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## Commencement and Patriotism Talked By County Teachers

SCHOOL TEACHERS HEAR PATRIOTIC ADDRESS AND ADOPT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY COMMENCEMENT; J. O. BELL AND J. C. SALES OFFER LIBERAL PRIZES TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS

The public school teachers of Henderson county held an interesting three-hour session Saturday morning and decided upon matters pertaining to the examination of seventh grade pupils and the county commencement and listened to patriotic talks pertaining mostly to War Savings Stamps. The meeting was opened by the singing of America, the song being followed by scripture reading and prayer, and a brief talk by Rev. T. E. Simpson. Mr. Simpson spoke of the opportunities and the responsibilities of teachers and said their work was closely akin to the ministry. He declared that the war would put a severe test to the profession of teaching and to the ministry, since positions would be attractive from the standpoint of patriotism and salary. He deplored the small wage of teachers and said that were he in the legislature he would sacrifice himself upon the altar of service if necessary, in exerting himself to the end that teachers be paid something in keeping with the work and responsibility of their positions. He declared that their pay was not equal to that of a Pullman porter.

**Enlightening Address on War**  
T. W. Valentine, who is one of a committee to help further the War Stamp sales in the schools, delivered one of the most enlightening addresses it has been the privilege of Henderson county people to hear. Mr. Valentine said that too many people were in ignorance of the main issues and reasons for the entrance into the war on the part of the United States. He declared that war by the United States against Germany was for the protection of the people and for safeguarding their liberty. He pointed out by quoting various high authorities the announced purposes of Germany in her world-dominion dream and of her long and intense preparation and declared that it was not a local European war but one in which all countries were interested. He said that Germany must be crushed and that to defeat her money would be necessary and that it was the duty of the teachers to take the message to the people in the rural districts and help educate the people to the importance of loaning money to the government on the War Savings plan.

**\$25 for War Reasons**  
J. C. Sales announced the offer of \$25 to the teacher writing the best story on the reasons for the war, fuller details of which will be found elsewhere in the Hustler.

Prof. V. C. Bradley for the committee in charge of the commencement program, read the results of the committee work, and after short discussions the program was adopted as prepared by the committee.

**Oyster Treat at Next Meeting**  
It was announced that the next regular meeting of teachers would be held on the second Saturday in March. Chairman J. O. Bell said that he was anxious to have a large attendance that the teachers might enjoy an oyster dinner if he could persuade some ladies to help with the preparation of the feast.

Mr. Bell made appropriate patriotic remarks and reminded the teachers of the important position they occupy in relation to disseminating information of a patriotic nature. He declared that there was too much indifference about the war and the regulations with reference to food and that for this reason patriotism was not at the pitch it should be, a condition the teachers can have an important part in remedying.

**Teachers of Winning Schools to be Awarded by Mr. Bell**

Mr. Bell, who was liberal in a praiseworthy degree in offering attractive prizes in various contests, said that he was appreciative of the fact that the teachers would have hard work before them in training their pupils and that he proposed to reward them by giving a prize of \$25 to the teacher of the pupil winning the declamation medal and a similar cash prize to the teacher of the pupil winning the recitation medal thus making it possible but hardly probable for a teacher to win both prizes, giving to his or her school \$150 as a result of winning the four prizes. Mr. Bell's generous offer, which applies to the high school contests, was received by an enthusiastic applause from the teachers.

**J. O. BELL PROVIDES ATTRACTIVE PRIZES**

The County School Commencement is to be held May the 25th, the program as arranged is as follows: At 10 o'clock, parade by the children of the County to begin at the Carolina Terrace Hotel and march to the Court

