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BANQUET TONIGHT TO BREAK RECORD

BUSINESS-LIKE PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREPARED

Annual Meeting of Board of Trade is Expected to Set Precedent in Attendance and Importance.

With over 100 plates sold and enthusiasm running high, it is predicted that one of the best meetings the Board of Trade has ever had will take place tonight when members of that organization meet in annual banquet at the Hodgewell hotel. Due to its business nature, men only will attend.

The meeting tonight of Hendersonville's leading civic organization is to be conducted in a business-like way. The committee on arrangements, Eric C. Stillwell, A. W. Honeycutt, and P. L. Wright, have completed a program carefully pruned of all flourishing and extra "touches" but full of genuinely important matter. The bars have been let down in three instances to admit of speeches as long as ten minutes, no more, and these are as follows: E. W. Ewbank on "Organization," F. A. Ewbank on "Advertising," and A. W. Honeycutt on "A Full-Time Secretary." Outside of this, nothing more than impromptu speeches of two-minute doses will be allowed, with the understanding that those of long-winded proclivities will be called down promptly.

The nominating committee, appointed at the December meeting of the Board of Trade, has practically completed its work, it is understood, but will not make public its recommendations until tonight. Those constituting this committee are F. S. Wetmore, K. G. Morris, W. F. Penny, W. A. Smith, and F. A. Ewbank.

The chief question of importance to be discussed at the annual meeting is that of a full-time secretary. A committee, composed of K. G. Morris, W. F. Penny, W. A. Smith, appointed at the last meeting of the organization, will report their recommendations at the annual meeting this week. Privately and publicly the matter has been discussed, many agreeing that this city has grown large enough to demand a full-time secretary.

HOSIERY MILLS TO MANUFACTURE SILK HOSIERY

Freeze-Bacon Mills Install Equipment For 20 Dozen Pairs Silk Hosiery Daily.

The Freeze-Bacon Hosiery Mills have installed equipment for the making of silk hosiery. A small supply was recently manufactured and sold on the local market, meeting a ready and popular demand during the holiday trade.

R. P. Freeze, manager and principal owner of the factory, states that the daily capacity for the new product will be twenty dozen pairs, the retail price of which will range from four to five dollars.

Mr. Freeze says the supply of hosiery on the market is small the country over and a healthier tone is expected for hosiery and all other lines during 1922.

Big Event of K. of P. Here Monday Night

The activities of the recently revived Knights of Pythias of Hendersonville are creating great interest among the members, who are attending in encouraging numbers.

Keen interest is attached to the meeting for next Monday night when eight candidates will receive the rank of page to be conferred in amplified form by Canton and Asheville teams.

The rank of esquire was conferred on members last Monday night when the attendance was fine and interest in the lodge work was exceptionally keen.

John T. Wilkins, J. W. McIntyre and O. B. Brown were elected trustees for three years.

MODERN WOODMEN INSTALL OFFICERS AND HOLD "SMOKER."

Following installation of officers Monday night by Fernwood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, a "Smoker" was held, in which plans for the year's work were made. Attendance and membership teams were appointed with N. B. Gibbs and J. C. Coston as captains, respectively.

The new officers of the order are: H. G. Edney, Past Consul; Jerry Boling, Venerable Consul; James J. Pace, Banker; Roy Young, Adviser; Lieutenant; G. A. McMurray, Clerk; G. J. Milward, Assistant Clerk; J. C. Coston, Escort; J. C. Beck, John Todd, N. B. Gibbs, Managers; Dr. J. L. Egerton and Dr. B. F. Cliff, physicians.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

P. M. Thompson underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday afternoon at Patton Memorial Hospital. This morning it was reported that he was getting along nicely.

MOVE TO NEW HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pace and family who recently purchased a farm on the Dana road have moved and are now residing thereon.

C. H. T. Bly Declares Basic Condition Of Farmer is Best Ever

Despite the fact that farmers of Henderson county have had a hard year with but very little to sell and a very small price for what little they did sell, the basic condition of the average farmer in this county is better today than ever said C. H. T. Bly.

The greatest handicap of the farmer today is his inability to borrow money on which to operate his business is the opinion of Mr. Bly, and morally and financially he is one of the best risks in the county. In order to illustrate this he pointed to the fact that only a few years ago he dealt extensively in chattel mortgages in his transactions with the farmer when today both the moral tone and the financial ability of the farmer is so much better than it was a few years ago chattel mortgages have given way mostly to a plain note.

