

COAL STRIKE HITS TOWN; MAYOR ORDERS STORES CLOSED EXCEPT 9 TO 4

Business Men Accept Situation and Will Observe Regulations Strictly--Few Exceptions to Government's Order--Limited Coal Supply Here

Chief of Police Otis Powers on Wednesday notified all business men here to keep their places of business closed except between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the afternoon.

The only exceptions are bakeries and meat shops which may remain open until six o'clock, and restaurants, which may remain open as usual, provided fifty percent only of light and heat is used.

Newspaper offices may remain open as usual while working on the newspaper only. Job printing departments must observe the same hours as other business houses.

Mayor Mack Rhodes gave the chief his instructions. Merchants and business men are taking the order patriotically, of course, and indicate every desire to cooperate with the government in the coal crisis now confronting it.

Further restrictions will be put into effect should the coal situation continue to grow more serious.

Hendersonville is called on, like all the cities in the south, under the provisions of the Lever act and the proclamation of the president, to curtail the consumption of coal, owing to the shortage that has been brought about by the miners' strike.

Governors of states, mayors of cities, sheriffs and other officers are called on to assist in seeing that the federal regulations are observed. A list of instructions, giving in detail the regulations to be followed, has been received by the mayor of this city.

These regulations in brief forbid the use of electric signs and display advertising, limit the hours of operation in industries to 48 hours a week, and prescribe hours between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., for the use of light and heat in stores and office buildings and between 1:00 and 10:30 p. m., in theatres, motion picture shows, etc.

Among the exceptions to these requirements are drug stores, restaurants, dairies and bakeries, which may continue to operate under their present schedule.

J. W. Bailey, who as agent of the Southern Railway is representative of the fuel administration, made the statement that several cars of coal were being held at the station.

The title to all coal in transit at the time the order became effective, December 1, reverted to the government. Dealers who run short must make application through Mr. Bailey, who will forward the application to the railway superintendent, from whose hands it passes to the coal committee for decision.

When asked for an estimate of the amount of coal now on hand in the city, Mr. Bailey said that he thought it was close to eight or ten hundred tons. None of the dealers are near a shortage and the large consumers have for the most part already laid in the winter's supply.

R. M. Oates, president of the Home Electric Company, in reply to a question about the action of the company under the circumstances, said that at present no change would be made in the service, but that an attempt would be made to get instructions from the proper officials. Mr. Oates was formerly fuel administrator for the city, but does not now hold that position.

BAZAAR AND SALE.

The ladies of St. James' parish will hold a bazaar, December 10, in the Morey building. Luncheon will be served, and fancy work, household articles and novelties will be sold. The bazaar will open early and will continue throughout the day.

GREENVILLE MAN PURCHASES FINE MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

Dr. E. W. Carpenter and family, of Greenville, S. C., spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Josephine Pender.

Dr. Carpenter has recently bought of W. P. Lane part of the J. D. Miller tract of mountain land. This is considered one of the most desirable as well as most beautifully located pieces of property in the Rugby neighborhood.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The business meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the Mayor's office at 4 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 10th.

CAPTAINS AND TEAMS CAPTURE BIG SUM ON FIRST DAY OF DRIVE

Complete Success Attends Baptists' Canvass on Sunday Afternoon; Fine Reports Come In From County Churches.

FIRST CHURCH EXCEEDS QUOTA

The Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign entered the first stage of the great "drive" Sunday afternoon. At that time, after strong appeals from the pastors, canvassing teams went among the members and secured their pledges for missionary, benevolent and educational work for the next five years.

The result was a great success. In the state, with less than one-fourth of the churches reporting by wire, over \$4,000,000 was signed up in one day. The quota of the state is \$6,000,000. The drive is still going on all this week. By the end of next Sunday it is confidently believed that the subscriptions will amount to more than \$7,000,000.

Here in Hendersonville the canvass was a complete success. The quota of the First Church was \$17,500. At 6:30 p. m., more than \$23,500 was subscribed and turned in to Director Foster Bennett. The canvass continues. Another report will be made at prayer meeting Wednesday night.

In the county only a few churches were able to telephone their reports to the director, Dr. E. E. Bomar. These were, Jones Gap, \$414, with only a partial canvass; Fruitland, \$7,500; Beulah, \$1,619.50; French Broad, \$1,000; Saluda, \$1,650; East Flat Rock, \$2,627; First Hendersonville, \$22,839.

The quota for Carolina Association is \$55,000. These six churches on the first day raised \$36,035. Mud Creek, Horse Shoe, Green River, Tuxedo and others reported that they were canvassing, but not able yet to report.

