

Hendersonville.
Fastest growing city
in the mountains.

French Broad Hustler

THE HUSTLER
Henderson County's
Home Paper

VOL. XXIV, NO. 18

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1917

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Mammoth Power Plant for Henderson Co. Contract Let for Concrete Dam 121 ft. High

All Men Between 21 and 30 Must Register Tues. June 5.

Sheriff Case Has Received Blanks and County Committee will Appoint Registrars--Questions and Answers Wanted by the Government.

A Penalty for Failure to Register

Instructions from the war department have been received in Hendersonville under which the registration of men of the conscription age will be conducted. The Henderson county board of registration is composed of Clerk of Court Judge C. M. Pace, Sheriff Allard Case and County Physician J. Frank Cranford.

This board will meet soon and appoint registrars over the county who will be announced later.

Sheriff Case has already received several mail bags of registration cards and is setting his committee familiar with the work. Dr. Cranford will examine the men at appointed times. According to well advised citizens of the county Henderson county's share of the 7,000,000 men, estimated of age in this county by the government, will be from 500 to 700.

Under the registration plans, the men of the county will have to report at the regular election polling places and answer the questions of the government on some day yet to be formally announced, but which will probably be June 5. In the meantime, the officers will thoroughly familiarize themselves of what is expected of them and of the citizens. To the registration board has come from the war department samples of the cards upon which the questions are asked and must be answered and along with them full explanation of what is intended to be given in response to the various questions.

The government not only asks the men to enumerate the persons, or relatives, rather, dependent upon them for support, but calls upon all to signify whether they claim exemption under the law and if so, for what reason. The government does not contemplate taking in the first draft men who are the sole support of mother, sister, child under 12 or wife, but it wants the men who are qualified by that support for exemption to signify the fact definitely.

The government in its explanation advises that the young man should not let "military ardor interfere with the wish of the nation to reduce wars misery to a minimum. On the other hand, unless the person you have in mind is solely dependent on you, do not hide behind petticoats or children."

Here are the questions which will be asked and the explanation of each:

"Questions will be asked for you to answer in the order in which they appear. These questions are set out below with detailed information to help you answer them."

Do not write on or mark, or otherwise mutilate these instructions. Do not remove them. They should be carefully read so that you will have your answer ready when you go before the registrar.

All answers will be written on the registration card in ink by the registrar, who should be careful to spell all names correctly and to write legibly.

1. Name in full. Age in years.

This means all your names spelled out in full.

State your age today in years only. Disregard additional months or days. Be prepared to say 19, or 5, not 19 years, 3 months, or the like.

2. Home address.

This means the place where you have your permanent home, not the place where you work. Be prepared to give the address in this way: 232 Main street, Chicago, Cook county, Illinois; that is, give number and name of street first, then town, then county and State.

3. Date of birth.

Write your birth (month, day and year) on a piece of paper before going to the registrar, and give the paper to him the first thing. Example: August 5, 1894.

If you do not remember the year start to answer as you would if someone asked you your birthday, as August 5. Then say on my birthday this year I will be (or was) — years old. The registrar will then fill in the year of birth. Many people do not carry in mind the year they were born. This may be obtained by the registrar by subtracting the age in years on this year's birthday from 1917.

4. Are (1) a natural-born citizen; (2) a naturalized citizen; (3) an alien; (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen (specify which)?

(1) If you were born in the United States, including Alaska, and Hawaii, you are a natural-born citizen; no matter what may have been the name of your parents or the name of the country of your parents, and in fact blue prints and surveys have been made for this development, is that of an ideal playground or summer residents colony, along the shores of a lake, covering several hundred acres of land, with a circumference of ten miles. A beautiful driveway has been planned around the lake, which will be the backed water from the present proposed dam, and will extend beyond the present power development of the Green River Manufacturing company. Mr. J. O. Bell, the manager of Green River Cotton Mills, and a public spirited citizen, realized the enormous value of this big power development to the county, and several years ago became interested when it was first proposed. He gave up his present power plant for a consideration, and his mill will be the first of a chain of cotton mills through this country to receive cheap electric power from this new development.

Practically the same stock holders of the Blue Ridge Power company, own the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway company, which is under contract to build a railroad from their plant to Hendersonville. The right ways have been closed and there is practically no doubt that this road will build at an early date. There is some talk of the road being extended beyond the power plant to Rutherfordton, there to connect with the Seaboard Air Line, thus affording Hendersonville additional railroad facilities.

