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## GEORGIA MILITARY ACADEMY WANTS TO LOCATE HERE

### Proposes to Establish Big Summer Naval College.--Will Receive Government Aid.--Osceola Lake Property Under Favorable Consideration

One of the two big propositions dangling within the reach of Hendersonville will be before the Board of Trade at its annual meeting and supper which will be held at Kentucky Home, Friday night. The organization has many affairs in its hands which are of extreme importance to the prosperity and growth of the town and county, but other affairs are for the time rather over-shadowed by the possibility of securing for Hendersonville one of the largest and best known boys' schools in the south, namely the Georgia Military Academy, located outside of Atlanta which proposes to establish somewhere in the mountains of Western North Carolina a summer naval school. President Bland and the Board of Governors of the Board of Trade will not make known, in advance of the Friday night meeting, the details of their plans and progress in this connection, but it is known that the school authorities prefer Hendersonville as a location to any other under consideration, and it is also known that the efforts of the organization have been so well-directed and so energetic that the work is almost completed which will put Hendersonville in position to make the school authorities an offer which will cover every requirement; and that means the acceptance of the offer, and the securing of what will amount to the most valuable proposition Hendersonville has ever had a chance to get.

#### HOW IT HAPPENED.

The question of locating in Hendersonville was first broached to the school authorities by Mr. Sam T. Hodges some months ago, when he went to Atlanta to see his son, William Hodges who is a student at the school. Upon being informed by Col. Woodward, president of the academy, that the board of directors had under consideration the location of a summer school in the mountains of Western North Carolina, Mr. Hodges brought all possible pressure to bear upon them to investigate Hendersonville, and urged in every way that Hendersonville be looked at first. As a result of this interview Colonel Woodward addressed a letter, several weeks later, to Messrs. Smith, Jackson and Morris of this city, stating that he was going to come here to look into the matter. By some error, however, this letter went to Asheville instead of Hendersonville, and when Colonel Woodward stepped off the train here he found no one to meet him; in fact no one here had any advance knowledge of his visit. However, no time was lost in getting together a committee of local business men to accompany him in inspecting the various possible school sites here.

#### A Naval School.

The plan of the school authorities is to take advantage of recent legislation by which elementary naval schools may be established throughout the country, one in each state, which schools will be to some extent under the supervision of the Navy Department, and will enjoy certain forms of federal aid in the same manner that certain military schools are now conducted under the supervision of the War Department, and with its aid. This plan makes it necessary that such schools own or control a body of water large enough for elementary naval training, a lake of fifty acres being about the minimum requirement on this line. On the occasion of Col. Woodward's visit both the Osceola and the Highland Lake properties were found to be suitable for the purposes of this school but in each case the price of the property apparently placed it entirely beyond consideration.

#### Go to Atlanta

After Col. Woodward's return to Atlanta he addressed a letter to Mr. R. M. Oates, asking that a committee from Hendersonville visit the Georgia Military Academy, with a view to giving the people of Hendersonville some idea

of the size and character of the institution. Messrs. E. W. Ewbank and A. C. Tebeau consented to make the trip, incidentally striking rotten weather and having to plow through many a long mile of South Carolina and Georgia mud both going and coming. However, in spite of the hardship of the trip both these gentlemen returned with a vastly increased enthusiasm on the subject of the Georgia Military Academy. They found a modern military school with modern buildings and methods, and with a magnificent campus and drill-grounds and every essential of equipment for the work of the school and the well-being of its students, three hundred in number and drawn from fifteen different states, and from Cuba and Mexico. And, what impressed them just as forcibly, they found that around that school had been built up a modern town larger than their own, and built there, very stick and stone of it, on account of the location there of the school.

#### Land in the Rain.

Shortly after these gentlemen returned, the Board of Directors of the Academy sent a committee composed of Colonel Woodward, president of the academy, Colonel Peel, president of the board of directors, and Mr. William Candler, secretary of the board; the last named being a son of Asa G. Candler of Atlanta. This committee arrived here in the later part of December, and also in one of the biggest rains Hendersonville has seen since the flood. However, in spite of the down-pour a committee from the Board of Trade took these gentlemen out to Highland Lake and Osceola, and also in spite of the down-pour the school representatives were immensely pleased with both the proposed locations. The Board of Trade entertained them at supper that night, and they left the next morning, having requested the Board to forward to the school the best proposition which Hendersonville could make, it being no secret that before their return to Atlanta they were to inspect locations in other towns in the mountains which were anxious to secure the school.

