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AUDITORS FINISH COUNTY'S BOOKS

TAX COLLECTOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFER

Result of Audit Not Made Public; Provisions For Tax Collecting to Be Made Soon.

The auditors have completed the audit of Henderson county's tax books and Tax Collector A. E. Hudgins will reconcile any differences that may have been found or some other man will be appointed tax collector, making provision soon for the collection of 1921 taxes.

A conference was held Monday at which time the county commissioners and their attorneys, the tax collector and his attorneys and the auditors were present. The findings of the auditors were entered into freely but The News has not been authorized to publish the findings of the auditors who have completed a work lasting through several weeks. The typewritten report has not been made and will not be filed until it can be prepared, but the conference Monday had the benefit of final figures in order that those mostly concerned could proceed in accordance with the compromise recently reached in Superior court.

No entry has been made on the county's records relative to the findings of the auditors and the county commissioners have made no orders on their books, therefore any figures given out at this stage of the proceedings other than to the parties concerned and their attorneys would be unofficial and unauthorized. Current rumor has it that the state's auditors, as did those formerly employed by the county, found an amount yet due the county by the tax collector, who under court agreement has a few days in which to accept the findings and make the necessary arrangements for the collection of 1921 taxes.

If Mr. Hudgins should fail to accept the audit the commissioners would proceed to name a tax collector.

It is understood to be the purpose of the board of commissioners to publish the extensive audit as soon as typewritten copies of it are made.

The audit was a very exhaustive one and entered into various phases of the county's business. It brings all the financial transactions up to date and it is said that a system of books will be kept by the county hereafter whereby audits will be simplified and the exact status of the county's affairs may be determined without great research.

Postmaster Staton On Honor Roll For Sale Of Saving Securities

Announcement has been received by Postmaster R. H. Staton of the Hendersonville postoffice that his name has been placed on the honor roll and sent to the postmaster general at Washington as a mark of special distinction.

The postmaster was an entrant in the postmaster contest which closed December 31, for the sale of government savings securities. He competed with all other postmasters of the same class offices in the fifth federal reserve district and was one of the winners in this state.

The bronze honor pin of attractive design, bearing the inscription, "Honor Postmaster," has been conferred upon Postmaster Staton by Howard T. Gree, director of the government savings organization, Richmond, Va., as a reward for patriotism and faithful service.

While the sale of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps has been discontinued, the new Treasury Savings Certificates offered the public are so attractive that Postmaster Staton says, "I believe this office will report much larger sales this year than last year as soon as our people recognize what a splendid investment is open to them."

G. M. A. Camp Opening Announced For July 3

The News is in receipt of a handsome new catalog announcing the opening of the Georgia Military Academy at Highland Lake next summer, and containing full description of the summer school and of the attractions of this nearby camp site, the winter home of Carolina Military-Naval Academy. The summer session will open July 3 and will close August 26.

The booklet is well bound and is splendidly illustrated throughout with pictures of the beautiful Highland Lake property, and the summer cadet life, together with views of this wonderful plateau country.

The Georgia Military Academy summer camp was established at Highland Lake in 1919, celebrating the beginning of the institution's twentieth year. Its founder and present head is Col. J. C. Woodward. The camp brings on an average one hundred boys to this section six weeks every summer, together with a large corps of instructors.

NATIONAL EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE BRIEFLY TOLD

Principal Topics of Interest Throughout Nation in Condensed Form.

Washington. — The United States feels it to be to its own interest that the surplus stocks of gold in the country should be redistributed and utilized through investment in foreign channels, according to a statement on the effect of exchanges on inter-American commerce made public by the United States section of the inter-American high commission.

The statement expressed the views of the American section, of which Secretary Hoover is chairman, on the international exchange situation for the information of the Latin-American sections of the commission, the interchange of views having been arranged after a meeting of all the national sections in their various capitals last month.

In its statement the American section discussed the exchange situation from the European standpoint as well as from the inter-American and United States angle.

In this country, the statement declared, the situation was unfortunate because the high premium on American exchange has attracted the gold flow of the world, resulting in overstocking beyond currency needs and a surplus earning no interest and serving no useful purpose.

