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COMMISSIONERS APPOINT W. T. DRAKE COLLECTOR TO SUCCEED A. E. HUDGINS

Mr. Drake's Appointment Followed Order Declaring Tax Collector's Office Vacant; Experience as Merchant, Teacher, Rural Mail Carrier.

William T. Drake has been appointed by Board of County Commissioners to succeed A. E. Hudgins as tax collector. Mr. Drake will make \$50,000 bond and will likely qualify today following his appointment at noon.

He will take office immediately and enter upon the big task of tax collections, which have been held up since last fall.

For the past six years Mr. Drake has been with the mercantile firm of M. M. Shepherd. He is a Henderson county man and has spent all his life in the county. He taught public school for three years, was engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years and for five years carried the mail on Route one out of Hendersonville, having had the distinction of making the highest mark of any Hendersonville man in the civil service examination for this job.

Mr. Drake is well known in Henderson county and it is believed that his appointment will meet with general approval.

The commissioners gave Mr. Hudgins until Tuesday to make a decision as to the course he preferred to take in the matter and not being able to reach a working arrangement they decided the office of tax collector vacant.

Delay has been occasioned in the appointment of a tax collector or final agreement with Mr. Hudgins because of the inability to get the complete audit, copies of which were furnished last week to Mr. Hudgins and the commissioners, who fixed yesterday as the time for reaching a definite decision as to the course to take.

The audit consisted of two volumes, one containing 123 typewritten pages and another 450 pages, covering the period from Nov. 15, 1918, to Nov. 30, 1921.

The audit finds the shortage of the tax collector and treasurer to be as follows:

Treasurer's shortage	\$22,695.69
Commissions disallowed	2,904.10
Uncollected taxes	13,482.30
Total	\$39,082.09

The audit sets out that in ransacking the records the auditors discovered approximately \$4,300 for county purposes not on the records.

GRAND JURY THIS TERM COURT MADE REPORT SATURDAY

Public Buildings, With Slight Exceptions, Found in Good Condition by Grand Jury.

To His Honor, Judge Henry P. Lane, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jurors for this the March term, 1922, beg to submit the following:

We have by committee visited the county home for the aged and infirm and find that it, in its present condition, for keep, is good. We find plenty of provisions, bedding, etc., and the inmates say they are well cared for by Mrs. Johnson, the keeper.

We have by committee visited the chaingang and found everything in good condition, and under the management of S. Y. Bryson, who seems to be giving his best efforts to this department. The prisoners say they are treated as well as could be expected at a place of correction. We find that they have comfortable and sanitary quarters, with good beds, clothing, food, etc., and the management seems to be very efficient.

We have in a body visited the county jail and find it well kept by Sheriff Grant; prisoners well cared for, but the jail in its present condition is not safe for the keeping of prisoners, and we find that the present building used for the kitchen is not at all satisfactory. We would recommend and insist that a new addition be built to the present jail.

We have in a body examined the courthouse and find it in good repair, except that the basement toilets are in bad condition. We recommend that new fixtures be put in.

We also find that all the offices are well kept, but find that the Register's office is in need of more shelves, as some of the records are now having to be stored on the floor.

We wish to thank his honor, Judge Henry P. Lane, for his kindness shown us during the court, and the Honorable C. D. Bailey for the assistance rendered during the session. We also wish to extend to our Clerk of Court, Judge C. M. Pace, our thanks for his efficient service.

Now having finished the business which came before us, we ask to be discharged.

Very respectfully,
B. A. MERRELL,
Foreman of Grand Jury.
Hendersonville, N. C.,
March 11, 1922.

BUILDING ON HYMAN HEIGHTS.

Miss Bessie Steadman is planning to have erected in the near future a modern bungalow on Hyman Heights, adjoining the home of Mrs. William McKay.

PUBLIC WIRELESS STATION FOR CITY

Would Give Wireless To Summer Visitors



Major J. Mack Rhodes proposes a radio receiving station in the opera house for the free entertainment of visitors in the city this summer. Expect him to spring the movement on some organization for support.

Would Send Congress Debates by Wireless



Congressman Vincent Brennan, of Ohio, proposes a powerful radio broadcasting station be installed at Washington so that people all over the country can listen to debates on important legislative measures.

REPUBLICANS WILL HOLD PRIMARY HERE

MASS MEETING WILL DETERMINE PARTY PLATFORM.

Party Plans Made in Meeting of Republicans From Fifteen Precincts in County Saturday.

Representative Republicans from fifteen of the seventeen precincts of Henderson county voted unanimously that a primary be held to pick Republican candidates for the November election of county officers, in a meeting held Saturday morning in the rooms of the county commissioners at the courthouse. A motion was made and unanimously passed that a mass meeting of Republicans be called to determine what the party platform will include, the time for such a meeting to be decided on by the chairman, E. B. Drake. The chairman was given power to appoint delegates to the state convention in April.

