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J. O. BELL AND JOHN M'BEE DISPEL FEARS AND ASSURE CITIZENS OF BIG ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM FOR COUNTY

Give Assurances That It Will Receive Its Full Share From State's Big Bond Issue and That Authorities Have the Wishes and Ambitions for Highways Close to Heart.

The establishment of confidence and the dispelling of fears relative to what is in prospect for Henderson county from the State Highway Commission constituted the keynote of the good roads banquet last night at the Hodgwell in honor of John McBee, of Bakersville, state highway commissioner of this, the eighth district.

The representative gathering of citizens from various parts of the county used the meeting as an occasion for clearing up misunderstandings and the wiping out of fears and apprehensions as to what Henderson county might expect in the way of road building on the part of the state from the fifty million dollar bond issue.

Commissioner McBee won a much closer place into the heart and confidence of Henderson county by the visit, giving his assurances that Henderson county would receive her pro rata share of the state's proceeds and that he had her ambitions and difficulties in mind and would build for Henderson county a hard surface road from the Rutherford to the Buncombe line through Hickory Nut Gap; a hard surface road from Bat Cave to Hendersonville and a gravel road from Horse Shoe to the Transylvania line at Blantyre, giving the county two stretches of hard surface road built by the state and one stretch of gravel road, making a highway under state maintenance from the Rutherford to the Transylvania line through Hendersonville.

Mr. McBee said that he had delayed work in Henderson county because such was necessary in carrying out the state system of road building, but that he had worked for her interest and had let the contract in Rutherford county so as to turn a stream of people into Henderson county over the Charlotte-Wilmington highway into the mountains. He outlined his ambitions for his district, which is dotted with resorts, and explained how he wanted a system of highways that would enable tourists to travel in automobiles any day in the year to all the leading resorts of his district. He said he feared it would be about a year before he would be able to build the Bat Cave road and admitted that his greatest worry for Henderson county just now was whether to build the Hickory Nut Gap road or the Bat Cave road first and especially in view of the fact that Commissioner Stakeholder had offered to yield to the point of providing one-fourth of the expense on the Hickory Nut Gap road from funds allotted to the 9th district. He said the road from Bat Cave would be closed to Hendersonville when building the Bat Cave road and that with the Rutherford end finished he felt that Henderson county would benefit mostly just now by building and closing to travel the Hickory Nut Gap road and diverting traffic through Henderson county, a point heartily approved by R. Clarke with a great response of applause after there had been some dissenting voices.

The state engineers estimate that it will cost \$404,000 to build the Bat Cave road; seventy-five to one hundred thousand to build the Hickory Nut Gap road and about \$35,000 to build the Blantyre stretch from Horse Shoe, which would give Henderson county more than her prorata part of the state road funds, this sum being \$412,000 on the basis of population, area and road mileage.

Mr. McBee's speech was heard with deep interest and he was freely applauded as the doubts entertained against him melted away because there was a great fear that the state authorities had decided practically to eliminate this county from its road building program. A vote of thanks and confidence was voted and Mr. McBee was assured that the program outlined by him was in thorough accord with the wishes of those present.

The meeting, given under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club, was attended by about 50 persons, there being delegations from Mills River and Fletcher as well as a sprinkling of citizens from other sections. John T. Wilkins presided over the meeting and though he caled on several for talks the heart of the objects in view was not touched until J. O. Bell, road trustee for Henderson county, and Mr. McBee entered into a real discussion of the things of deepest interest.

Among those called on by the toastmaster were: R. M. Oates, R. C. Clarke, C. E. Brooks, J. C. Sales, J. E. Shipman, Solicitor H. G. Bailey, Judge Frank Carter, W. P. Bane, G. B. Hill, and J. O. Bell. Pleasantries seemingly designated to evade the subject were indulged in until Mr. Bell, who was to introduce the main speaker of the evening, cracked the ice and dove deeply down to the mudsills of the situation. Mr. Bell said the only objection against the building of roads resulted from taxation for such but this should not be the case as the benefits would come back ten fold or more. He welcomed the Mills River delegation and expressed the hope that their fears and restlessness

COURT IS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS

SEVERAL IMPORTANT LIQUOR CASES DISPOSED OF.