Mr. Bly says the farmer has a better home, more fertile soil, machinery and farm equipment of a more improved type than was the case a few years ago. If the average farmer in Henderson county could have two or three years of good crops and high prices he would be in a most independent position and command more respect and confidence in his vocation.

Brenner-Penny Co. Enlarge Ladies' Dept.

The interior changes planned in December for Brenner-Penny Company's store began to be made this week. In response to a widely felt demand for a completely equipped, up-to-date ladies emporium, they are exchanging this department with that in which men's furnishings have been kept, with the idea of enlarging and making a specialty of the former. They will keep a no less complete line, however, of men's furnishings; in fact, will add to it soon the celebrated Society brand clothes.

Mr. Brenner stated yesterday that the work incident to this exchange would probably be completed this week. Extra fixtures will be put in and various interior changes made for the better convenience and display of goods.

Fruitland Has Power Line From This City

The Home Electric Company has run an electric line into Fruitland and the entire school plant is furnished with lights and the water is pumped by power conveyed over this line.

Fruitland has been using an electrical plant that did not give the best of satisfaction, hence the move for something of permanent and more satisfactory results.

The Home Electric Company will be able to supply lights and power for homes and other purposes in the Fruitland section and also the territory traversed by this line, which follows the main road from Hendersonville to Fruitland. It is understood that a number of residents of the Fruitland section plan to have lights installed.

County to Sue Firm Bonding Treasurer

The Board of County Commissioners have instructed the county attorneys to institute action against the bondsmen of W. F. Brown, deceased, former tax collector and treasurer of Henderson county.

An order of the board is to the effect that "it appears there are causes of action in favor of the county and that certain causes may shortly be barred by the statute of limitations and that the public interest requires that action of law be instituted."

The attorneys are instructed to "institute action in the Superior court against the principal and sureties on the official bonds as may be proper to protect the public interests."

The proceedings are understood to be one of the results of the audit recently made by the county when shortages were said to have been found by the auditor.

MISS LEE OF STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT VISITING SCHOOLS

Miss Evelyn Lee of the State Insurance Department is in the county this week visiting the public schools. She is teaching fire prevention and organizing safety leagues in the various sections of the county.

FIRE ON CRAB CREEK STREET.

T. M. Israel's house on Crab Creek street caught on fire Tuesday morning. The fire was out before any damage of serious consequence resulted. Mr. Israel stated that the fire wagon was not called because of the impossibility of connecting a four-inch hose to the one and a half inch pipe furnished by the hydrant with which Crab Creek street is provided.

FLAT ROCK P. T. A. TO MEET.

The Flat Rock Parent-Teachers' Association will meet at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of January 13 in the school building. Several visiting speakers will be present and refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

NORTH CAROLINA HAPPENINGS OF LAST FEW DAYS

Leading News Events of Old North State Told In Short, Interesting Paragraphs.

Wilmington.—George H. Bellamy, United States marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina, has tendered his resignation to Attorney General Dougherty, to take effect when his successor has been named and has qualified for the office.

Kinston.—The LaGrange Bank and Trust company, in business 13 months, has been closed by a state bank examiner and unadjusted placed in the hands of John G. Dawson, local attorney. Last week deposits were practically paid out. About \$1,800 is yet unpaid, and there is \$1,500 with which to pay it, it is understood.

Pinehurst.—George T. Dunlap, Jr., of Summit, N. J., age 13, led a good-sized field by a margin of one stroke in the qualifying round of Pinehurst's first annual junior championship tournament and won the medal with the remarkably good score of 45 for the first nine holes of the difficult number three course.

Salisbury.—George W. Whitlock, one of the best known of Salisbury's older citizens, suffered a severe injury when he fell from a table on which he was sitting at his place of business. Apparently Mr. Whitlock's hip was broken.

Spencer.—Notices have been placed in the Spencer shops that on account of the business depression the shops will remain closed until further notice. This statement was furnished by the master mechanic's office in Spencer and it is presumed the rule applies to all shops on the Southern railway system.

Statesville.—Luther Lee Sparks, age 14, son of M. L. Sparks, of Wilkes county, died in a local hospital as a result of the accidental discharge of a gun. While playing young Sparks ran against a shotgun, accidentally discharging it, and the load entered the right side and leg, almost blowing off the leg.

Gastonia.—L. E. Torrence, of Gastonia, route three, recently slaughtered a hog that weighed 545 pounds. The hog was only 15 months old. It was of the Duroc type. It will be seen that the hog put on more than one pound of meat per day during its life.

Kinston.—The international health board will continue its experiments in malaria in at least two eastern Carolina counties the coming year. The board during the past few months has conducted extensive surveys in Lenoir and Pamlico counties.

