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CITY CLUB WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

Reports on Eastern College and County Fair Work Will be Submitted. (By T. R. Larrows, Sec. Club.)

The events of the past few weeks clearly demonstrate that the old "Hendersonville spirit" is still very much alive and working.

There will be a special meeting of the Greater Hendersonville club, Friday night, April 17, at the court house, at which matters of vital importance to the whole community will be discussed—and the "Hendersonville spirit" is going to be manifest at that meeting.

The meetings of the club are constantly increasing in interest and in attendance. The business men of the city are taking a more personal interest in the club's affairs. As a direct result of that interest the future of Hendersonville already looks vastly brighter and the newly aroused "Hendersonville spirit" may be depended upon to make the club's slogan—"Hendersonville, 20,000 by 1920!" a concrete reality.

The events of the past few weeks prove that the only way to build a town is through co-operation. And it is needless to add that the best, almost the only way to secure co-operation is through the city's commercial organization.

At this special meeting on Friday night some interesting news about the Mrs. Kate Shipp school will be announced. The fair committee has definite plans outlined for that big event, and there are other matters of vital interest to come before the meeting.

All members, citizens and visitors in the city are asked to attend. The big court room is always comfortable and pleasant. The meeting will be called to order by President Wilcox at eight o'clock, Friday night, April 17th.

METHODIST WOMEN COMING.

Ladies of Church Ready to Enlist Those Who Will Entertain.

Preparations are being made by the ladies of the Hendersonville Methodist church for the entertainment of the delegates who will be here May 8-13 in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of Western district of the Methodist conference.

The ladies will be grateful for any aid offered in the way of entertainment and, as in the case of the meeting of the Baptist missionary women here recently, it will probably be necessary for other denominations to come to the aid of the Methodists. Mrs. F. V. Hunter and Mrs. C. Few will be glad to receive the names of those who will entertain one or more delegates.

WILL EXHIBIT RELICS AND IDOLS OF HEATHEN LAND.

Missionaries Will Speak at East Hendersonville Church Twice Next Wednesday.

An opportunity will be given the people of Hendersonville to receive valuable information on conditions as they are in China, when, on next Wednesday afternoon and evening Rev. and Mrs. John Sundstrom will speak at the East Hendersonville Baptist church.

The service at four o'clock will be especially for women, but not exclusively, as all will be welcomed. At eight o'clock a service for all will be held, at which time both Mr. and Mrs. Sundstrom will speak. They bring with them a number of curios and relics of heathenism, many being idols that were worshiped by people who were converted under their ministry.

The people of all denominations are cordially invited to attend both these

RURAL CREDITS.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Commissioner Young says if the farmers will organize associations upon the principle of the building and loan associations, that this will do much to educate them in saving systematically and in helping each other. Of the plan proposed by him, 1,000 shareholders would pay in \$13,500; take off \$500 for expenses, and this would leave \$13,000 to be loaned out. This amount, with borrowing \$4,000, would give \$17,000 to be loaned each year. In five years this would amount to \$85,000 in any county.

MAKING PROGRESS ON FOR PARKS IN MOUNTAINS.

Secretary of Association Interests Various Organizations in Appalachian Park Scheme.

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Substantial progress on the move to open parts of the Southern Appalachian forests as pleasure, recreation and health parks was reported by George S. Powell, of Asheville, secretary of the Appalachian Park Association, tonight. Mr. Powell arrived in Washington today, after having spent several days in New York, where various commercial organizations showed great interest in the objects of the association.

Mr. Powell conferred with Secretary Daniels, one of the vice-presidents of the association today, and tomorrow will see Senators Simmons and Overman for suggestions on the course to be pursued. The association has the co-operation of the National Forest Commission, a body composed of three cabinet members, two representatives, and two senators.

Parks Like Yellowstone.

The exact procedure of the association has not yet been mapped out, but it is probable that an amendment to the Weeks bill will be the object sought through congress. The Weeks bill appropriated ten million dollars for the purchase of forest land in the Appalachian region and created the forestry commission. It is proposed in a movement has been organized for several months to open these lands in the same way as the Yellowstone and other parks of the west are open.

One Vast Playground.

The commission has bought a million acres of land to date and will probably buy nine million acres more. Much of this is in Western North Carolina, and if the proposed plan is adopted, that region will be frequented by the public to an extent not even dreamed of at present. One of the first government activities in opening the region would be to build roads and trails through its property. Counties and States would connect the various reservations with roads, opening the whole to the public by easy transportation. The government would lease hotel and cottage sites and camping grounds so that finally the mountain range would be one vast playground.

Through Scenery Unrivaled.

"If our plan goes through," said Mr. Powell tonight, "it will mean ultimately that the forester could motor from Washington hundreds of miles south along the entire Appalachian mountain range, through the prettiest scenery in America, and scenery in some places unrivaled by any thing in Europe. This region is accessible all the year round, making it superior to the Western reservations."

Officers of Association.

