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# Happy New Year

## BOARD OF TRADE SUPPER TU'DAY

Annual Meeting Will be Held at Kentucky Home Tuesday Night; Election of Officers Scheduled.

Hendersonville boosters are looking forward to the Board of Trade supper at the Kentucky home on next Tuesday night.

This is to be one of the big social and business events of the organization.

A few out-of-town people of prominence have been invited and an interesting program of events has been arranged, including the annual election of officers.

C. F. Bland has served well and faithfully for the past year, giving unselfishly of his time and attention for the promotion of the Board of Trade work, and since it is a job that carries with it no great honors and no salary and one which requires a good deal of attention, efforts will be made to persuade Mr. Bland into a second term as president.

The office of secretary is another elective one. A. S. Truex is the present secretary and he promises that as the organization gathers in annual session this year it will do so with a clean slate and no indebtedness. This fact in itself speaks volumes for the efficiency of the secretary. The office carries only a nominal salary, it could not properly be termed a salary, and since no one seeks the job, Mr. Truex has effectively served in the capacity of "watch dog" of the treasury and although the Board of Trade has executed a program of progress she stands out of debt, which is a credit to the secretary, for the organization's chief embarrassment heretofore has been its humiliating indebtedness.

Supper tickets to the members will be sold for 75 cents a plate. Tickets will have to be purchased from the supper committee by Friday night of this week in order that preparations may be made for the event.

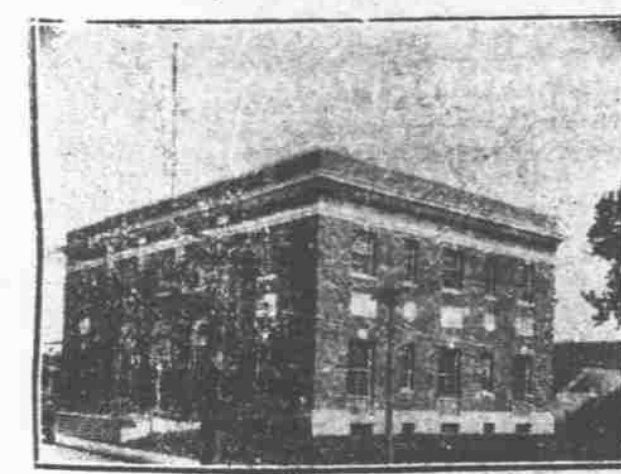
It is to be an interesting meeting; big things will be discussed, making it important for all members to be present.

The supper committee consists of Dr. L. B. Morse, chairman; K. G. Morris, J. D. Huff, Clarence Latham and Noah M. Hollowell.

## POSTOFFICE FELT RUSH OF BIG HOLIDAY TRADE

The merchants of Hendersonville had a big trade during the holidays. That meant a busy time at the postoffice. While newspapers gave stories of congested and much delayed mails in other districts, Hendersonville was an exception. The mails were worked regularly and kept out of the way.

The stapp window was a busy place



Hendersonville Postoffice.

and although the patrons would file in line occasionally, soon this line was dissipated and the accommodations and service at the local office in the face of a heavy business was nothing over which just and general complaint could be made.

One of the postoffice employees said that the business was one-third heavier than it had been at any time he had rendered service in this connection for the past ten Christmas seasons.

The postoffice employees showed their appreciation and respect for Postmaster S. Y. Bryson, by presenting him a nice silk muffler.

## FROST BITTEN COEN DANGEROUS.

Last week C. E. Orr lost an Angus bull and also a yearling, their deaths being caused by the eating of frost bitten corn.

The bull was one of the fine cattle display made by Mr. Orr at the fair. A short time ago he was offered \$1.50 for this animal.—Brevard News.

## LONGER RED CROSS PERIOD GRANTED GOAL NOT REACHED

To all Red Cross Campaign Managers and the People of Henderson County: As the weather was so bad during the first few days of the campaign for new members for the Red Cross, permission has been granted to count all members we can secure between this date and Jan. 1st on our Christmas membership quota. So far we have had reported 463 new members, which is not bad, and is very gratifying to all who are interested in the Red Cross, but it is only 77% of the 600 we were expected to get.