Gastonia.—J. A. Lingerfelt, of Dallas, has just gathered a second crop of apples from a tree on the estate of E. L. Houser, where Mr. Lingerfelt resides. This is very unusual, since the tree first bore apples in May and has during the warm November and December days budded, bloomed and brought forth a second crop as delicious as the first.

Hendersonville.—A modern three-story bank and office building on the present site of this bank will be the First Bank & Trust Company's New Year gift to Hendersonville. The directors have so announced and have already authorized E. G. Stillwell, architect, to proceed with plans for the building. The plans call for a three-story structure with a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 130 feet.

Thomasville.—The advertisement has gone forth to the world that Thomasville wants and needs another bank and an appeal has been made for a man or men, with capital, to come in at this opportune moment and invest their capital in such an institution.

Bristol, Va.—Tenn.—Deputy Sheriff A. W. Miller, of Johnson City, was seriously wounded when he was shot four times by Clarence Smith, of Spruce Pine, N. C., who was under arrest on a charge of having whiskey on his person when he shot the officer.

Asheville.—Flags were placed at half-mast in Asheville in respect to ex-Governor Bickett, well known and generally loved by the people of this city, even those who in their political belief did not agree with North Carolina's late governor.

Mebane.—Mebane is out of the mud. For the past two years Mebane streets have been torn up, at first on account of putting in a complete water and sewerage disposal system, and due to this fact, it was almost impossible to get through the town. As soon as the water and sewer system was completed, a contract was let to R. G. Lassiter & Co. for paving the principal streets. Work was begun on this paving on September 1 last and today the main streets through the town are paved and the public can drive through on fine asphalt streets.

PARENT-TEACHER SOCIETY HOLDS GOOD MEETING

Seventy-Five Attend First New Year Meeting of Parent-Teacher Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was featured by addresses by E. W. Ewbank and Mr. Graham, the latter of the grammar school, and community singing led by Mrs. Charles Morrow. There was an attendance of approximately seventy-five members, with twelve new members. The meeting was held in the high school auditorium, but was concluded in the domestic science room, where refreshments were served.

Mrs. Broadbuss Estes, president of the association, announces the following committee chairmen, recently appointed. Each committee has seven members, with the exception of the Visiting Committee, which has only three members. The latter is appointed monthly, due to the arduous duties falling to its share.

Program and Entertaining, Mrs. A. W. Farnum; Playground, C. F. Bland; Sanitation and Medical Inspection, Mrs. W. R. Kirk; School Beautiful, Judge O. V. F. Blythe; School Lunch, Mrs. C. H. Parsons; Publicity, Mrs. George Wing, Jr.; Recreation, Mrs. J. W. Williams; Membership, Mrs. Tom Shepherd; Visiting, Mrs. O. A. Meyer. The other members of the last committee are Mrs. C. J. Valley and Mrs. J. S. Hunt.

DAN CUPID BUSY DURING DECEMBER

Twenty-Seven Marriages Recorded In Books of Register of Deeds; Only Four Negro Couples in List.

Twenty-three white and four colored couples were married during the month of December, are the figures shown on the books of the Register of Deeds H. G. Edney. Sixteen of the grooms and twenty-two of the brides are Henderson county people. Only four negro couples are found in the list this month.

White couples: F. F. Hill to Lessie Pauline Hoots, both of East Flat Rock; Ovid Lamar Carney, Jr., to Elsie Louise Lanning, both of Fletcher, Route 3; C. E. Hoeked to Essie Vaughan, both of Brevard; Henry P. Spears to Beulah Shipman, both of the city; J. A. Bryson to Rachael M. Allen, both of the city; Frank V. Fix of West Asheville to Gussie Corn of this city; R. H. Holbert to Josie Holingsworth, both of this city; Robert C. Jordan of Salisbury to Emma L. Brock of this city; Chas. Dewey Sumner of Shelby to Pauline Augusta Freeman of this city; John Herbert Ellison of Atlanta, Ga., to Lillian E. Dickens, of this city; Fred C. Kelly of McDonough, Ga., to Novella Thompson of this city; William Walker McCraw of this city to Ada Morgan of Blue Ridge township; George Hardin of this city to Onal McCall of Flat Rock; W. J. Williams to Allie Vaughn, both of this city; O. L. Purvis of Darlington, S. C., to Ada Cox of this city; Chas. L. Watkins of Greenville, S. C., to Mary Jane Ellis of Wilson, N. C.; Carr Bell to Margaret Trotter, both of Asheville; Roy Hamlin to Nell Wilson, both of Asheville; Selman Joe Rogers to Alta J. McKillop, both of this city; Walter E. Case to Ollie Lanning, both of Fletcher; Walter F. Bagwell to Lessie Middleton, both of Fletcher; George William Wrenn, Jr., to Minna Noland, both of Asheville; J. S. Cox to Ella Wright, both of this city.

