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Old Henderson County to "Stop the Leak" with Aid of Farm Expert!

The Times' Crusade For Better Farming Methods Brings Glorious Results. County Commissioners and Various Organizations Co-operate and Farm Expert Will be Employed at \$1,200.00 Salary. Begins Work on September 1st.

Henderson county is going to "stop the leak." It is going to raise more and import less. Ideally fitted by nature to be a prosperous farming county, and having a practically unlimited home market for all that it can raise, Henderson county is going to raise enough to meet the demand and convert its unrivaled natural advantages into a golden stream of wealth.

That is the meaning of the decision which was reached Monday, to employ an expert demonstrator under the farmers co-operative demonstration work. And the Times, which for two years has been advocating this course, very heartily congratulates the county commissioners, the County Board of Education, the Greater Hendersonville Club and the Farmers Union upon their successful efforts to bring about the great forward movement which this county has ever undertaken.

Will Get a First Class Man

The co-operative demonstration work can be started at a minimum cost of \$600 of which the Government pays \$300. But Henderson county has very wisely decided to obtain the services of a thoroughly trained expert at a salary of \$1,200. Of this amount, the Government pays \$300; the County Board of Education appropriate \$300 from the general county fund; the County Board of Education appropriate \$300 from the school fund; and the Greater Hendersonville Club and the Farmers Union will provide the remaining \$250. The demonstrator will be selected by Fred E. S. Millsaps with the advice and consent of the county commissioners.

Nature of the Work

The demonstrator will begin work in this county in September and will devote his entire time to that work. Together with the demonstrators of sixty other counties which are in this work, he will attend the A. & M. College through August for a special practical course. From the time that he returns to Henderson county he will be at the disposal of the farmers of the county, giving advice, information and instruction to all who want it. It will not be his duty to run a demonstration anywhere else; but he will advise numerous tracts all over the county and the work on those tracts will be done under his direct supervision. Also, it will be his duty to visit as many as possible of the county schools; and when it is practicable, a lot will be done near a school so that the pupils can really learn something about modern methods of farming and the proceeds of the work will belong to the school.

Combined Efforts

The organization of the co-operative demonstration work in this county is the result of the combined efforts of a number of people who realize that the prosperity of this county depends on the farmers. In the course of its long and persistent advocacy of the project, The Times urged the Greater Hendersonville Club to take the matter up, and furnished the club with information on the subject. In order to present the

matter in concrete form, The Times suggested that the club offer to stand half of the county's share of the expense if the county commissioners would appropriate the other half from the general county fund, and suggested also that the club appoint a committee to submit this proposition to the county commissioners. Last week the Board of Governors of the club met and appointed a committee (with K. G. Morris as chairman) to go before the commissioners with authority to pledge the club (with such assistance as the Farmers Union might be willing to give) for any sum up to \$250 if the commissioners would take care of an equal amount.

Committee Meets

This committee met with Mr. Millsaps at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mr. Millsaps explained in detail the nature and advantages of the work. The general sense of the meeting was that it would be a mistake to be content with a \$600 proposition, that the interests of the county demand the services of a thoroughly trained expert, and that the additional money needed to obtain such an expert would be money well spent. Two well known farmers, Jonathan Case and P. T. Ward, who were members of the committee, felt confident that the farmers' union would be willing to help the work. Also it was known that County Superintendent Shible was able to pledge substantial support from the County Board of Education who are wide awake to the need of up-to-date farming methods in this county.

Proposition Laid before the Commissioners

The committee, with Mr. Millsaps and Demonstrator Weaver of Buncombe, then went before the county commissioners to urge the acceptance of the proposition. Mr. Millsaps ably explained the nature of the work. President Wilcox of the Greater Hendersonville Club explained the club's proposition. Jonathan Case spoke in behalf of the farmers. W. A. Smith emphasized the urgent need of the work. Mr. Weaver presented some telling facts and figures, showing what had actually been done in Buncombe under the co-operative demonstration.

A Critical Moment

Commissioner Whitaker said that the school feature of the work appealed to him. Chairman Stanton smiled but said nothing. Commissioner Maxwell neither spoke nor smiled.

The Victory is Won

Then an informal conference took place between the commissioners and a number of the citizens present. It was evident that the commissioners, as business men, realized the importance of the project; also that as official "watchdogs of the treasury" they were going to think carefully before pledging a cent of the taxpayers money. Finally, after careful consideration, they made an order for \$300 for the demonstration work to begin in September, this appropriation being made in consideration of the pledge of the County Board of Education for \$150 and

the pledge of the Greater Hendersonville Club (with the co-operation of the Farmers Union) for \$250. The Government's \$500 brings the salary of the demonstrator up to \$1,200, and a first class demonstrator is absolutely promised.