The campaign was to secure 10,000-12,000 new members in the United States. About 12,000,000 have been reported, showing that some sections have done far better than was requested of them. Do we want Henderson County to lag behind the rest of the country in this important matter? I do not wish to believe it, but in order to do our part, we must secure 137 more new members before Jan. 1st. Some of you have just neglected to send in your name and money. Please don't wait for somebody to call on you, but send your name and money to me, to H. F. Stewart, secretary, or to any of the managers of the campaign in the county. You know, all you need to join the Red Cross are "A heart and a dollar", and "if you have the heart, you can find the dollar." I want to give you a few of the numerous reasons and excuses that have been given for not joining. One man quoted the following passage of scripture, and said that, while he might contribute to the work, he could not join, and for the same reason did not belong to the church? Corinthians 6:14 "Ye are not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? Do you belong to his class? Another said he was already giving 20 or 30 dollars worth of his time to the government and thought he was doing all he could afford. Are you in that class? Another said he did not know what would be done with his dollar? Do you belong with him? Why even a German ought to join the Red Cross, for just as surely as night follows day, the time will come when the American Red Cross workers in Europe will be called upon to minister to sick and wounded Germans and their allies. Their work is too broad to be limited to caring for only Americans and our allies. So, if by any chance you are a German or a German sympathizer, join the Red Cross anyway. You might be helping your own kinsman some day. Who can tell? Now in conclusion I wish to thank all who have helped in any way whatever to make our campaign as successful as it has been for the generous and unselfish spirit shown in giving of their time and effort. Let's try to get that balance of 137 which we still need to make our campaign a complete success.

Sincerely yours, A. C. TEBEAU, Chairman Christmas Membership Campaign.

## WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT TO AMERICAN RED CROSS.

December 21st, 1917. Dr. A. C. Tebeau, President, Red Cross, Hendersonville, N. C. My dear Sir:

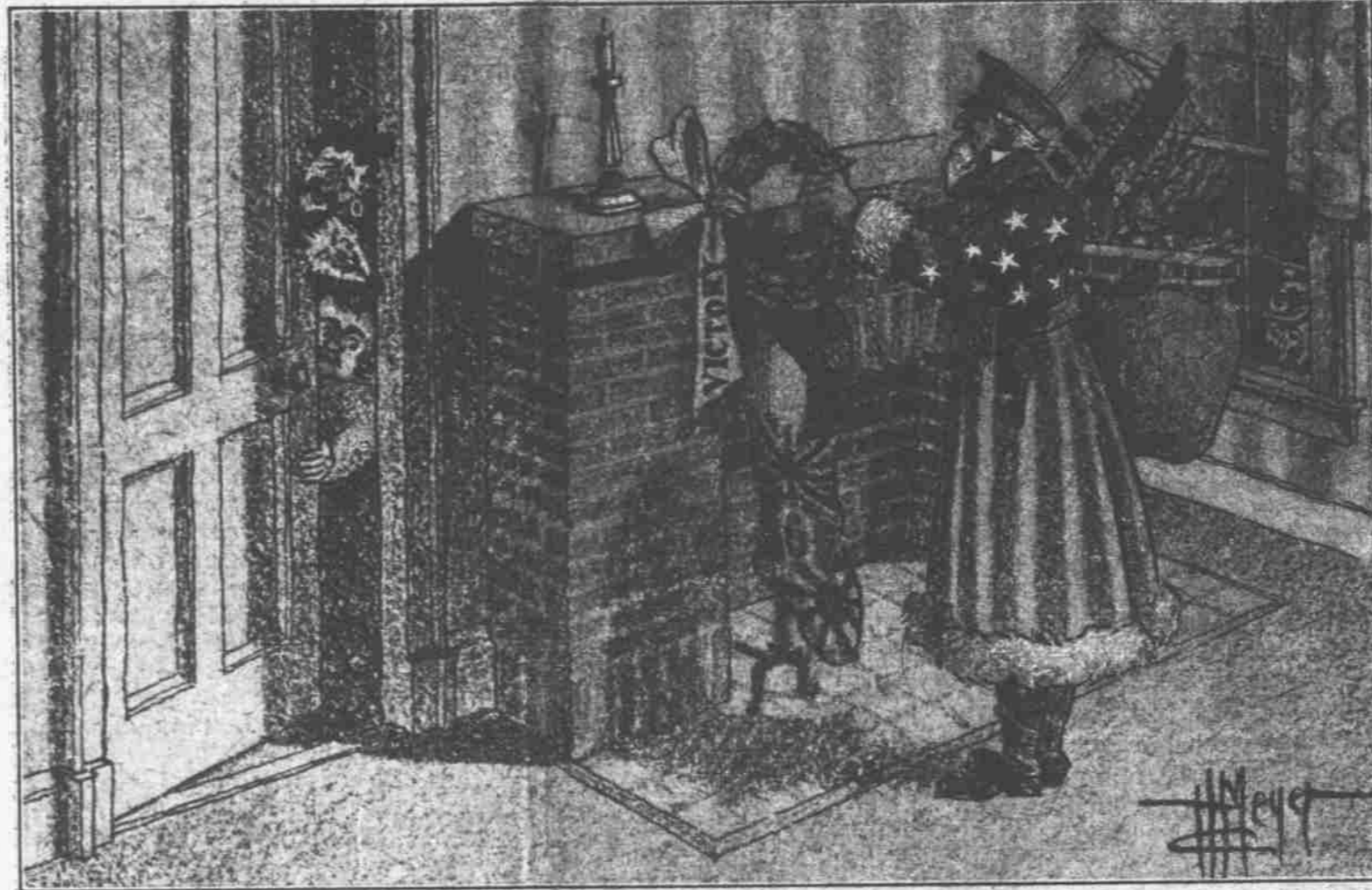
At my home, my wife, my boy and myself, are all members of the Red Cross and have been since the organization of the Hendersonville chapter, but I am informed that renewal memberships count on the Christmas Membership Campaign now on.

