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OFFICERS, CITIZENS AND ENGINEER INSPECT PROPOSED FLETCHER ROUTE

Committees From Three Townships Join Commissioners on Trip of Investigation as Result of Sharp Division of Views Regarding Road.

The course of the Hendersonville-Asheville hard surfaced highway between Hendersonville and the Buncombe county line will not be determined until after a careful consideration of information gathered by the county commissioners in company with citizens and the highway engineer on an inspection tour today.

This decision came as a result of a largely attended meeting at the court house Wednesday morning and afternoon, when there were large delegations of citizens from those sections most directly interested in the proposed routes.

The meeting was called a few days ago by the county commissioners and there was a ready response, judging from the size of the crowd, which comfortably filled the court house.

J. E. Shipman, attorney to the board of commissioners, acted as spokesman and stated the object of the gathering, assuring the audience that it was a free and open meeting in which every man had the right to express himself.

Mr. Shipman read the engineer's report covering the proposed roads from Fletcher to Hendersonville, one following in the main the present highway and another turning westward at Fletcher and coming into the Haywood road at Rugby. The latter course was reported as the most advisable route to take. This is the route in which Mills River so keenly interested itself. Citizens of the Fletcher section were present in large numbers and matched pretty well the oratory from the Mills River delegation.

Several speakers were heard, each giving a reason for his contentions and pointing out why the road should take a certain course. Many reasons were given in favor of both routes and the Mills River people were supported by a very favorable report from the highway engineer. They sought to have the report adopted, hoping to have such action serve as a guide for the commissioners in deciding the course for the road, but Fletcher people and those living on the present Asheville highway managed to keep the question from coming to a point.

J. C. Sales of Fletcher made a motion to the effect that a committee composed of three men from the Hendersonville, Mills River and Hoopers Creek townships be appointed to go over the routes with the commissioners. Objection was raised to this by the Mills River delegation. Fletcher people and those living on the road to Fletcher want another survey. They say they have a route in mind whereby railroad crossings may be eliminated and long fills across the bottoms reduced to a minimum and that such proposed route has never been given attention by an engineer.

