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## Citizens File Protests Against Street Paving Costs

### PLANS REVIVED FOR ADDITION TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

The Hendersonville Hospital Association at its annual meeting yesterday launched or revived the movement for the erection of an annex to the Patton Memorial hospital.

Plans were on foot a year or more ago for this addition but high building costs prevented its consummation. At the annual meeting yesterday at the home of the secretary, Mrs. O. V. F. Blythe, Dr. J. S. Brown urged the resumption of the task of providing additional hospital facilities. Dr. Guy E. Dixon was named chairman of the building committee, which will give careful consideration to the subject and suggest plans by which the money may be raised.

Mrs. A. M. Trenholm was re-elected president and Mrs. C. J. Valley, vice-president. The term of Mrs. Blythe as secretary and Mrs. C. S. Fullbright as treasurer did not expire with this year.

Dr. E. P. Mallett was elected chief of the hospital staff.

Annual reports were read from the officers and gratification was expressed at the progress made during the past year.

The meeting was attended by 26 persons, among them being six Hendersonville physicians.

Miss Pearl Weaver, the public health nurse, was among those present and she stressed the importance of provisions for more charitable work in the hospital program.

Refreshments consisting of a salad course, cake and coffee, were served.

### Charles Jones, Stunt Artist, at The Queen Next Thursday Night

Charles Jones, starring in "The Bells of San Juan," a William Fox production, one of the most daring of all screen heroes and is fast becoming one of the leading screen artists of the day, will be shown at the Queen theatre on Thursday, Dec. 14, as a high school benefit.

Jones is one actor who, when asked to do a stunt "stunt" in a picture, has never asked for a double. The use of doubles, however, is a common occurrence in the film world. Stars very seldom are called to do dangerous work. This is in reality poor business. Directors are loathe to permit the high salaried star to risk injuring himself; hence they use substitutes. In every picture that Jones has made for William Fox, there has been at least one scene where the usual star would have his "double" perform. Not so with Jones. He likes danger. He loves it and when the scenario has the hero riding his horse along the edge of a crumbling precipice. You can't pay Jones to let a substitute work for him.

"If there is a thrill, I want it," says the young star. "I think the thrills are part of my salary and I want to collect. I don't believe in fooling the public. If I can't give the fans the real thing then I'll stop working in that type of picture."

The best part of it is that Jones means it and the fight he stages in "The Bells of San Juan" proves that he is there to do his best.

### HENDERSONVILLE MUSICIANS ATTEND BIG SINGINGS

R. K. Orr, who had conducted singing schools at Tuxedo and Oak Grove, visited the former place last Sunday morning and participated in the music at the latter place in the afternoon, when he led the big singing event.

The First Baptist quartet, composed of Messrs. Wilkins, Barber, Brown and Bennett, participated in the singing and rendered a number of selections.

### MISSSES CHEATHAM OPERATE ST. PETERSBURG HOTEL

Misses Jennie and Lizzie Cheatham after visiting relatives in Henderson have gone to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the winter and will conduct the Arlington hotel and the dining room in connection therewith for the winter.

They expect to return to this city next summer.

The U. S. Pittsburg has gone to Constantinople and may smoke out or outsmoke a few Turks.



### Our Annual Paul Revere



### FIRE LOSS IN CITY SMALL FOR LAST 2 MONTHS

The 5, 10 and 25 cent store of W. P. Potts sustained bad water damage late Wednesday afternoon as a result of the fire department's efforts to control a blaze in the Woodman hall.

Except for smoke the hall was little damaged. A great volume of water ran through the floor and damaged the goods of Mr. Potts.

The fire was located in a wood and coal pile in the hall and just how it started is unknown.

