

FIELD ARTILLERY ORGANIZED HERE

Members Will Engage in Various Athletics And Camp at Fayetteville In Summer.

It is of great interest to know that a battery of the 117th Field Artillery may be organized here in the near future. Many of the young men are so anxious to get in uniform that they have already purchased suits, not waiting until the government issues them complete uniforms. It is understood that over half of the required number for organization have already enlisted, although these have not been given examinations.

Members of the battery are planning to have one of the best baseball teams in this section, also an excellent football team is planned, as well as boxing, wrestling and other athletics for the battery. General Metts, who addressed those interested Thursday night of last week said the boys would be able to enjoy fishing, boating and swimming at Fayetteville, where the battery will attend a two weeks encampment this summer. All expenses on this trip are paid by the government, as well as each man will be paid for his time at the rate of regular army pay, according to rank. Also pay will be received for each drill night once each week, not less than 48 nor more than 60 drill nights a year.

The purpose of the government is to give its citizens an idea of actual military training, also to promote better manhood, making patriotic Americans, and at the same time to maintain a well equipped and well trained reserve for emergencies. The business men of the town can assist the government in this patriotic undertaking by permitting their employees to attend drill nights, and make arrangements for them to go with the battery to encampment.

In the battery there will be the following officers: one captain, two first lieutenants, one second lieutenant, a first sergeant, a staff sergeant, five other sergeants and seven corporals. Also the men will be rated as cannoners, chauffeurs, mechanics, motor-cyclists, etc. The men for each of these positions will be selected principally on the following points: efficiency, temperament and by preference of the men of the battery. No officers, nor non-commissioned officers are to be made until all have had a chance to show qualifications. However, for the sake of organization, Thomas J. Hyder has been made a temporary captain in the 117th Field Artillery, and he is to take examination along with the other officers.

The men who have already enlisted will watch our town newspapers for information in regard to meetings, examinations, orders, etc. It is suggested that each man subscribe for one of the papers, and for both if he wishes. Anyone wishing to enlist may come to the American Legion Hall any night, at 8:00 p. m., from this date until Saturday, March 11. If information is desired call telephone 22, or write Mr. Hyder, city.

PARENT-TEACHER BANQUET

Rarely has our town enjoyed so delightful an occasion as that of the reception given by the Parent-Teacher's Association on Tuesday evening at the Hodgwell hotel.

By half past eight the lobby and parlors were thronged with the teachers, the parents and those interested in our schools. The utmost harmony and kindly cordiality were everywhere in evidence. Many spoke of it as the most interesting and pleasant meeting ever given by the organization.

It was a genuine "get-together" occasion, and no doubt both parents and teachers now have a deeper interest in each other, and a better understanding of the important work that is being done. The private dining room had been reserved for those present, but it proved inadequate for the numbers and so Mr. Gilliard promptly had several tables arranged in the regular dining room of the hotel.

About 160 guests were served to delicious chicken salad, pickles, crackers and coffee. The refreshments were made and served by numerous ladies of the community.

Mr. Gilliard, proprietor of the Hodgwell, most courteously and efficiently aided the ladies in making the reception an unqualified success.

Duffing the evening vocal and instrumental selections were rendered by accomplished musicians.

In the dining room Mr. Honeycutt called for short speeches from both ladies and gentlemen, and these were given with the spirit and enthusiasm which the occasion merited.

It is scarcely saying too much to add that every guest departed with the earnest hope that such another pleasant event will be enjoyed in the near future.

THE TIMES ADDS TO ITS MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

The Times announces with pleasure that it has just received a set of new gauge pins which will add greatly to its mechanical department and will enable us to turn out a high grade of printing.

If business continues to improve we expect shortly to order a new mallet and shooting stick which will make us one of the best equipped shops in Western North Carolina.

PROPERTY VALUE IN STATE LOWER

State Treasurer Lacy Signs Bonds Though Ill; Raleigh Ready For Big Revival.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 27, 1922.—Raleigh has been anxious the past week for an encouraging word from the bedside of State Treasurer B. R. Lacy who became seriously ill en route to New York several days ago for the purpose of signing and delivering a large issue of North Carolina bonds to recent purchasers in that city. Joseph G. Brown, President of the Citizens National Bank of this city, accompanied Mr. Lacy on the mission, was with him in the Pullman when the attack came and stuck by his sick friend until improvement was shown in his condition. From the train the stricken official was taken to the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York, where he lingered for hours between life and death. At this writing slight improvement in his condition is reported. Mrs. Lacy has been with him for more than a week.