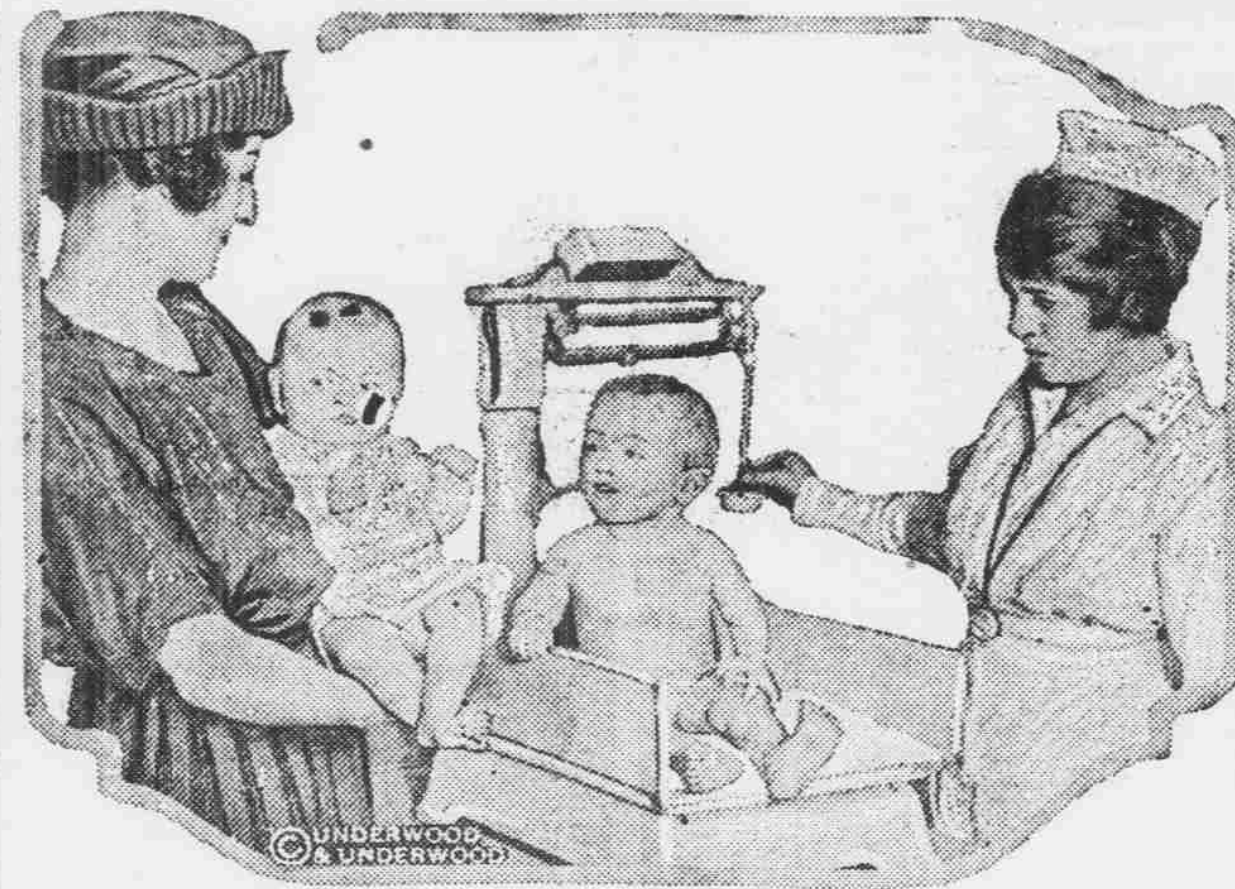
The discussion lasted for about three hours and adjournment was taken until an afternoon session, when the question before the board was never brought to a vote. J. E. Shipman stated for the commissioners that it was their desire to go over the proposed routes and that they would like to have a delegation from Mills River, Hoopers Creek and Hendersonville townships and any other citizens who might be interested to accompany them, the engineer being with the company.

Mr. Israel of the Rugby section raised objection and said that the commissioners could not shift responsibility to the shoulders of the citizens. Mr. Shipman retorted that the commissioners were not shifting responsibility but seeking light and assistance that they might intelligently decide the course of the highway. There was hearty applause, even the Mills River delegation joining to some extent for the first time, as all the applause up to this time had been from different delegations. Mr. Israel attempted to reply, there were hisses, and applause above which he couldn't raise his voice. This continued with his repeated efforts to speak until finally he was heard to say that the commissioners could no more shift the job and responsibility than Pontius Pilate did the responsibility for the crucifixion of Christ. At that juncture Chairman W. P. Bane of the Board of Commissioners rose and assured Mr. Israel that it was not a question of shaking or shirking responsibility but a question of doing the right thing and serving the public to the best interest of the board and that the board of commissioners rather than the committee would select the route. This was met with an avalanche of applause from all parts of the house and Commissioner G. B. Hill gave his hat a wave into the air and the meeting adjourned without ceremony, leaving the townships to select their delegates to make the trip of inspection today at 10 o'clock.

Citizens Rush In To Pay Their County Tax

Taxpayers are responding promptly to the call for the payment of county taxes, according to Tax Collector J. W. Bayne, who has collected within the past few days about \$40,000. The clerical force is having all it can do to receive the money and issue receipts to the taxpayers.

Giving Children a Weigh in Washington



Every child in Washington up to six years old will be given a weigh by the Child Welfare Society, and statistics compiled as to the general health of children in the District of Columbia. The object is to "make the child fit for school."

Legion Auxiliary Plans "Get-Together" Social For Ex-Service Men

A "get-together" social will be given the ex-service men of the county Friday evening, April 7, by the American Legion Auxiliary. The social will be given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Williams, commander of the Auxiliary and sponsor and chairman of the War Memorial Commission.