#### THE SHRINERS COMING TO HENDERSONVILLE.

Hendersonville Shriners who attended the recent ceremonial in Charlotte bring back the good news that the Nobles of the Order of the Mystic Shrine are to take charge of everything and everybody in and around Hendersonville on July 4th, 1919. Hendersonville people look back with much pleasure to the Shrine meeting held here in July 1916, and it is not saying too much to state that there is no gathering or convention on the slate which our people would rather have. Chief Potentate J. O. Walker of Oasis Temple has many friends living here, and it is well known that the shriners were well pleased with the welcome accorded them on the occasion of their last visit. Main Street will play the former role of Sahara, and will echo to the cries of the tortured victims as they make their painful way across the burning sands to the entrance of the Temple, while the townspeople will stand ready to minister any permitted aid to allay the effects of the long dry journey.

#### BARKER LANDS OPENED UP.

The announcement in this issue by Messrs. P. F. Patton and R. C. Clarke that they are opening up a large part of the Barker Lands for sale will be read with much interest. Fine streets are being opened up through the property, which lies right at the edge of town, much of it in fact being within the city limits, and the tract includes some of the best farming land and residence sites now on the market.

#### APPRECIATES RED CROSS WORK OF HENDERSONVILLE LADIES.

Those who contributed to the boxes sent recently to France through the French Red Cross will be interested in the following letter:

Nov. 26th, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Sample:—

The boxes containing quilts, pillows, clothing, toys, etc., have been received and will be put on a French steamer which is leaving here in about ten days. They will reach France by Christmas and think what a blessing they will be to those poor destitute people. It would have done your heart good to witness the admiration exhibited by the French captain when he saw all the things that are to be sent to France. He pointed to the quilts that were sent by the good ladies of Hendersonville and said "ah madame those are worth more than gold to us, and they are so beautiful! and so much work!"

Please thank the ladies and everyone who had a share in this contribution to our shipment and assure them that the things are just what are needed and will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

JEANNE E. GRAESER,  
Sec'y French Red Cross  
Charlotte, S. C.

#### BOARD OF TRADE SUPPER.

With a supper at Kentucky Home Friday evening, the Hendersonville Board of Trade will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and the consideration of several matters of extreme importance to the growth and prosperity of the town and county. Among other things which will hold the attention of the meeting will be action with regard to the Georgia Military Academy, and also an investigation into the county road situation, which last will in all probability result in a report (with recommendations) to be made to the County Commissioners at their meeting next Monday. There is no blinking the fact that our roads are in bad shape and that quick action is needed.

#### APPRECIATION

Editor Hustler.  
The extension service of the State College of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture wishes to thank you for the cooperation which you have extended it during the past year. It realizes both as an organization, and as individual workers, that its single effort will go only a short way towards making North Carolina the best farming country in the United States. It must depend upon its friends and cooperators who are in a position to reach others to also carry the messages of better living, clearer thinking, and more profitable farming, which will help to make the State great. Therefore, it asks again for your continued cooperation during the coming year.

Wishing you a very happy Holiday Season, and the best the New Year has to offer—

"For right, triumphant over might,  
Makes peace abound over toil and strife—  
While men march on to new-found life."

The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

B. W. KILGORE, Director.  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

#### E. J. RHODES BUYS DONNAHOO FARM.

Mr. E. J. Rhodes, of the Carolina Oil and Supply Company, has purchased the Donnahoo Farm of seventy-five acres on the Sugar Loaf Road. The price is understood to have been \$6500. The farm, which includes many acres of splendid land, also includes exceptionally good buildings and a fine young orchard. Mr. Rhodes says that while this purchase does not mean any change in his present business connection it will probably mean that he will live on his farm during the summer months. The former owner showed excellent profits made in hog-raising, and Mr. Rhodes will raise pure-bred Poland Chinas and Berkshire for sale, and will also carry a "side-line" of White Wyandottes for those who wish to buy good chickens.

#### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE.

There will be services in The Presbyterian Church Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. At this service the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. All members of the church, visiting Presbyterians and others are cordially invited to be present and share in the service.

