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CITY'S FINANCIAL STATUS IS FULLY EXPLAINED BY E. W. EW BANK

Editor Hustler:

Since reading your last issue and noting the news item concerning our water supply I am again impressed with the fact that there are many things besides the ghost of Banquo that will not "down"! But, in view of the supreme importance of this matter I am going to drop a brick on one ghost's head if the whole wall falls on me when it "lights."

First: Positively and emphatically, the water "bug-a-boo" has not "gone to the tall timber" and the matter of a water supply for the city of Hendersonville has not "been settled for years to come!"

The commissioners of the city, with all the skill and ingenuity that they could bring to bear, have succeeded in averting up to this time, a water crisis, but with the installation of the filtering improvement mentioned in your news item they are at the end of their rope. A filtering plant is of no use unless there is something to filter. No other water is available except the Finlay creek water that is now being used by sufferance.

It is common knowledge that the owners of lands through which a stream of water flows cannot so divert that water that it will not go down to the subservient riparian owners without being liable to the subservient owners for the stoppage of their right to receive and use the water formerly flowing to them.

Neither can a city or town divert the water without being subject to the same liability, unless such city or town first condemns the necessary watershed and pays the price that the privilege warrants.

The city of Hendersonville has not condemned the Finlay watershed and does not want to do so for the simple reason that the price would be out of all proportion to the service it could possibly give if the watershed were otherwise desirable. There are too many improved properties—homes and farm developments in the area—to make it attainable at a reasonable price and unless the homes and these developments were removed it would not be safe to acquire it as a permanent source even if it were adequate, which it is not except for temporary needs.

Second: Since the water question has not "been settled for years to come" when and how will it be settled?

As to when it will be settled I will say that it will not be long—only so long as the present use by sufferance is permitted and it will not be permitted any longer than the increased volume of its use makes itself felt by a subservient riparian owner of the lands on Finlay Creek.

As to how it will be met I will say that it has to be met with a bond issue of not less than \$200,000 for building a conduit from the government reservation on Mills River or from the Pinnacle watershed where the land will have to be condemned. From one or the other of these alternatives there is no escape unless the city undertakes to travel into the realm of experiment and dig wells with the probability that they will turn out as all other experiments in this direction have proved in the mountains—a failure.

Third: Confronted with the water and other problems almost as pressing, the commissioners who are expected to conduct the business of the city with the same skill and finesse as they would operate their own, are severely criticised by some because

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THE WEATHER

Such weather as this should drive everyone in the United States to Western North Carolina. The days are glorious with their floods of sunshine and the nights are so splendidly cool as to call for many covers.

Der Tag For the Hospital

(Contributed)

"Der Tag"—"The Day" was the toast of the German nation preparing itself for world conquest and the pledge of their every effort for success beginning with the day the world should be plunged into war.

This word of a now defeated nation is to be read in our own language and with a different meaning, by the good women of Hendersonville, for a purpose apparently foreign to the German character, that of charity and gentle service to their fellow beings, and so we have our "Tag-day." The meaning of the word "Tag" and "Day" are synonymous in the two languages, but is different when used jointly in our own.

So July 4th is Tag Day for our hospital: an institution of which the city and county should be very proud. It stands a monument to the splendid public spirit and untiring effort of the women of Hendersonville and Henderson county. It has been the object of their ambition to be of service to the community in which they live and have their interest.

Success is the result of their will to succeed in the face of obstacles and disappointments.

Based upon an idea, the hospital came into being and was dedicated July 4th, 1912, and today stands well equipped for the service for which it is intended, and with a splendid, capable personnel in those who have the active management in charge—the superintendent, assistant superintendent, the corps of nurses and servants.

Through the co-operation of the physicians, private individuals, county commissioners, and the public, the hospital has attained a position where it might be self-sustaining, but demands for improvements are constantly to be met, additional room is needed to meet the call for more working space, and newest efficient equipment is being installed. These things call for expenditure beyond the now limited earning capacity of the institution, and July 4th the women who have helped to create it will ask the material aid of those for whose possible use it stands ready.

