

## PRES. HARDING WRECKS CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

G. O. P. Firing Democrats From Existing Offices and Creating New Ones for Republicans.

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, April 11.—One of the most irretrievable blunders any party in power can commit is to offend that powerful section of the electorate known as the independent voters. No man has been elected president of the United States for the last 40 years without the independent vote. Even Harding with his 7,000,000 majority received over 4,000,000 of independent votes, votes of persons who do not wear the badge of either party.

The peculiar pride and glory of the independent voters is the fact that they have compelled the government to establish and maintain for the last 40 years a merit system to determine the fitness and efficiency of its civil servants. The partisans of neither party are devoted to this merit system, nor will they ever be, but they will never dare lay a hostile hand on it except through evasion, subterfuge and hypocrisy. That is why the platform of both the two great political parties always contain planks professing to uphold the civil service. A party platform without such a plank would be as incomplete as a prayer in a Christian church without the name of Christ.

Notwithstanding this fact the Harding administration has scrapped the civil service so far as it applies to the postoffice department and now threatens to destroy it in other departments of the government. The work of destruction is launched in the White House in these latter departments in behalf of the exalted claim of efficiency in government but the President's spokesman in the senate are unadulterated spoilsmen. The President's pre-presidential record shows that he was a spoilsman of spoilsmen.

In the senate the administration works with an iron hand to wreck the civil service; in the White House the work is done with a gloved hand. The President discharged 25 chiefs in the bureau of engraving and printing without warning. It is done to get rid of the democrats and no one disputes the word of the senators. A storm is brewing. The administration sends over to the bureau of engraving and printing to see if it can rake up something against the men and women it has fired. If it cannot and the storm continues to wax, the *Messenger* and *News* will for the time being be made goats of. In the meantime the President announces with an aspect of profound sincerity that he must not be hampered in his efforts by the civil service to bring into the departments the great ideal of efficiency he has in mind. This Leviathan in the White House is bound by this lilliputian of the civil service and he strains at his cords. Behold what the dwarf is doing to the giant.

Republicans Creating New Offices  
The republicans are not only firing democrats from the offices that are but are busy creating new offices for their insatiable hunger and thirst. In the senate there is pending a bill to create 18 new federal judges the most of them in states where republican senators need patronage for re-election to the senate this fall. Senator Overman, a member of the senate judiciary committee, is opposing the bill with facts and figures that have made many of the republican senators uncomfortable. He says that at most not more than 10 judges are needed and that the bill is brought forward simply to furnish more pie for the party now in power as every one of these judges will of course be a republican. The senator points out that one reason many of the court dockets are crowded with cases is because the sitting judges do not attend to their duties; they loaf on the job, continue cases that ought to be stricken from the dockets and take long vacations. Many cases on the dockets are draft cases that should be disposed of in short order.

Senator Overman cites Judge Connor as a striking example of a diligent and industrious judge who disposed of over 700 cases last year while Senator Lodge is asking for two judges to try 244 cases in Massachusetts. Lodge is of course badly in need of help to return him to the senate this fall. But an unusual and most objectionable feature of the bill is what Senator Overman calls its military aspect. It provides that these federal judges must meet annually in Washington and be assigned to their districts by the chief justice of the United States like a commander assigns his staff.

### CONSTRUCTION OF QUEEN THEATRE PROGRESSING

The work of erecting the beautiful new Queen theatre is progressing rapidly, with the supporting walls of hollow tile already in place, the workmen are at present engaged on the interior.

Recently there arrived a large shipment of the facade which is a large and beautiful structure.

### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The Henderson County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the Court House on Saturday, April 15th, at 12 o'clock to elect a County Chairman and Executive Committee for the next two years and elect delegates to the State convention to be held at Raleigh on the 20th of this month.

## "STUNT" BANQUET AT HODGEWELL

Will Invite Greenville Kiwanians Here At Early Date.