"The United States," the statement said, "feels it to be to its own interest that this gold should be utilized in foreign channels, and also that it be redistributed. From an economic point of view, the method of utilization if by the investment of capital abroad, the method of redistribution should be through loans for productive enterprise and by specific gold loans to countries which are in a position to undertake the re-organization of their currencies on a gold basis. The United States section regards it as mutually desirable and profitable that capital investments should be made in the other American republics where national credit rests squarely on stability in the social order.

Responsibility for the disordered world exchange situation was attributed by the statement to dislocations still existing in the whole internal economic structure and the derangements of the internal price structure. The exchange situation, the American section asserted, would improve as the world's economic recovery, especially in Europe, goes on, and particularly as price distortions disappear.

Two More Resolutions Adopted.

Washington.—Two more American resolutions based on the principle of open diplomacy and an open door of commercial opportunity in China were adopted by the far eastern committee of the Washington conference.

The proposal for a showdown of all international agreements affecting China's interests presented Thursday by Secretary Hughes, was given committee approval only after it had been freighted with upwards of a score of amendments, but American spokesmen insisted that its meaning had not been materially changed.

Under a supplemental declaration proposed by Elihu Root and accepted with little debate, the powers agree not to support in the future any engagements entered into by their nations designed to create special spheres of influence of exclusive opportunities within Chinese territory.

John Kendrick Bangs Dead.

Atlantic City, N. J.—John Kendrick Bangs, 59, noted humorist and author, died in a hospital here following several weeks' illness. His condition became critical after an operation for intestinal troubles.

Navy to Sell Sub Chasers.

Washington.—The navy department will place four subchasers on sale February 1, it was announced. One of the boats is at the Mare Island, California, navy yard and the others are at the navy yard at Bremerton Island, Puget Sound.

The vessels have a displacement of 77 tons, are 110 feet in length, have a speed of 18 knots and a cruising radius of 1,200 miles. They can be converted into pleasure yachts, tow boats, tenders or patrol boats, the department stated.

Veterans Approve Action of House.

Washington.—The action of the house appropriations committee in prohibiting the Veterans' bureau from starting any more vocational universities such as the one at Chillicothe, Ohio, is thoroughly satisfactory to disabled veterans. B. R. Stewart, of the National Legislative Committee of Disabled American Veterans, declared. After a long speech before the committee a clause was inserted in the independent offices appropriation bill for 1923 prohibiting the establishment of any more universities.

Diamond Curb Market of London



Negotiating a diamond deal in London's richest open-air market in Hatton garden. Stones worth a fortune change hands as though they were bits of glass. Despite the magnitude of the deals, profits are not very great. The merchants carry their treasures in small chamois leather bags.

TUXEDO-SALUDA ROAD PROPOSED

COUNTY OFFICIALS, CITIZENS AND SALUDA PEOPLE CONFER

May Result in New Highway to Saluda and Removal of Cork for Bottled-Up Citizens.

County officials, officers of the Blue Ridge Power Company and the company having in hand the development of Lake Summit, citizens of the Lake Summit community and Saluda were in recent conference concerning an outlet for some of the residents of the section contiguous to the lake and the building of a road from Saluda to Tuxedo.

Representatives of these various interests met at Lake Summit and indulged in a free exchange of ideas that it is believed will result to the satisfaction of all concerned and to the interest and promotion of the whole community.

About the time the dam was under construction a public road was abandoned and this left a few residents in a somewhat inconvenient situation with reference to a suitable outlet for their community.

Saluda citizens are interested in the proposed opening of a highway from Saluda to Tuxedo. The Lake Summit people are interested in this road also because it would give a direct and nearer route for South Carolinians through Saluda to Tuxedo without having to go by the way of Flat Rock. This road would have about the same mileage between Hendersonville and Saluda as that of the present road from Hendersonville to Saluda through East Flat Rock.

It was suggested at the meeting that the requirements of the residents of the Lake Summit section would be met by the erection of a bridge below the dam by the owners of the power plant. This together with the opening of the private drives in the vicinity and around the lake to public use would benefit the public and give a drive around the entire body of water.