Colored couples: John Spears to Mary Burgess, both of this city; A. W. H. Williams to Dora Garmony, both of this city; B. M. Mitchell to Lilly Darley, both of Tryon; Cleo Waters to Lila Littlejohn, both of Edneyville.

TOM SKEYHILL, LATE FROM RUSSIA, TO LECTURE HERE

"Sporadic counter revolutions in Russia such as the recent Kronstadt uprising, never can bring about the overthrow of the Bolshevik government," says Tom Skeyhill, Australian poet, soldier, and lecturer, whose speech of "Russia of Today," on the evening of January 17, at the city auditorium, is to form the next lyceum attraction here.

Mr. Skeyhill gathered material for his lectures by forging Russian passports in Finland, traveling across the frozen Gulf of Finland to Petrograd and living among the suffering Russian people, studiously dodging the supervised tours arranged by the Bolshevik government for visitors. He was ill and half starved through several months of his stay in prostrated Russia "as the Russian people themselves are sick and half starved."

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

The attention of The News is called to the fact that Mr. Patterson, of Flat Rock, who was driving the car that is supposed to have broken the leg of Paul Baughman recently, instead of speeding had his car under control and upon hearing the boy scream stopped the car, picked up the boy and gave it every attention possible. Mr. Patterson was passing the place at the time a car was going in an opposite direction and it is understood now that the question has been raised as to which car hit the boy. This explanation is prompted by reason of the fact The News reported that the owner of the car did not stop and was unknown.

Town's Great Need Is Big Hotel on St. John Lot Says C. E. Brooks

A big hotel, tourist and commercial, in the business district and on Main Street is one of the greatest needs of Hendersonville today, said C. E. Brooks.

"Where would you build it?" a bystander inquired, "on the Sample lot, the Hawkins lot or on the corner of Sixth and Main?"

"The St. John lot," was the brief reply.

"Why down there?" "No need of dragging off a dog by the tail to kill him. You can pull and drag around a town to death by the tail. When the Citizens National Bank was next to the St. John lot it would have seemed selfish in me to prefer that place, but the general tone of North Main street is healthy enough. Why not give a tonic to South Main. There's Wetmur, Shepherd, Beck, Ray and others spending money on their property and a big hotel on the St. John lot would be on the Main highway through the city and would help all property owners in that section and not detract from the holdings of those in other parts of the city."

"A big fine hotel is our great need and we should go after it," concluded Mr. Brooks.

Important Meeting of Legion Post Tonight

The first meeting of the American Legion for the new year will take place tonight in their splendid rooms over Patterson's Department Store. Plans for the coming year's work will be discussed. Commander Albert Edwards is urging a full attendance of Legion members and is hopeful that a large number of ex-service men in the city and county will on this occasion become members of the local post.

The motto formed at a previous meeting the past fall, "Every member bring a new member," will be carried over to the new year. It is hoped that all the ex-service men attending the banquet at the Hodgewell hotel last week, many of whom were not members of the American Legion, will accept the invitation to become members and be present at the meeting next Friday night.

The new quarters of the local post are steam heated and afford comfort and convenience for the boys, any of whom have a standing invitation to make headquarters there.

Jonathan Case Wants Industries In City

Jonathan Case, traveling representative in Virginia and Tennessee for W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company of Bradford, Pa., while in the city on a visit to his people during the holidays, gave vent to his enthusiasm for industries in Hendersonville.

Mr. Case says the sooner Hendersonville exerts itself for industries the earlier permanent growth and prosperity will come. He says business is dull in the average tourist town he visits and that Bradstreet's rating of the business firms of Hendersonville causes him embarrassment when people inquire about it. His answer is that the people are honest but don't have the money with which to pay, a condition that would not obtain were Hendersonville's outskirts dotted with industries, its greatest need, in the opinion of Mr. Case.

Business conditions are rapidly improving in Virginia and Tennessee and Mr. Case looks for much greater improvement for 1922.

DISTRICT LIFE INSURANCE AGENT TO MOVE HERE SOON

F. C. Sams, district agent of the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company of Chattanooga, Tenn., for Henderson, Polk, and Rutherford counties, is planning to move his family from Catawba county to this city at an early date. While here last week making arrangements, he stated that he had chosen Henderson county as a home place because he saw more in the county's future than in that of either of the other two counties.

