He feels sure that with every democrat doing his duty the coming election should be carried by from fifty to sixty majority for the democrats.

## LATE WAR NEWS

It is reported that the German Imperial Chancellor will make another peace offer in the reichstag, that will astonish the world it is claimed.

Reports of street disorders in the streets of Russia's capital and the killing of a major general on the street has called forth some uneasiness among the allies.

American tanker Vacuum was sunk by a submarine several days ago, and a number of American navy seamen were lost.

Carranza has taken the oath of the first constitutional president of Mexico since Medro was assassinated.

The Senate passes the selective draft army bill by a vote of 81 to 8, and the house voted 397 to 24 for the measure. The president is expected to sign the bill this week, which is expected to carry an age limit from between 21 and 35.

The mayor of Chicago refused to extend an official invitation to Marshall Joffe and his associates of the French war mission, and is said to have made some most unpatriotic remarks of which the government may prosecute him. Also he is quoted as calling out in an interview that Chicago is the 6th German city in the world.

### SELLS OVERLANDS FAST.

The Rhodes Automobile Company announces the sale of over four new Overland cars during the past week. The sales were: A. H. Hawkins, Country Club; Jim Gianakos, a Light Six; Miss Florence Jordan, Model '90'; W. S. Miller, Model '90'.