Case Concerning the Burning of Mills River Schoolhouse Last Year Taking Much Time.

Disposition of the big criminal docket, including a large number of whiskey cases, is being slowly made at the present term of court, which opened Monday with Judge Henry P. Lane presiding. Several important decisions have been made against defendants driving automobiles while under the influence of intoxicants. Five were fined \$25 and costs, and put under bonds of \$500 each for five years not to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of North Carolina. A large number of the citizens of the county have been in attendance.

A case of county-wide interest and occupying much of the court's time has been that of the state against Clyde Galloway, who was charged with burning or attempting to burn the Mills River schoolhouse in the spring of 1921. The first charge, that of burning the schoolhouse, was found a non-suit yesterday, and the second charge, that of attempting to burn the schoolhouse, is still before the court. A resume of the cases tried this week is as follows: retaining or manufacturing whiskey, or violating some other law while under the influence of liquor, 42; larceny, 10; carrying concealed weapon, 14; assault with a deadly weapon, 5; house breaking, 5; indecent conduct, 6; forgery, 4; interfering with officer, 4; seduction, 2; abandonment, 1; shooting dog, 1; elopement, 1; vagrancy, 1. Eleven cases were not pressed.

William B. Penny took the oath of attorney Monday, his application being presented by Judge O. V. F. Blythe. Mr. Penny was recently granted license by the Supreme Court.

The following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. T. L. Bundy, driving car while under the influence of intoxicants; plead guilty; fined \$25 and costs, and put under a \$500 bond for 5 years that he will not operate a motor vehicle on the highways of North Carolina.

State vs. Bly Stepp, same offense, same sentence.

State vs. Ray Rice, same offense, same sentence.

State vs. John Brooks, same offense, same sentence.

State vs. S. A. Durham, same offense, same sentence.

State vs. Neal Jones, larceny, plead guilty of taking articles of less value than \$20. Judgment continued upon payment of costs. Bound in \$100 for five years to appear at each March court to show good behavior.

State vs. Briscal Mooney, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$40.

State vs. Bartow Stevens, violating hotel law; plead guilty; fined \$200 and costs.

State vs. Hutch Pressley, interfering with officer; plead guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. E. G. Wilkie, interfering with officer; plead guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. R. H. Anders, having more than one quart whiskey; fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. E. J. Durham, carrying concealed weapons; plead guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. N. B. Freeman, larceny, verdict, guilty; not yet sentenced.

State vs. J. H. Stepp, assaulting wife; verdict, guilty; not yet sentenced.

The jury list for the next two weeks is as follows:

Second Week.