WORK ON SCHOOL BUILDING AT HORSE SHOE IS RESUMED

The Galloway Construction Company of Greenville, S. C., resumed work this week on the new school building at Horse Shoe, W. H. Whitesides of that section reported yesterday.

WITH STATON & RECTOR.

S. G. Staton, who for some time was employed in the office of Registrar of Deeds H. G. Edney in preparing the tax lists, has accepted clerical work with the firm of Staton & Rector.

APPOINTED CHURCH STEWARD.

At the meeting of the Quarterly Conference last Friday night at the First Methodist Church, Allen Rhodes, Chairman of the Centenary Fund, was appointed a steward of the church.

HAS BROKEN ANKLE.

Cecil Rhodes had the misfortune to break his ankle Wednesday afternoon while playing basketball.

LADY KILLED BY AUTO WEDNESDAY

P. W. ENGLISH'S CAR RUNS OVER YOUNG NURSE

Miss Wyatt, Asheville Nurse, Receives Fatal Injuries in Accident Wednesday Night.

In an automobile accident considered unavoidable on Biltmore avenue in Asheville Wednesday night, Miss Kathleen Wyatt, a 19-year-old nurse at St. Joseph's Sanitarium, was struck and fatally injured by a car driven by Paul W. English of this city. Miss Wyatt died at 12:30 o'clock that night in the Biltmore hospital.

In company with his attorney, J. E. Shipman, of this city, he returned yesterday afternoon to Asheville to complete the requirements of his bond, awaiting the next term of court.

The accident took place about 9:30 o'clock directly in front of St. Joseph's on Biltmore avenue. In his account of the accident Mr. English stated that he had just come over a hill and was coasting down the avenue. The street car was at a standstill when he first saw it, but started again before he reached it. Just as he let off his brakes to coast on further he saw a young lady, who had got off the street car and crossed the track behind it, directly in front of his car. Though making a great effort to avoid striking her, by swerving sharply to the right, thereby damaging his car, he was too close upon her to avoid the accident.

After his car had struck the young nurse, Mr. English came to a quick halt, hurried back and carried the young lady, another driving, to the Biltmore hospital.

Her injuries were found serious, consisting of several broken and fractured bones, and a severe scalp wound. She never regained full consciousness.

Mr. English went immediately to police headquarters and gave himself up. Making bond in the sum of \$2,500, he returned to his home here.

Miss Wyatt was returning to her duties at the sanitarium after spending the evening in Asheville, the superintendent of St. Joseph's stated. Mr. English was on his way back to the city from the home of Velvin Jackson. Earlier in the evening he had attended one of the moving picture theatres in Asheville with members of the Jackson family.

It is reported by those visiting Asheville that the parents of the girl do not feel disposed to push the case, feeling that it was purely an accident with no culpability attached so far as Mr. English is concerned.

FREIGHT RECEIPTS HEAVY DURING '21

"The freight receipts were the heaviest this year of any in the history of the local office," said Capt. J. W. Bailey of the Southern Railroad Company.

With the exception of December the freight receipts for recent months were greater than for the corresponding months last year.

Heavy freights are regarded as a barometer of business conditions in a way since they indicate heavy shipments of lumber and other building supplies and large stocks for mercantile establishments.

Plans of Medicine Co. Grow More Encouraging

The stockholders meeting of the Asheville Medicine Company Wednesday night was well attended and an interesting session was held. The committee that was recently appointed made its report, which threw intelligent light on some of the problems of the company.

The audit has been completed. The executive heads of the organization are said to have tendered their resignations.

New management, new policies and new life are in order and the stockholders are much more heartened over the brighter prospects now before them.

Joe Capps, Aged Dana Citizen, Is Dead

Joe Capps, aged 81, died Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home at Dana, following an illness of only a few days, and was buried yesterday afternoon in the Ebenezer cemetery. Funeral services were held at the church. The deceased is survived by his wife, four sons, P. E. Capps of Route 1, William Capps of Tracy's Grove, John Capps of Dana, and Franklin Capps, who lived with his father; and three daughters, Mrs. Albert Crosby of near Dana, Mrs. Jas. R. Ward of Saconon, and Mrs. Hiram Duncan of Flat Rock.

Interment was made by the Hendersonville Furniture Company's undertaking department.

O. C. PRAYTHER VISITS HERE.

O. C. Prayther, former director of physical education in the city high school here, spent part of the Christmas holidays in the city. He is a student at Columbia University, New York City. Mr. Prayther is considering a proposition to take up welfare work next spring in the Province of Peru.