#### NO TRESPASSING PERMITTED ON PISGAH FOREST RESERVE.

It may not be generally known that the Pisgah National Game preserve containing approximately 100,000 acres is the only Federal game refuge in the east. In fact, there is no other this side of the Mississippi river. It at the present abounds in deer and other wild game. Within an inclosure on the game preserve is a herd of elk transported here at a great expense; to this herd will shortly be added six bison. These resources are of real value to this part of the state. The deer and other wild animals if adequately protected on the preserve will be the source from which will come great quantities of game onto lands outside the boundary of the game preserve. In time this abundance of game should attract numerous visitors to this part of the state, to say nothing of the pleasure and sport that will be derived from it by the people in this community.

Since the creation of the Pisgah National Game preserve about two years ago the forest service, under whose jurisdiction this land is, has tried to follow a humane and sympathetic policy of education among the people who live in and adjacent to the boundary, with the hope that illegal fishing would cease. It is regretted that trespassing has not diminished, but those guilty of the violations of the law are becoming more daring and more ruthless in their depredations. It would appear that moral suasion has failed.

The conditions if continued as at present will be a reflection on this region and will be detrimental to its best interests. It is believed that the people will not only expect, but demand, that this state of affairs be corrected.

There now seems to be but one course to pursue; that is to prosecute to the limit of the law these violators of it. In following this course the forest officers will not only have the moral support of the responsible and law abiding people of Asheville and Western North Carolina, but of the press of this community as well.

Several warrants have already been issued for game trespassers on the game preserve, and the matter has been reported to the United States marshal. Full assurances have been given that hearty co-operation of all deputies in the apprehension and prosecution of all trespassers will be given.

#### DANCE AT KENTUCKY HOME

A jolly party of young folks danced the old year out and the new year in at Kentucky Home. The Langren Orchestra was brought over for the occasion, which proved to be one of the largest and most enjoyable dances of Hendersonville's winter season. Among the Hendersonville couples attending were Miss Elizabeth Carrigan with Frank Bland, Miss Louise Hodges with Bob Morgan, Miss Lena Latham with Hugh Waldrop, Miss Alice Latham with Jean Williams, Miss Ruth Woodgen with Mr. Rockwell, Miss Julia Ashley with Edgar Latham, Miss Frances Ogilvie with Forest Hunter, Miss Elizabeth Elsom with Alexander Rubenstein. Stags: James Duff, Will Hodges.

#### NOTHING SPOILS THE HOLIDAYS

The Christmas holidays passed off in Hendersonville with an almost complete absence of disorder. A couple of Uncle Sam's soldiers spending the day here absorbed a trifle more than the prescribed quantity of "blockade" and were allowed to cool off for an hour or two in the shady precincts of the City Hall, and then went their way rejoicing, grateful that no severer penalty had been exacted for their small celebration. One or two local celebrities, white and colored, enriched the city treasury by small fines, but on the whole it was probably the most orderly and undisturbed Holiday season Hendersonville has yet achieved. For which thanks are rendered by all good citizens, and especially by the city authorities.

#### A GOOD THING TO KEEP.

Starting with this issue, and continuing for several weeks, a special column will be run entitled "Events of Year Told in Brief." The past year has been the most eventful in the history of the United States, probably the most momentous in the whole Christian Era. It might be a good idea to save the issues of The Hustler which contain this special column, as in future years it will serve as a valuable memorandum to settle many arguments as to just when and where many important things happened.

## BIG MODERN HOTEL FOR ST. JOHN SITE

### Hendersonville Business Men Working on \$200,000 Plan.--Insurance Attorney Goes to New York to urge Project. Aetna Agent Writes Approval.--Local Stock Subscription in Sight.

It has been known for some weeks that a movement is under foot to build a big modern fire-proof hotel on the old St. John location, and it is also known that the prospects of success are good, but from the number of inquiries received in this connection it is believed that a statement of the present status of this proposition will be of interest to Hustler readers.