The fire department is keeping this year for the first time a list of all fires to which the department is called. The calls and results for October and November, showing a small number of fires and slight damage, are listed below:

- October
- Box car of lumber at depot; no damage.
- T. W. Valentine, 8th avenue and Buncombe, pile of shingles; no damage.
- W. D. McAdoo, North Main, chimney; no damage.
- Kramer's Garage, car damaged about \$75 from carelessness with match.
- Wm. Hill, small house near ice plant; damage \$250.
- Nov. 10—D. E. Geer, 2nd Ave., E., carelessness; no damage.
- Nov. 11—B. B. Souther, 6th Ave., E., tent burned from burning leaves; damage \$50.
- Nov. 22—Hunter's Pharmacy, Inc., damage \$100 from burning alcohol caused by carelessness of boy.
- Dec. 6—Potts' 5, 10 and 25 cent store; damage undetermined.

### CLEMENCEAU VISITS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, December 4.—Georges Clemenceau today brought his campaign for France to the capitol.

Arriving at dusk, he was escorted immediately to the home of Henry White, former ambassador to France and member of the American commission at the Versailles peace conference, to rest in preparation for his four-day visit, which will begin officially tomorrow with calls on President Harding and former President Wilson.

### GETS HEAD SAWED OFF WHILE WORKING AT MILL

Sanford, Dec. 6.—Seth Douglass, colored, had his head sawed off Monday morning while working at a saw mill near Buckhorn. He was raking the sawdust from around the saw with a stick when he lost his equilibrium and fell over on the saw, which almost completely severed his head from his body. Douglass owned and operated the sawmill, it is said, and was a highly respected darkey.

### RED CROSS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Henderson county chapter of the Red Cross, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the court house.

The leading figure in a show is often the leading figure of her leading figure, we figure.

### Rev. A. W. Farnum To Preach on Evolution Next Sunday Morning

At St. James church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the rector will preach on "The Holy Scriptures and Evolution."

An urgent invitation is extended to any who may have been led to feel that a believer in both evolution and Christianity is inconsistent.

### Rev. J. F. Ligon Was Installed Sunday

(Charlotte Observer)

Rev. J. F. Ligon officially began his pastorate at the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church Sunday morning when he was formally installed in accordance with the rules of the Presbytery.

A large congregation attended the service. Dr. W. H. Frazer preached the sermon and charged the congregation and Rev. W. S. Hamiter, of Pineville, charged the pastor. In his talk, Mr. Hamiter stressed prayer and personal visitation in the life of the pastor.

Mr. Ligon recently assumed charge of the pastorate, coming from a four year's stay at Hendersonville. Prior to the time he went to Hendersonville he preached at Woodruff and Reidsville, S. C.

### DO YOU KNOW WHEN THINGS ARE OUT OF WHACK AND WRONG?

Are you a close observer? Do you see what surrounds you? You may move in the circles of polite society and know how to eat corn from a cob and peas from your plate but what do you know about the practical things of farm life? Would you know if the stable door was too low until the mule skinned his back? Would you know what a farmer meant if he told you something about his single tree? Would you think he was talking of a bee tree in the forest?

This is by way of introduction of the fact that The News will next Monday inaugurate a "What's wrong with this picture" contest and pay the close observers for their time in noting the imperfections of the picture.

Keep an eye open for the announcement in Monday's paper and get down to brass tacks immediately and begin making notes of the things not in keeping with the eternal fitness of things, because the picture will appeal to people in all walks of life, especially the young folks.

### UNPRECEDENTED ROAD WORK

Washington, Dec. 6.—Greater progress was made on the nation's highways during the last year than in any similar period in the history of the country and there is now apparent a real public appreciation of the appearance of maintaining the roads that are built, Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, stated in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture made public tonight.

### INJUNCTION CASE WILL NOT AFFECT LOCAL ROAD WORK

No decision has been received from the Supreme court on the road injunction matter that went up from Henderson county.

Little concern is manifested in the outcome of the case since the object sought has been gained—the holding up of the funds in the hands of the former officers.

If the lower court is not sustained the present commissioners will have the same freedom as was exercised by the former officers before the injunction was granted.

If the court is sustained the Greenville, Asheville and Bat Cave roads are designated as those on which the \$260,000 in question must be spent, unless the matters are amicably adjusted.

No fear as to the final outcome of the matter is entertained.