The "stunt" meeting of the Kiwanians at the Hodgewell yesterday at one o'clock fully lived up to its appellation. Twenty members were present and four visitors.

First on the program was a business session in which it was resolved to invite the members of the Greenville Kiwanis club to Hendersonville some time in the near future. This was done once before and the local attendance was very poor, so it is hoped that every member will turn out on the day the visitors are here.

An unusual and very entertaining feature put on by the stunt committee was that each member introduced himself as the man below him at the table. No end of merriment was caused when F. S. Wetmur introduced himself as Mack Rhodes and stated that he was still on the fence as to the meat ordinance. The fun increased as each man rose in turn, many old scores were adequately paid off, and many witty but kindly quips were made.

Walter Smith created a comic situation by causing a waiter to upset a tray of dishes upon him. A resolution was made and passed that Walter pay for the broken dishes, and it is stated on good authority that he, oblivious to the fact that it was stunt day, is still under the impression that he must "pay up" and is trying to borrow money from his friends.

A. R. Hanson, whom the Kiwanians seem to consider their most typical Romeo, was very appropriately presented with a baby chicken in a nest by Chester Glenn.

A prize consisting of a jumping jack and an Easter bunny was the award to F. S. Wetmur for his faithfulness in attendance.

Delightful music was furnished by Miss Charles Morrow, Jr., and A. W. Henshaw, and as the usual good dinner was served, every one was well pleased.

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

President Harding, in his recent proclamation, has designated the week of April 16-22 as Forest Protection Week, and April 22 as the Golden Anniversary of Arbor Day. The President has directed attention to the vital importance of protecting and perpetuating our forests, and has suggested the desirability of action by officers of public institutions, along with others, to get the people in the cities and rural communities to co-operate in a general fire prevention campaign.

### RECALL ONE CENT SALE

Hendersonville people will welcome gladly the announcement that the Justus Pharmacy is putting on another of the famous Recall One Cent Sales. The sale begins April 20th and runs through the 22nd.

The sale is for the purpose of advertising the many products of the Recall company, and it always enables the people to acquire the best toilet articles, rubber goods, lotions and countless other articles at a real saving. The sale is called a one cent sale because the purchaser acquires two articles for one cent more than the price of one, thus getting practically twice as much for his money.

### SAM BRYSON INJURED BY EXPLOSION

As the result of a blast at the Flat Rock quarry the early part of this week, Sam Bryson was struck on the head by a flying piece of stone and knocked unconscious for a short time. Medical aid was rendered as quickly as possible and it was found that the injury, while painful, was not serious. The accident did not deter Mr. Bryson from being at his business next day.

### EASTER SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

9:45, 10:05 A. M. Easter exercises by the whole school in main church auditorium.

10:05, 10:50 A. M. Opening of barrels and Easter Thank offering for new Sunday school equipment in new building by classes.

11:00 A. M., and 8:00 P. M. preaching by the pastor, Rev. Frank Siler on theme appropriate to Easter. Special Easter music at both services.

At the close of the evening sermon the pastor will conduct the annual installation of the officers of the Epworth League. The public is invited to all services.

### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT KEDRON LODGE FRIDAY NIGHT

At a special communication of Kedron lodge held last Friday night, O. Perry Earle was given the master's degree.

A special communication will be held tonight for the purpose of conferring entered apprentice degree.

## PLANS FOR THE WOODMAN CAMP

Woodmen, With a Marine Band, Will Give Concerts and Drills During Encampment Here.

In a letter to T. V. Lyda, of this city, Major General C. L. Mather, Adjutant General of the Woodmen of the World, definitely stated that Hendersonville had been selected as the location of the W. O. W. Camp this summer.

About 1,000 men will arrive July 3, to stay until the 8th. The camp site selected is located in the rear of the Carolina Terrace. For a mess hall, the Woodmen have been granted the use of the High School gymnasium. Daily drills will be conducted on the High School athletic field.

