

RECEPTION

Hendersonville's school plant is not only up-to-date but is also a model which the state board of education will urge other progressive cities to emulate.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of education, was here last week to inspect our plant. He was thoroughly enthusiastic over what he saw, and he announced his willingness to put pictures of our new high school property on the education board's moving picture screen and exhibit it throughout the state as an illustration of what a progressive community ought to do.

Dr. Brooks was for a number of years professor of education in Trinity College. A year ago he resigned that position to accept the office of state superintendent and he is intensely interested in all educational activities. Last month our city superintendent and several of the teachers were in Raleigh, attending the teachers assembly and they extended to Dr. Brooks an invitation from our city school trustees to visit Hendersonville and dedicate our new high school building. At first he said he did not know when he could find time to come; but finally he promised to be here Friday, December 19.

Friday afternoon a reception was held in the high school in honor of our distinguished guest, and all patrons and friends were invited to attend and take the opportunity of inspecting the newly acquired property. The domestic science department served refreshments and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Both Dr. Brooks and the patrons of the school were delighted with the plant.

After the reception given to Dr. Brooks at the new high school building, in the afternoon at 8 o'clock, a large and appreciative audience met at the city hall to hear the address of Dr. Brooks. On the platform were members of the board of trustees, several of the pastors and preachers of Hendersonville and vicinity, and other prominent citizens of the community. The meeting was called to order by O. V. F. Blythe chairman of the board of trustees. The opening prayer was led by Dr. E. E. Bomar, which was followed by a brief musical program, consisting of a well rendered piano solo, by Miss Bryant, and several selections well rendered by a quartet composed of Messrs. Honeycutt, McAdams, Tebeau and Garvin. E. W. Ewbank, Esq., was called for and responded in an enthusiastic speech, describing the advance in school interest in the city and community, congratulating the trustees and the people of the city on the present school facilities and advantages, declared that Hendersonville was now "On the map," and that by the united efforts of the Hendersonville people, Hendersonville will immediately become one of the school centers of the state and country; and then introduced to the audience, Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of education, who delivered a strong and impressive address, illustrating the needs of better school facilities, more general, and more thorough education of all the youth of the state,—congratulated the trustees and people of Hendersonville upon their recent achievements, both in facilities, school-spirit, and the splendid faculty; and stated that Hendersonville was fully up with the best high schools in the state, and in some lines of work ahead, with all the natural advantages necessary to keep its place.

The meeting closed with benediction pronounced by Rev. Raymond Browning.

Dr. Brooks was given a cordial invitation to return to Hendersonville next summer, when it is expected that some other school activities will be conducted.

Dr. Brooks had intended to leave on the first train Saturday morning, but he was so much interested in local conditions that he decided to stay over and attend the monthly meeting of the city and county teachers which was held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the high school assembly room. There was a good attendance, and Dr. Brooks made a very interesting address explaining in detail the new educational policy of the state.

There was a woman in Los Angeles who was reminding when eggs were laid down and children to be born and she is only 21 years old.

STATEMENT BY MR. MOREHEAD

The following statement by Mr. Morehead, relative to the 9th district election, as published in the Charlotte Observer, is of interest:

As far as I am informed, reports of the following frauds and violations of the law have reached Republican headquarters here:

First—Reports from many precincts that the Democratic registrar did not comply with the law by having himself and the registration books available so that voters could register. These reports are confined practically, to Republican counties and precincts.

Second—That in at least three precincts in Burke county, all strongly Republican, the registration book of each precinct was mutilated and whole pages torn out to destroy the record of Republican registrants.

Third—That at one box in Catawba county there were counted and officially returned, over 250 more ballots than were registered voters in the precinct.

Fourth—That the Cleveland county Democratic majority was obtained by counting or casting, or both of a minimum of 500 illegal ballots and 11 specific charges of fraud were filed before the county board of elections in that county.

In the light of these reports and charges, speaking for myself, I wish to say that a thorough going investigation of all of them will be made. If competent and legal substantiation is secured, I will proceed to the limit of my ability to punish the perpetrators and to uphold the purity of the ballot.