### Dr. Cease, Specialist, Will Locate in City

Dr. W. H. Cease, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, was in the city this week and has arranged for opening offices here next summer, having leased quarters in the First Bank & Trust Company building now under erection.

It was Dr. Cease's intention to locate here this winter but he was not successful in finding suitable offices and therefore decided to wait until spring.

Dr. Cease has been living in Concord for some time. Several years ago he practiced his profession in San Francisco. He has been making a specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat treatment for several years.

### FARMERS FAVOR HOME TRADE

Salisbury, Dec. 6.—Declaring themselves in support of the buy-at-home movement fostered by the Made in Carolina association, delegates attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Farmers union took action to bring about a closer reciprocal relationship between factory and farm following a stirring appeal today by Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte.

The delegates, representing more than 150 farmers unions in the state, by unanimous rising vote of thanks to the Charlotte man pledged to carry the message back to their locals on condition that the manufacturers of the state give equal preference to North Carolina farm products.

### IRELAND AND ENGLAND END STRUGGLE OF CENTURIES

London, Dec. 4.—The centuries old struggle between England and Ireland ended tonight when the legislation giving the sanction of law to the new settlement with Ireland passed its final stages in the house of lords, which for generations has bitterly opposed any accommodation with Ireland.

### BOY INJURES ARM

Lynn and J. E. Blythe spent the week-end with relatives at Tuxedo. While there Lynn injured his arm badly while trying to crank a Ford.

### REFUSE TO PAY UNDER PROCESS BY WHICH COSTS WERE COMPUTED; MATTER MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT

Engineering, Grading and Other Costs Incident to Paving Were Charged Against Property Owners Who Claim They Should Pay for Actual Paving Only; Many Citizens Manifest Interest in Hearing.

Property owners living on newly paved streets filed such a vigorous protest against the costs with the city commissioners Wednesday night the Supreme court likely will be called on to pass upon the legality of the charges for the improvements.

The full board was present with the exception of Mayor Rhodes in the absence of whom Mayor Pro tem R. L. Edwards presided.

Notices, together with the amount of the costs of the paving done here last year, were recently mailed to the property owners on the newly paved streets and opportunity was given them at this meeting to point out any error they may have discovered.

The stage was well set for the occasion. The commissioners were all there, having City Clerk G. W. Brooks, Engineer George Kershaw, City Attorney E. W. Ewbank and Auditor J. A. Woodward in their midst.

The notices mailed the property owners who had patiently waited a year for an inkling of the costs, did not set out the basis or method of computation, merely giving the total amount due, which was about twice what had been anticipated. Without this information, the taxpayer was at a loss to estimate more than to count his frontage and estimate on paying one-third of the paving costs at about \$2.48 a yard.

The court room was filled to overflowing and others stood in the doorway.

The first gun fired resulted in the bringing forth of the paving contract, a mooted document in the minds of those who gave an attentive ear last year to the many rumors incident to the paving. The request was made that it be read and Commissioner Arledge proceeded with the lengthy document, which revealed nothing of an unusual nature.

Lawyers were there representing themselves and their clients and they with other citizens exercises freedom in their interrogations, to which there was always an answer either from the engineer, attorney, auditor or a commissioner.

The whole fight hinged on the cost and the seemingly high charges were all soon understood and the fight then began on the legality of the charges under the charter of the city.

The engineer had charged the entire cost of engineering, grading, plumbing and paving to the cost of the job and divided the cost so that the city paid one-third, the property owners on one side of the street a third and those on the other side the remaining third.

This method of arriving at the cost of the work was vigorously attacked and pronounced "illegal, unjust and inequitable." The property owners through their attorneys took the position that paving heretofore done in the city was figured on another basis, relieving the property owners of any of the costs incident to engineering, grading, plumbing, etc., only charging the costs incident to laying the paving materials after the preliminary work had been done by the city and at the city's expense.

Property owners were under the

impression that they were to pay for paving at the rate of \$2.48 per yard but under the city's plan of computing the costs the charges went up in the neighborhood of \$4 a yard.