An entertaining feature on the program for the Woodmen's stay here will be the music furnished by a marine band of 40 pieces which has been secured for the occasion. Daily concerts will be given on the streets, and a daily parade by the Woodmen in uniform will be given.

As the Woodmen will be here on the 4th of July, it is expected that they will give some semi-military demonstration on that day.

The executive council, composed of about 20 local members, has reserved rooms at the Dunraggan hotel for their stay here, which will be for two weeks.

About 200 candidates will be properly initiated and put through their paces during their stay here. Special programs have been arranged for them.

The local women have been active. At their last meeting 31 candidates were passed on for membership. They are working hard to secure for Hendersonville the Woodman hospital which is expected to be located here. General A. B. Lewis, who was here in the interest of the hospital has been shown every possible satisfaction with several which he has seen.

## BOARD OF TRADE IN NEED OF DATA

People Are Asking Sec'y. of Board For All Kinds of Information

(By J. L. Penny.)  
Where? When? What? Why? How? Who?

The Board of Trade is Hendersonville's information bureau, as well as Hendersonville's selling organization.

It must answer questions. Letters that reach it ask all sorts of questions. Visitors drop in and want to be directed to Mr. Smith's house. They want to know if, by any possible chance, roads could be bad down about Green River. One elderly gentleman, all excited, rushed into the board's office the other day and wanted to know why someone did not stop a horse that was running away.

But all the questions put to the board are not without merit. People learn by asking questions. It was said of John C. Calhoun that he asked a question about some subject apparently out of the range of what other matter he may have been thinking of, every 15 minutes.

The Board of Trade must, therefore, be in the possession of facts. Each season brings new conditions. The secretary of the board cannot be expected to have knowledge of these new conditions—that is all of them—and many of the old ones as well. He must depend upon the public to keep him informed. If readers of this article have in mind, or are engaged in a business which the Board of Trade should know about, whether they are new or old in the business, they should make it a point to inform the board, in writing if possible, but orally certainly.

The most frequent questions concern hotels, boarding houses and rooming houses. It is entirely within the range of physical possibility for the board's secretary to know where all hotels, boarding and rooming houses are, but he has many other duties to perform besides answering questions, so he asks that proprietors who have not already made their appearance known to him to please do so. Otherwise those who have done so will have an advantage over those who have not.

Hendersonville covers quite a large area, and her growing pains are becoming more pronounced all the time. Schools are being spotted in near and distant parts; camps are being established within her environs; old and new bus lines are operating. These are some of the things the Board of Trade should be kept informed about. Giving publicity to Hendersonville's facilities is an easy matter only when all parties concerned spend the little time necessary in lending their co-operation to movements or institutions looking toward the town's development.

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## EASTER LILIES



And from the altar Easter day  
In all its pure perfection,  
It moves anew the miracle  
Of death and resurrection.  
—MINNA IRVING.

## INVESTMENT CO. BUYS FIRST LOT

Will Build House in Hyman Heights Later in Spring.

The Hendersonville Investment company, a live-wire concern organized here a few weeks ago for the purpose of making investments in real estate, or anything else that may be deemed safe and advisable, and composed of young business men of the town who are progressive and heedful to opportunity, made its first business venture the early part of this week in the purchase of a lot situated on Patton Avenue in Hyman Heights.

The lot was purchased from Sol Reese, and it is the intention of the company to erect a house upon it before summer, this to be sold and the proceeds turned into the common treasury.

The Investment Company limits its stock to 100 shares at \$100 each, payable at the rate of \$10 per month. A great many of the young men of the town are availing themselves of this easy and proved method of investment. It has succeeded wonderfully in many other places.

Mrs. Miday and daughters, after spending the winter season in Florida, came Saturday to their Fifth Avenue summer home.

## AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUESTS

Legion Auxiliary Entertains Boys At Killarney.

