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QUARANTINE TO LAST THROUGH NOVEMBER 2ND

The Henderson County Board of Health met last week and decided to continue the quarantine against gatherings for two more weeks, ending on the night of November 2. This will make four weeks of the quarantine. Local conditions didn't appear to show much improvement and in view of quite a number of cases and a few deaths in the county from influenza and pneumonia resulting from this disease, the board decided to extend the precautionary measures.

Small Pox Vaccination

The Board of Health revived the smallpox vaccination question over which there has been considerable objection. Recently the board suspended the order requiring vaccination until after the foder pulling season. This order was suspended until November 1. On and after November 1 the people are required by law to undergo a vaccination against smallpox, from which there was a recent death in the county.

INFLUENZA IS HOLDING OWN IN COUNTY

The influenza epidemic seems to be holding its own in Henderson county. In the Green River section, where the trouble was most malignant, and where there were in the neighborhood of 40 deaths, the epidemic has evidently reached its crest. On Tuesday physicians were of the opinion that the trouble was subsiding in Henderson county but on Wednesday a number of new cases were reported and the physicians were in doubt as to whether the epidemic was increasing or subsiding. The epidemic is mostly from the eastern part of the United States to the western states, and is exacting an enormous toll in deaths.

NO INFLUENZA AT FASSIFERN

(By Evelyn Byrd Graham)

Saturday evening the students gave an entertainment to raise enough money for another Liberty Loan Bond. They went "over the top" in their efforts and are to be congratulated upon their success. One evening in each week has been set aside in which the faculty and students will work for the Red Cross besides those who are giving all of their spare time to knitting for the soldiers. The school congratulates itself upon the fact that there have been no cases of Spanish influenza among the students or faculty. We are one of three schools in the State in which there has been no influenza. Miss Shipp and Mrs. McBee have taken every precaution to prevent this dreaded disease in school. The school is quarantined against Hendersonville and the surrounding towns until the epidemic is entirely over.

MRS. WILLIAMS DEAD.

Mrs. T. C. Williams died at her home near Hendersonville Sunday morning after an extended illness. Interment was made Monday morning in Oakdale cemetery, where she had two children buried. Services were conducted from the home by Dr. E. E. Bomar. Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband and six children. Mrs. Williams was a Miss Brock before her marriage. She was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Williams has the deep sympathy of his friends, especially because of the double sadness in the death of both wife and father on the same day.

T. FEW SHIPMAN DIED SUNDAY

T. Few Shipman is dead. This sad intelligence was the substance of a telegram received from Aspen, Colorado, Sunday afternoon. A telegram was received Saturday morning to the effect that Mr. Shipman was critically ill with influenza. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Shipman, of Hendersonville. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. R. P. Freeman and Mrs. W. P. Lane, Hendersonville; Mrs. Lillie Williams, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. J. Dickson Whitmire, Jonesboro, S. C.; Miss Lola B. Shipman, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Kate Shipman, Raleigh; J. E. Shipman, Hendersonville and Carl Shipman, in war service in France.

The deceased left Hendersonville about a year ago for Silver City, New Mexico. He remained there until a few months ago when he went to Boulder, Col., where he lived until a few weeks ago, when he accepted a position as private secretary to a blind politician-lawyer, at Aspen, Colorado.

Since receiving the news of his death his people received a letter written by Mr. Shipman telling of his illness, the influenza, and the kind treatment accorded him.

Mr. Shipman was educated at Fruitland, Wake Forest and the University of Colorado. He taught for a number of years, his work being at the Sylva Collegiate Institute at Sylva, at the Webster high school, at Bryson City, and some point near Charlotte. A few years ago Mr. Shipman was complimented with the presidency of the Henderson County Teachers' association. Several years ago he taught in this county.

Mr. Shipman was a member of the First Baptist church of this city and a loyal member of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school, which he served for quite a while as teacher.

Mr. Shipman was an apt student. His close application to his studies at Wake Forest preceded a breaking down in health, which he was seeking in the West. His recent improvement in health justified his acceptance of work of which he expressed himself as being very fond. Mr. Shipman was thirty-five years old. He was a man of splendid habits, very agreeable in his disposition, of profound thought, a well read and exceptionally interesting as a conversationalist and speaker.

The body was shipped on Tuesday and is expected to arrive some time the latter part of the week. Conforming to the ruling against public gatherings, the services will be at the family burying ground at Ebenezer and will be conducted by Dr. E. E. Bomar, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city; by Rev. A. I. Justice, a close friend of the deceased, and by Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Asheville, who was Mr. Shipman's teacher at Fruitland. The music will be arranged by Mrs. J. F. Brooks.