Invitations went out this week to as many of the ex-service men of the county as have as yet been listed by the ladies of the auxiliary. Thursday evening, 6th, was the date originally fixed, but it was changed to Friday because the latter is the regular time for the monthly meeting of the Legion post of the city.

A musical program is being prepared for the occasion, and refreshments will be served.

It is the plan of the auxiliary leaders to make this kind of "get-together" meeting an annual affair, the annual date to be April 5, in commemoration of the entrance of America into the World War.

STRONG SERMONS ENDED REVIVAL PROGRAM SUNDAY

Evangelistic Meetings by Thomson Party Concluded With Large Sunday Audiences.

With a record of sixty-odd conversions and a large number of reconsecrations, the Thomson evangelistic meetings were brought to a most successful conclusion Sunday night.

The last day was marked with large crowds and with two powerful sermons by Dr. Harry A. Thomson; the one in the morning on "Knowing Jesus," and the one at night on "The Judgment." At the latter service the First Baptist male quartet sang twice. At the morning service 150 reconsecrations were pledged.

The revival was featured by the number of young men and young women who were converted. Twenty-two were saved Thursday night, 17 of these being Blue Ridge boys.

A generous free will offering for Dr. and Mrs. Thomson was made Sunday, all of which, outside of that amount necessary for current expenses, they turned over to the Balfour Orphanage, in which they have become greatly interested. A representation has come each service from the orphanage.

The evangelistic party, composed of the preacher and his wife and singer, David Williams, go from here in a few days to Radford, Va., for another meeting. Then will follow eight other campaigns under the Abington presbytery.

E. G. Stillwell Is New Treasurer Trade Board

At a meeting of the Board of Trade's board of governors Wednesday the resignation of A. S. Truax as treasurer was accepted with much regret. Mr. Truax had been treasurer of the Board of Trade for several years and, until recently, was its secretary as well. His work was greatly praised by the governors.

Erle G. Stillwell was elected to succeed Mr. Truax as treasurer. The board heard a report of what Secretary Penney had done during his administration of two weeks, and unanimously adopted a motion thanking him for "taking hold" in such an admirable and efficient manner.

DISTRICT MEETING OF LEGION AT WAYNESVILLE BIG SUCCESS

One Hundred Members From 14 Posts Were Present; Hendersonville Post Was Represented.

One hundred Legionnaires of the tenth district, representing 14 posts, met last Friday at Waynesville for a one-day rally. Plans for the service and compensation drives were discussed and Rutherfordford was chosen as the meeting place for the district conference of 1923.

J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, district committeeman, who presided, stated that a census of former service men will be made in the district in an effort to determine their service status as well as their business status since they have resumed civilian life. This will be done, it is stated, that the Legion may help every ex-service man, whether or not he is a member of the Legion, to get the credit and service to which he is entitled.

The Hendersonville post was represented by Lee Whitmore and Manning Morris. The former was on the program, speaking on the subject, "Post Club Rooms."

Before the business session opened, the legionnaires were taken to the Waynesville training center, where 275 former service men are receiving vocational training. Following this, they were given an excellent luncheon by the ladies of Waynesville at the legion hall.

SECOND GOLDEN RULE SALE WILL BE HELD MONDAY

33 Dealers of City Place Different Articles on Sale at Rock-Bottom Prices.

Hendersonville's second Golden Rule Sale day will be held here next Monday, April 3, beginning at 9:30 o'clock sharp and continuing all day. Thirty-three merchants and dealers in this city are offering, under the Neosho sale plan, 1 or 2 articles each at specially reduced prices on that day. Each of the thirty-three is offering entirely different articles for sale, making a total of over fifty different household commodities which will be for sale Monday practically at cost.