The President of the United States says in connection with this campaign that "our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action."

As we want to have not only the Christmas spirit but to have it in "terms of action," I am enclosing herewith four dollars with the request that you renew the membership of Mrs. Schenck, my boy and myself, and have the Red Cross Magazine sent to us that we may keep in touch with the great work.

May I say to Red Cross work, through its president, the prayer we all want to say for the boys as they "Go with the Top" "Good luck, and God bless you!"

Cordially yours, MICHAEL SCHENCK.



H. C. MEYER PRESENTS THE HUSTLER, FOR WHICH HE WAS FORMERLY CARTOONIST WHILE ENGAGED AS ARCHITECT IN HENDERSONVILLE, WITH THE FOLLOWING TIMELY CUT, WHICH HE SENDS WITH HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM 78 HERRIMAN AVENUE, JAMAICA, L. I.

## FATHER OF MRS. WARD DEAD.

Mrs. R. E. Ward Goes to Wilmington to Attend Burial of Her Father.

Friends of Mrs. R. E. Ward will sympathize with her in the loss of her father, an account of which is given below as taken from the Morning Star, Wilmington, N. C.

Mrs. Ward is now in Wilmington. The deceased was a visitor in Hendersonville last winter. The following is from the Star: "The funeral of Mr. William Alexander Willson, whose death occurred Friday at the home of his son in Chattanooga, Tenn., will be held this afternoon at Oakdale cemetery immediately after the arrival of the Atlantic Coast Line train from the south. Owing to the fact that practically all trains are running on belated schedules, the exact hour cannot be given."

Many friends in Wilmington learned with profound regret yesterday of the passing of Mr. Willson. He was the son of the late William Wilson and Ann Maria Gause and a descendant of several prominent families of the old Cape Fear section. His ancestors were conspicuous in the history of the Colonial and Revolutionary period, his great grandfather, William Gause, a wealthy planter of Brunswick county, fought bravely in the first years of the Revolution and in 1778 was elected to the house of commons of North Carolina. His great grandmother was Elizabeth Bacot of the prominent Huguenot family of Charleston, S. C.

"Uncle Billie," as his friends called him, loved to talk of the old times and was an interesting narrator of past events and the war between the states. He recently wrote at the request of the United Daughters of the Confederacy a contribution for the State Journal his recollections of the old navy yard in Wilmington.

"Mr. Willson was one of several brothers and sisters as follows: The late Mrs. Cornelia Grant, Mrs. Emeline Owens, Mrs. Julia Toomer, Mrs. Elvira Bethea and Mrs. Adelaide Martin and Messrs. Walter Willson, Benjamin Willson, Charles Willson and James E. Willson, of this city.

"The deceased was married in 1861 to Miss Sarah Jane Beery, who survives him with two sons and two daughters who are: Mr. W. A. Willson, Jr., Mr. H. Beery Willson, Mrs. R. E. Ward and Mrs. H. L. DeVany and several grandchildren."