Mr. Powell will suggest to Senator Simmons and Overman that a conference of the officers of the association be held in Washington the latter part of April. Governor Craig is president and the governors of Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee are among the vice-presidents. Other vice-presidents include Mrs. Moses H. Cone, Blowing Rock; Clarence Poe, Raleigh, and Hugh McRae, Wilmington.

RADIUM MOSTLY EXHAUSTED.

New Cancer Cure Has Been Greatly Crippled by Oversight.

Washington, March 22.—How the American people failed to recognize the importance of radium as a cancer cure until European countries had obtained virtually all of the present available supply, is graphically told in the annual report of Joseph A. Holmes, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, made public tonight. The report tells in detail of the bureau's unsuccessful efforts to obtain a quantity of radium sufficient to supply the 20 or more hospitals of the public health service and "serve, in part, to meet the needs of various cancer hospitals of the country."

Director Holmes estimates that "in the United States 75,000 persons die each year from cancer." Explaining that radium is considered the most promising cure for certain types of cancer, the director says the most serious barrier to progress in demonstrating this is the scarcity of radium. The report attracted unusual interest, as Congress is preparing to enact leg-

Evangelistic Services Cause Great Spiritual Awakening; 61 Children Accept Christ



REV. CALVIN B. WALLER, D. D.

Work was suspended at the graded school Wednesday morning and all the children and teachers attended the church service, and as a result a forceful and convincing sermon of Dr. Waller on the "Lions in the Way," treating of the lions of difficulties and temptations, interestingly illustrated by black-board drawings, sixty-one school children took a decided stand for Christ by offering themselves as candidates for membership in various city churches.

In addition to these there were numerous others who manifested a deep spiritual interest in the services, and they are expected to take a more decided stand before the meetings close.

The evangelistic services which were opened by Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville, at the First Baptist church of Hendersonville on the early part of last week are being conducted twice

daily and will continue through Friday night.

The congregations are unusually large and at the evening services the church building is comfortably filled. On Sunday night, when services were suspended at most of the churches in the city, the spacious auditorium of the church would not accommodate the large number of people who were anxious to hear Dr. Waller, who is considered one of the ablest Baptist ministers of the State. The three Sunday school rooms on the north end of the building were taxed to their capacity and there were a number of persons who could not be seated.

There have been several additions to the church as a result of the meeting and the effects have been more marked this week than they were last and it is believed that before the meeting closes there will be evidences of an unusual spiritual awakening in the city.

The pastor, Rev. K. W. Cawthon, expresses himself as highly pleased with the interest manifested.

relation to develop and conserve the country's radium resources.

"There probably is not more than 30 grams of radium now available for use in such treatment in all countries," the report says. "Of this amount there probably is not more than two grams of radium bromide in the United States, in the hands of a few surgeons. Probably 15 grams of radium bromide was produced during 1912, and of this 11.5 grams was extracted in various European countries from ores shipped to them from the United States.

Radium Bearing Ores.

"During 1913 there was a total production of 2,149 tons of radium-bearing ores in the United States, of which more than 50 per cent of the radium content was shipped abroad.

"Meanwhile, American hospitals are vainly endeavoring to purchase for their own use some small part of this radium, even at such prices as \$120,000 to \$160,000 per gram, or \$500,000 to \$800,000 for the five grams of radium that a large hospital should have or have access to for special cases.

NORTH CAROLINA MEN WORKING FOR BIG DRAINAGE CONGRESS

Five eminent citizens of North Carolina have been appointed a special committee to work to secure a strong delegation from this state to the fourth annual meeting of the National Drainage Congress to be held at Savannah, Ga., April 22-25, inclusive. They are Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, of Chapel Hill, who is the

national executive committeeman of the drainage organization, and also a member of the Board of Governors; Congressman John H. Small, who is the honorary vice president for North Carolina; Dr. W. S. Rankin of Raleigh, member of the board of health, who represents North Carolina on the section, on malaria eradication of the drainage organization; and B. F. Keith of Wilmington and George R. Boyd, of Wilson, members of the General Education committee. These men are working to have North Carolina well represented at the Savannah meeting.

This state is vitally interested in the success of the National Drainage Congress, which will result in the drainage and reclamation of the nearly 3,000,000 acres of swamp lands that lie inside the state's borders. The conversion of this great area into fertile farms would not only greatly improve the public health, but would add at least \$50,000,000 to the value of the yearly crops of the state, furnish good homes for thousands, and help materially in the further development of the state.

MR. MACE TO BREVARD.

(Brevard News.)

Mr. S. B. Mace of Hendersonville spent some time in Brevard, this week in the interest of the Modern Woodmen, a fraternal insurance order. A lodge of this order will be instituted in Brevard within the next few days, about twenty men having applied for membership in the new order.

SAND DREDGING DELAYED BY REASON OF DREDGE.

Guaranteed Dredging Machine is Resting on Bottom of Mud Creek Awaiting Enlargement.