MR. HUDGINS REPLIES TO MR. EWANK

Editor of Hustler:

In a remarkable article by E. W. Ewbank published last week in the Hustler he said a vote for Britt means hope for Germany. I propose to vote for Britt and therefore, if Mr. Ewbank's statement is true, I help Germany, but anyone who says I help Germany tells a confounded lie. Everybody with whom I have discussed the said remarkable article believes this contemptible subterfuge is being resorted to solely for the purpose of getting Democratic votes. Now nobody doubts Mr. Ewbank's hatred for the Huns, and there seems to rage within his patriotic breast but one passion greater and that is his undying love for Miss Democracy. Mr. Ewbank feels sure he made his point clear, and he did, but now is not the time to use such arguments. Things are too serious and times too strenuous for his finely drawn theory, and the mere political destiny of a candidate now holding an office to which he does not seem to have been honestly elected does not justify the means employed. What does it matter if a Republican Congress is elected? (and, by-the-way, that very thing is going to happen.)

MR. EWANK REPLIES TO CRITICS OF HIS ARTICLE IN THE HUSTLER

"HURRAH FOR ROOSEVELT!"

That's what nearly a million independent Democrats cried in the campaign of 1898, when the United States was at war with Spain, and Mr. Roosevelt passionately pleaded the cause of the Republicans in this language:

"REMEMBER THAT WHETHER YOU WILL OR NOT, YOUR VOTES THIS YEAR WILL BE VIEWED BY THE NATIONS OF EUROPE FROM ONE STANDPOINT ONLY. THEY WILL DRAW NO FINE DISTINCTIONS. A REFUSAL TO SUSTAIN THE PRESIDENT THIS YEAR, WILL, IN THEIR EYES, BE READ AS A REFUSAL TO SUSTAIN THE WAR AND TO SUSTAIN THE EFFORTS OF OUR PEACE COMMISSIONERS TO SECURE THE FRUITS OF WAR. SUCH A REFUSAL MAY NOT INCONCEIVABLY BRING ABOUT A RUPTURE OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. IT WILL GIVE HEART TO OUR DEFEATED ANTAGONIST; IT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE INTERFERENCE OF THOSE DOUBTFUL NEUTRAL NATIONS, WHO IN THIS STRUGGLE HAVE WISHED US ILL."

And, these independent Democrats marched to the poles and gave the Republican ticket a tremendous majority.

Again, hear ex-President Benjamin Harrison in the same campaign: "If the word goes forth that THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES are standing solidly behind the President (Mr. McKinley) the task of the Peace Commissioners will be easy, but if there is a break in the ranks—IF THE DEMOCRATS score a telling victory—IF Democratic Senators, Congressmen and Governors are elected, SPAIN WILL SEE IN IT A GLEAM OF HOPE. SHE WILL TAKE FRESH HOPE, and a renewal of hostilities, MORE WAR, may be necessary to secure to us what we have already won."

Yet, again, read what the New York Sun—President McKinley's great New York mouth-piece declared in that memorable campaign of 1898, when we were warring with Spain:

"WE ARE AT WAR WITH SPAIN, PEACE COMMISSIONS AND PEACE JUBILEES TO THE CONTRARY, NOTWITHSTANDING. UPON PRESIDENT MCKINLEY AND HIS ADMINISTRATION ARE YET THE BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STATE OF WAR NOT YET TERMINATED. AND UPON ALL PATRIOTIC CITIZENS OF EVERY POLITICAL PARTY RESTS THE DUTY OF SUPPORTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND SUSTAINING THE NATION'S CAUSE AGAINST ALL FOREIGN ENEMIES, BOTH BY VOICE AND BY VOTE."

On June 9th, 1864, Abraham Lincoln—a man long revered as one of the great men of our country by Democrats and Republicans alike—said concerning his own candidacy for re-election:

"I HAVE NOT PERMITTED MYSELF TO CONCLUDE THAT I AM THE BEST MAN IN AMERICA, BUT I AM BEHIND IN THIS CONNECTION OF A STORY OF AN OLD DUTCH FARMER WHO REMARKED TO A COMPANION THAT 'IT IS NOT BEST TO SWAP HORSES WHILE CROSSING A STREAM.'"

I can produce reams of like appeals made by the great leaders of the Republican party in 1898, but the above is sufficient to show that the Chairman of the Republican party in Henderson county is woefully ignorant of the utterances of his leaders when he declares in a hand-bill now being distributed in a reply to a letter of mine published in the Hustler on October 17th, epitomizing the appeals of Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Harrison and Mr. McKinley's spokesman in the Spanish-American war, and asking the voters of the country "OF EVERY POLITICAL PARTY" to sustain the President and his administration in this war, my letter to be "slandering."