If these reports be true, whether Mr. Hoey or I represents the district in Congress is a matter of significant moment. On the other hand, however, it is vital that the sacredness of the ballot be protected. Otherwise the fundamentals of our system of government are undermined and destroyed.

In this connection, much has been said in print concerning the amount of funds in the hands of the Republicans of the district. One overwrought and per-fervid Democratic editor has declared in the columns of his paper that the Republican national authorities had sent \$100,000 to the district. Honorable O. Max Gardner, now lieutenant governor and candidate for governor, declared from the public platform that these same Republican national authorities had sent \$50,000 in gold to the district. (I am reliably informed that Mr. Gardner afterwards naively confessed that he made this remark while speaking in an out-of-the-way community and that he had no idea that it would appear in print.)

The simple truth is that, to my knowledge, not one penny has been sent to the district by any Republican committee or any individual non-resident Republican and I think it reasonable to presume that I would know had \$100,000 or \$50,000 or any other sum been sent here to be used in my behalf.

With the Democrats in the town of Charlotte bidding in the open market, "five dollars and a dram;" (think of the potency of a "dram" in these dry days), for a vote for Mr. Hoey, it would appear that the shoe is on the other foot and that the Republicans were altogether outclassed.

However, I digress. Concluding, permit me to reiterate that the question of who, as between Mr. and Hoey and myself, sits in Congress is entirely immaterial to the main point.

The issue is clearly whether or not legal election can be enforced in North Carolina.

I have most definite determination to bring to the bar of justice every proven violator of the law.

This much, at least, I owe to the perpetuation of our government and those men who so loyally supported me at the election.

JNO. M. MOREHEAD,
Charlotte December 1.

MASS MEETING

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Hendersonville and vicinity held in the city hall next Monday night. All citizens who are opposed to Bolshevism, I. W. Wism, and all other such men, are urged to attend this meeting, which will be called to order at 10 o'clock on Monday night.

TO OUR FRIENDS

An Appreciation

It is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes where subscribers to this paper dwell.

Christmas also in the minds and hearts of you good friends of ours.

Christmas, with all that term implies as to universal fellowship, bounteous unselfishness and renewed recognition of the fact that to give is actually better than to receive.

As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. Your appreciation has made this paper's issuance a congenial work to us of the staff.

And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmastime what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of this community, and of the territory within which this paper circulates, for their cordial co-operation in practical ways which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best editorial efforts to the community in a creditable manner.

May the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

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W. O. W.

"Santa Claus" made a visit to Fernwood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, Monday night of the present week and what he failed to leave in the way of good (?) things for six candidates from the new camp at Lynn and two from Hendersonville, would hardly be worth mentioning. The Lynn candidates were Frail Durham, Chas. Gosnell, Loranzo Kuykendall, Harrison Bridgman, Hughey Foster, and Earl Covil. Those from Hendersonville were Adolph Sherman and Howard Patterson. Eight candidates were a few more than the number usually taken in on one night and the midnight hour was almost reached when the session ended. The new sabre for the Chief Forester is expected by January 1st and the drill team, in their bright new uniforms, will attend a session of Vance camp, in Asheville, on the evening of January 7th.

OBTAIN WAGE INCREASE

Employees of packing house firms in Chicago have been granted increases in wages aggregating \$12,000,000 a year. The increase will affect about 125,000 stockyard workers, and is retroactive from September 1, 1913. The demands of the men for a 44-hour week and double pay for overtime were denied. At present they receive time and a half for overtime and holiday work.

BRIGHT QUILTS MILLING BUSINESS

E. R. Bright of the Mills River section was in the city Tuesday and stated that he had transferred his Asheville milling stock to George Connell of this city, and had decided to retire from the strenuous milling business and give his undivided time and attention to his country home, and that he expected to spend his dividends and income on four legged stock in the future, as two legged animals were rather hard to keep up with.

Bright also wishes to extend a cordial invitation to his co-operating ex-milling company and friends to take dinner with him during the holidays, especially those who were present in Hendersonville November 7th and gave him such a warm reception at the big blow out.