The meeting Saturday was presided over by E. B. Drake, and H. G. Edney acted as temporary secretary in the absence of A. O. Jones. G. F. Jones was temporary chairman of West Hendersonville precinct, in the absence of W. C. Rector. Representatives from Clear Creek and Bowman's Bluff could not be present at the meeting.

After the meeting was adjourned, the members were taken to the Central Cafe and served dinner.

Tire and Rubber Co. Of Asheville Opens Branch Office Here

The Poston Tire & Rubber Co. of Asheville has opened in this city a branch office which is under the direction of J. H. Reaben. The firm handles the famous Keystone cord tire, which is guaranteed to run 10,000 miles. The local store will do tube repairing, vulcanizing, etc., and will make all adjustments here. The firm has in stock already \$6,000 worth of tires.

Mr. Reaben comes from Asheville where he has had several years' experience in the tire business.

\$28 FOR IDEAS ON COMMUNITY FAIRS

NEWS ANNOUNCES CONTEST TO AROUSE INTEREST IN FAIRS.

W. R. Hoots, F. B. Harton and L. J. Penney Will Act as Judges; Seven Cash Prizes.

The News announces this week a rather novel contest to public school children in Henderson county. It is offering \$28 in cash prizes for papers to be printed in The News on the advantages to be derived from community fairs.

The contest is open to public school children of all ages in the county except to those living within the city.

The News announces that L. J. Penney, newly selected secretary of the Board of Trade; Fred B. Harton, principal of Flat Rock school, and W. R. Hoots, owner of the Carolina Nurseries of East Flat Rock, as the judges.

The contest will remain open until April 15. The winning papers will be published after the judges announce the seven prize winners.

The News is endeavoring through this method to create greater interest in community fairs. In the hope of developing from them a big county fair. Full details will be given in The News Friday.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AT WORK IN THIS COUNTY

Miss Weaver of Weaverville Undertakes New Phase of Work in County.

Miss Pearl Weaver, of Weaverville, has assumed her duties as public health nurse of Henderson county. Before the war Miss Weaver was engaged as public health nurse but later was in war service, gaining a practical experience that will doubtless be of great value in her undertaking in Henderson county.

LADIES OF METHODIST CHURCH WILL GIVE IRISH SILVER TEA

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will give an Irish silver tea on St. Patrick's Day Friday afternoon, March 17, from 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Justus on Main street. The committee in charge of the event announce that an excellent program consisting of music and recitations, commemorating St. Patrick's Day, is being arranged. Everybody is invited.

\$27,660 SHORTAGE IN SCHOOL FUNDS

REVEALED IN AUDIT FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Shortage Equally Divided Between Brown and Hudgins Administrations.

A shortage in the county school funds of \$27,660.10 is revealed in an audit by the Wilson Audit Co., Inc., of Asheville.

The audit covers a period of six years, dating from July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1921, embracing the administrations of Tax Collectors W. F. Brown and A. E. Hudgins.

The audit covers records that pertain only to the school funds. It is by no means complimentary of the system of books used by the tax collectors. It claims a shortage of \$13,811.06 from the administration of Mr. Brown from July 1, 1915, to Oct. 31, 1918, and a shortage of \$13,849.04 from Mr. Hudgins' administration from October 31, 1918, to June 30, 1921.

The report covers 230 typewritten pages.

This audit has no relation to the three others that have been in progress in the county since it covers only those things pertaining to the funds alleged to be due the County Board of Education as coming through the county commissioners after their settlement with the tax collectors.

ANTI-SALOON MAN TO SPEAK HERE ON MAY 28TH

Dr. M. E. Cotton Will Deliver Prohibition Address in this City on May 28

Dr. M. E. Cotton, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina, will address the people of Hendersonville Sunday, May 28, according to an announcement in the March 4 issue of "The American Issue." He will speak under the auspices of the National Anti-Saloon League of America, and his address in this city will bring to a close a month's campaign during which he will address a large number of meetings in western North Carolina.

At the same time Dr. Cotton is speaking to western Carolina towns, five other prominent prohibition men will address other towns and cities in the state. It is planned that two hundred meetings will be held during April and May, so that the Christian patriots in every part of North Carolina will be reached.

Committees Working On Convention Plans

The committees having in hand the entertainment of the North Carolina Baraca-Philathea convention here in June met with the general secretary, Mrs. N. Buckner, Mr. Buckner and Mrs. Glenn of Asheville at the Hodge-well last night and made a general survey of the plans and formally selected the Carolina Terrace as convention headquarters in view of the inducement made in rates by Manager E. H. Wooten.

Mrs. Buckner expressed herself as highly pleased with the manner in which the local committees had undertaken the big task of caring for the convention.