## American Soldiers Have Santa.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 26.—The American expeditionary force in France celebrated Christmas in a howling snowstorm which continued all day. Despite the difficulties due to the storm few features of any program were cancelled. Even the celebration at the quarters of the American air squadron was carried out although a blinding snow swirled into the hangar where a tree had been erected for the children of a nearby village. There, Santa swooped down from the clouds dripping white and with a pack on his back stepped from an airplane much to the delight of about 100 small children who huddled within the shelter. It is doubtful that children anywhere had ever seen such a sight.

London's Valuation. The total value of the city of London's square mile is estimated at about \$1,250,000,000.

## AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FRANCE GET HEAVY XMAS MAILS

Washington, Dec. 22.—More than a million pounds of American Christmas cheer has rumbled to the Sammie's sector of the French front and their training camps thereabout, the post office department announces tonight. It took five transports and one naval vessel to get it all "over there."

The folks at home heeded the warning and mailed everything before November 15, the department said, "thus assuring that the men will get all their gifts by Christmas morning."

The "from home" packages numbered 374,751, filled 31,341 mail sacks and weighed 1,181,055 pounds. Eighty-five French baggage cars were assigned to scatter the bundles to their destinations at the front.

Not a single bomb, nor a solitary stick of poison, nor a pro-German article of any kind was found in any of the packages. Every article in every package was carefully examined by women searchers—40 of 'em, count 'em, 40—in New York, and 40 more in Chicago. A few boxes of safety matches in some bundles were the only forbidden articles found. About 400 distributors were employed to handle the packages for the postoffice at the two terminals.

## KAISER NARROWLY ESCAPED.

Geneva, Dec. 26.—The German emperor, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Mannheim Christmas eve, according to a dispatch from Basel. Only about an hour earlier the emperor's special train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the tracks was torn up, cutting communication north.

## THE GERMAN RATION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Christmas finds Germany confronted with many difficulties which despite all attempts at concealment become daily manifest. There are signs of trouble such as arrest of independent socialist leaders at Cologne, which is said to be for purely military reasons, but the details are suppressed. It is not surprising if this is connected with food difficulties, which appear to be reaching very serious stages. Universal demand exists for the increase of the potato ration from seven to 10 pounds per head weekly. Workers say that responsible authorities agree that seven pounds is inadequate. The quality of the potatoes is so bad that often of the seven pounds given only six are usable.

Allies Asked to Participate in Peace. Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Reports from Brest-Litovsk tonight declared it had been held desirable from the stand point of principle, that all belligerents participate in peace negotiations now being conducted there. Both sides, it was said, had decided to invite France, Britain, Italy and the United States to send delegates. The Germans consider it necessary to know the allies' reply before opening formal negotiations.

Rioting in Petrograd. Berne, Dec. 22.—Rioting reigns in Petrograd, according to reports here tonight. Wine shops have been demolished and sacked, resulting in wild orgies and pitched fighting in the streets with rifle and machine gun fire.

## RAILROADS TO BE OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT DURING PERIOD OF THE WAR.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson tonight, to become effective at noon next Friday, December 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director-general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines, is taken over and all systems will be operated as one under the director-general.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation, the President announced that he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

## SETS BRYAN STRAIGHT.

Washington, D. C., Dec.—In view of the misrepresentation repeated in the newspapers and finally embodied in a book with reference to the so-called Dumba incident, President Wilson has written Mr. Bryan the following letter dated December 17:

"My attention has been called to a book in which the author states by very clear implication that I demanded your resignation as Secretary of State because of language used by you in an interview with Ambassador Dumbea soon after the first Lusitania note. You may quote me as saying that I did not ask for your resignation or desire it, as any one can learn from my note accepting your resignation. And this statement ought also to be a sufficient answer to the criticism of you based upon the Dumba interview, for I could not make it if I thought you responsible for the misinterpretation placed upon that interview in Berlin. But knowing at the time all the facts, I did not give the matter serious thought and I may add, in justice to you, that as you promptly corrected the misinterpretation when, within a few days, it was brought to your attention, it could not have affected the diplomatic situation."

## Presbyterians Plan Union.

Richmond, Va., Dec.—Committees of prominent ministers and laymen representing the Northern and Southern branches of the Presbyterian Church met in Richmond regarding plans for closer union of the Church. The two bodies at their respective annual meetings in May last considered the matter of closer relations and co-operative plans, with the view of ultimately bringing about a federation of all the Presbyterian and Reformed bodies of the United States, which now operate under twelve different forms of organization.