House. At 11 o'clock address; speaker to be determined. In the afternoon there will be a choral singing contest for which a (minimum number four) prize of \$25.00 is offered to the school that wins; also there will be the following contests for the below named prizes; in the Grammar school the winner in the declamation contest will receive a prize of \$25.00; the winner in the recitation contest will receive a prize of \$25.00; For the High School; the winner in the declamation contest will receive \$50.00, and the winner in the recitation contest will receive \$50.00. (Only one participant from a school in each contest). The last four above named prizes are offered by J. O. Bell. There is also to be a reading contest by pupils of the 5th and 6th grades of the County, the winner is to receive \$5.00. A seventh grade Spelling contest in which every school will be allowed two representatives (a boy and a girl), a prize of \$10.00 for the best speller and \$5.00 for the second best is offered. In the matter of the general exhibits from the schools of the County, the committee has arranged for three general classes of the exhibits. The best exhibit from any one teacher school in the County is to receive \$5.00; the second best from a one-teacher school of the County is to receive \$3.00; the best exhibit from any two-teacher school in the County will receive \$5.00; the second best is to receive \$3.00; the best exhibit from any three or more teacher school of the County will receive \$5.00; the second best will receive \$3.00.

The pupil who exhibits the best map of North Carolina is to receive \$3.00; and the one who exhibits the second best is to receive \$2.00; (only one map to be exhibited from the same school); also, the pupil who exhibits the best map of Henderson County will receive \$3.00; and the one who exhibits the second best will receive \$2.00 (only one map from a school.)

Prizes of \$1.00 will be given for the best specimen of writing from the second grade. No school to submit more than five specimens to the grade; also a prize of \$1.00 for the best specimen for free-hand drawing from the second grade. The same offer is made to each grade throughout the seventh grade for writing and drawing. These prizes are offered by the executive committee of the County Commencement. The pupil who makes the highest average grade in the Seventh Grade examination will receive \$6.00; the pupil who makes the second highest will receive \$4.00.

A few more of the details are to be settled later. It is hoped that we will have the best County Commencement that Henderson County has ever had, but to bring this to pass it will be necessary for every teacher as well as the patrons to exert every effort toward this accomplishment.

Submitted by V. C. Bradley, Secretary of the Committee.

## HENDERSON SOLDIERS ACCORDED HOSPITALITY

Dr. J. S. Brown, a member of the local exemption board and the examining physician feels that Henderson county is making an enviable record when it comes to physical army qualifications.

Seventeen of the nineteen registrants examined on Tuesday were found in good shape for military service and the two others were referred to the district examining board and may be found in good shape.

Dr. Brown says that Buncombe county authorities are boasting of having 75 per cent physically qualified for service and the worst day locally proved a record of fully 75 per cent. Dr. Brown is proud of the fact that the young men of Henderson county are in such fine physical trim. It speaks well for the human physical status of the county.

After a suspension of a few days examinations have been resumed and will be continued. About 100 men have been examined. The Hustler hopes to be able to give the names of all examined in next week's issue.

**What a Fellow Hears.**  
A busy man often hears that loafing soon becomes tiresome and would like a chance to try it.—Atchison Globe.



## Henderson Co. Makes Excellent Showing in Splendid System of Highways; Maintenance Program Assures Improvement in Roads

(Dr. L. B. Morse)  
The accompanying map represents probably the first attempt to fairly accurately set forth the road system of Henderson County. The map is the work of Mr. George Kershaw and was gotten out at my suggestion as chairman of the Good Roads committee of the Board of Trade. It was hoped that a very much finer map based on exhaustive surveys might be put out but the expense of doing so at this time seemed prohibitive; so that for the present this map was made, which it is believed, will serve a very useful purpose.

**Main Highways Prominent**  
The four most important radiating highways out of Hendersonville are indicated by heavier lines, and are as follows:—the road to Asheville, Spartanburg, Charlotte and Greenville. The Asheville-Charlotte Highway is also shown by a heavy line in the northeastern corner of the county. All roads have been so carefully titled that the map is fairly self-explanatory. There are probably some small errors in this map but they should be corrected however, and these were unavoidable unless much greater expense was to be entailed. In view of these possible minor changes, the public is urged to call on or write Mr. Kershaw and apprise him of any errors, omissions or corrections wherein the map may be deficient. This is most desirable for two reasons:—first, because of the importance of securing the greatest possible accuracy, and second, because from the original drawing (much larger than this cut) there are to be printed a large number of maps for public distribution. So therefore let everyone who has a suggestion to make, do so at once.