Although sick nigh unto death, Treasurer Lacy insisted upon fulfilling the mission, which had taken him from home when he should have remained in bed, and was permitted to sign a large batch of the bonds in the sick chamber. This official act was performed at the risk of his life, but he was determined to keep his engagement with the New York bankers who had previously named a final date for the delivery of the North Carolina bonds and bull-dog tenacity enabled him to "keep the faith." Mr. Brown, in the meantime, succeeded in arranging for a later date for the signature and delivery of the bonds the State Treasurer had been unable to sign and the brave official collapsed on receiving information that further exertion on his part was not necessary. A recent amendment to the State Bonding Act permits the signature of some other member of the Council of State and Auditor Baxter Durham may perform that service, if present plans are developed.

Deductions worked out by the State Tax Commission indicate a material reduction in the property values for 1921. The total assessed value of taxable property in the State for the past year is placed at \$2,575,230,000, or \$583,250,072 less than that of 1920, the "valuation year." Probably forty counties reduced values and many of these have since found themselves "twixt the devil and the deep blue sea" in trying to provide funds for county expenses. The State Tax Commission gave local authorities sufficient rope to hang themselves and not a few of them availed themselves of the opportunity to get back to "normalcy." The estimate of the Tax Commission does not include assessments of city property for municipal purposes.

The Baptist churches of Raleigh have been making ready for the big Truett evangelistic campaign scheduled to open at the Tabernacle church on Wednesday evening, March 1st. Sixty cottage prayer meetings have been held in various sections of the city and personal workers selected by the various churches will undertake to interest the unconcerned in attending the meetings which, following the first three services, will be held in the city auditorium. Monday night, March 6th, is to be "student's night," when students of the various schools in the city, Wake Forest College, Buie's Creek and other places will have special seats reserved for them.

"North Carolina Day," is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th. A record crowd is expected here on that day. Many have written already for reservations at the hotels, boarding-houses and in private homes. Special invitations have been sent to pastors of churches throughout central and eastern Carolina and scores of them have indicated their purpose to attend. Raleigh will welcome the distinguished divine with open arms.

MR. KANTROWITZ RETURNS

A Kantrowitz, proprietor of The Hub, has returned from a two weeks' business trip among western and northern markets, where he purchased the spring line of shoes and men's furnishings for The Hub.

The first stop Mr. Kantrowitz made was in St. Louis, Mo., going from there to Boston, then visiting New York and Baltimore on the return trip.

Mr. Kantrowitz stated to a representative of this paper that he did not rush through the markets, but took plenty of time to select the best quality of goods to offer to his customers. Mr. Kantrowitz also stated that he was fortunate in buying goods at a very reasonable price. He is highly pleased with the result of his trip and feels he can take good care of his customers this season in quality of goods and at prices that will attract.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Thomson Evangelistic party consisting of Dr. Harry A. Thomson, Evangelist, Mrs. H. A. Thomson, Bible Teacher and Mr. David J. Williams, musical director will begin a series of revival services at the Presbyterian church in this city Wednesday evening, March 8th continuing the meetings through Sunday March 26.

KIWANIS CLUB GIVEN CHARTER

Dr. Wm. R. Kirk Makes Opening Address to Kiwanians at Hodgwell Friday

The Hendersonville Kiwanis club officially came into being Saturday night at the Hodgwell hotel, when E. E. Wheeler, lieutenant Kiwanis governor, presented the charter and formerly welcomed the club in the swelling ranks of international Kiwanis.

Kiwanian Mayor J. Mack Rhodes presided and handled the gavel with his usual dispatch. Invocation was asked by Kiwanian A. W. Farnum, Episcopal rector. "Hendersonville's Need of Kiwanis" was the subject of the opening address, with Dr. Wm. R. Kirk, as the speaker. In a splendid address he clearly showed that the organization was needed to instill a spirit of fellowship and radiate good cheer and optimism in the metropolis of Henderson county.

Musical selections by Mrs. Nick F. Jones, Mrs. Frank A. Ewbank and Miss Virginia Siler were outstanding features of the charter presentation meeting. Miss Eva Blythe and Miss Virginia Siler rendered a violin duet which was favorably received.

Clarence Sawyer, F. W. Thomas and J. V. Martin were the members of the Asheville club to respond with short addresses and make a distinct impression on the Hendersonville Kiwanians. Kiwanian Martin, impressed with the musical numbers, invited the musicians to be the guests of the Asheville club March 10 and the invitation was accepted. Transportation will be furnished.