The extraordinary success and big attendance of the Golden Rule Sales the first Monday in March make it unnecessary for detailed explanation of the Neosho plan to be given here. People from every part of Henderson county came to Hendersonville March 6 and bought generously of the large variety of articles and excellent values offered. They already understand the plan and have doubtless told many others, who did not attend the sale, of its merits. They are doubtless planning to attend the second Golden Rule Sales, and will bring their neighbors with them. For the benefit, however, of those who do not yet understand what the Neosho plan is, the following outline is given:

The plan is very simple. It is called the Neosho plan because it was originated in Neosho, Mo., where the merchants decided to put on sales according to the golden rule; that is, sales which represent actual cost bargains. Each merchant or dealer who enters it must submit to a censor committee of responsible and capable men two articles at approximately their cost prices. This committee examines each article listed to see that it is an actual bargain, and that the price quoted is not above a rock-bottom price. The dealers are willing to do this on the belief that if people visit their stores to buy the articles listed for sale, these same people will buy other articles and in the end become good customers. With this belief, they are willing to sell at cost the two articles listed for sale, and they realize that the sale articles must be bargains, else the customer will lose faith and will not be permanent.

Every Golden Rule Sale is backed by the Hendersonville Ad Club, which is composed of the leading business men of this city. This club is running a double page advertisement in this issue of The News, containing a description and prices of the different articles listed. The News is distributing to nearly every taxpaying family in the county a copy of this ad—at least, is attempting to do so. In case any family fails to get a copy, the secretary of the Ad Club, P. L. Wright, should be notified, so that a copy can be forwarded.

Special provision is made by the Ad Club for auctioning any articles the farmers of the county wish to dispose of. It is hoped that this feature will be taken advantage of. Arrangements have been made with the firm of Maxwell & Anders, to sell at auction such articles of stock as automobiles, farm machinery, stock, farms, etc., on a reasonable commission basis, at the court house.

THIRD STORY BEING ADDED TO CHEWNING HOUSE ON N. MAIN

The Chewning House on North Main street, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Chewning, is having a third story added and a sleeping porch added to the first floor. The new story will have 8 rooms, making the house contain altogether 21 rooms. The added story as well as the entire house will receive a new coat of paint.

GAVE PASTOR POUNDING

The Baptist congregation of Shaws Creek church met and went in a body to the home of their new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Ross and gave them a genuine old-fashioned pounding Wednesday evening.

WEEK-END RATES OVER SOUTHERN WILL BE SOLD

Southern's Week-End Rates, From Points South to This City Given Out; Summer Rates Cheaper.

The Southern Railway this summer will restore its week-end rates to Hendersonville, according to the Hendersonville Board of Trade. In addition to this feature the Southern's summer rates to western North Carolina will be appreciably cheaper than they were last season. The sale of these tickets will begin May 15 and be continued until September 30, and will be good for the return journey as late as October 31.

Secretary Penney of the Board of Trade urges that hotels and boarding houses particularly make note of these facts. General Passenger Agent Cary, in a letter to Mr. Penney, says that "because of the widespread business depression throughout the country, and the importance of letting the people know in advance that they can spend the summer in the mountains at much less cost than has prevailed for several years past," he trusts that as much publicity as possible be given the announcement.

Continuing, Mr. Cary said: "These week-end tickets will be sold Friday evenings and Saturdays good for the return trip, leaving Hendersonville until Monday evenings following."

"The particular object of these week-end fares is to attract people who are not in a position to make extended summer trips, and for business men visiting their families in the mountains for the week-ends."

"Your particular attention is called to the very marked reduction in these fares, and if all other interests involved will make corresponding reductions and inducements, we believe in the long run all will be benefitted, and pre-war happy conditions will result."

"We are preparing attractive booklets, folders and other advertising matter which we will undertake to distribute beginning the early part of May, and we will also do an appropriate amount of newspaper advertising."

"We also expect to establish satisfactory summer schedules and sleeping car lines, at the proper time, to accommodate the travel."

The week-end rates from Atlanta will be \$10.10; Macon, \$13.90; Savannah, \$12.25; Charleston, \$11.75; Columbia, \$6.15; Spartanburg, \$2.10; Greenville, \$3.45; Raleigh, \$12.75; Greensboro, \$9.20; Knoxville, \$6.60; Chattanooga, \$11.35.