So the 4th is "Tag Day." If you are approached and offered the privilege of being "tagged," think first of the women who have given their time and effort to the common good, and be thankful that such folk live—and think secondly of the meaning of "Tag Day." Shame the German in his arrogantly selfish use of the first, and give generously of your money as you are able.

It is a compliment to the Shriners, who celebrate the 4th, to have the women select their day on which to solicit help for public welfare and good. This same spirit is the beauty of the Masonic order—helpfulness and goodwill.

NO CANNED GOODS

"High grade canned goods are scarce," say Hendersonville wholesalers. "No stocks anywhere. Sold out in the northern markets. The supplies are exhausted."

This will be the sad news to the housekeepers of Hendersonville when what you might call a real busy time right at hand. But it's the truth, say those who know. There's a famine in high grade canned goods and the famine will last until the new stock comes in—which will be several months.

The shortage of sugar last year is the reason for all this. There was, as you may recall, a scarcity of the sweet stuff last year, for which blame the kaiser. It would seem, therefore, to be the part of wisdom and good judgment to stock up now before there are no more cans to be had at any price.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gull entertained their guests, Misses Margaret Bridgers and Thelma Allen, from Dillon, S. C., with a motor trip to Spartanburg where they spent a while with friends.

SHRINER PARADE WILL BE MOST SPECTACULAR IN TOWN'S HISTORY

On Thursday and Friday of this week there won't be a dull or uninteresting minute during all the forty-eight hours, for on those two days the town will be filled with members of the Ancient Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, who will have journeyed to this oasis for the Treat 'n' Rough Ceremonial, to be held here on the third and fourth days of the great thirst.

The largest class in the history of the Temple will be here for the Nobles to practice their ruthless cruelty upon and some of the things that will be done, right in the public park, as it were, are really too shocking to relate. But the great crowd that will line Main street will find the events interesting—very interesting, indeed.

Dinner for 4,000 people will be prepared, and will be served in the armory. Admission will be by fez or card only. The Kentucky Home will prepare all the food, without cost to the Shriners. They have a way of frying 250 chickens an hour at the Kentucky Home.

The parade will be the big event of the meet, Main street and all the necessary side streets will be roped off. There will be patrols and bands from other cities, there will be uniformed students from the military schools and camps here, there will be the returned Sixth company, the home guards and many things of peculiar interest to the candidates for admission to the Shrine.

Don't miss the parade, it will be exceedingly interesting.

There will be a street dance on Main street, band concerts, decorations both day and night. There will be here on this Fourth the greatest crowd ever in this city.

Following is the program:
Thursday morning at 7:30: Arrival of Potentate R. J. Noble and divan, from Charlotte.

Arrival, during the afternoon on a special train, of Oasis band and patrol. There will be forty in the band and sixty in the patrol.

Thursday night at six o'clock: Registration of candidates at the city hall. There will be from 300 to 400 candidates.

Thursday night at 9 o'clock, business session.

Thursday night, the opening dance at the Carolina Terrace, given in honor of Potentate R. J. Noble. At the same time there will be a dance for the nobles on the lawn of Park Hill.

Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock there will be an unofficial reception of candidates by the nobility at the city hall.

Friday morning the parade starts. There will be three prizes offered for the best decorated cars in the parade.

There will be other things in the parade besides cars, too. Such as candidates.

Exhibition drills by the patrols will be one of the big features of the parade.

After the parade will come the initiation of the candidates. This will be in public, on Main street, and will be interesting to everybody, including the candidates.

Luncheon will be served at the armory, from noon until 3 o'clock.

At 3 o'clock there will be the ceremonial session, to be held in the new garage of the Hendersonville Automobile company.

From 5 to 9:30 the nobles are free to amuse themselves. Many will go to Laurel Park bathing beach, where suits will be provided for all.