STOCKHOLDERS ASK RECEIVERSHIP FOR ASHEVILLE MED. CO.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Asheville Medicine Co. Tuesday night the members of that body, by a unanimous vote, asked that a receiver be appointed for the concern. It is understood that this will be complied with at the present term of court.

\$400,000 WATER BONDS FOR CITY

HENDERSONVILLE PLUMBING CO. IS MADE WATER SUPERVISOR.

Under Terms of New Law City to Sell \$400,000 Bonds; G. W. Brooks Collects Rents.

The Board of Water Commissioners of Hendersonville has made demand upon the board of city commissioners in accordance with the recent act of the legislature for the issuance of \$400,000 bonds. The city commissioners have approved the application and will endeavor to sell them. They will bear interest not in excess of 6 per cent, according to the law governing this issue of bonds for the purpose of building a water line and sewerage system.

The water department of the city is in the hands of the newly created board, consisting of C. E. Brooks, K. G. Morris and J. W. Bailey, and this board handles all the funds relating to the water works.

G. W. Brooks has been appointed collector of water rents and the Hendersonville Plumbing Company has been made supervisor of the water works. All troubles incident to the water works, repairs, alterations, improvements, etc., now come under the supervision of the Hendersonville Plumbing Company, which also has in charge the reading of the meters. The Board of Water Commissioners is going ahead with its big task of making preliminary arrangements for the building of a new water system.

LENGTHY DOCKET KEEPS COURT BUSY THIS TERM

19 Cases Disposed of Since Friday; Defendant in Mills River School-house Case Acquitted.

Nineteen cases have been disposed of since Friday morning by the present term of criminal court, which began March 6, with Judge Henry P. Lane on the bench. Seven true bills found by the jury have not yet received attention by the court. No case of especial interest has come up, with the exception of the case of Clyde Galloway, who was acquitted Friday of burning or attempting to burn the Mills River schoolhouse last year. As a result of the inclement weather, rendering farm work unprofitable, and the large number of witnesses called to court, the courtroom has been crowded every day since court convened.

The following jury verdicts have been rendered:

Will Johnson, larceny, 12 months on the county roads.

L. E. Picklesimer granted divorce from Louise Picklesimer; grounds, disorderly conduct.

Henry Booker, retailing liquor, two cases, 90 days on county roads.

Henry Booker, resenting officer, 90 days on county roads.

Luther Logan and Arthur De-Shields, assault, 4 months each on county roads.

The jury lists for this week and next are as follows:

Second Week.

B. B. Blackwell, G. 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.

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMISSION CREATED IN MEETING HERE TODAY

Many Civic Organizations of City Combine to Provide Community Building as War Memorial—Mrs. J. W. Williams Chairman.

P. E. ROLLINS CO. TO OPEN THURSDAY

NEW FASHION SHOP WILL OPEN HERE THIS WEEK.

Initial Spring Opening and Apparel Exhibit Will Take Place at New Ladies' Store.

Among the new business concerns opening in the city is that of the P. E. Rollins Company, on Main street, which will have its initial spring opening and apparel exhibit on Thursday of this week, March 16.

The coming of this concern to Hendersonville will doubtless be greeted with delight by the fair and fashionable part of our population, for the P. E. Rollins Company caters exclusively to ladies, aided and abetted by the East's foremost exponents of fashion in women's wearing apparel, millinery and footwear. Already the interior of the store, located next door to Burckmyer's Grocery, presents an entrancing sight to the feminine eye and its general appearance places it in the front ranks of local fashion shops.

A glance over the page announcement of the Rollins Co. in this issue will doubtless result in putting in an appearance on Thursday, the formal opening day.

First Spring Opening Brenner-Penny Co. Staged for This Week

The first formal spring opening of one of Hendersonville's leading business houses, Brenner-Penny Co., successors to Anthony Bros., will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Special music and the giving away of souvenirs and flowers will make the event a gala occasion particularly for the women of Hendersonville.

The very latest creations in ladies' frocks, suits, dresses, and all wearing apparel, it is announced in the big page ad carried by the firm in this issue, will be on display, tempting the most discriminating in the colorful and attractive models offered.

The men also are promised a part in the spring opening, a part featured by what is described as the newest and best quality in shoes and oxfords and the best in style and quality of the Hendersonville Art Custom Tailors, representing the American Art Custom Tailors, will be with Brenner-Penny on these opening days, 16th through the 18th. He will have 500 styles of foreign and domestic woolsens and long ends to show to the trade, featuring clothes for Easter wear, and will take orders for immediate or future shipments for suits or overcoats.

Officials of the Brenner-Penny Co. state that since the firm came into existence last November 1, they have had the support to which they were entitled of the people of this city and county, who have realized that this firm carries exclusive and medium as well as high-priced goods. To repay their customers for this confidence the firm states that they propose to spare no time nor efforts to secure the best of goods at the most reasonable prices.