Some eighteen months ago, when the insurance companies who had to foot the bill for the burning of the St. John Hotel finally won out in their effort to be subrogated to the rights of R. D. Waring in the hotel site, they found themselves with a splendid piece of Main Street property which had cost them something like \$30,000.00, and which of course was bringing in no revenue. E. W. Ewbank, president of the Citizens National Bank, got in touch with C. W. Tillett of Charlotte, attorney for the insurance companies concerned, and suggested that they might convert a loss into a profit by erecting on the vacant site a big and really modern hotel. Mr. Tillett was so impressed by the suggestion that shortly afterward he called up Mr. Ewbank, saying that if the business men of Hendersonville were willing to take hold of the proposition it could probably be put through. A meeting was promptly called, and the matter thoroughly canvassed, the plan finally approved calling for the organization of a hotel corporation with a capital stock of \$200,000.00 of which about \$30,000.00 (the cost of the site) is to be

subscribed by Hendersonville people, and the additional funds for the actual building and furnishing of the hotel, probably \$150,000.00, to be furnished by the insurance companies, who would be protected by a first mortgage on the entire property. When Mr. Tillett came here to discuss the matter he entirely approved the plan, and stated that he believed that it would meet with the approval of the insurance companies; furthermore that he himself would make a trip to the home offices of the companies to urge its acceptance at once; also stating that if the proponents of the idea could secure the endorsement of P. W. D. Jones of Charlotte, special agent for the Aetna Company, he thought there would be little doubt of prompt and favorable action.

The present status is, that Mr. Tillett has left for New York as he promised, and that Mr. Ewbank has received a letter from Mr. Jones saying that "this matter, as presented by Mr. Tillett, appeals to me." Also stating however, that as a matter of course he could not make known in advance how the insurance companies would regard it. As a matter of fact, local men have gone far enough to be assured that the Hendersonville end of the proposition can be handled, and favorable action by the insurance people appears very probable indeed. Hustler readers do not have to be told with the aid of diagrams whether the town would or would not be helped by the erection of a big 100-room modern hotel on Main street.

#### SALE OF GOVERNMENT ANIMALS NEXT WEEK.

Advices from Camp Jackson to The Hustler office stated that on Thursday January 9th, at 9 a. m., about three hundred and fifty condemned government animals and twelve colts will be sold at public auction. The notice states that "most of these animals are sound and serviceable, and will give good service on farms and for light work. Railroad cars will be used in readiness for shipment of carload lots, and a halter will be supplied. The sale will be for cash. Those who may be interested in attending this sale are directed to take the Cantonment Car at the corner of Main and Gervais streets, Columbia. Further particulars can be had by writing Capt. E. P. Johnson, Remount Depot No. 315, Camp Jackson, S. C. It is probable that this and succeeding sales will offer some pretty good stock at low prices.

#### FINED FOR POOR SERVICE

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—The Birmingham Railway, Light and Power company was fined \$1,000 in recorder's court here today on conviction on ten charges of furnishing poor car service in violation of a city ordinance. The company was acquitted on four similar charges.

The charges involve alleged insufficient cars, over-crowding of cars and lack of trailers.

#### QUEEN THEATRE OPENS

The Queen Theatre opened Monday night after being closed for quite a long period. Carl Glenn is managing the theatre, and will no doubt command a large patronage. The Queen is one local institution which has kept running through dull seasons as well as the summer months, and the local people have shown their appreciation not only of this, but also of the high quality of the films run.

Tubes in Madrid.  
Sanction has been given to the construction of underground electric railways in Madrid.

#### BIG STILL CAPTURED NEAR SALUDA FRIDAY

One of the biggest and handsomest blockade stills ever captured in the boundaries of the Old North State is reposing peacefully in the quiet confines of the Henderson County Jail, where it was placed by Sheriff Cass following a short but busy trip down toward Saluda. The underground wireless leading into the sheriff's office conveyed the information some days ago that down on the Spartanburg Road whiskey was being made on a scale that would rival Louisville in its best days, and last Friday night the sheriff, with Constable T. M. Stanton and Capt. T. V. Lyda, got into a car and went south on a quiet tour of investigation. The scene of action proved to be a spot near the crossing of the Spartanburg Road and the Southern Railway, just this side of Saluda. The wireless must have worked both ways, because in spite of the fact that the plant and supplies were all ready for a rushing business no one was present to welcome the visitors or make any claims of ownership. The officer's found a fine big 85-gallon still and worm, all of solid copper, and several stands containing something like 3,000 gallons of still beer. Somebody had spent a lot of time and money. The metal parts were brought back to town, and what could not be moved was destroyed. One arrest was made Tuesday, a colored man suspected of connection with the enterprise being taken into custody, and it is reported at the Court House that the officers have a pretty good line on the activities of three other men, two white and one colored, who will probably be required to show what they do or do not know about the management of this unfortunate enterprise.

#### EAST HENDERSONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor and Sunday school superintendent urgently requests all members to be present next Sunday at church and Sunday school. Let us start the New Year right.