It is thought that offices will be opened in this city in a short while for the officials of the power plant, as the work will be pushed just as fast as possible. Several hundred thousand dollars have been spent already by this company in securing lands and undeveloped water powers, besides fighting scores of law suits in every court, including one case in the highest court of the United States.

The present development to which a contract has been signed to complete by January 1, it is understood does not conflict with any of the holdings of the Hendersonville Light & Power company of this city.

GERMANS TO PISGAH FOREST

A Washington dispatch to the Asheville Citizen says:

"A decision has practically been made tonight to send 3,000 interned Germans to Pisgah Forest, near Hendersonville. This action on the part of the department of labor will be based on a favorable report as to Pisgah Forest submitted by the commissioner on immigration."

"The nearest railroad station to the point in the Pisgah Forest where the Germans are to be interned is on the Transylvania railroad, between Hendersonville and Brevard. Hendersonville, however, has been named the gateway to the national forest, and is the nearest large town to where the men may spend the next three years, should the war last that long. It is understood that a road leading from Hendersonville to this point will be improved and converted into a motor road."

SUITS ENTERED OVER PAVEMENT ON FIFTH AVENUE BY CITY

**Certain Property Owners Refuse to Pay
Assessment Until City Makes Pavement Good in Center of Street.**

A suit will probably be tried at the next term of civil court in this county between the city of Hendersonville vs. a number of property owners on Fifth avenue. West to collect past due assessments for the pavement which was placed on this well known thoroughfare.

The city contends it has paid for the street improvements in bonds and that the property owners of the lands along said street should come across with the assessments at regular intervals according to the specified time twenty years in all.

The property owners are contending that they are perfectly willing to pay their assessments just as soon as the city gives them a good street. The present condition of the pavement on Fifth avenue is in a deplorable condition. Some contend that if the pavement along the street car line is allowed to remain another year like it now is that the remaining pavement will be ruined by the seepage of water under the remaining pavement.

It is understood that the Laurel Park street Railway company, a corporation, would not accept the paving when completed by the rest of the company which did the rest of the pavement in the city several years ago. The original plan of paving for the work was for the city and property owners on each side of the street to pay for one third of the pavement after deducting the cost of that done between the street car line and a few inches on each side.

A number of property owners have already paid their assessments on Fifth avenue pavement and will watch the outcome of the suit with interest.

GREENVILLE ROAD COMPLETE BY EARLY PART OF JULY

Engineer P. F. Patton, who has charge of Henderson, Greenville, Pickens and Chester Co. Roads, talks.

Preston F. Patton, supervisor and road engineer of more counties than possibly any other one man in the United States says that the road from Greenville to Hendersonville will not be completed until the early part of July. A delay in getting some of the right ways for the new road which eliminates the famous mountain stretch familiarly known as the "winder" has caused the delay. Nine tenths of the road of over forty miles is completed and cars are traveling this great main gateway to the Land of the Sky by the thousands. At least forty cars came from South Carolina to Hendersonville last Sunday.

P. F. Patton, builder of the sand clay roads of this county, which have been the greatest drawing card for the motorists to the mountains, was elected county supervisor for Henderson county another year's term by the county board of township chairmen several weeks ago. It is understood that Mr. Patton will only give a small part of his time to the work. He has able assistants here to carry out his instructions. Since going to Greenville county Mr. Patton has gained a wide reputation as a road builder and has been retained by two other counties in that state to supervise the spending of several hundred thousands of dollars in road bonds. He has charge of spending nearly a million dollars in Greenville county for roads which will take him several years more to complete.

Henderson county people feel a pride in the achievements of Mr. Patton who is a native of the county. He was for a number of years at the head of the Wanteska Bank and Trust Company and later was elected active vice president of the First Bank & Trust company, which position he now retains except he is not actively connected with this institution.

MEN ATTENTION

Do you want it said of YOU in years to come "He had to be conscripted?" Would you not prefer to have it said "He volunteered to fight for HIS COUNTRY?" Think it over tonight. Ask your father, your mother, your friends about it.

You can honorably perform a duty you owe to the country which gave you birth, to the country which has nourished and protected YOU all these years—or you can be a "CONSCRIPT." You have an opportunity right in YOUR HOME TOWN to offer your service to your country. You can enlist in the Sixth Coast Artillery National Guard. In that company you will be in the best branch of the service. You can be with HENDERSON COUNTY officers. You can have every opportunity for study and advancement—thereby increasing your pay which starts at \$30 per month with all clothes and rations furnished while in the service of the Government. And you can get your discharge at the end of the war if you enlist in the National Guard.