The Fairbanks sand dredge built for the purpose of dredging Mud creek has not begun active operations. It is resting on the bed of the stream awaiting the attachment of another section.

The metallic box-like instrument is about twelve feet wide, forty-eight long and four or more feet deep. The boiler is situated in one end of the box while the dredging machinery is located on the other. The machinery will be propelled by steam.

It is understood that by reason of the shallow depth of the stream and the weight of the equipment, one end rested on the creek bed when dredging was undertaken. The stream was deepened to some extent by means of a dam made of sacks and trash on the crossing below the bridge on Edneyville road.

Road Supervisor P. F. Patton states that the machinist representing the factory making the machine, who has been here assembling the dredge, has ordered another section, which will make the box fifty-six feet long. Mr. Patton is confident that with this addition the dredge will work to perfection.

When this arrives it will be attached and the boiler will be placed in the end, making it further from the dredging devices at the other end and thereby giving more balance to the machine. Mr. Patton feels that as soon as the equipment arrives dredging will be next thing in order.

While there has been some unfavorable comment on the dredge, it has not been given a thorough trial and those mostly interested in the road building movement and who have studied the machine closely believe that it will give perfect satisfaction when thoroughly tested.

Should the dredge prove useless, the county is on the safe side since the machine was purchased with the understanding that in case it failed to give satisfaction there would be no cost to the county.

FASSIFERN WILL LIKELY COME TO HENDERSONVILLE.

As a result of the meeting of the Greater Hendersonville club Saturday night, with Miss Kate Shipp present, for the purpose of inducing her to move Fassifern college here from Lincoln-ton, a finance committee has been working diligently with the outcome of a subscription of a few thousand dollars.

While it is practically sure the school will be moved to this city, those in close touch with the movement desire that no publicity be given to the deals.

The matter will be decided definitely within the next week.

PLAN OF CHURCH INSURANCE.

Methodist Churches of State Will Cooperate in Property Insurance. (N. C. Christian Advocate.)

The Methodist Mutual Fire Insurance company is now ready to receive applications for insurance on all kinds of church property and on the libraries and personal effects of the preachers. The board of directors met at Statesville, Tuesday, March 10th, and perfected the organization of the company by adopting by-laws and electing the officers. This company is what the name indicates, a church mutual company. It is the church insuring its own property. The rates in towns are to be the same as those prescribed by the Southeastern Underwriters' Association; in the country the rates will be for a three years' policy on frame building, shingle roof, \$1.50 on the hundred dollars worth of property; on frame building, metal roof, \$1.30 per hundred; on brick building, metal roof, the rate is \$1.00 per hundred. The country rates are slightly lower than the regular rates. At the expiration of the policy, dividends of any amount remaining in the treasury after all losses have been met, will be returned to the policyholders, after a conservative provision has been made to build up a reserve surplus.

The by-laws of the company limit the risks to property belonging to the two Methodist conferences in North Carolina, and to that of the preachers in having their effects insured in this company is that the insurance does not lapse in transit from one appointment to another, nor does it lapse because of removal from one town to another, but remains in force until the regular expiration of the policy.

Mr. Webb, the secretary and treasurer, reported after adjournment of the board of directors, that requests for insurance on more than \$60,000 worth of property were turned over to him at the meeting Tuesday. The company was organized in order that the church might have protection on its country property, where so little insurance is now carried, and in order that we might save in the towns and in the country on the insurance already carried, everything except the actual loss on property after the expenses of operation is met. The directors are guarding the expense account as closely as possible, and it is expected that the company will be able eventually to run with little or no expense except for the pay of one man in the home office. For the first few months it will be necessary to keep the general agent in the field, but this position is not considered to be more than a temporary expedient.

The company has a very liberal charter, and should the general conference desire an already well-matured plan, it could do a great deal worse than to come over and adopt ours for its own.

When in need of deeds mortgages, warrants and other blanks of this nature call at the Hustler-Democrat office.

Ten More Days in Democrat's Voting Contest

Roy C. Bennett Leading, C. P. Freeman, second, Miss Clara Dalton close Third—How the Votes Count Below

REVISED SCHEDULE OF VOTES IN CONTEST.

PERIOD "C"
April 15th to April 25th at 2 P. M. the Clos Day.
One Year's Subscription (Old or New)..... 3,000 Votes
Two Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 9,000 Votes
Three Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 15,000 Votes
Four Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 25,000 Votes
Five Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 35,000 Votes
Ten Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 75,000 Votes
Twenty Five Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 125,000 Votes

PERIOD "D"
From 2 P. M., April 25th to 5 P. M. the closing hour of the contest. Votes back at the original schedule as follows:
One Year's Subscription (Old or New)..... 2,000 Votes
Two Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 5,000 Votes
Three Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 8,000 Votes
Four Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 11,000 Votes
Five Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 15,000 Votes
Ten Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 36,000 Votes
Twenty Years' Subscription (Old or New)..... 80,000 Votes

One vote allowed for every one cent paid in cash for job printing, advertising, stationery, papers, etc.