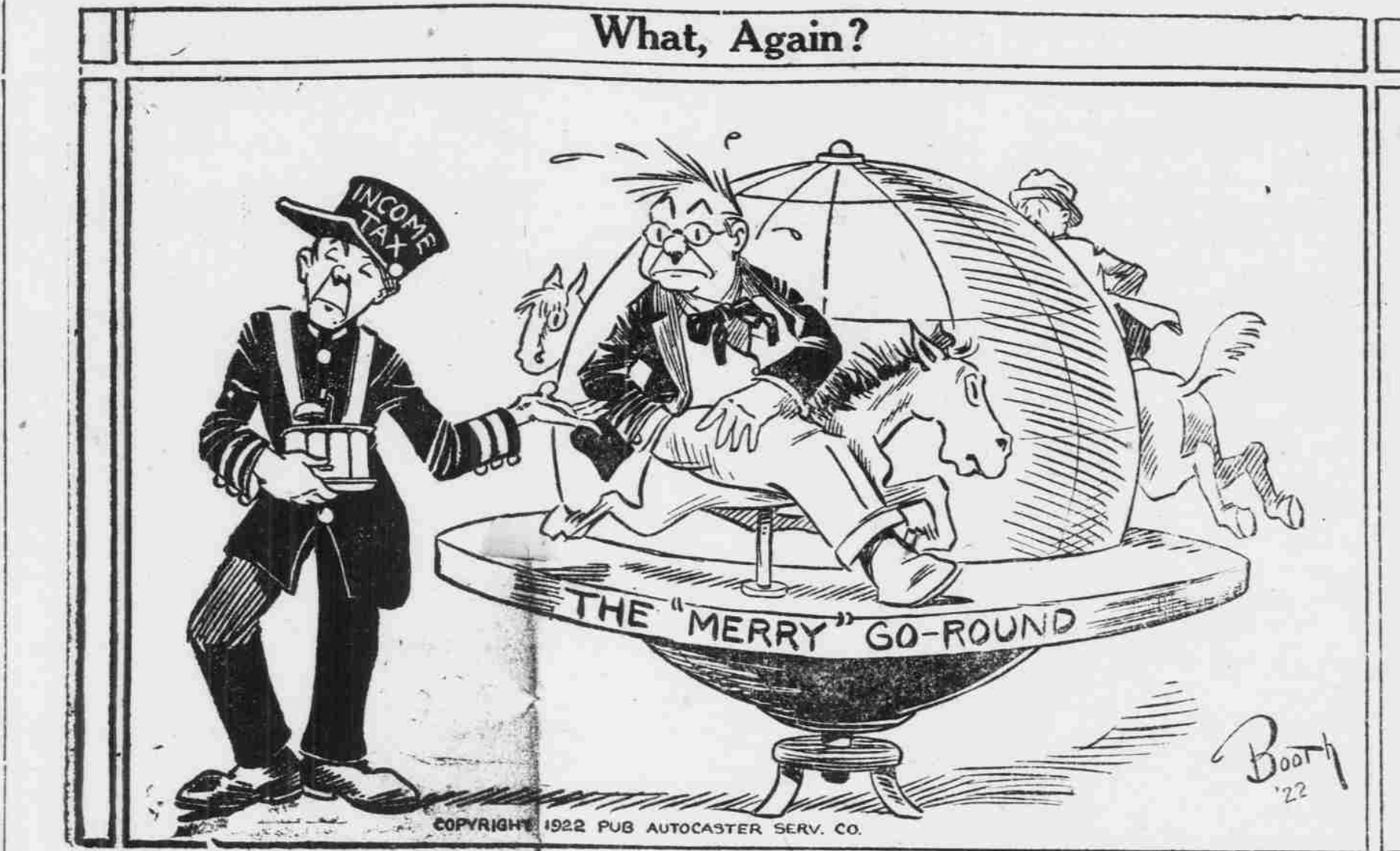
B. B. Blackwell, C. W. Lance, V. V. Blankenship, J. M. Peace, P. G. Howard, M. W. Davis, V. V. Bagwell, R. W. McAbee, T. E. Waters, J. L. Jones, J. C. Sales, J. R. Barnwell, A. L. Beck, A. P. Brannon, J. D. Morris, Z. V. Kilpatrick, B. H. Hill, J. M. Williams.

Third Week.

J. A. Burckmyer, J. C. Gibbs, Johnson Bell, J. M. Nelson, J. J. Levi, J. W. Tankersley, H. C. Pace, W. E. Love, B. R. Cornwell, M. M. Brittain, R. H. Levi, B. B. Suttles, J. N. Russell, J. A. McCraw, M. Y. Pittillo, M. Mintz, Luther F. Kilpatrick, M. L. Hall.

STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE HERE YESTERDAY WAS SUCCESSFUL

The Stewardship Institute, conducted at the First Baptist church Thursday by Rev. A. I. Justice, Enlistment Worker for this district, was featured by addresses by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church at Brevard, and Dr. W. S. Wiley, who has been here this week as one of the principal teachers in the Carolina Training School. The Institute was well attended by Baptists of the Carolina Association.



Yes, again! And he insists that you get busy before midnight of next Wednesday night, March 15, or suffer the penalty of the law. Every citizen having a net income of \$1,000, if single, and \$2,000 if married, should file a federal return with Internal Revenue Collector Gilliam Grissom of Raleigh and a state return to Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts of Raleigh, or with their deputies at various points in the state.