The summer season rates from Birmingham, \$23.35; Atlanta, \$13.45; Jacksonville, \$26.20; Macon, \$18.50; Savannah, \$16.35; Charlotte, \$7.19; Raleigh, \$17.00; Columbia, \$8.20; Charleston, \$15.65; Louisville, \$24.75; Cincinnati, \$25.95; St. Louis, \$24.75; Memphis, \$25.95; New Orleans, \$34.90.

These rates are a big reduction from those of 1921, ranging from 13 to 43 per cent.

The Board of Trade will include this information in its hotel and boarding house accommodation list, and it trusts that these institutions will give as much publicity to these low rates as is practicable.

Secretary Penney declares that his mail is being swamped with inquiries about Hendersonville, several coming from as far west as the land permits: Los Angeles, and from points in Maine.

CITY MARKET AND MEAT ORDINANCE ARE SUBJECTS OF LIVELY DISCUSSION

Revision of Ordinance is Hinted at by Mayor to Affect Sale of Hogs—License Was Intended to Restrain Professional Beef Buyers.

J. F. Goodman to Move Grocery Business To Main Street Building

J. F. Goodman has leased the building now occupied by the Hendersonville Dry Cleaning Establishment on Main street, and will begin work Monday preparatory for moving in.

Under the direction of K. G. Justice the front of the building will be rebuilt and the entire interior remodeled, at a cost of several hundred dollars, with a view to making it a modern, up-to-date room for a grocery store. Counters and other necessary fixtures will be built in.

Mr. Goodman has been in the grocery business in the city for several years, having formerly been in the building occupied now during the summer by the Razook Art Linen Shop. For the past year his store has been located on Patton street near the Southern Railroad.

THRILLING GAME WON WEDNESDAY BY LOCAL HIGHS

High School Nine Won Close But Thrilling Game Here Wednesday From Asheville High.

With a 9th inning rally which netted two runs and won a game by the score of 9 to 8 from the Asheville High School, the local high school nine gave evidence Wednesday on their grounds here that thrilling, spectacular games have not all been played yet.

E. Jordan, long and sturdy, surprised himself in delivering the winning stroke when he, at the psychological moment, turned the tables by knocking a three-bagger, and incidentally knocking the props out of Asheville's supposedly "sewed-up" victory. Had he not been so surprised, he would probably have started running in time to have stretched his hit into a homer. As it was, he tied the score, and Bob Cathy singled, bringing him home.

Other features of the game were the batting of Lanning, who got four hits out of four times up, and shortstop Cathy's spectacular, running, 1-hand catch behind second base. Batteries: Greenwood and Case; Dickson and Micey. Umpire: Moyer.

100 Convicts Now In County's Camp

The convict camp on the Greenwood road now contains nearly 100 men who are putting in faithful service in the construction of the hard surface road.

The force was enlarged by about a dozen men as a result of the recent term of court.

The Methodist church of Hendersonville and that of East Flat Rock have been conducting religious services on Sundays at the camp and the men appear to be quite appreciative of the attention shown them by the churches.

Road Supervisor S. Y. Bryson is anxious to see several days of good weather so that the men may work to good advantage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION CLOSED ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Closing Session Featured by Organization of Permanent Association For County.

Final sessions of the Henderson County Sunday School Convention were marked by a full attendance. This convention which closed Tuesday night, March 21, had been in session for the past three days. Sunday School workers from over the county attended.

Featuring the closing session, of the convention was the organization of the Henderson County Sunday School Association and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The officers as elected are: C. S. Fullbright, president; Dr. A. H. Morey, vice-president; J. A. Rhodes, secretary-treasurer. By unanimous vote it was agreed these officers would meet and name township presidents for the eight townships of the county.