TO ERECT MEMORIAL HALL

At a meeting of the heads of the various women's organizations Monday afternoon at the City Hall the building of a memorial hall to the soldiers of Henderson county was discussed at some length. Mrs. J. W. Williams, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion, and originator of the idea, presided over the meeting and presented the views of the Auxiliary. The desire for such a hall seems to be unanimous with all the clubs but details have yet to be worked out. The question as to whether the hall should belong exclusively to the women's organizations or include those of the men is yet to be settled. The leaders of the movement would appreciate expressions of opinion from any interested person and any and all members of the various men's and women's organizations in the city.

MR. LEWIS RETURNS

A. Lewis, manager of E. Lewis & Son's Department store who has been among the northern markets for the past two weeks returned to Hendersonville Sunday.

While on this trip Mr. Lewis visited the markets in St. Louis, Mo., New York and Baltimore. Mr. Lewis says he found the markets in most excellent condition, that he succeeded in selecting and buying a spring and summer stock of ladies' ready-to-wear as complete and up-to-the-minute in style, quality, and at remarkably low prices, as he has ever purchased.

"There were many merchants from all over the country in the markets, and all seemed to be optimistic as to the business outlook," said Mr. Lewis.

"Were you glad to get back home?" asked the editor of this paper of Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis replied: "You bet I was—no place to me like Hendersonville."

NEW HOT DOG STAND DOES FLOURISHING BUSINESS

The new "weine joint" recently located in a portion of Stagg's Tin shop has attracted many customers and is doing a business which taxes the capacity of the diminutive shop at times.

Behind the counter presides "Shorty" who has a genuine talent for training hot dogs in the way they should go.

There is only one way to judge the popularity of an eating place and that is by the number of its customers. "Shorty" has the customers. As to the flavor of his wares, "Shorty" gives as reference any member of The Times mechanical force.

STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE BODY TO MEET MARCH 9th

Chairman J. D. Norwood has called the State Democratic Executive committee to meet in Raleigh Thursday, March 9 to name date and make plans for the democratic state conventions. Calls also will be issued at that time for the county conventions and the precinct meeting. While no special business other than calling the meetings has been announced the committee will handle any matters that may come up, it was stated.

DEATH OF HARRY OSTEEN

News has been received of the death of Harry Osteen, of Mt. Olivet, on last Sunday night after an attack of double pneumonia following "flu." He was buried Monday afternoon at Mt. Olivet. Mr. Osteen was a brother of Luther Osteen of Hendersonville and, in addition to the brother, leaves a wife and several children.

WANT ANSWERS, SAYS STATON

B. F. Staton Declares Commissioners' Records Do Not Give Full Account.

Editor The Times:

A few weeks ago you published a letter from me, in which I referred to certain statements made by the County Commissioners, and in which I asked the Commissioners to answer several specific questions relating to important county affairs.

In your issue of last week, there appears an "interview" with Commissioner Bane, referring to my letter, and Mr. Bane is quoted as saying that "the Board would engage in no newspaper controversy over matters in regard to which a complete record existed in the files and minutes of the Commissioners' official meetings and to which the whole public had unobstructed access."

Since Mr. Bane himself began the "controversy" by publishing a very long signed statement in the newspapers, it seems strange indeed that he should now suffer a sudden attack of modesty and discover that he is averse to newspaper controversies, nor to personalities.

His interview does not answer the questions asked him, nor does it tell the public where all the information asked for may be obtained. The "files and minutes of the Commissioners' official meetings" do NOT show in detail the expenditures that have been made on the Court House, —neither do they disclose the present whereabouts of various official county records that are supposed to be kept in the office of the Register of Deeds, but which are now absent from their place of legal custody, and are reported to be beyond the limits of the State.

And even if some of the information asked for in my letter could be obtained by a more or less intricate search of those records which the Commissioners have allowed still to remain in the Court House, the public generally is not skilled in making these searches; and it would seem that Mr. Bane ought to be glad to give such information freely and voluntarily.

Those who know the facts, and who also know Mr. Bane, may not be surprised at his attitude in trying to cut off the controversy. But he does not stop there. According to the interview he goes on to speak of the "movers of B. F. Staton's article", and to refer to me as "their spokesman", and to say that I of all men was most bitter in my denunciation of the commissioners' order to have the county books audited, and that I denounced the investigation in most unmeasured terms.

I am not surprised that Bane's interview should contain misrepresentations; but it is a wonder to me that anyone should be able to make so many false statements within the limits of a few lines.

No one but myself was the "mover" of my letter. I was "spokesman" for no one but myself. No one asked me to write it, and no one suggested that I should write it.