If you want information apply to the armory on Monday, Wednesday or Friday night. Lieut. W. Griffith or any of the men will be glad to give you full particulars and enlist you too because if you see how interesting the work is you will be ready to enlist.

THE NORTON PLACE OCCUPIED.

Edwin Parsons and Family of New York Will Spend the Season at This Famous Old Place.

The beautiful Norton estate, one of the show places of quaint Old Flat Rock, is to be occupied this season by Edwin Parsons and family of New York. Mr. Parsons is a retired capitalist and also owns a summer home in Charleston, S. C. He with his wife and four children is expected to take possession of the Norton place right away. The deal was closed through the real estate firm of Newbank, Newbank & Co.

BLUE RIDGE POWER COMPANY BEGINS DEVELOPING AT ONCE.

NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS INVOLVED

The gigantic water power development on Green river which has been contemplated for a number of years and which has been the dream of many Henderson county citizens looks now to be a real fact owing to the announcement from headquarters of the Blue Ridge Power Co., in Spartanburg that a contract had been closed to build a mammoth dam to be completed by the first day of January 1918.

According to a telegram received by W. A. Smith, of counsel for the power company, and actively identified with the corporation, work is to begin within five days from last Saturday by the Willard-Boggs Construction company one of the largest hydraulic power contracting firms in the south. It is understood that the dam is to be located just below the railroad 121 feet high in a deep gorge which is not quite that many feet wide. This development is about seven mile from Hendersonville.

It is understood that the Blue Ridge Power company is to pay the Southern Railway company in the neighborhood of ninety thousand dollars to raise its tracks near the proposed dam a height of about fifteen feet. This will call for several hundred railroad workmen and there will be several hundred men at work on the dam, which means for the next 6 to 10 months a tremendous payroll spent in Henderson county.

The site of the present dam to be constructed, is several miles above the first one selected, and is said to be only the beginning of a series of dams to be built, which will finally develop in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand horse power. The present development it is understood will develop something like fifteen thousand horse power, and it is contemplated to build a power line to Hendersonville and Spartanburg thus giving competing electric power to both these cities.

The owners of the Blue Ridge power company are understood to have ample capital back of the enterprise which is thought by many to mean more to Henderson county than five or six German internment camps, as was lost by the city several weeks ago.

One of the many plans of the Spartanburg company, and in fact blue prints and surveys have been made for this development, is that of an ideal playground or summer residents colony, along the shores of a lake, covering several hundred acres of land, with a circumference of ten miles. A beautiful driveway has been planned around the lake, which will be the backed water from the present proposed dam, and will extend beyond the present power development of the Green River Manufacturing company. Mr. J. O. Bell, the manager of Green River Cotton Mills, and a public spirited citizen, realized the enormous value of this big power development to the county, and several years ago became interested when it was first proposed. He gave up his present power plant for a consideration, and his mill will be the first of a chain of cotton mills through this country to receive cheap electric power from this new development.

Practically the same stock holders of the Blue Ridge Power company, own the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway company, which is under contract to build a railroad from their plant to Hendersonville. The right ways have been closed and there is practically no doubt that this road will build at an early date. There is some talk of the road being extended beyond the power plant to Rutherfordton, there to connect with the Seaboard Air Line, thus affording Hendersonville additional railroad facilities.

It is thought that offices will be opened in this city in a short while for the officials of the power plant, as the work will be pushed just as fast as possible. Several hundred thousand dollars have been spent already by this company in securing lands and undeveloped water powers, besides fighting scores of law suits in every court, including one case in the highest court of the United States.

The present development to which a contract has been signed to complete by January 1, it is understood does not conflict with any of the holdings of the Hendersonville Light & Power company of this city.

CITY BUYS FIRE TRUCKS TO KEEP PACE WITH ITS GROWTH

Facilities in Keeping Fire Horse Wagon—Economic Step.

The rapid growth of the city, the high cost of feeds and the inadequate facilities of the city to successfully fight fires has caused the city authorities to purchase a new modern high powered auto fire truck and chemical engine.

The commissioners met last week and received bids for the truck. They decided to buy the make of truck which is used in more Southern cities than any other make. A thorough investigation has been made by the board. Several members made a special trip to Atlanta several months ago inspecting the trucks which are used extensively in that city. They were found entirely satisfactory.

The city authorities saved \$550 in the price of the machine by buying now. An increase will be made after June 1. It is not known what disposition will be made of the present fire horses and equipment. It is possible that one horse will be kept and the wagon diverted into a one horse auxiliary wagon. This will be decided by the new board which takes office the first Thursday in June.

The new truck will arrive just as soon as it can be shipped from the factory.