**County Well Covered With Roads**  
From this map it will be seen that Henderson County is well supplied with a road system that is probably not surpassed in Western North Carolina. Not only is there a good system of radiating highways, but in many instances loop trips can be made whereby the tourist can go one way and return the other. This too is of equal advantage to the farmer who not infrequently has more than one road to market. There are a number of open spaces where roads are not so close together, but in each and every instance this is to be explained by the mountainous character of the county in various sections. In all of these places there are roads, but of course they do not figure as improved highways which was only the intention of this map to cover. With these exceptions, it is more than likely that there is not 3 per cent of the population of the county that is further than one mile from a first class improved highway.

Some 200 miles of the county's highways have been sanded, the remainder being dirt roads, but well worked out on good grades. In the later map that is to be put out, it is hoped that it can show, in some manner, the character of each and every road. The roads vary in width from 18 to 30 feet.

**Scenic Highways**  
In a very real sense many of these roads possess scenery that gives to them a very great interest. The broad expanse of the valley and mountains in the Mills River section of the county makes the road leading to it one of the most beautiful drives in the county. Here is plainly seen the mountains of the Pisgah National Forest. The scenery of the Hendersonville-Charlotte highway has been too well featured to justify more than passing notice, both in its descent of the Reedy Patch Creek Valley and on down to the Rutherford County line at Paris Mountain, where the grandeur of the Hickory Nut Gap and Chimney Rock country opens out before the autoist in all its unique sublimity.

The road to Sugar Loaf Mountain, too, is one long to be remembered for the far distant views that are to be obtained to the westward and later on of this grand old mountain itself. For those who have not yet traversed the more recently constructed road to Saluda on the Hendersonville-Spartanburg Highway as it winds in its course along the tortuous canyon of Green River—surely have they a treat in store for them. It is one of Henderson County's most scenic highways.

The Greenville road is better known,—along it are historic Flat Rock and some splendid views in and about Tuxedo,—but the best here is just over the line of the South Carolina side, reference being especially made to Greenville's splendid improvement on the once famous (!) "winding stairs". For quiet combination of valley and mountain the Crab Creek Road is surely a gem. Here it is that old Pinnacle stands out in all its glory. This is a trip that is well worth the taking. And, who indeed has not been to Hebron? How many people know, however, that we have a New Hebron Road—a new highway that not only surpasses the old road in all the former's scenic interest, but is destined to become one of the finest short trips out of Hendersonville. The new road is just below the old, is on a good grade and continues through to Etowah.

The Shaw's Creek or Brevard Highway, is one of the valley roads along which for quiet and comfortable driving, the motorist enjoys to the fullest. The grades are low and the charm of distant mountains is never without the usual interest.

The Hickory Nut Gap Road, a part of the Asheville-Charlotte Highway, now nearing completion, possibly possesses more thrilling mountain scenery than any road in the county. While these cover perhaps the leading highways of scenic interest, there are many, many more where the charm of the Southern Appalachians unfolds itself to those who have eyes to see.

**Present Bonded Cost of Highways**  
The roads that we have represent a total bonded indebtedness of only

\$122,500, apportioned as follows:

Henderson County	\$25,000
Hendersonville Township	50,000
Hooper's Creek Township	20,000
Mills River Township	20,000
Crab Creek Township	5,000
Clear Creek Township	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122,500</b>

It is doubtful indeed whether any mountain section can produce such a good showing. Much of the work, too, has been heavy and expensive. The work on the Asheville-Charlotte Highway in Hickory Nut Gap, above Bat Cave, while in Henderson County, was not included in the above showing, because this highway has all along been under the care of the state, no bonds having been issued of course, and the actual cost is not easily determined. The difficulties on that road have however been very great and necessitated expenditure of large sums of money and labor.

**Road Maintenance Secured**  
The public will be pleased to learn that the Henderson County Board of Magistrates has decided now to begin in earnest the problems of road maintenance. Supervisor P. F. Patton has stated that no more new road construction will be made. From now on all money accruing from road taxes,

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## H. Patterson, King Clothier, Occupies One of Most Modern Mercantile Homes in State

H. Patterson, "The King Clothier," has moved into his new and commodious mercantile home which is one of the finest in North Carolina.