NETTING TAX DODGERS

At least \$500,000,000 will be forced from income tax dodgers in 1920 by the federal government, according to an official statement issued by Daniel Roper, commissioner of internal revenue. This is the first official accounting from Roper on the drive against tax dodgers which he undertook on January 1, 1919, under a special appropriation from Congress.

DEATH OF ALONZO TWYFORD

Alonzo Twyford, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Twyford of this city, died Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of his parents on South Main street. The young man had been afflicted with diabetes for several years, but it did not become chronic until recently. In fact, the young man kept able to go about until Thursday of last week when he took his bed. His physician saw him and informed his parents that his condition was serious. He continued to grow worse until he passed away Monday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of the parents of the deceased Wednesday morning, and the remains were taken to Charleston for interment.

The deceased was born and raised here, and was quite well known to many of the young people of the community who will be sorry to hear of his passing.

Much sympathy is extended the parents and other relatives of the deceased because of the occurrence which has brought trouble and sadness to them at this Christmas time.

ONE MORE SUFFRAGE STATE

The North Dakota legislation has voted to ratify the federal woman's suffrage amendment, the house by a vote of 98 and the senate 45 to 5. North Dakota is the twentieth state in the Union to ratify the amendment giving women the right to vote.

BRING BODIES FROM FRANCE

Washington, Dec. 22.—In announcing today that the government alone must handle the problem of bringing back the bodies of the American soldier dead from France, the War Department gives a general answer to thousands of requests of Congress from bereaved relatives.

Since the armistice was signed all members of the North Carolina delegation, for instance, have received letters from the state asking first for information as to plans for bringing home the soldier dead and then requesting that pressure be brought to expedite the return. Requests also have come from parents in all sections of the country that they be permitted to go to France, disinter the body of a son and bring it home at the expense of the family involved.

Today the War Department announced that "individual requests of this character will uniformly be refused." The government alone, the statement says, is in position to bring the bodies home and no matter how wealthy a grief-stricken parent may be the War Department will pay the expenses and the official program must work itself out.

The department says the granting of individual permits for such removal would interfere with orderly arrangements and also with negotiations under way with the French government. The consent of the French government is required before there is a general removal of American bodies from French soil.

Another reason given for government control of the entire tragic undertaking is that there should be no unfair discrimination against those relatives who are of limited financial means.

LUCY YOUNG, DEAD

Lucy G. Young, a well-known colored woman of Flat Rock, died in Asheville on the 15th of this month, from the effect of a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were conducted in Asheville, after which the body was brought to this city and laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

She had three sons in the World War, took an active interest in war relief work, especially the Red Cross, of which she was a faithful member. She was born in 1865 and spent most of her life at Flat Rock except two years in Asheville. She was 54 years of age.

MRS. GARREN DEAD

Mrs. Vicy Garren, wife of George Garren of this city, died at her home on Third avenue East, Sunday morning at the age of 69 years.

Mrs. Garren leaves a husband, a number of children and grand children. She was buried in Oakdale cemetery Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Undertaker Shepherd had charge of the burial.

HEIRESS QUIT CHAUFFEUR

Mrs. Julia French Geraghty, daughter of Mrs. Leroy French, has been granted a divorce from John Geraghty, with whom she eloped in 1911. Her husband made no defense against the allegations of non-support for several years.

The sensational elopement created a big stir in Newport, R. I., where the young heiress had been living.

CHRISTMAS SWEETS ESCAPE

Christmas with only a limited supply of candy, cakes and other confections is the prospect that faces New York city this year. According to bakers and confectioners, the sugar shortage has become so acute it is now impossible to buy at exorbitant prices.

An investigation is being made of the books of candy makers to see if they have been securing sugar which should have gone into the retail trade.

HAIR TONICS UNDER BAN

Hair tonics must be made undrinkable, according to Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, who has issued an order on manufacturers of proprietary medicines, barbers' supplies and other alcoholic preparations that they must prepare their products so that they may not be used as beverages after January 18, when constitutional prohibition becomes effective.