BOARD OF TRADE FINDS SECRETARY

SOUTH CAROLINIAN TO HELP BOOST HENDERSONVILLE.

L. J. Penney Comes With Varied Experience in Newspaper and Commercial Work.

L. J. Penney has been chosen secretary of the Hendersonville Board of Trade. He succeeds A. S. Truex, who was secretary of that organization for a number of years, carrying on the work in a most satisfactory manner in connection with his duties as manager of the Hendersonville telephone exchange.

Mr. Penney is a South Carolinian. During the war he was an infantry officer and served as assistant camp adjutant on the staff of Major General Bundy at Camp Lee, Virginia. Since his discharge from the service, Mr. Penney has been engaged in newspaper work in Chicago. At one time he was managing editor of the Spartanburg (S. C.) Journal.

Prior to the war Mr. Penney was secretary of the Business Men's League at Helena, Arkansas. In that capacity he gained his first practical experience in commercial organization affairs.

The new secretary assumed his duties Thursday for full time service. By reason of his position as manager of the local telephone company Mr. Truex has given only a portion of his time to the duties of the Board of Trade and this was given freely and cheerfully without any designated salary. The Board of Trade felt that the city had reached the point where it could afford to employ a man for full time.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL BEGINS MOST FAVORABLY

Services Began Wednesday With the Thomson Evangelistic Party in Charge; Subjects Announced.

The Thomson evangelistic party, consisting of Dr. Harry A. Thomson, evangelist, Mrs. H. A. Thomson, Bible teacher, and Mr. David J. Williams, chorister and soloist, began a series of revival services at the Presbyterian church Wednesday night of this week and will continue through March 26. Services will be held every night, except Mondays, the song service beginning at 7:30, followed by preaching service at 8.

The evangelist's subject on Friday night will be, "An Old Testament Gospel;" on Saturday night, "The Father Heart;" on Sunday morning, "What Does the Bible Mean by Repent," and on Sunday night, "The Prodigal Son." On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. Thomson will deliver an address on "How to Make This Revival a Success."

Interest in the meeting is growing and those in charge are looking forward to a very successful campaign. It is expected that the church will be filled to capacity at both Sunday services.

Becomes Sole Owner of Barber Shop Building On N. Main Street

J. L. Albea has recently purchased from the widow of the late P. M. Thompson, remaining shares in the business of the Model Barber Shop, making him now sole owner of this new and up-to-date building on the city's main street. The barber shop, of which Mr. Albea is manager, is on the first floor, and Allison & Pace's plumbing establishment in the basement.

Mr. Albea announces that his barber shop equipment is gradually being

DR. MATHERLY OF CHAPEL HILL TO SPEAK HERE

Noted Orator Has Accepted Invitation to Deliver Graduation Address at School Closing Here.

Dr. Walter J. Matherly, head of the School of Commerce, division of business administration, at the University of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to deliver the graduation address Tuesday night, June 6, at the commencement exercises of the Hendersonville city schools. The subject of his address will be "The Investment of Life."

Dr. Matherly is well known throughout the state as a speaker of very unusual ability. He is said to have done chautauqua work for a number of years. Hendersonville people are looking forward with much anticipation to hearing him.

Interior Improvements For Lewis Department Store Are Being Made

Interior improvements for Lewis Department Store are being made this week, representing an outlay of several hundred dollars. Extending from the front to the rear of each side of the spacious store room are wide balconies which Mr. Lewis is having built for storing and display purposes. Under these balconies handsome cabinets are being built for the display of ready-to-wear goods for ladies, on the ladies' side, and suits for men on the men's side.

With the completion of this work, which is being done under the supervision of A. L. Gurley Mr. Lewis states that a great deal more space will be available, and that a much better display of goods will be possible.

WILLIAM S. PRUETT DEAD.

William S. Pruett, aged 56, died at his home on Route 6 Friday of last week. Funeral services were held at Shaw's Creek church and interment was made in the church cemetery.