At 7:30 there will be a band concert in front of the city hall.

At 9:30 there will be a street dance on Main street.

GET LIQUOR AND MOONSHINERS IN FIERCE BATTLE IN MOUNTAINS

Lacking none of the thrills of a wild west movie was a moonshine raid staged here last Thursday morning by Deputy Sheriff Vernon Lyda and a posse of seven, which resulted in the capture of Will Floyd, Brock Shipman and Wilkie Lockaby, and of forty gallons of mountain dew. Many shots were exchanged during the battle, and Deputy Sheriff Lyda experienced the sensation of having a pistol discharged point blank in his face.

Deputy Sheriff Lyda, with J. C. Sexton, A. O. Jones, Joseph Hamilton, B. McCall and M. King, found the moonshiners playing craps while the furnace roared under their still at the foot of Stone mountain. The men surrounded the camp of the moonshiners and waited for daybreak. As the first flush of dawn came stealing over the mountain peaks a twig snapped, the alarm was given, and the crack, crack of many guns showed how desperate the makers of mountain moonshine were.

It all developed into many single combats, two of the struggling men rolling down a twenty foot cliff, where they still continued fighting. The wonder of it is that no one was killed, although the officers heard one of the men declare he would die before being taken. Eventually the revenue men won their fight and came back to town, bringing with them three prisoners and forty gallons of liquor. The still, a modern copper one, was destroyed.

The men were given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Hood. Floyd was released under \$2500 bond—the heaviest bail demanded here in such a case in many years. Lockaby made bond for \$500 while Shipman is still in jail, being unable to raise that amount.

Shriners Are WELCOME!

Hendersonville welcomes Oasis Temple, Ancient Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and most sincerely hopes its picnic ceremonial may prove so entirely pleasant that all other ceremonials may be held here.

RELEASED UNDER BONDS

Sevier Clark, who shot and dangerously wounded Seymour Pace, recently, while the latter was acting as peacemaker, was given a preliminary hearing, Monday, before Magistrate Ben Hood, and bound over to criminal court under bonds of \$2,000. The hearing was delayed pending the decision as to the results of the wounds inflicted upon Mr. Pace. Bonds were furnished.

THE SEASON IS ON

Crowded Main street recalls to your mind the fact that the season of 1919 is now in our midst, after a manner of speaking. Of course, there are many other signs pointing the same way, but Main street simply emphasizes it all.

The summer season brings with it certain peculiarities. Last Saturday night there was a man on Main street who entered E. Lewis' store and ordered the clerks to close at once. He left before the order was complied with and went to a man here employing considerable labor and offered to pay off all the men. He immediately began to write checks for various sundry amounts.

Sure, he was happy and it seemed a shame for a man in a blue uniform to take him along to a dark and dreary building away from the bright lights of Main street.

Pee Wee Declines Offer

You may locate Hendersonville's million dollar bank by reference to Pee-Wee Fisher's newstand.

The bank is immediately opposite Pee-Wee's place of business. Pee-Wee conducts the newstand during his moments of leisure. His real mission in life is to superintend things in the Hustler office—in which he manifests a lively and sustained interest.

Pee-Wee emphatically denies that the new city board unanimously declined to appoint him city alley inspector with a tin badge but with no salary attached. The Hustler is authorized to quote Mr. Fisher as to this. He says he never applied for the position, or job, as it were, as inspector of that thoroughfare commonly known as Tin Can Alley nor of any other alley and that if Mr. Henry Justice wants the appointment he can have it and carry it away with him for all he cares and that it annoys him seriously for the proletariat to refer to this matter.

Mr. Fisher leaves for Atlanta on Thursday. He will there be the guest of the Atlanta Journal and will watch a real ball game, stop at a good hotel and generally have a good time. Mr. Fisher will return to Hendersonville on Saturday.

RURAL PROGRESS

(This is the first of a series of articles on Rural Progress written by Mr. Garvin, now a Henderson county resident, for The Hustler. Mr. Garvin is an authority on this subject and what he has to say should be taken to heart by the farmers of this county.)