McD. Ray, Judge O. V. F. Blythe and Michael Schenck, appearing for themselves and clients, brought out the fact that the item of engineering on a North Main block along Mr. Ray's property was fixed at \$355.60 and the plumbing bill at \$680.

R. H. Steton said on North Main he was charged along with others for the paving of the street while some of the property owners in the business district of Main were not charged with the paving, the city assuming the costs. He regarded this as a discrimination.

The contention was made that the charter provided that the city bear all costs except those of laying the stone and finishing surface. The entire costs of the whole job incident to paving was charged up against the paving job and the costs prorated among the property holders on the street and the city.

Judge Blythe urged that the city consider further before it proceeded with collections. Mr. Ray said he did not propose to pay the charges against him until he was forced by law to do it.

City Attorney E. W. Ewbank said he had expressed it as his opinion that nothing could be collected except for the actual paving, but had been advised that property owners on streets heretofore paved in the city helped bear the entire cost of the improvements. He said he thought it a matter for the Supreme court to pass upon.

Commissioner Arledge said the city was not disposed to collect what did not belong to it and that the board must act legally, there being no other course open to it, and suggested that an agreed case be taken to the Supreme court.

Mr. Arledge proposed that the protesting citizens join the city in taking the case to the Supreme court, the city bearing half the expense, but the attorneys were unable to speak definitely for their clients. He said the other taxpayers in the city had rights to be protected and that they should not be taxed for the preliminary paving costs unless such was done legally; that the board could not place itself in the attitude of abusing its discretion; that as individuals the members of the board were not concerned over the matter further than doing the just and legal thing.

The question of time to be given in which a taxpayer might file a formal protest was raised by R. P. Freeze and on motion of Commissioner Arledge the 15th of December was fixed as the closing date for filing protests.

During the session it was brought out that the paving contractors, Davidson & Greynolds, had furnished a cash bond of \$5,000 as a guarantee against inferior work for five years.

The meeting informally broke up without reaching any conclusions as to the next procedure further than filing protests.

### Local Baptists Asked To Give Hospital Bed

Mrs. J. F. Brooks is making an appeal to the churches belonging to the Carolina Baptist association for \$125 with which to buy a bed for one of the rooms of the big hospital the Baptists are erecting at Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Brooks says each of the other Baptist associations in North Carolina has furnished a room in the hospital. These rooms are designated as memorial rooms with the name plate of the association attached thereto.

Mrs. Brooks hopes to raise \$125 for this purpose and appeals to those having an interest in the undertaking to place this association on a par with all others in the state to make their contribution to her as early as possible.

### J. M. Maxwell Has on Exhibit AN EIGHT-POUND BEET

J. M. Maxwell, who lives on the Clear Creek road near the city, has placed on exhibit a giant beetle that tips the scales at eight pounds. Feeling highly elated over his success at beet growing Mr. Maxwell invested 50 cents in the Progressive Farmer to gather ideas of success attained by farmers in other lines. The News takes Progressive Farmer subscriptions for News subscribers at only 50 cents a year, the regular price being \$1.00.

### W. C. Jordan and Not Mr. Lyda is Surveyor

W. C. Jordan was recently elected on the democratic ticket as surveyor of the county but the bad part of the story is that he was divested of about all the job possesses—its glory.

The News fell into the error of copying a tentative ticket bearing the name of G. W. Lyda before Mr. Jordan's name was placed on it and as a consequence The News stumbled into the error. It carried announcement of his election and majority but swore in Mr. Lyda.

But here goes the glory stolen from him. He was elected. He was sworn in. He is the democratic surveyor.

### J. L. SHIPMAN ON POLICE FORCE

Jerry I. Shipman has been added to the night police force. During the winter the present force will likely handle the situation. Sheriff Bales and Policeman Will Davis were on the force until a few days ago. Mr. Davis has been appointed deputy sheriff.

### MR. FLACK WAS THERE

H. M. Flack, mail carrier on rural route No. 4, was among the postal employees who enjoyed the hospitality of W. B. Reid at a recent venison dinner, but whose name was unintentionally omitted from the guest list.