The "get-together" social tendered to the American Legion by their Auxiliary on Friday evening at Killarney seemed to be much enjoyed and appreciated by the men. Although only about 50 were present others were away because of unsurmountable difficulties. A number of readings were given by Misses Ficker, Sample, Lila Jordan and Mrs. Turner, and several violin selections were rendered by Misses Evah Blythe and Virginia Siler. Messrs. A. Y. Arledge and Lee Whitmire made their appearance during the pleasure of the Legion at being present at such a gathering and their appreciation for the same. One of the chief attractions of the evening was a fancy dance by little Elizabeth Feaman.

The entire floor was very artistically decorated with flags and draperies in the national colors. Conspicuous was the flag-draped punch bowl with a large flag draped the whole width of the hall above it. Beneath it stood, also, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. F. A. Bly, who served the refreshing beverage during the entire evening. Chicken salad and accessories with coffee, was served buffet style at a late hour.

## Wonderful Progress Made by Rector Publishing Co. Reviewed

In a passing way and free from the egotistic air that sometimes pervades the columns of newspapers, I take this occasion, on behalf of our company and employees, to give to the public a few facts concerning our place of business which I think will be appreciated by our readers.

When I came to Hendersonville in September 1919 to become managing editor of the paper, succeeding T. W. Valentine, who had held this position for several years I found in the mechanical department of the shop Joe Freeman and M. M. Bowen, the former having become an employee of the company on Christmas preceding this date and the latter long before that time.

This was at a time when the press and other business were paralyzed and only beginning to rally from the shock of the world war, help scarce and supplies high in price.

The task was begun with a steady nerve and a determination to succeed. For a year most of the work was done in the mechanical department by Messrs. Freeman and Bowen with the help of a press feeder part of the time, Mr. Rector and myself handling the editorial and "reportorial" work.

### Business Increases

By dint of hard work the business has steadily grown in volume both in the newspaper and job departments until we have been compelled to more than double our working force, thus automatically increasing the weekly payroll a hundred per cent over what it was three years ago, the output of the shop steadily growing larger in the meantime.

Our mechanical force is now composed of Joe Freeman, foreman, M. M. Bowen, Leonard Hesterly and T. W. Liverett. The editorial department is handled by E. W. Ewbank, C. A. Hobbs and myself, the personal and local happenings by Mrs. W. P. Whitmire and Cameron Shipp.

Our shop force is not governed by any number of working hours, either day or week; the task to be done during the time we work, part of our time remaining on duty.

years The Times has not failed in a single instance to reach its readers on schedule time when the mails functioned properly.

Our Subscription List.  
The Times has always enjoyed a large circulation both in the city and among the rural population of Henderson county, as well as going in goodly numbers into every state in the Union, and it is not only holding its old subscribers, but fully one thousand copies are now being mailed weekly from this office more than were mailed a year ago. Our readers are numbered among the best people and we are trying to give them a clean, reliable, newspaper. We make no attempt at deception either as to the circulation of the paper or our work in other lines. The Times stands four square in its dealing with the public and the reading matter that appears in its columns from time to time is accepted without question. The paper is ready to lead the right and oppose the wrong and give our best service to the people among whom we have cast our lot.

The Times points with special pride to the advertising columns of the paper.

The mechanical skill with which our force handles the advertising makes an ad in The Times show to excellent advantage to its readers. The business men see and appreciate the manner in which their advertisements are displayed to the public. This with the straightforward manner in which all dealings with our company are handled, has given the public mighty good reasons for the large patronage that we are receiving at their hands.

We have the unstinted support and good will of the business people of our community and this is shown in the fact that they stand shoulder to shoulder with us year in and year out without the least trouble or friction.

Truth in advertising as well as in our news columns makes this paper dependable, the reading public accepts this as an undisputed fact and freely patronizes the firms whose advertisements appear in these columns from time to time.