Through the organization of the various county and township Sunday School Associations, Mr. Sims explained the purpose was to create public sentiment in favor of more and better Sunday Schools. The convention brought the Christian people of all denominations together to think and talk about the Sunday School and how to make it better. Further, he stated, it furnished an opportunity to study the needs in the county and plan to meet them. It is necessary to know conditions before we can plan intelligently to improve them. The conventions help to solve the new problems which arise each year.

Mr. Sims expressed great confidence in the upbuilding of the Sunday School work in Henderson county through the promotion of the county and township association work.

If its news it's in The News.

A lively discussion of the recent ordinance passed by the city commissioners and affecting the peddling by farmers of meats in the city of Hendersonville was a feature at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club, at the Hodgewell Thursday. Incidentally the subject of a city market, where farmers and local business men alike could sell their products, was mentioned and advocated by a number of Kiwanians and the matter was referred to the committee on public affairs for action at the next meeting.

After the subject had been broached President Kirk called on Mayor Rhodes, as being more familiar with the purpose and intent of the "Meat Peddling" ordinance, to give the club the benefit of his information.

"There is no doubt in my mind," said Mayor Rhodes, "that the ordinance, as it stands, will have to be and probably will be revised, at least so as not to place too great a restriction on the sale of pork and thereby restrict the market for same too much. The intent of the ordinance primarily was to restrict the professional cattle and beef buyers, of whom I could name several, and who make it their business to buy this beef wherever they can and sell it in town."

Following his assurance that the ordinance would be revised the mayor called on A. Y. Arledge for further comment. Mr. Arledge, while admitting that he was the author of the ordinance, by request of the commissioners, explained that he voted against it. He further and at length stated that he was in favor of and would work for the establishment of a city market.

The subject elicited a good deal of comment and a resolution was offered in favor of the establishment of a city market and against all infringements on the proper sale of farm products, which was referred to the committee on public affairs for presentation at the next meeting.

The meeting was largely attended, following a unique stunt on the part of the attendance committee in sending telegrams to all the members, urging their attendance. The attendance prize was won by J. A. Rhodes.

Southern Supply Co. Moves to New Home In Bly Building

The Southern Supply Co. moved this week into their new home, which is in the Bly building adjoining the Bly Hardware Co., and just below their old store on Seventh Avenue, East. Their new quarters have undergone substantial remodeling recently, and will provide amply, with much greater convenience, for this firm's large stock of goods. New counters, new shelves, a new office, and new coats of paint make the interior present a handsome appearance.

Royal Arch Masons Of City Attended District Meeting at Canton

R. P. Freeze, C. F. Bland, J. E. Mitchell, Rev. J. F. Ligon, C. Few, Jr., H. Patterson, N. Brenner, J. A. McCoy, and Emmett Lott attended the district convocation of the Royal Arch Masons at Canton Tuesday. The Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon the latter four. These and other degrees were conferred upon a total of 36 candidates. Grand High Priest John J. Phoenix of Greensboro and 250 chapter members attended the convocation. On Tuesday night the members were given a grand banquet by the ladies of the Eastern Star chapter at Canton.

At the local lodge tonight F. S. Wetmur, T. Keith and P. H. Bailey, the latter of Saluda, will be conferred the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees. With the initiation of these the required number, 25, for obtaining a Royal Arch chapter will have been reached. Tonight ends the fiscal Masonic year. The charter will be requested of the Grand Chapter which meets in Winston-Salem in May.

MISS WEAVER WILL ADDRESS PARENTS AND TEACHERS ON 3RD

New Public Health Nurse Will Discuss Health Questions at Next P. T. A. Meeting.

At the meeting Monday evening, April 3, of the Hendersonville Parent-Teacher Association Miss Pearl Weaver, public health nurse, will be present and will speak on the health crusade being waged throughout the county.

The meeting will be held at the city high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Leaders of the association extend an invitation to all parents in the city to attend this meeting, particularly to hear the new health nurse, and also that they may become permanent members of the organization.

There will be community singing and other musical numbers, and a social hour will follow the formal program.