RURAL PROGRESS

By VICTOR J. GARVIN

Before starting out with my discussion I wish to say, in the first place, that I know but very little of many of the farming methods typical to this country. I shall be frank with my readers and tell you that my experience has been in the west. My scientific as well as my practical training and knowledge has been acquired there. So I shall not at any time try to fool you into thinking that I know most of what there is to be known about your sort of farms and your problems which may be more or less peculiar to this section. But on the other hand there are certain problems which are to be met in all sections, North, South, East and West. It is more with these problems that I shall endeavor to deal, except that as from time to time as I acquire a greater knowledge of your country and its own problems, I may stray from the beaten path and endeavor to be of assistance to you, if such is possible. And if the editor of this paper will sanction my articles, I may, from time to time ask him to publish something which I feel will be of some assistance to someone, somewhere in Western North Carolina. And, in reading my articles I do not wish you to feel that I am in any way criticizing your methods, possibly not, but at least it will do no harm to discuss them, and I should be very glad to have any one who may differ with me in my views set forth his ideas through the papers.

As the title indicates, it is my intention in the present article to discuss some of the various factors which go to make for Rural Progress. There are none of us who will argue that such progress is a thing not to be desired. And there are no sections of the rural United States but what might make progress in many ways. I have come to live in this country and it is my desire to help in every possible way its development, and to do all within my power to make it progressive in every sense of the word.

Among some of the many factors which make for Rural Progress may be mentioned the following:

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CITIZENS' BANK IN NEW BUILDING WITHIN YEAR, IT IS ANNOUNCED

With their usual promptness the officers of the Citizens National Bank sent to the stockholders of the bank the usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on July 1st. The Citizens National Bank is the only National Bank in Henderson County and the success of the institution attests the esteem in which it is held by the people of the County.

Next year at this time the bank is expecting to be occupying its handsome new building to be erected at the corner of 4th Avenue West and Main street.

WILLIAM STROUP KILLED

William Stroup, 11 years old, was accidentally shot and instantly killed while hunting in the woods near Hill-girt last Thursday.

With a companion the boy was hunting rabbits in the woods. The gun was left on the ground for a few minutes and when the lad's companion picked it up, it was accidentally discharged. The young hunter received the full charge of the gun in his head. The boy's companion ran to a nearby farm house for aid, which was unavailing.

Both parents of the deceased are dead and he is survived by one brother, Rufus.

WILL ENFORCE PENALTY

The board of aldermen will enforce a penalty of twenty percent where special taxes are not paid before July 15.

The necessary ordinance was recently enacted by the board. The penalty will be collected absolutely, it was said at the city hall.

FATALY INJURED

Scott Coburn, 15 years old, was fatally injured while riding a bicycle on Fifth avenue last Friday night.

The boy's wheel struck a pile of sand in Fifth avenue, it is said. He was thrown over the bicycle his head striking the pavement with terrific force.

The lad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coburn, and yesterday it was stated that he could not live.

MONEY FOR BOARD OF TRADE

The young lady secretary of the Decatur, Ga., board of trade was a recent visitor here. She liked the town immensely but wondered how much could be done with the limited funds at the disposal of the Hendersonville board of trade. Decatur has an annual fund of 12,000 for the board of trade, she said.

NO CITY PARK

A careful reading of City Attorney E. W. Ewbank's interesting article in this issue will leave the somewhat definite impression that there will be no city park in Hendersonville for some little time to come.

As individuals, every member of the board is in favor of a city park here, but—

Mr. Ewbank's article explains the rest.

FARMERS IN CORN

Every farmer in Henderson county is busy in the corn field. The crops look fine and the farmers are waiting no time.

THEY WANT QUALITY

J. R. Willson believes the people of this city and county are more and more coming to believe in quality lumber for their buildings. He says he has every good reason to believe so.