Most of the churches are well organized and will report later. The captains of the teams of the First Church, who did such splendid work, are Jno. T. Wilkins, J. E. Shipman; Roy C. Bennett, R. H. Station, O. V. F. Blythe, W. A. Keith, G. L. Lambeth, R. P. Freeman, James Stepp and T. L. Durham.

The women of the church who assumed fifteen per cent of the quota have far oversubscribed. There were some splendid large gifts; three of \$1,000 and more, and six of \$500 or more, but the body of the gifts came of the rank and file of the membership. Perhaps the best thing about it all was the dutiful and spiritual motives which actuated the givers. Nobody had to be cajoled into giving. All did it cheerfully and even with joy.

It is confidently believed that the First church will exceed \$25,000 and the association will go over its allotment.

NEW PACKING RULE OF THE AMERICAN R. R. EXPRESS CO.

Under the new express packing requirements, which go into effect on December 10, all shipments sent by express weighing over 25 pounds must be packed in wooden containers or cartons of fibre-board, pulp board, or corrugated strawboard material of specified "test strengths." This means, according to agent J. W. Bailey, that after December 10, packages over the 25-pound limit will not be accepted by the American Express Company, handling the express business of the entire country as agent of the railroad administration, if only paper wrapped.

FRUIT SENT TO OTTEEN

Through the efforts of Mrs. C. A. Hobbs and Mrs. W. R. Kirk fruit was sent to the nurses, who are patients at Otteen, for Thanksgiving. The donation consisted of eight boxes of oranges, four of apples and one box of chocolates. The following were the contributors, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs, J. O. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Freeze, Miss M. A. Sampson, Mrs. G. H. Valentine, Dr. A. C. Tebeau, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Kirk.

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES IN PARISH

St. James Observes "Intensive Week," Every Member Canvass To Be Next Sunday.

Matters regarding the Nation-Wide Campaign in St. James parish are progressing most satisfactorily. The people have caught the spirit of the campaign and are doing what they can to further its aims. The prayer circles which have been meeting at various homes of parishioners came to the church on Monday, December first, for a service of intercession. The week of November 30 is known as the "Intensive Week" of the campaign. In addition to the service mentioned above services of intercession were scheduled at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lasting exactly twenty minutes. It is found by experience that a service at this hour suits the congregation particularly. The men, better than any other. On Sunday, December 7, the Every Member canvass will take place. Every parishioner is asked to remain at home until after the visit of the canvassers has been made. The canvassers are to be served luncheon at the rectory immediately upon the conclusion of the mid-day service.

DEATH OF DR. HATCH

Dr. W. Irvine Hatch died recently at the residence of his brother, James A. Hatch, of this city. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two brothers, Melvin S. and James A. Hatch.

Dr. Hatch has been a prominent dentist in Jersey City, N. J., for the past 25 years.

Interment was at Magnolia cemetery, Charleston, S. C.

ENTERTAINMENT AT EBENEZER

The school children of Ebenezer under the direction of their teachers, Misses Bessie Allen and Ollie Townsend, gave a most enjoyable program last Thursday afternoon at the school building. Quite a number of patrons were present.

CHURCH SOCIETY SALE

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will have a sale of fancy work and eatables, such as candy, cakes, salads, etc., on Saturday, December 13, in Dr. Morey's store building on Main street.

BE BIG SEASON

"Next season will be fully as great a one as last summer's battle," said John C. Wooten of the Kentucky Home. "It will simply be a question of capacity, and that is all." He continued, "Hendersonville fully deserves its reputation as THE resort of the South and its summer business will continue to grow each year." "What we want, though, and what we can get by going after it, is a bigger winter business."

HIGHER PRICED MILK

The enormous advances in the prices of feed and labor has compelled some of the dairies here to advance their prices to twenty cents a quart. Cottonseed meal, for instance, is now \$4 a sack, and dealers say it may go to \$5 before the first of the year. Cottonseed meal is essential to the production of rich milk. Those dairies which have advanced the price of their product say they would welcome a return to the lower prices for milk and for feed which prevailed a few years ago. To produce clean milk, under reasonably sanitary conditions, costs far more now in proportion to the price received, they say, than it did a short time ago, and instead of discovering any relief from high prices they are confronted with prospects of still greater advances.

It costs money to produce good, rich, clean milk, and more than one owner of a dairy has said he will go out of the business rather than conduct their business at a direct loss.

THAT NEW HOTEL

Those in a position to know state positively that Hendersonville will soon have a strictly modern, fireproof hotel. Interesting developments along this line are anticipated within the next few days.

"HAINT A COMING TOWN SHE'S ALREADY THERE."

