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DEMOCRAT INDISPENSABLE.

"Editor Democrat-Hustler, Hendersonville, N. C.

"Dear Sir: We get your paper regularly and value it highly. It is indispensable to the studies of our Know-Your-Home-County Clubs here at the University.

"We thank you heartily for putting our News Letter on your exchange list.

"With best wishes for the new year, I am

"Yours truly,
"E. C. BRANSON.
"For Editorial Board."

HENDERSONVILLE WATER IS GOOD; NEARING PERFECTION.

In keeping with the Democrat's policy of publishing health matters, the report of the State Laboratory of Hygiene on Hendersonville's water for January 8, is produced herewith.

This report is considered excellent, just about as good as could be asked for.

The subjects reported on follow: Sediment, "very slight." Turbidity—Silica standard, "slight." Color—Platinum-cobalt standard, "slight." Odor, cold, "0." Alkalinity (in terms of Calcium Chloride), "2." Total number of bacteria at 38 deg. per c. c. "22." Total number of acid producing bacteria "0." Total number of acid producing bacteria "0." Colon bacilli in 10 c. c. "0." Colon bacilli in 1 c. c. "0." The sample of water was taken from the business district of the city instead of from the reservoir.

BAT CAVE RUMBLINGS.

Guess the rumbling won't rumble very much until winter breaks, but with the coming of spring we expect lots of doings around, and with lots of visitors arriving we will enjoy things some. Emerald Inn is getting its number of guests this winter as usual, and expects to have a house full all spring. We expect a party real soon now from Lincoln, Ill., to spend a few months and to be here in the spring of the year.

We are very glad to have the northern people visit our country because they all seem to enjoy our wonderful mountain scenery, appreciate what we mountaineers do for them, in the way of showing them just what we ought to be proud of and what we are proud of, too. We have with us now a number of Episcopal sisters from Glendale, Ohio, where they have an immense charitable institution for the orphan children.

Mrs. D. N. Sharpe and others have bought Mr. G. P. Edney's Inn, and all his property, where they expect to have a club house only.

Mr. A. E. Hudgings is re-modeling his place of business here, and adding more rooms, also getting his beautiful home, known as Rockwood, in shape so he will be able to accommodate more tourists who visit our country during the summer season.

Mr. W. S. Freeman is doing a good real estate business now. Within the past few weeks he has sold five lots for a very good price, taking live stock and, etc., in part payment.

Mr. T. W. Freeman is getting his lots in good shape. The future looks good to our real estate dealers since the Asheville and Charlotte highway is nearing completion. The sanding that is being done is quite an improvement; makes traveling possible with all the rain and snow. We hope by early spring that grading will be well on the way to Hendersonville.

Many of our neighbors and friends are spending the winter in Florida, among them are: Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Edney, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Freeman. We know just how anxious they will be to get back to Old Hickory Nut Gap and surrounding country when winter breaks.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Freeman, a fine large boy, for which they are very proud.

M. M. SHEPHERD BUYS THE GIBBS STOCK; WILL MOVE STORE.

M. M. Shepherd has purchased the stock of dry goods and groceries formerly owned by P. B. Gibbs & Son and will occupy the old Gibbs stand in front of the court house. Mr. Shepherd will move his stock of shoes, dry goods and groceries into his new store and with the combined stock will conduct a "house-warming sale," beginning February 4.

Mr. Shepherd in talking of his move said, "I am going to have a modern store room, plenty of space to do business and staple shelves to carry one of the largest assortment of shoes in the county. We are now busy with a crew of carpenters getting the old Gibbs stand in shape. I hope to be ready for business in my new store by February 1.

GREATER HENDERSONVILLE CLUB ENDORSES AN INDUSTRIAL TAX.

Resolution Adopted Embodying Tax Features Advocated by Democrat for the Past Few Months.

The Greater Hendersonville club went on record Friday night as unanimously favoring the levying of an industrial tax on Hendersonville property.

The meeting was well attended and was composed of one of the most representative gatherings of Hendersonville people ever assembled for the transaction of club affairs.

There was not a voice raised against the principle of an industrial tax as has been advocated by the Democrat for the last few months, the only difference of opinion being as to the amount of the tax and the methods of expenditure, but as to these questions there was no difficulty in getting together, after which the meeting of the representative business and professional men of the city unanimously adopted a resolution favoring such a tax.