What President Harrison said would be a "GLEAM OF HOPE FOR SPAIN," if the Democrats did not support the (Republican) president in 1898, Mr. Staton now characterizes as "false and unjust charges" when I say that "a vote for James J. Britt means a VOTE OF HOPE for the German people" if the Republicans do not support the Administration for the very same reasons in 1918!

In short Mr. Staton says in his leaflet in reply to my appeal, that what was the cry of patriotism on the part of HIS LEADERS in 1898, is now the voice of "slander" when I invoke it in almost the identical language of his leaders, in behalf of Mr. Weaver and the Democratic Administration, which is "YET BURDENED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STATE OF WAR."

It is noteworthy that Mr. Britt's Manager, Hon. Brownlow Jackson, has, so far, preferred to appeal for support of his candidate upon the high ground of his intellectual and moral fitness rather than to descend to the cheap fool-de-rol of denouncing an appeal that HIS OWN leaders justly made in 1898, as "false and unjust charges against his neighbors who differ with him politically" and as launching a campaign of slander when I make the SAME APPEAL on the SAME GROUNDS in behalf of the party now conducting the war against Germany.

I have a much higher regard and appreciation of the Republicans of Henderson County than Mr. Staton seems to have since I do not think it would affect their subscriptions to the Liberty Loans and Thrift Stamps a particle even if I had been foolish enough to publish an "unjust" or "slandering" article about them. On the contrary, I have faith enough in their patriotism to believe they would have "turned their pockets wrong side out" in buying bonds and stamps to refute it!

Furthermore, I take great pride in the fact that I have many Republican friends who can read and write understandingly and who know the difference between a legitimate argument and appeal to reason and "unjust" charges and slander. I challenge Mr. Staton to publish in full my article, which called forth his circular.

In conclusion, I again appeal to "ALL PATRIOTIC CITIZENS OF EVERY POLITICAL PARTY" to support the Administration "BOTH BY VOICE AND VOTE" and cast their ballots for Simmons for the Senate and Weaver for the House of Representatives and dispel "THE GLEAM OF HOPE IN GERMANY" as President Harrison asked to dispel "THE GLEAM OF HOPE IN SPAIN IN 1898!"

E. W. EWANK,
Chairman Henderson Co. Dem. Ex. Committee.

Do Mr. Ewank and The Asheville Citizen mean to say Republicans can not stand back of the President without outraging their feelings to the extent of voting the Democratic ticket? Have not the Republicans in Congress supported the President and essential war measures more strongly compared with numbers, than the democrats? Does Senator Lodge's utterances printed in bold type above Mr. Ewbank's misguided statements hold out any hope for Germany? Are not the two statements most inconsistent and clearly contradictory? Who, Mr. Editor, is attempting to disgrace and dishonor men who perhaps have sons now in France where at any moment they may be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice for those at home? And who is indirectly, if not purposely, attempting to brand every man and woman who dares not vote the Democratic ticket as holding out hope to Germany? It is hard to imagine what some people would not do in the last extremity to secure political success.

S. H. HUDGINS.
Oct. 23, 1918.

L. T. WILLIAMS DIED SUNDAY

L. Taylor Williams, aged 72 years, died at his home in Hendersonville at 4:20 Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery Monday afternoon, following services at the home, by Rev. G. W. Belk and Dr. E. E. Bomar.

Mr. Williams suffered a great deal during the past year and recently underwent an operation in Asheville in hope of relief. He rallied to some extent but took a turn for the worse about two weeks before his death. Despite his intense suffering he was conscious until the end.

Mr. Williams was reared in the Mills River section. He was married twice and has five children. They are Mrs. J. W. Acker, Atlanta; J. O. Williams, T. C. Williams, Hendersonville; Mrs. Beulah Holmes, Atlanta, and Miss Ruth Williams, Hendersonville.

Mr. Williams first married a Miss Banning. His second wife, who is living, was a Mrs. Banning by a former marriage.

Mr. Williams saw service in the Confederate army, entering when 17 years old. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church as evidenced by the fact that he was an elder of this organization. He was a tanner by trade, which he followed in his earlier days. Mr. Williams was a quiet, unassuming man, of a very peaceful disposition and was a good citizen of high character.

IMPROPER RESPECT SHOWN FLAG AND SOLDIER'S CORPSE.