BOARD OF TRADE OFFICE.

The office of the Board of Trade has been removed from the telephone building to the City Hall, and will share accommodations with the Postal Telegraph Company until May, when that company will occupy its new headquarters. The same telephone will serve both the Board of Trade and the Postal Company for the present. This announcement was made Friday by Secretary Penney.

W. O. W. CHIEF SENT WIRE

As a result of the good roads banquet held at the Hodgwell last night the following telegram was forwarded today:

Hon. William A. Fraser, Sovereign Commander Woodmen of the World Omaha, Neb.

Weather forecast: hot winds predicted from the south. Hendersonville boosters had a good roads banquet last night in honor of the state highway commissioner, Hon. John C. McBee, who pledged to spend half a million dollars of the state road fund in Henderson county to help hard-surface the main highways during 1922 and 1923. This makes a total of one and a half million dollars now being spent in this county.

KIWANIS CLUB J. Mack Rhodes, President.

DR. KIRK HEADS KIWANIS CLUB

CLUB IS ONE YEAR OLD AND OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

Committee is Appointed to Invite Press Association to Hold Convention Here.

The Hendersonville Kiwanis Club, being exactly a year old, held its annual election last night, following the good roads meeting at the Hodgwell, and President J. Mack Rhodes, who has made the club an excellent official for the past year, was suc-



DR. W. R. KIRK New President of Kiwanis Club

ceeded as president by Dr. W. R. Kirk, who was unanimously elected.

A. W. Honeycutt was elected vice-president and L. R. Geiger treasurer, while Edgar Latham's temporary secretaryship was made permanent by the new board of directors.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: W. S. Wetmur, P. L. Wright, Harry Ewbank, A. Y. Arledge, R. P. Freeze, C. P. Rogers, and F. W. Shepper.

Appropriate resolutions of thanks were tendered the retiring officers and it is the intention of the new personnel to keep the club in the forefront of the active progressive organizations of the city.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, at 1 p. m., at the Aloba, during which important business will come up. F. W. Shepper and Walter Smith were appointed a committee to invite the press association to hold their next meeting in Hendersonville.

NATIONAL GUARD UNIT HERE HAS 55 ENLISTMENTS

Boys From Town and County Enthusiastic Over Proposed Battery, Says T. J. Hyder.

(By THOMAS J. HYDER.) It is very satisfactory to report that during the past two weeks about 55 have enlisted in the National Guard unit organizing here. The town and country boys are about evenly divided. Of the total enlistments about one-fourth are ex-service men. I am hoping that at least 50 of the 55 can pass examinations.

One of the things most noticeable is the fine spirit of the boys. They have enlisted to enjoy life a little, as well as to get some military training. Of course, the two-weeks encampment trip will be a milestone in the history of our battery. The boys can hardly wait until that time comes.

Orders for examinations will be mailed each man who has enlisted, stating time and place to appear.

On the first drill night it is planned to begin a non-commissioned officers' school, in which each man wishing to qualify for a non-commissioned officer may have the opportunity to prepare himself. For instructors it is hoped that we may be able to secure the services of a regular army officer, or the services of a former officer of the National Guard or Army.

I want to express our appreciation to the business men of our town for the co-operation extended and for the help and encouragement they may extend in the future. And I want to thank every other citizen who has helped to make the organization of a battery possible here. We need the good-will and co-operation of all, and I feel the citizens of our town and county will do everything possible for such a patriotic undertaking.

Those desiring to enlist may see me at the American Legion hall any night of this week until Saturday, March 11. After that date I will be glad to see any one interested at the bank, any hour during the day, and at home during the evening.

ELLINGWORTH CONCERT ENJOYED BY BIG CROWD

The city auditorium was crowded Wednesday night to hear Elsie Elingworth and her concert company in the last lecture attraction of the season, and the audience seemed to enjoy thoroughly this clean, wholesome attraction. The musicians in the party gave excellent reproductions of folk songs and ditties from various parts of their mother country, England, and of Scotland, and John Nestor, the humorist, kept the audience wreathed in smiles while he occupied the stage.