Mr. Patterson is now occupying the new building erected by Paymaster Emmett Gudger, son of Ex-Congressman J. M. Gudger, on the lot occupied for many years by his mother and grandmother, the corner of Main and Fourth avenue.

It is a handsome building, costing about \$35,000, on which Mr. Patterson holds the right of occupancy for ten years. He has control of three floors—basement, main and second floors.

**Modern and Attractive**  
The second floor consists of living parlors, office rooms and a large hall suitable for lodge or club purposes.

## PERSONNEL OF WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE OF HENDERSON CO.

The county war savings committee was recently enlarged when Judge Gilbert Stephenson of Winston-Salem, the state organizer, visited Hendersonville and conferred with Bronnlow Jackson, the county organizer, and his executive committee or district organizers.

**The Organization**  
The new organization supplements the old, which consists of the following:

Committeemen: J. O. Bell, C. P. Rogers, Claude Sales, R. P. Freeze, C. J. Edney, O. V. F. Blythe, G. W. Bradshaw, Gordon F. Galington, Noah M. Hollowell, A. O. Jones, W. F. Brown, J. Foy Justice, Allard Case, T. W. Valentine, K. G. Morris.

In addition to the foregoing, the following have been appointed to thoroughly work the county during 1918 and strive to reach the apportionment the county is asked to raise, the amount being \$357,000.

Chairman—Bronnlow Jackson.  
Vice Chairman R. H. Staton.  
Secretary—Dr. L. B. Morse.  
Publicity Manager—Noah M. Hollowell.

**Departmental Committee.**  
Organization and Service; composed of chairman, vice chairman, secretary, publicity manager, chairman of each departmental committee, and, in addition to these, the following:  
S. Y. Bryson, Dr. A. B. Drafts, G. W. Bradshaw, Mrs. E. W. Ewbank.

**Finance**  
C. F. Bland, R. C. Clarke, J. O. Bell.  
**Schools**  
W. S. Shitle, G. W. Bradshaw, Miss Bessie Steedman, J. R. Sandifer, N. A. Melton, Dr. W. R. Kirk, J. R. Wilkie, Walter Fletcher, T. B. Allen, Prof. Robertson, J. S. Fleet, V. C. Bradley, Miss Kate Shipp, A. Sidney Edney, B. A. Merrell, A. E. Hudgins, F. L. Kuykendall, Mrs. J. O. Bell.

**Churches**  
T. L. Durham, John T. Wilkins, F. S. Wetmur, A. H. Hawkins, Michael Schenck, H. F. Stewart, F. A. Ewbank, S. Johnson, H. Patterson, A. Lewis, E. G. Stillwell, Rev. J. M. Justice.

**Fraternal Organizations**  
R. M. Oates, chairman; Mrs. E. W. Ewbank, vice chairman; J. E. Shuman, J. F. Stepp, A. O. Jones, V. E. Grant, T. V. Lyda, Jerrey M. Stepp, G. J. Millward, Mrs. R. P. Andrews, Mrs. Avery Justus, Mr. L. R. Barnwell, Mrs. R. M. Oates.

**Manufacturing Enterprises**  
R. P. Freeze, chairman; J. R. Gray, D. S. Pace, J. H. Todd, C. P. Rogers, J. O. Bell, J. P. Fletcher.

**Banks, Stores and Railroads.**  
R. C. Clarke, chairman; E. W. Ewbank, C. S. Fullbright, C. F. Bland, W. H. Zimmerman, Walter Fletcher, S. M. King, Cecil Pace, W. M. Gull, L. Davenport.

**Farms**  
Frank Fleming, chairman; John Ewbank, H. C. Rainey, Jr., L. P. Pittillo, Dr. C. Few, B. Frank Pace, Geo. Massey, W. A. Cannon, V. C. V. Sherrard, W. J. Baldwin, C. Oates, J. T. Staton, John T. Staton.

**Publicity**  
N. M. Hollowell, chairman; T. W. Valentine, C. B. Eaves.

**Speakers**  
Michael Schenck, chairman; J. T. Shuman, E. W. Ewbank, W. C. Reector, J. Foy Justice, W. M. Bridges.

**Negroes**  
W. M. Robertson, chairman; J. W. Nettles, S. D. Dogan.

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