"Hendersonville haint a coming town," remarked Judge C. M. Pace, forcibly. "She's already here!"

The Judge, a portly and imposing figure, familiar cane in one hand, the equally familiar little black satchel in the other, stood at the corner of Fourth and Main. On one corner the "million dollar bank" had torn out a dividing wall and for temporary use had added a whole big store room to its working space.

"Going to be a mighty fine building there soon," said the best-loved man in Hendersonville. "Yes, sir, a mighty fine building. Be elevators in it, I suppose, and shoot away up yonder." A crowd of workmen on the opposite corner attracted his attention.

"And that foundation the Citizen's Bank is putting in over there for their new building is just about the deepest and safest foundation it's possible to build, I reckon. Won't be long, now, before all that frontage over there is built up. Bill Smith sold a mighty valuable piece of land there—mighty valuable. Me—I used to own Laurel Park once—with Bill Smith. I sold and he held. Town'll be out there, soon."

He glanced down Fourth avenue towards the railroad tracks where he saw building material piled high in the street.

"And that's an addition to the hosiery mill. Ought to be more of them here."

He turned his judicial form slowly around and faced the postoffice. On one side of Fourth avenue he saw Brownlow Jackson's new office building—or its imposing skeleton. Almost opposite he saw the site where a great new hotel will soon be built. Opposite this was the place concerning which he had heard many interesting rumors. Just around the corner J. O. Bell was manifesting his faith in a good town, while a block away in the opposite direction was the site, he knew, of still another hotel.

"They'll have to rename Fourth avenue," he murmured. "They'll have to call it the Avenue de Hotel, as we French say."

Deliberately he got under way for the court house where he is as much a fixture and a necessity as the very records themselves. The "good-morning, Judge," were many; the cordial hand-shakes just as many; and his progress was not what you might call right speedy. As he passed Dr. Justice pharmacy and saw still another new building being started on Main street, he said once more:

"No, sir, Hendersonville haint a coming town—she's already here!"

J. D. DAVIS, WELL KNOWN AND ESTEEMED CITIZEN PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Taken Violently Ill on Wednesday of Last Week and Died on Friday; Buried at Oakdale.

ONE OF CITY BUILDERS

The sudden death at his home here last Friday of James D. Davis marked the passing of one of the town's outstanding figures, one of the early builders of Hendersonville, a contemporary of the late Colonel S. V. Pickens and Captain M. C. Toms and as widely known and esteemed as were these distinguished citizens.

Death came quickly to Mr. Davis. He was taken ill on Wednesday—he was in town the day before—and the end came Friday at noon time. The funeral services were held at the First Baptist church, where Dr. E. E. Bomar and Rev. M. F. Moores said the last words over the body of a man who always had a ready smile in his eyes and in his heart, a man trusted with public office and one who dealt honorably with his fellows. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery and the pallbearers were W. H. Justus, C. E. Brooks, J. O. Williams, O. V. F. Blythe, S. Y. Bryson and A. Ficker—men who knew "Jim" Davis when Hendersonville was but a mountain village.

Mr. Davis was married twice. He was born on Reedy Patch and lived here and in Buncombe county all his life. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Althea West of Buncombe county and three children were born to them: C. W. Davis, E. H. Davis, Mrs. C. B. Eaves, all of this city. His second wife was Miss Harriet Worley daughter of G. W. Worley of Buncombe. No children were born to them. He is survived by three children, his wife, two brothers, F. P. Davis of Dayton, Tenn., Tom K. Davis of Spartanburg, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Marlow of Asheville.

Mr. Davis served faithfully the people as a member of the board of county commissioners, served on the board of aldermen for several terms, and was the founder and editor of one of the first papers ever published in Hendersonville, and was for many years a merchant here. During the past few years he lived on his farm near town, and his death takes one more of the early builders of a town he helped start on the high road to prosperity.

KNEW WHERE TO GO

Some men know where to go for the right thing, every time. F. S. Wetmur lost two Liberty bonds, the other day. What did he do? Came to The News office at once and right away. What was the result?

"Go see Henry Twyford," Mr. Wetmur was told at the newspaper shop. He went.

Mr. Wetmur has recovered his two Liberty bonds.

MR. PATTERSON IS PUZZLED

H. Patterson, just back from a business trip to Chicago, is puzzled. He, like thousands of other American business men, is wondering what's going to happen next—where this road everybody is traveling so gaily is going to end.

"Goods are going higher and higher, with some lines impossible to get at all," says Mr. Patterson. "Men's clothes will cost more next spring—much more. Orders placed now cost me wholesale as much and more than I am getting for the same garments in stock. Wool, cotton, labor—that's the answer. I wonder where it's all going to end?"