## BOARD TRADE MAKING PLANS

Committee Appointed to Petition Mayor on Account of Recently Enacted Meat Ordinance

At its April meeting held Monday night, the Board of Trade gave its endorsement to the War Memorial Building Commission, and appointed a committee to co-operate with the other organizations interested in this plan to provide for Hendersonville, in the shape of a war memorial, a commodious community house.

The Board of Trade, at the same time, approved of its agricultural committee's efforts to hold a fair in Hendersonville the coming fall. Messrs. John Ewbank, F. W. Shepper and L. J. Penney were appointed a committee to raise the funds therefor, it being the sense of the members that at least \$1,500 should be subscribed.

The agricultural committee, of which John Ewbank is chairman, called the members attention to the fact that a recently enacted city ordinance relating to fees and inspections of meat offered for sale in Hendersonville by farmers had created some misunderstanding in the rural section and that his committee had unanimously gone on record as being opposed to certain features of the ordinance. He requested similar action on the part of the parent body, which request was granted, the chair being empowered to appoint a committee to appear at the next meeting of the council with a respectful request that the council modify or amend the ordinance so that no hardships would be encountered by either the city or the farmer. It was stated that the mayor had already gone on record as being willing to foster a modification.

The Board of Trade endorsed the idea of providing a camping site for tourists, and the secretary was authorized to work out the details. The Board also endorsed an idea presented by Dr. Bright, that a prize of \$10 be offered the person mailing from the Hendersonville postoffice the greatest number of post cards on which Hendersonville scenes appeared. The details of this contest will be announced later. Record of the cards will likely be kept in the office of the Board.

Secretary Penney told the members of the tentative plans that had been worked out incident to the coming to Hendersonville of the sovereign executive council, Woodmen of the World. There will be 16 members in the party, he said, who will arrive in their automobiles, coming direct from Cincinnati, reaching Hendersonville on July 3. The council will hold a 3-week session here, the first week being devoted to the location of a site for the million dollar home, the second week to routine business and the third to fun and play. The routine business will include the selling of some half million dollars worth of bonds, or rather buying them, and in this connection there will be some dozens of bond brokers on hand from the east and middle west.

## H-VILLE LOSES 3 GAMES IN ROW

Mike Kelley Loses Angora In Third Game.

The bad luck jinx seems to have taken on its habitat the Hendersonville baseball camp. Spartanburg again won from the local team by a score of 6 to 1, which should never have been. Manager Moyer took the pitchers' box and deserved far better support than he had. Moyer struck out 10 men while Reynolds fanned only three for the Spartans.

Mike Kelly, the Spartans' loquacious manager, let himself in for a severe barrage of ragging when a few trial remarks disclosed the fact that his armor was weak and his self-control out of whack. From the second inning on a few remarks from the grandstand would so infuriate Mike that the game was a secondary matter and was almost lost track of by the spectators.

Altho' Kelly went away with the game, he left at least one thing behind, towit, his goat.

The box score:

Spartanburg	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Achinger, 2b	4	1	1	2	2	0
Walker, 3b	4	1	1	4	1	2
Burke, lf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Kolseth, 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Marshall, c	3	0	0	4	0	0
Matthews, cf	1	1	0	1	0	0
Riemann, ss	4	1	1	3	2	0
McMillan, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Reynolds, p	1	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	34	6	8	27	10	3

Hendersonville	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
C. Shuford, lf	4	0	2	1	1	0
Sample, 2b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Wilson, c	4	1	0	11	1	2
S. Smith, 3b	3	0	2	0	2	0
Mallonee, rf	4	0	1	1	1	0
Byers, rf	4	0	2	0	0	0
B. Smith, ss	4	0	0	6	2	0
Moyer, p	4	0	0	0	3	0
Byrd, 1b	3	0	0	6	2	0
Totals	34	1	7	27	13	3

Score by innings:  
Spartanburg ... 002 012 001-5  
Hendersonville ... 000 011 001-1