Merchants Plan For Big Golden Rule Sale

The censor committee of the Hendersonville Advertising club held its first meeting Monday preparatory to the second Golden Rule Sale of the club. The committee passed upon quite a number of bargains submitted by the merchants for the Golden Rule Sale on the first Monday in April and expressed pleasure in seeing that the most of the articles of merchandise exhibited were genuine bargains in line with those which made the first sale on last first Monday such a remarkable success.

MYSTERY CLOCK IN WINDOW OF FIRST BANK PUZZLES PASSERSBY

A novel clock just inside a window of the First Bank & Trust Co. has aroused much curiosity among passersby as to the means by which it runs. All that is visible are the hands of a clock, which appear to be of bronzed metal, and the figures 1 to 12 in gold letters to which the hour and minute hands point. The hands are suspended by a chain. Over the hands is a suggestive sentence, "Time to start an account," and under it the words, "No clock works. No electricity. No air control. No mercury." A card placed under these words reads, "What makes it go? Old Father Time guards the clock while we guard your deposits. Open an account today."

Those who don't understand how the clock works are invited to ask the man inside. To those who inquire, the man inside gives a little booklet which explains just how the clock works—if you can understand it.

At a meeting held Tuesday morning in the rooms of the American Legion post there was formed what will be known as the War Memorial Building Commission. Mrs. J. W. Williams was chosen temporary chairman.

Representatives of nearly every civic organization in Hendersonville were present. A. W. Honeycutt, superintendent of schools, presided.

The purpose of the organization is to provide, in the shape of a war memorial, a building which all civic organizations might use as their home, and to make the building a purely community enterprise, having as its distinctive features an auditorium, a rest room, offices for the Board of Trade, relic rooms for the historical organizations, quarters for the local company of state guard, club rooms for the American Legion and committee and general meeting rooms for all the bodies engaged in promoting the community's welfare.

Mrs. Williams will shortly call a meeting of the organizations expected to participate, and early action is contemplated.

BALFOUR ORPHAN HOME IS SOLD

ORPHANAGE OFFICIALS PLAN CHANGE OF LOCATION

Offer of Local Firm, Home, Ice & Oil Co., to Buy Balfour Property is Accepted Tentatively.

The owners of the Balfour Orphanage made tentative plans last week with a local firm, the Home Ice & Oil Co., for the disposition of the orphanage property at Balfour, and during the next twelve months will consider sites in and around Hendersonville and elsewhere for the location of this home for children.

The purpose in the transfer, the authorities have stated, is to secure a site with more agricultural possibilities than are found at the present location. It is desired that the new location should have at least three to four hundred acres of land, one hundred of which would be tillable, so that the orphanage might be self-supporting largely and that the little fellows might find an outlet for their energies.

The new site must be accessible to churches and if possible to schools. The authorities desire that the new building housing the children shall be fire-proof.

The directors of the Home, Ice & Oil Co. have not decided what they will do with the property they have tentatively bought, but suggest that they may at a later date transfer their Balfour quarry to the present orphanage grounds. They have expressed hope that citizens of the town and county will put forward every effort to keep the orphanage in this vicinity and bring it, if possible, to a point near Hendersonville. Suitable sites, it is hoped, will be offered at reasonable prices.

Though the Balfour orphanage is the property of the Presbyterian synod, it admits children from any denomination. Neither is it limited to children whose parents were members of some particular lodge. In these respects it is unique.

STATE LEGION HEAD HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

COMMANDER BYRD AND OTHER OFFICIALS WERE IN CITY.

Hubert M. Smith Post Honored by Visit of North Carolina Legion Leaders.

Thomas W. Byrd, North Carolina commander American Legion; Chas. A. Sloane, editor of the Oteen Echo, published at Oteen; Tracy A. Vincent, business manager of the Oteen Echo, and L. C. Jones, member of the Kiffin Rockwell post of Asheville, were the guests of the Hubert M. Smith post of the American Legion last Friday night. Excellent addresses were made by State Commander Byrd, Editor Sloane and Mr. Vincent. Thomas J. Hyder also was a speaker.

Commander Byrd in his address described the educational program of the North Carolina department, and of its efforts in caring for the sick and disabled ex-service men. He declared that this state leads all other southern states in membership in the American Legion.

Editor Sloane told the members that the Oteen Echo had become recently the official publication of the American Legion in this state, and as such needed the united support of the membership of this and other posts. Mr. Sloane then made a very emphatic appeal in behalf of the Oteen patients, 1,000 in number.

MARRIAGE LICENSE GRANTED.

Marriage license was granted yesterday, at the office of the Register of Deeds, to Theodore S. Douglass, of New Smyrna, Fla., and Miss Una Capps of this city.