I have never denounced auditing or investigating the county's books. No one is in better position than Bane to know this, because he conferred with me about it.

What I have objected to, and still object to is that the commissioners should have paid an enormous salary to an auditor who seemed unable, even after many months of effort, to produce any results.

I wrote the letter of my own initiative, because the Commissioners had signed and published a statement, using my name in a way that might be construed to reflect upon my integrity, and because I wanted to know and wanted the public to know what answers they had to make to the questions I asked them.

We are still waiting for those questions to be answered.

B. F. STATON.

GERALD SHIPMAN LAID TO REST IN OAKDALE CEMETERY

The body of Gerald Shipman, who died in California last week, while in the service of the U. S. Navy, arrived in Hendersonville Saturday afternoon at one o'clock and was carried from the station to the home of Mrs. W. A. Morris, grandmother of the deceased, to await the funeral hour at three o'clock. At that time the body was taken to the Grove street Baptist Church where services were conducted by Revs. E. E. Bomar and R. V. Miller. Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Orr, Clarence Coston and Miss Sarah Miller sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Abide With Me."

The flag-draped casket with former members of the navy dressed in suits of the service acting as pallbearers and seated near, made of the occasion an unusually impressive one which the solemn words of the ministers enhanced.

At the conclusion of the service, the pallbearers, Hooks, Walter, John Bishop, Guy Brookshire, Ward, Allison, Joe Freeman and Leon Trice, bore the body of their mate to the waiting car in which it was gently carried to Oakdale and after its long journey finally laid to rest and taps were sounded by Roy Bennett, with the pallbearers standing at attention.

Surviving the deceased are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Shipman, two sisters, Maxine and Euba, the grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Morris and a number of other near relatives.

HENDERSONVILLE'S FIRST GOLDEN RULE SALES DAY

AMERICAN LEGION SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT

The American legion announces that everything is in readiness for their production "All a Mistake" at the city hall, Friday night, March 3rd, at 8:15 p. m.

Nothing has been omitted by Director Penny in his efforts to make this production supreme among home talent shows. The theme of the play is such as to hold the audience in an air of mystery and suspense from the beginning to the "finale."

The proceeds will be turned over to the local chapter of the American Red Cross to be applied to the support of the county nurse. The cast, under Mr. Penny, is making every effort to make good the legion's subscription to the county nurse fund, and to insure the public's reception of value received for their money. It is not the policy of the American legion to raise money by public subscription, it being the established rule that when it becomes necessary to raise funds with which to carry on the work of the organization something must be given in exchange for every dollar received from the public. The local post of the American legion has invariably followed this rule. When called upon to contribute towards the securing of a full time county nurse the legion recognized and accepted, an opportunity to assist in an undertaking, the meritoriousness of which, none can question, and, at the same time, furnish some clean amusement for the people of Hendersonville during the dull winter months.

In this connection, the legion wishes, also, to announce that on June 10th its third annual minstrel will be presented at the city hall.

Committee in charge.

S. S. CONVENTION

Detailed arrangements for the annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association which assemblies in Charlotte, April 11-12-13, are well under way, according to communication received from D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the organization.

Mr. Sims was in Charlotte on February 24, conferring with the Sunday School workers. The local committees in Charlotte are being organized and plans are nearing completion for the entertainment of the hundreds of delegates. All delegates will pay for their own entertainment while at the convention. Lodging and breakfast in the private homes of Charlotte will be provided for those who attend at the rate of \$1.00 per night.

While each Sunday School is requested to elect three delegates to the convention, besides pastor and superintendent who are delegates by virtue of their office, at the same time the sessions are open to all and it is hoped many Sunday school workers will attend whether delegates or not.

Special low railroad rates, certificate plan, have been authorized on account of the convention. Information regarding reduced fares can be secured from the local ticket agents.

The program committee has announced the following notable religious educators of America as having been secured for the program: Dr. H. E. Tralle, Editor Training Publications, American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Plato T. Durham, Professor of History, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Maud J. Baldwin, Children's Division Superintendent, International Sunday School Association, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. E. W. Halpenny, Adult Division Superintendent, International Sunday School Association, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Anna Branch Binford, Director Young People's Work, Presbyterian Church U. S., Richmond, Va.; Prof. Harold F. Humbert, Instructor in Religious Education, Boston University, School of Religious Education, Boston, Mass.