Mr. Patterson's already extensive establishment is to be remodeled and greatly enlarged. The second floor of the building will be added to the store, the enormous basement will be utilized, balconies added and other changes made. Mr. Patterson states, as soon as room can be made for the workmen.

The new year, and is completing all the necessary arrangements, says the London Daily Mail.

The withdrawal of the American troops from Coblenz, Germany, is not considered in American peace conference circles as necessary. It is contended that the United States is still one of the allied and associated powers, and that the postponement of the final action on the treaty does not change its relation to either the associated powers or to Germany.

The 65,000 American dead in France must be left in the graves they now occupy until the French are ready to exhume their own dead, which, it is hoped, will be before January 1, 1922. The foreign office had promised to consider the last request of the United States government for the return of its fallen soldiers, but later decided that the allies who fell together for the same cause should remain together in death until circumstances permit of the returning of the bodies to the families for whom they sacrificed themselves.

The British government expects the trial of former Emperor William of Germany to begin in London early in the new year.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

DeMille Quartet, First Number in Lyceum Course, Will Be At Opera House.

At 8:15 on Friday evening of this week, at the Hendersonville Opera House, one of the most delightful entertainments ever brought to this city will be given under the auspices of the Hendersonville Lyceum Association.

This attraction will consist of vocal and instrumental numbers ranging from the choicest of English, Scotch and Irish melodies, selections from oratorios and operas to standard and popular songs.

The DeMille Quartet is made of Hartwell DeMille, baritone; Alfred J. Atkinson, basso; W. Edmonds Capps, lyric tenor; Gladstone Brown, tenor robusto, with Miss Hilda Buckingham, pianist-accompanist.

About 450 reservations have already been made and the management is daily receiving calls for other reservations.

The several schools of the city; Blue Ridge, C. M. C. A., Passifera, and the city schools are expected to sit in groups and render school songs and yells for 20 minutes before the program begins. Great school spirit will doubtless be in evidence.

MEMBERS OF FERNWOOD CAMP HAVE AN INTERESTING SESSION

Fernwood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, held its regular weekly session Monday night. This being the time for the election of officers, the following were chosen with complete unanimity and harmony.

Jerry Boling, consul; W. D. Justus, adviser; J. C. Coston, banker; G. H. McMurray, clerk; G. J. Milward, assistant clerk; Grady Edna, escort; W. N. Fisher, watchman; Lulu Collins, sentry; J. C. Beck, J. L. Forest, N. B. Huggins, trustees.

At 9:30 the meeting was turned over to Chief Forester J. H. Hollingsworth, who gave an exhibition drill with his team. Dressed in snow white uniforms with gold braid trimmings the team presented a very pleasing appearance as they marched down Main street, followed by the members bearing torches which threw out colored lights. The procession ended at the Central Cafe, where an oyster supper was enjoyed. A number of Asheville Woodmen were present.

In response to an effort to raise money to buy a sabre for the chief forester, the sum of \$25 was collected in a very few minutes.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Owing to the greatly advanced and the increasing cost of producing a newspaper and the urgent necessity for conservation of newsprint by all newspapers, THE NEWS on January 1, 1920, will advance from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a year on a pay-in-advance policy.

There are quite a number of subscribers in arrears and THE NEWS would be pleased to have all these as well as all others take advantage of the \$1.00 rate.

CITY FARMS

The property of George Kershaw on King street will be sold at auction on next Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. R. C. Clarke, president of the First Bank and Trust company will be the auctioneer, and the transaction is being handled by Smith, Jackson, Morris Company as agents.

This sale has an unusual interest in that the property has been sub-divided into two acre truck gardens, and with each one of these city farms will be sold a home site on one of the adjoining streets. This offers those wanting to combat the high cost of living a chance to buy a little farm in the city and actually within three blocks of the county court house—an unusual opportunity, surely.

The land is said to be the richest in Henderson county and should produce abundant crops. The residence is a strictly modern and thoroughly well built home, beautifully situated. Smith, Jackson and Morris Company state they find a most lively interest manifested by town folk in the coming sale and they believe the very limited number of garden farms to be sold on next Saturday will be snapped up quickly by those who believe there is health and some wealth to be discovered by getting back to the land. Especially they say, when the land is almost within the shadow of the county court house.

ARTICLES WILL CONTINUE

The Agricultural Department of The News, edited by Victor J. Garvin, was necessarily left out of this week's issue, owing to a shortage of help in the office. Readers of these instructive articles may look for their continued appearance in later issues.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy incident to the illness, death and burial of our husband and father.

Mrs. J. D. Davis and Family.