The county, it is understood, would look favorably on the question of cooperating with the people of Saluda and others in the building of a highway from Tuxedo to Saluda as a result of which it is felt this road would divert a great deal of the traffic between Hendersonville and Spartanburg over this highway and give it the benefit of additional hard surface mileage in reaching Hendersonville.

February 6-12 Is Set Aside For Jewish Relief

Governor Morrison has set aside by proclamation the week beginning Monday, February 12, as Jewish Relief week, due to the destitute and dying condition of thousands of Jews in Europe. A. Kantowitz has received notification that Henderson county's portion of the quota, which for the state is \$100,000, is \$1,200. He states that a mass meeting will be held one night this week for the purpose of organizing the movement to raise the quota.

Governor Morrison urges all newspapers to give publicity to the movement, and asks that "the ministers, Sunday school superintendents and teachers and others urge their people to seize the opportunity of helping the suffering and contribute to the relief of these worthy distressed people, in so far as their means will permit."

The Bette Way. And for our part there are times when we would rather face the music than pay the fiddler.—Dallas News.

NORTH CAROLINA HAPPENINGS OF LAST FEW DAYS

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

Louisburg.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the freight depot here, causing a loss of about \$10,000, which is covered by insurance.

Salisbury.—J. K. Doughton has been elected president of the People's National bank, taking the place of J. Dave Norwood, who retired to devote his time to a chain of cotton mills in which he is interested.

Henderson.—Jesse Carter and W. F. Woten, well known young men of Henderson, were bound over to superior court after a hearing in recorder's court on the charge of incendiarism. Bonds were fixed at \$6,000.

Wilmington.—On the 57th anniversary of the fall of Fort Fisher, near here, to federal troops during the war between the states, a shaft erected on the site of the old fort was dedicated with a number of veterans who participated in the fort's last stand joining a crowd of 3,000 persons.

Pinehurst.—H. A. Morson of Charlotte, N. C., state champion, missed only one target of the 75 thrown in the 450-target high average race in the mid-winter trap shooting tournament at Pinehurst and gained one bird on the leader of the field, Frank Hughes, of South Dakota, who dropped two targets.

Kinston.—Sixteen thousand pounds of picric acid are rolling toward this city for wholesale land-clearing and stump-blasting operations by Lenoir county farmers during the coming spring. The explosive is from a government source, and cost the purchasers, who "clubbed" together to buy a carload shipment, considerably less than commercial dynamite of lesser strength.

Raleigh.—Forty-one scholarships at Johns Hopkins university are available for southern young men and women, ten of them from North Carolina, according to an announcement given out by the state department of education. Applications for the scholarships must be placed with the president of the university before March 1. The awards are made in March and April.

Burlington.—Very favorable progress has been made toward the establishment of a co-operative creamery for Alamance county. Recently the chamber of commerce sent out letters enclosing reply cards on which certain data was requested. Twenty-five of these cards have been signed and returned, pledging co-operation and support of the establishment of the creamery.

Reidsville.—During the past year Reidsville has made gratifying progress in the construction of churches, schools, residences and business houses, but the crowning event of the progressive building program has been accomplished in the erection of the 60-room hotel, which will represent an outlay of \$150,000 when furnished and ready for occupancy.

Raleigh.—An evangelistic meeting more pretensions than anything yet attempted by the Raleigh Baptists and on a scale that contemplates an active interest on the part of the Baptists in other parts of the state, is planned in connection with the appearance here for 15 days beginning March 1, of Dr. George Truett, noted Baptist preacher, of Dallas, Texas.

Lexington.—Miss Gertrude Alexander, home demonstration agent, who recently placed her resignation in the hands of the board of education with a view to taking up the work in Mecklenburg county, may be persuaded to reconsider her action. Since news of her resignation became known there have been many protests all over the county against her going away and these have reached the ears of the county authorities, who, it is known, are strongly urging Miss Alexander to stay in Davidson.