MRS. BARNWELL DELIVERS INTERESTING LECTURES

Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell gave three very delightful and instructive lectures last week. The first, entitled "Neighbors," which referred to the insect and bird life of this section, was given before the first grade pupils in the city graded school. Before the Presbyterian senior endeavor on Sunday night Mrs. Barnwell chose "Books" as her subject. At an entertainment given Friday evening by the children of the Flat Rock school, under the auspices of their Parent-Teachers' association, she gave a very graphic account of the life of "George Washington" and spoke also on "Native Birds."

MR. PATTERSON BACK

H. Patterson who has been on a trip south returned to Hendersonville Saturday. He was accompanied on this trip by S. H. Friedman, of Asheville, the two visiting Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Daytona, Miami, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Key-west, Fla. and Havana Cuba. Spending a few days in the Cuban city.

Mr. Patterson says he made the trip for pleasure and had a real treat of amusement all the time he was away. The tan on his face shows the change of climate but in spite of that Mr. Patterson says that is a great country, but everything considered Hendersonville is still ahead.

Farmers' Auction Sale To Be Held Near City Hall on Morning of Sale Day.

Hendersonville's first Golden Rule Sales Day will be held Monday, March 6, with practically every business house participating.

A word of explanation as to the purpose and origin of the Golden Rule Sales Day and the Hendersonville Ad Club will not be amiss here. The Hendersonville Ad Club is composed of the progressive and wide-awake merchants of Hendersonville who see prosperity in co-operation, not only among themselves, but with the buying public. They have joined together in an advertising club known as the Hendersonville Ad Club, the purpose of which is to increase the volume of business for the merchants and at the same time enable them to offer merchandise to the public at attractive prices. Thus both profit by the plan.

In accordance with this plan, once every month every member of the club will offer for sale, and advertise through the medium of circulars to be mailed to every person in the county, two articles at specially reduced prices. No two merchants will advertise the same article on the same sales day. The Hendersonville Ad Club has appointed a committee of responsible and capable men to examine every article offered and ascertain that it is not quoted at above a rock-bottom price. This system enables the purchaser to be absolutely sure that he is getting the full value for his money, for he is able to know that each article advertised is backed by the Hendersonville Ad Club.

It is easy to see that no selfish impulses are behind this plan, for it militates to the advantage of both merchant and buyer, and does more than merely present an opportunity for the people to save money. It will increase business and prosperity for everybody simply by putting more money into circulation; it will enable more debts to be paid, more goods to be bought and more money to be saved. Increased business for one man always means increased business for another.

The public should remember that each merchant is offering a different article of merchandise, hence it is imperative, if one wishes to go about the matter in a business-like way, to read carefully what each merchant advertises in the Golden Rule Ad. Doing so will save time and avoid confusion on the Sales day.

Every bargain offered is guaranteed and backed by the Hendersonville Ad Club under whose auspices it appears, unless otherwise stated. The merchants who are making this Sales day possible are the live progressive merchants of Hendersonville, the men who are doing what they can to build up the town and surrounding country. They offer you real bargains and fair treatment—not only on Sales day, but give you real values every day in the year. They are the men who will appreciate your patronage and they deserve it.

It is the Ad Club's intention to mail the Sales day sheet to every family in the Hendersonville trade territory; if you are not receiving your copy notify the Secretary of the Club, P. L. Wright, and your name will be placed on the mailing list and the Sales day sheet will reach you regularly hereafter.

Will Hold Auction Sale For Benefit of Farmers.

A feature of the Golden Rule Sales day which should have a strong appeal to the farmers of the county is the Auction Sale of any articles the farmers wish to dispose of, which will be held in the morning in the vacant lot next to the City Hall.

It is extremely easy to enter this proposition. All the farmer needs do is to bring his article or articles to be sold and an experienced auctioneer will do the rest. This plan is devised to enable the farmer to dispose of goods for which he has no further need, to find a ready market for his produce and to acquire such goods as he may need himself.

It is almost a certainty that every farmer has something such as a plow, a horse, or a pig—it is useless to go into details—which he has no need for, and it is just as certain that a purchaser can be found for almost any article offered. A nominal fee will be charged for auctioning off these articles.

OWNER SALUDA MARKET KILLED GRINDING SAUSAGE

J. W. Pace, 30, proprietor of a meat market at Saluda, was killed last Friday while grinding sausage in his shop.

The machine was operated by electricity, and when he started it the wires became crossed. Death by electrocution was instantaneous attending physicians report.

The deceased was born in Henderson county, and had been a resident of Saluda for a number of years. In addition to the wife, formerly Miss Alice Andrews of Hendersonville, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Clinton Johnson and Mrs. Lonnie Ward, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Pace, all of Saluda.