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FARM DEMONSTRATOR LEAVES

County Agent Frank Fleming, known as farm demonstrator, left Sunday with his family for Bryson City after a residence of two years in Hendersonville to assume work as county agent of Swain county.

This marks another step backward for Henderson county and probably another sacrifice on the altar of politics.

Despite the opposition to the work of county agent Mr. Fleming succeeded in making himself equal to his obligations. In addition to the things seen and realized as a result of his work may be counted those things yet unseen and not materialized but which will bear fruit in years to come as a result of influences for better farming set in motion by Mr. Fleming. Among the more important things, the results of which may be counted, are: The ordering of 25 cars of lime, 6 cars of fertilizers, all at an appreciable saving to the farmers, and all the nitrate of soda requested from the government by Henderson county farmers at cost only and at a time when it was difficult to get it other than through the agent. Henderson county felt proud of its 125 club boys and girls last year who were awarded prizes aggregating \$100 to stimulate them in better methods of work. Two of these members are now growing thoroughbred pigs. The acreage in clover was increased and soy beans and cow peas were experimented with by the farmers as a result of the introduction of these products through the county agent. Soy beans and cow peas were distributed at a cost of about \$200, but free to the farmers, that they might make a test, which, we understand, was generally successful.

When the black leg threatened cattle Mr. Fleming made 400 vaccinations in Henderson county without cost to the farmers. Capt. Smythe built a dipping vat and a rock silo at Flat Rock under government supervision of which Mr. Fleming was the prime mover.

This does not include the advice Mr. Fleming gave daily to those who sought it from him. No person can calculate the worth of the information given and the long-lived influence exerted by the county agent.

This work cannot be branded as a failure, despite those who contend that it is, because the results over the country are too well known and the government's experience has been too varied and satisfactory.

The going of Mr. Fleming is not understood to be due to any inefficiency, but the result of the workings of politics.

The question of retaining the county agent is understood to have been a strong issue in the last campaign for republican nominations in this county. The opponents of the work are said to have been elected and they naturally proved true to the confidence reposed in them by their supporters.

Henderson county must bear the results of this costly sacrifice seemingly upon the political altar. The people should not be censured for their honest convictions, which come as a result of their failure to comprehend more fully, in a larger, richer, broader and more intelligent respect the full intent, purpose and significance of this important work under governmental supervision.

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THE CHURCH VERSUS DANCE

Hendersonville experienced the real thing in the way of a street dance on the night of the 4th as a closing event of the Shriners' picnic ceremonial. The Main street block fronting the city hall had been cleaned and roped off for the big event—an unusual spectacle. It appeared that not only Henderson county but a great part of the South was there en masse. It was an unusual scene which only the wide streets and broad sidewalks of Hendersonville could afford. Within the ropes of nearly a block—an unusually large dancing area—was a moving mass of humanity, the devotees of the terpsichorean art, while the spacious sidewalks and the surrounding portions of the street not occupied by the dancers were packed with thousands of spectators. It is safe to say that never before in the life of Hendersonville had such a large crowd been concentrated into such small space. Its make-up was fairly representative of the social, financial and church life of the South.

This was the beautiful setting. In this day when the jaz is seemingly sweeping strong men and women from their feet and when the leaders of church to a great extent have raised their voices against the dance and particularly the street dance, orderly, as this one was, well attended by people in all ranks of life, within the open view and air, affording nothing unseemly and the best of ventilation, one looks on to see wherein comes the harm, the reason of the general condemnation by churchmen and especially the clergy. Surely this one event in itself could not be very harmful, but there is a strong fascination for such and the inclination grows into a fixed habit.

History—the very scene itself—proved that this habit is not conducive to religious, spiritual growth and not compatible with growing church life. It proved it in this way. Why the absence from that beautiful, swirling, moving mass of humanity (as a rule) of the clergy, church officers and the leaders of Sunday school and church work in most of the Sunday schools and churches of Hendersonville? Here and there probably an exception to this rule was noted, but in the main it obtained. If such enjoyment is not as a rule inconsistent with Christian growth why was not this element of Hendersonville official church life to be found in the dance in greater abundance? These are only plain questions. The churchman can answer to his or her utmost satisfaction but never to that of Terpsichore's disciples, who firmly contend that the dance exercises no unwholesome or dangerous influence within their lives.

In the eyes of the leading churchmen, in the main, of Hendersonville the dance stands condemned. Were this element of our church life removed where would be found its strength and most loyal support in most of the denominations of the beautiful, sweetly religious atmosphere of Hendersonville?

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