Washington (Special).—Heber R. Munford was nominated to be postmaster at Greenville, N. C.

Burlington.—Recently A. F. Barrett of this city discovered an old book on North Carolina dated back to 1635. Among the numerous interesting facts contained in the old book are the ones on geology and minerals. Information that copper is known to exist in Alamance county, and that several mineral springs may be found in the county, was contained in the book.

REPUBLICANS NOT TO MEET SATURDAY

THREATENED STORM DID NOT FULLY MATERIALIZE

Cool Heads Advised Against Meeting to Give Vent to Pent Up, Bitter Feelings.

The proposed Republican pow wow will not materialize on next Saturday in Hendersonville.

Oil has been poured on the disturbed waters. All is peace, or at least the worst of the storm has passed for the time being.

About a week ago a great storm seemed to be brewing. The dissatisfaction resulting from taxes, from actions of those high in the party councils and from inaction on the part of others, and performances not thoroughly orthodox from a republican viewpoint, all tended toward coming to a climax next Saturday. A tentative call bristling with statements, uncompromising and otherwise, was prepared for the press but it failed to find the light of publicity. It was withdrawn. Those having the welfare of the party close to heart were scurrying around, holding curbstones and sunny-spot conferences with the result that the world so far as the realm of republican activities hereabouts is concerned moves on in its undisturbed course.

W. A. Smith Gives Praise to Miss Shipp And Fassifern School

The News:

I have read with much interest the report made in your valuable paper of the distinguished honor conferred upon our townswoman, Miss Kate Shipp, head, owner, and most ardent helper in the class of such celebrities as Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, Madame Clemenceau of France, Capt. E. Bartolot of Italy, General Pershing, and Gen. Herbert Hoover of America in the reception of the "Huguenot Cross" is strongly indicative of the fact, that we have among us greatness, which we have not heretofore appreciated, and for psychological reasons, I fear, we are incapable of fully appreciating now.

When some of our citizens conceived the idea of and put forth the energy necessary to the establishment of Fassifern in Hendersonville under the leadership of Miss Kate Shipp and furnished the means to make this successful, it was not then understood yet, by many, what an effort it took and what a glory would follow this commendable enterprise.

For myself I wish to declare that I expected great things, but my lively expectation and my most ardent hopes did not enable me to fully realize the glory that would come to Hendersonville as a reward for the magnificent and enthusiastic efforts put forth. Now after the demonstration has been made and tested out for several years, all except the pessimist, devoided with "shivility" can rejoice in the fact that they are co-citizens with men who can well measure the results of public spirited, patriotic enterprises. I believe that under all the circumstances the parties who put their signatures to the scheme, that brought us this great benefit, are entitled to the greatest commendation by the people, and the highest congratulations to themselves, in having acquired for their city, one of the greatest schools in the South, and one of the greatest women in the nation.

W. A. Smith.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR ELECTED

First Bank & Trust Company Holds Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The stockholders of the First Bank & Trust Company held their annual meeting last Thursday, and elected the following officers for the year: R. C. Clarke, president; R. H. Staton, P. F. Patton, and R. M. Oates, vice-presidents; J. Mack Rhodes, cashier; J. Allen Rhodes, H. A. Stepp, and C. S. Fullbright, assistant cashiers. The directors are as follows: W. J. Davis, chairman; J. Mack Rhodes, W. A. Smith, J. O. Bell, F. S. Wetmur, Geo. Stephens, A. Cannon, W. M. Lott, R. C. Clarke, Geo. H. Valentine, J. T. Wilkins, C. P. Rogers, Jake Wells, R. M. Oates, R. H. Staton, P. F. Patton.

The encouraging outlook of the bank was evidenced in the report for the past year made by the acting officials, in which it was shown that the resources of the institution are well past the million mark at the beginning of the new year. But the brightest indication of the bank's prosperity was found in the decision of the directors, recently made, to erect in 1922 an elegant new home on the site where the present building stands.

GEO. W. LANCE POSTMASTER.

Press dispatches are to the effect that Geo. W. Lance was nominated by the president to be postmaster at the Fletcher postoffice.