The resolution was offered by W. A. Smith, who explained its necessity and then called on Noah M. Hollowell for an explanation of some phases of the tax. Considerable discussion followed with the result that the resolution as amended was adopted. Mr. Smith's resolution called for a levy of not less than one mill nor more than two mills on the property of Hendersonville. The resolution was amended so as to read not less than half a mill and not more than one mill.

It was pointed out by advocates of the new tax that it is absolutely necessary that some action be taken for greater support of the club; that a few faithful workers have borne the burden of advertising the city through the club's work; that the task has grown too burdensome for a few and that it is high time that the burden be distributed and equalized both among the willing workers and those who give the club a deaf ear.

It was pointed out that a one mill tax would raise about \$2,000 on the approximate \$2,000,000 worth of property in the city, that the \$10,000 property owner would be required to pay only \$10; that the \$500 property holder would be taxed only 50 cents. The tax will be spent for club work for advertising the city and thereby increasing its popularity as a health and pleasure resort; for encouraging the location of manufacturing, industrial and commercial plants in and near the city; the encouraging of the building of more homes; to increase the population, taxable property and business prosperity of Hendersonville and community.

The Resolution.

The resolution as amended follows: "Whereas, it is the judgment and opinion of every well-informed and thoughtful citizen that every result done and every business done that has merits to describe cannot hope to build up without making its merits known, and that every town, like every business, to succeed, in building up, must advertise, and whereas it is likewise the opinion of every liberal minded and fair minded person that those burdens which bring good to all should be proportionately borne by all to the extent of the good to be received, and whereas the great bulk of all the advertisements that have been made by Hendersonville in its past history has been paid for by a small per cent of its citizens, and whereas a just, equitable, and wise way of doing all things is to make the burden go with the benefits, and whereas a very small tax levied upon all the people and all the property of Hendersonville would be an equitable distribution of a light burden upon each property owner and would bring a large result in the aggregate;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the people of Hendersonville be requested to take immediate steps to have the charter of the town so amended as to authorize and require the city authorities to levy and collect as an advertising fund an amount not less than 1-2 mill or more than one mill on the taxable property of Hendersonville, with a legal and proportionate amount of the polls, and that said fund be used for legitimate advertising in the discretion of the city authorities."

Mr. Smith offered a resolution embodying some of the health features of the proposed new charter for Asheville, the same being referred to a committee to be appointed by Treasurer C. E. Brooks who presided over the meeting.

The Mt. Hebron Loop.

Dr. L. B. Morse discussed the proposed Mt. Hebron-Jump-Off loop. He said that last summer he raised \$2,350 by subscription among the farmers but that the work was not pushed among the city people. He said that it would be a most unique attraction for the city if ever completed. He told how he had spent more than two weeks time on the proposition and expressed the hope that the movement would be revived. No action was taken by the club.

The club decided to meet hereafter in the library building provided arrangements can be made. W. S. Miller, C. S. Fullbright and T. W. Valender as a committee to look into the loop into the matter.

E. W. Ewbank, W. A. Smith and R. H. Staton were named as a committee

FARMERS' BUREAU ORGANIZED; RETAINS FARM DEMONSTRATOR

Farmers Bureau Will Strive to Bring Farmers and Buyers into Closer Co-operation.

With the ultimate aim of bringing closer together the farmers and the buying public the Farmers' Bureau association was organized last Saturday morning at a meeting of farmers and business men of the city.

D. S. Pace was elected president and Gordon Garlington secretary-treasurer. The first matter of importance taken up by the association was the necessary provisions for securing a farm demonstrator for Henderson county during 1915. A resolution was offered and duly passed to the effect that the Farmers' Bureau association agree to raise the sum of \$500 to complete the sum necessary for the retention of the demonstrator.

The Farmers' Bureau will have permanent headquarters in the city hall. A room will be designated for the exhibition of farm products and samples of fertilizers. Demonstrator Perkins will make headquarters there every Saturday and during the week at special meetings to confer with the farmers and give information and suggestions.

About sixty members have joined the association. Every farmer or citizen is eligible to membership. There is to be no stipulated dues. The funds handled through the association are all voluntary on the part of the members.