FISHERMAN'S PARADISE NOW BEING WELL PATRONIZED.

Government Lands Scene of Many Fishermen From All Parts of the Country—Opened May 15th.

Local lovers and fishermen from afar are now enjoying real sport in the government reserve forest lands in this and adjoining counties. The season opened May 15th and parties are coming here most every day from a number of states to enjoy the privilege which has been extended by the authorities. A small fee is being charged under certain restrictions and the mountain streams are said to be well stocked with the famous trout.

LOCAL COAST ARTILLERY CO. LACKS ABOUT THIRTY MEN.

Captain W. G. Peace, U. S. A., Will Inspect the Coast Artillery Company Friday; Gen. Young Coming.

The Sixth Coast Artillery company at Hendersonville lacks about 30 men of being up to full strength. Not long ago an order was received to discharge all men who had dependent ones at home and this materially reduced the personnel of the company. Raleigh's company stands at the foot in the coast artillery companies while Wilmington and Charlotte are both recruited to full strength. Greensboro and Hendersonville companies both lack men.

Captain W. G. Peace, U. S. A., will inspect the local company at the armory next Friday night. A full company is expected to be on hand. General Lawrence W. Young of the state militia will make a trip here the early part of June in the interest of enlisting more interest in the service. The

SKYLAND HOSIERY CO. GRANTS 10 PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGES

Local Hosiery Mills Take Care of the Increased Cost of Living. Business is Good.

Announcement was made last week of a 10 per cent increase in wages granted by the Skyland Hosiery mills of East Flat Rock. This increase takes effect at once and will amount to \$4,000 per year. This alone will buy according to one official all the flour used by the entire mill village. The increase comes at a very appropriate period when the prices of food stuffs have advanced so high.

Manager C. P. Rogers reports business in a flourishing condition. He returned last week from Philadelphia where he and R. P. Freeze of the Freeze-Bacon hosiery mills attended the National Association of Hosiery men which convened there last week. Mr. Rogers stated that the prospects of his industry looked exceedingly bright. He conversed with many of the leading mill men throughout the country who expressed their belief that the hosiery business would continue to receive a steady flow of orders. The greatest question just now is the increased cost of raw material and supplies in the business. This feature received a scare last year when a shortage of dyes alarmed the country. The American dyes have at last supplanted foreign makes now and this danger has passed.

Mr. Rogers went on to New York city while north and was fortunate in seeing the French commission composed of General Joffre and others who were being entertained royally there at the time.

WHAT IS A LIBERTY LOAN BOND?

A Liberty Loan Bond is a solemn promise of the United States to pay at maturity the amount of the bond to the holder thereof, and to pay interest semi-annually each year from the date of the issuance of the bond until it is fully and finally paid.

ANNUAL DINNER TO OLD VETS AT HOME OF MRS. J. S. BROWN

All confederate veterans of the county are cordially invited to the annual dinner Saturday, June 2, given by U. D. C. chapter at the home of Mrs. J. S. Brown on the Flat Rock Drive.

A local company will be called out about July 15th. They will report to Fort

RED CROSS IS ORGANIZED

Mass Meeting at City Hall Heard Rev. Boyne, and Others on Subject Last Tuesday.

An enthusiastic meeting of people who are interested in Red Cross work was held at the opera house here yesterday afternoon and forty members were enrolled for work and it is expected that a very large number of enrollments will follow this meeting as soon as the organization begins activity.

Dr. Wm. R. Kirk presided yesterday afternoon, and Rev. Mr. Sill of Fletcher, led the spirited singing of America and The Star Spangled Banner which interspersed the program. Rev. H. N. Boyne, of Tryon, Rev. R. N. Wilcox, of this city, and Rev. Dr. Francis B. Boyer, of Biltmore, were the speakers, and each spoke beautiful words of praise for the Red Cross work and urged each one to do his or her bit for country, for humanity and above all, for Jesus Christ who set the example of service. Rev. Dr. Boyer was especially interesting as he told of personal experiences as an ambulance driver in France for eighteen months. At the close of his address he stated that ten ambulances had already been guaranteed from North Carolina and he would like to see Hendersonville raise one. He did not ask for subscriptions but within a few minutes sufficient subscriptions were volunteered to give promise that with soliciting committees at work for a few days, the necessary amount would be forth coming to make possible to have a Hendersonville ambulance on French fields. And this will be one of the first works of the organization.

The plan of those who are leading in the Red Cross work is to enlist the interest of people throughout the county and form auxiliaries in every section.

A number of out of town visitors were here Tuesday afternoon for the

(Continued on Page 5.)