(Contributed)

A party of women while recently passing through the Hendersonville station at the time when a train from the South rolled in bearing all that was left of a soldier who had given his life for his country, was much surprised and not a little shocked to notice that when the box enveloped in the folds of our country's flag was borne through the station no head was uncovered, nor was any sign of respect either to the flag or dead soldier shown. The curious crowd gathered as usual at train time, accorded to this hero and to its country's flag only a cursory glance and went about its business.

Should such things happen? Should such an apparent lack of patriotic feeling and understanding be permitted? With no desire to criticize has the above been written, but rather with the wish to call attention to the fact in the belief that in a patriotic community where so much is being done in every way to add to the comfort and welfare of the boys who have gone across, such apparent indifference to one who was denied that privilege must come only from thoughtlessness and with the hope of preventing a recurrence in the future. Surely one moment for respect could be spared!

FRANK BROWN ILL.

Frank Brown, county tax collector, is critically ill, with pneumonia.

LETTER ABOUT HOME BOYS ON BATTLE FRONT

France, October 3, 1918.
French Broad Hustler,
Hendersonville, N. C.
Dear Folks:

I am taking time to write you a few lines to let you know that all our Henderson county boys in my organization are alive and doing well. We get plenty to eat, although some times we don't know where it is coming from. The battery has been through some very exciting experiences lately and all have heard the music of the shell fire, the bursting H.E.'s, and machine guns. No one was hurt.

We have been moving so rapidly our mail has been unable to catch up with us and we have not been paid for the past two months.

The thing which we need the most Over Here is MAIL, so I request each of you please write to some of us.

We are glad to say we have some German machine guns which we were able to pick up lately on the front and we are going to give the Boche air birds some of their own lead if they will only but fly low enough for us to use the gun on them. Not many days ago some of the German artillery decided to drop a few shells over us to see how things were going and to let us know that they were still in the woods just beyond the hills from us. They did so and the bursting shells were close enough to some of the boys had they been standing in place of being flat upon the ground, that they would have "Gone West," however, no one was hurt and it was a great experience for them. The front we are on now is quite dangerous for some people and some units, however, all the boys of old Henderson are withstanding the hardships as they should and each and every one wants to be in at the "Kiln" as we say when we have a fox chase.

Some of us received some mail last night, the first in over six weeks. Those that did not should have and I want to say again that we need the letters and each Sister, Mother, Father, Brother and Sweatheart, should write to the boy "Over Here" often as letters from home will take away the pangs of hunger, the hardships of trench life; the very thoughts of war will go away when we get the news from home the long looked for letter from Dad or the Girl. So write that letter TODAY to the boy over here.

From the news we are able to get here on the front we will soon finish this war and then for the hills of W. N. C. and Home. You know that Xmas will soon be here now and we all will expect a box from you with the good things to eat. But send the letters.

With best wishes from all the boys and regards to all at home, from
CAPT. ROLLA V. LADD,
7th Anti-Aircraft Bat. C. A. C.
P. S.—All letters to us should be addressed as follows:
Rank and Name,
7th Anti-Aircraft Bat. C. A. C.,
G. O. Hq. Anti-Aircraft Service,
1st Army, Am. E. F., France.

Mr. Staton's Circular

"A vote for James J. Britt means a vote of hope for the German people. A vote for Weaver means a vote of doom to any hope of a negotiated peace—peace that would suspend a German sword above the people of the earth for all time to come."

The above paragraph is an extract from an article signed by E. W. Ewbank, who is chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Henderson County, and published in the French Broad Hustler of date October 17, 1918. In answer to this charge we submit the following facts:

James J. Britt has delivered 242 patriotic addresses; has contributed liberally to the demands of the government for money with which to carry on the war, and takes pride in the fact that two of his sons are now in the trenches in France battling for the success of the cause for which we and our allies have spent and are continuing to spend so much blood and treasure. We, therefore, ask if it is right, patriotic or fair for any man to make such false and unjust charges against his neighbors who differ with him politically, and especially to attempt to launch a campaign of slander in the closing days of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign when all men and women, irrespective of party or creed, are working hard to promote the sale of the bonds from which will come the money to feed and clothe our boys in the service and to furnish them with ammunition and arms in order to make it so that the bloody track of the Hun will never be seen in our fair land.

We maintain that, of all times, this is the most inopportune time for making charges of the character of those made by Mr. Ewbank in the article from which the above quoted paragraph is taken, or when any dissension should be brought about, or attempted to be brought about, among our people, which would tend in any way to hamper the sale of bonds, or otherwise hinder the successful prosecution of the war.

Chairman Rep. Ex. Committee of Henderson County.