A meeting of the Bureau association can be called at any time by order of the president.

A number of good movements have been suggested for the association in the interest of the farmers but except for the retention of the farm demonstrator nothing so far has been started.

UNION SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH FOR BENEFIT CHARITY.

On next Sunday evening there will be held at the Methodist church a union service for the benefit of the newly organized associated charities.

There will be a program consisting of special music by the choirs of the different churches of the town, and short talks appropriate to the occasion. After which a collection will be taken for the poor. This collection will be given to the charity organization, which is greatly in need of funds.

Owing to the unusual severity of the winter the suffering among the poor has been greatly increased, and the appeals for help have been many and some very urgent. To meet these needs this organization must have help and it is hoped that every one will attend this service prepared to make a contribution.

WYANOAK DAIRY CONFORMS TO NEW MILK STANDARD.

C. W. Sitton, proprietor of the Wyanoak dairy, is now prepared to assure his milk customers of absolute purity. Mr. Sitton has had Dr. C. F. Wolf to give his dairy cows the tuberculosis test. He is complying with the instruction and recommendations of the city health officer and in the Democrat this week is advertising his products. Mr. Sitton says that he is determined to give his customers the very best milk and is going to gladly comply with the health regulations of the city.

DEMONSTRATOR PERKINS MAKES NEW SERIES OF APPOINTMENTS.

Farm Demonstrator Ernest L. Perkins has entered upon his second year's work in Henderson county. He below announces a number of appointments. It is his purpose to talk to the farmers in various parts of the county on timely subjects in preparation for a great crop improvement next summer.

The dates follow: Mills River academy, Monday night, Feb. 1. Holly Springs, Tuesday night, February 2. Balfour School house, Thursday night, Feb. 4.

EDNEYVILLE PEOPLE ARE NOT DISTURBED BY HIGH FLOUR.

Our merchants say flour will go to \$1.50 a quarter. Let it go and see if we care out here in Edneyville. We farmed under Mr. Perkins instructions. He showed us how to make corn pone and we feel proud that we have got corn, hog and hominy.

G. W. LYDA, Edneyville, N. C.

tee to draft the industrial tax bill to be submitted to the legislature, first the committee to confer with the city commissioners as to features to be embodied therein.

Dr. J. Frank Cranford and Secretary Norman Miller were named as a committee to arrange for the meeting last Monday night at the court house. The meeting was a very harmonious one and business was transacted without extended discussions.

Advertise it in the Democrat if you want to sell or swap it.

CONGRESSMAN BRITT TELLS HOW TO BUILD UP A CITY.

Delivers Timely and Interesting Address Under Auspices of Greater Hendersonville Club.

Congressman-elect James J. Britt of Asheville pleased a good audience at the court house Monday with his interesting and helpful address on city building.

About half the seats in the court room were filled with ladies and men and Mr. Britt's address was a most timely one in which his audience was apparently deeply interested.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Britt spoke in a complimentary manner of the unusual advantages of Hendersonville and urged his hearers to put their heads, hearts and purses together in the upbuilding of a city that should by 1920 have a population of 10,000 to 15,000.

The meeting was called to order by R. H. Staton, who expressed delight with the present rapid growth of the Greater Hendersonville club, under the auspices of which Mr. Britt appeared.



and unanimity of purpose among those interested in the club work. Mr. Staton called on W. A. Smith to introduce the speaker. Mr. Smith declared that Hendersonville had a number of loyal patriotic men, but that more were needed for carrying out the work of upbuilding the community. He used praiseworthy words in the introduction of Mr. Britt, who responded with a speech fully equal to the occasion.

Mr. Britt declared that every resident of Hendersonville had grave responsibilities in community upbuilding and that these can't be dropped upon the shoulder of another person. He stated that he heard a \$75,000 property owner in Asheville say that he had nothing to do with the recent movement for a new charter for that city for the reason that that was the work for the other folks more interested. Mr. Britt said that it was impossible for us as citizens to disassociate ourselves from these duties.