## CLOTHING FOR SOLDIERS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Its first direct information regarding equipment of America's fighting men in France and American training camps was received today by the senate military committee in resuming its inquiry into army operations, and the committee proceeded independently to remedy winter clothing shortages in the latter.

## SIXTH COMPANY BOYS AT HOME

Hendersonville has had quite a military air during the holidays as a result of the return of the boys from Ft. Caswell, where they have been in training. Practically all the boys from this county are home from Ft. Caswell except those who were punished for leaving without leave of absence, as was stated in the Hustler last week.

It is understood that the punishment of the boys who visited their homes here without leave consisted mostly of a fine of \$40 each, though this information is not official.

Henderson county has a large enlistment in this company, which was a local organization.

The boys have been granted an eight days' pass. The list of names of those going with the Sixth Company Coast Artillery Corps from Henderson and surrounding counties, follows. This list does not designate official ranks, transfers, promotions, demotions, discharges, etc., which could not be had officially.

Rolla V. Ladd, Wiltshire Griffith, J. B. Belk, Thomas G. McAbee, William G. McCall, Claude L. English, Wm. M. Pender, Zolla L. Reese, Herschel H. Allison, Russell Drake, Allen Hawkins, Tom Egerton, Geo. W. Belk, Leslie Allen, Robt. W. McAbee, Donald B. Bly, Wm. F. Bradburn, Albert V. Edwards, Geo. Jamison, Merle S. Jamison, Fred S. Justice, James H. Roy, E. Station, John T. Henderson, Corbet Jackson, Roy C. Bennett, Chas. W. Bloom, Wm. F. Reese, Frank Davis, Henry A. Robertson, Wayland H. Beason, Carey J. Blythe, Carrol F. Blythe, Frank M. Bly, John S. Brown, Isaac H. Case, Alister J. Corn, Robert E. Corn, Lusk Cochran, Wm. H. Crook, McKinley Drake, Paul W. English, Russell Ernst, Overton L. Erwin, Sam Freeman, Henry C. Fowler, Furman Fowler, Hillard Fowler, Chester R. Glenn, Robert Gilliland, J. W. Garren, Henry Garren, Arthur Garren, Claude L. Hathcock, Carl Hardin, Harvey F. Hamilton, Otis L. Hoots, Daniel B. Huggins, Jesse P. Huggins, Jason Huggins, Easley Hudson, Glover Jackson, Paul T. Johnson, Guy P. Jordan, Robert Jones, John L. Jones, James King, Fred Laughter, Alexander K. Lewis, Emmett E. Lott, Floyd L. Maxwell, Charlie Mace, John P. Mills, T. Manning Morris, Wm. F. McCall, Mark L. McCall, Ezekiel W. McCall, Homer C. McCall, Wm. H. McCall, Wilford McCarron, John W. McCrary, Roy N. McMin, Ernest O. Nelson, Charlie Norr's, Cov-Orr, Thomas E. Osteen, Finley Pace, Ralph M. Pearson, Clifford Raxter, Will R. Reid, James O. Revis, Franklin Y. Revis, Thomas O. Rhyne, Henry T. Scruggs, Lantle A. Sentell, Wm. A. Smith, Grover A. Shipman, N. Pierce Spicer, Walter D. Stepp, Singleton F. Thompson, Joe R. Ward, Harry F. Williams, Harold Williams, Oren Willis, Robert L. Whitmore, A. Ficker, James P. Whorton, E. J. Anders, H. H. Case.

## Mexican Bandits Cross Lines.

Marfa, Tex., Dec. 26.—American troops today were guarding all outlets to Van Horn canyon, where 100 Mexican bandits on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the postoffice and general store on the Britte ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welsh, a veteran stage driver, and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Neill, foreman of the Britte ranch and carried away booty estimated to be worth \$7,000.

## Bolshevik Power Wanes.

London, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional assertions in Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviks were waning but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed today. Nearly all make the point in one form or other that defection from the workmen and soldiers' organization is growing constantly. Among causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

## Loss by Submarine Leas.

London, Dec. 26.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the past week. According to the admiralty report tonight, 11 British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage, and one fighting vessel.