Mr. Britt urged the upbuilding of schools and the educating of the people at home as far as possible. He congratulated his hearers on what had already been done and urged them to go ahead with a unanimity of purpose and make the most of our educational opportunities. Mr. Britt urged that sanitary work be given a prominent place in the affairs of city building. He said that it was not natural for the city to stand still; that it must push forward or decay and that with a little money and co-operation it would continue to grow. He declared that Hendersonville was favorably situated on an elevated plateau where we can drink draughts of purifying breezes from day to day that sweep through this locality, which is well above the miasmic conditions found in many other cities. He said that the man who plotted this city years ago had an eye to the future and that "Main street is the prettiest street of any size I know anywhere in the world. It reminds me everytime I see it of Pennsylvania avenue at the Capitol.

Mr. Britt said that it took concerted action to do the best work and he urged his hearers to forget their differences on larger measures and unite for the most effective work in municipal affairs. "By 1920 you ought to have between ten and fifteen thousand people here and you will have if you press forward as you have in the past few years. You haven't done your best. We are all inclined to be too spasmodic and sporadic. When you bring strangers into your gates treat them with such equality and fairness and give them such attention as will make them want to come back and stay with you. Your club should have a committee whose functions it should be to see that everybody is provided for and given a square deal in all things. Your city should be known as the place where visitors may get a square deal. Talk up your town and people and never knock for you tear down in this way rather than build up."

Advertising City.

"I do not know your advertising methods but you should let the people by some method of advertising know what your country is; let them know

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ROAD SUPERVISOR PATTON TALKS ABOUT THE ROADS.

Denies Charges That Sand has Washed Back Into Creek; Explains Cause of Muddy Roads.

The wide-spread talk of proposed road bond issues, the present condition of the new roads and the agitation for more road building in Henderson county has resulted in an endless chain of talk. There are all kinds of views as to the effectiveness of the work that has been done, and the work that should be done, hence there are few conclusions of one accord.

There are those who are opposed to sand-clay roads just because the new roads are in a muddy condition while the advocates of the present system of road building are loud in their approval of prevailing conditions.

Some road enthusiasts declare that the work has been of little avail, averring that the sand has washed back into the creek, that it was dumped on a hard road bed last summer and did not get mixed in the least, and that therefore no good was done whatever. The next enthusiast says that conditions are as good as could be expected.

Some of the road talkers contend that the road builders should have gone to the expense of mixing the sand and clay and then packed it by machinery. Others say that this would have been too expensive and that nature and traffic should have been allowed to do the mixing and packing, as is being done.

Road Supervisor Patton Talks.

Probably the views of Road Supervisor P. F. Patton on the subject of road building would be of more interest than those of any other one man in the county by reason of his experience and observations.

Mr. Patton, when seen by a representative of the Democrat, declared that it was folly to argue that the sand had been washed back into the creek. He said that sand is not washable under ordinary conditions and that for this reason 99 per cent of it remains on the roads despite the claims of others that about all the sand washed away. Mr. Patton says that sand is not a material that washes away except under a somewhat flushing process and that there have been no floods to flush the sand into the ditches, although a little has naturally been pushed out of the center of the road by traffic. Defending the muddy, newly graded and sand-clay roads, Mr. Patton says they are just as good as could be expected. The sand was poured down in most instances on a hard road bed during the summer for the reason that it was considerably less expensive to let it mix naturally by rain and traffic than purchase mixing machinery. Mr. Patton declares that this is the best of mixing weather and that where sufficient sand has been placed, different kinds of clay requiring different amounts of sand to make the roads about equal, the roads after once drying out will harden firmly and remain so during coming winters until by long usage they need further attention.

Mr. Patton says that there are only a few good pieces of road for the reason that only a small portion of the work done during the past summer was thoroughly mixed and packed before winter weather. Some of the roads, he says, will need more sand, for it would have made traffic almost impossible had a sufficient quantity of sand been poured down at one time. Mr. Patton says that some people contend that the sand has washed away just because the roads are not white like sand beds. The sand, he says, has been colored by the water-soaked clay. Despite the critics Mr. Patton shows no signs of depression, traffic is doing just what had to be done in that way or by machinery working processes at a great expense to the county. He says that when the weather clears in spring and the roads begin to harden and are smoothed by systematic dragging, the crown of the road will form, the mixture of sand and clay will harden and then the people will be taught what it takes to make the best sand-clay roads.

Work is a Little Slow Now.

Mr. Patton said that road work was practically suspended during the bad weather, only a little sand-hauling being done. He realizes that this is the best time in all the year to haul and have the sand mixed, but it is expensive and difficult to get sand-haulers at the regular price for the reason that the roads needing the sand are in a very bad condition because of the grading recently done.

In order to get sand out on the Shaws creek road arrangements have been to load it on cars at the freight depot of the Southern railway and ship to a siding a few miles from town to a point only a short distance from where the sand is to be applied to the roads.

Mr. Patton is not in the least discouraged over the roads. He regrets his inability to have more sand hauled when mixing is good.

Judging from his excellent address Mr. Patton could plan a city about as effectively as he planned a seat in congress.

Advertise it in the Democrat if you want to sell or swap it.

"PAPER DESERVES CREDIT."

"St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 16. Editor Democrat:

"Kindly send me two extra copies of the Democrat when your article on this city comes out. Glad to note the effort making to have better sanitation seems successful.

"For this your paper deserves great credit. Yours truly,
"JOHN E. ENNIS"

SUMMER HOMES FOLDER.

Southern Wants Names of Hotels and Boarding Houses Immediately.

The following letter will show the importance of all hotel and boarding house keepers furnishing the information desired without delay:

"Asheville, N. C., Jan. 22, 1915. Editor, W. C. Democrat, Hendersonville, N. C.

"Dear Sir: The Southern Railway is particularly anxious to get out an issue of the Summer Homes folder as early as possible, and at the same time to have this issue as complete as it can be made, in so far as lists of hotels and boarding houses, rates, etc., are concerned.

sent to the agent at your station, and it will be much appreciated if you will both as a reading notice and editorially, call your patrons' attention to the importance of attending to this matter promptly.

"It is impossible for us to go to print intelligently until we have received this information, and, of course, you appreciate the fact that the earlier this periodical can be printed and gotten into circulation, the better the opportunities we have for reaching the public, thereby interesting them in this section.

"These blanks should be filled out by the hotels and boarding house keepers and left with the agent, who will return them to me.

"Your co-operation in this matter of advertising is earnestly solicited.

Very truly yours,
"J. H. WOOD,
"Division Passenger Agent.
"By Mr. J. W. Bailey, Agent."

HENDERSON CO. LEGISLATION.

Representative George H. Valentine has introduced a bill in the legislature to amend the Henderson county road law, chapter 3, laws of 1913, and one to induce the prompt payment of taxes in Henderson county.

The people of Hendersonville are framing other amendments to be submitted to the charter, road law, etc.

Mr. Valentine has been appointed on the following committees: Finance, judiciary, public roads and turnpikes; insurance; propositions and grievances; education; counties cities and towns; banks and currency.

(News & Observer.) There was little doing in the House yesterday no bills of special Statewide importance being considered. The bill of Representative Valentine of Henderson, amending the statute of limitations law so that the holder of a mortgage or deed of trust must register same again after ten years brought forth quite a breezy discussion for a time and finally went over until today for disposition.

Mr. Hutchinson started the ball to rolling by opposing the bill after the provisions of same had been explained by Mr. Valentine. The bill had received a unanimously favorable report from the judiciary committee.

Some one suggested that the title of the bill be changed to read "an act to save lawyer's fees" while another suggestion, exactly opposite said it should read "an act to assist lawyers in examining land titles." The legal fraternity were badly divided on the proposition.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS.

BURCKMYER BROTHERS, HENRY KING, A. H. MOREY, J. D. WALDROP, J. E. SHIPMAN, J. MACK RHODES, L. H. SUMNER, FIRST BANK & TRUST CO. DR. W. R. KIRK, M. E. DOTSON, L. B. NAYLOR, R. H. STATON, D. S. PACE, REV. W. F. WOMBLE.

EAST FLAT ROCK'S SIGNALS.

Bessemer City, N. C., Jan. 26.—A force of the signal department of Southern railway is here installing a system of home and distant signals protecting the switches controlling the passing of the lap siding type here, which are among the most important on the Charlotte division.

At East Flat Rock, a similar signal system has recently been installed to protect the switches controlling the modern passing tracks which were put in there last summer.