The Times does not know of any act of the Commissioners which will be more benefit than this to the whole county, as it advances Henderson to the front of the march of progress.

The County Board of Education also deserve the thanks of the county for the very valuable aid which they are rendering and the evidence which they have given that they take a broad and progressive view of their official duties. This work is thoroughly educational, and in supporting it the members of the board are following the precedent which they set last year when they appropriated \$100 for the corn contest.

The part taken by the Greater Hendersonville Club in this matter is a proof both of the willingness and of the ability of the Club to do work which is essential to the county's growth. A Greater Hendersonville is dependent upon a Greater Henderson county; and the prosperity of the county (and therefore of the city) depends on the farm. Every legitimate business in the city and county will be advanced by the co-operative demonstration work; but of course, the farmers will be the first beneficiaries; and therefore there can be no doubt that the Farmers Union—as a body of intelligent and progressive men,—will be glad to contribute a reasonable share towards the amount which the Greater Hendersonville Club has promised.

NOTICE!

Nothing but money looks good to me.

Pay your taxes or pay the cost that the law allows.

Last chance this month.

V. C. V. Shepherd.

County Tax Collector

June 5, 1913

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF LOCAL CHURCH

The annual parish meeting of the St. James' church for the election of a vestry was held Monday afternoon. The members of the retiring vestry were re-elected. They are E. L. Ewbank, Michael Schenck, J. A. Hatch, L. Gourdin and Dr. W. R. Kirk. In September of this year the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the church will occur; and it was suggested that some appropriate observance of the occasion be arranged. It is likely that an informal parish meeting will be held within the next few weeks to consider plans for that occasion. The officers of the vestry are as follows: Senior warden, E. L. Ewbank; junior warden, Michael Schenck; secretary, Michael Schenck; treasurer, Dr. Kirk.

ASSOCIATION ASK COUNTY TO AID

The executive committee of the Hendersonville Hospital Association are anxious to procure the organization of auxiliary societies throughout the county.

The Association is doing its utmost to raise funds for the hospital, and has been meeting with a gratifying measure of success. But more money is needed. One of the sources of revenue is the Hospital Exchange. Every Saturday there is a sale of good things to eat which have been donated for the benefit of the Hospital. The sale takes place at Mrs. C. E. Wilson's store. The ladies of Hendersonville and Flat Rock have contributed very generously, and a good deal of money has been raised this way.

Now the committee asks that the ladies in every community in the county join in the good work. The ladies of this county are good housekeepers; they can prepare and send in table delicacies which will command a ready sale. And the cause is a worthy one, for the Hospital will be for the county as much as for the town. It is suggested that the ladies of every community in the county organize themselves into an auxiliary society and make arrangements to co-operate in furnishing articles for the Saturday hospital sales.

PIGEON SHOOT AT LAUREL PARK

The clay-pigeon shooting contests, held every Thursday at Laurel Park, are attracting a good deal of interest. Bankers and other serious-minded business men, forgetting for the moment the anxieties of business, are entering into the game with the zest of carefree boys. Even W. A. Smith has forsaken his law practice long enough to take a few lessons in the game, and could hardly restrain his glee when he found that he had broken five pigeons out of a possible twelve.

Two teams are competing for the possession of a silver cup. (You can see the cup in W. H. Hawkins and son's window.) There are five men on each team. King Morris is the captain of one team, and Mack Rhodes is the captain of the other. Last week King Morris' gang were the victors, and the cup belongs to them for a week. It will belong to them permanently if they win it for a certain number of weeks in succession. But Mack Rhodes says they won't do that.

L. A. Reeves, of Atlanta, is now the prescriptionist at the Rose Pharmacy. Mr. Reeves spent last Summer here, it will be remembered when he made many friends who are glad to welcome him here once more.

For Sale—Five passenger touring car in good condition. Will sell or exchange for desirable real estate. Address Auto, Care Times Printing Co.

BIGGEST CROWD EVER IN TOWN

The singing convention took place Sunday at the court house. And the crowds surely came.

They came in buggy loads. They came in wagon loads. They came in train loads. And after the trains were filled to overflowing, a heap of folks had to walk or stay behind. And from the looks of Main street, you wouldn't think many stayed behind.

Sunday was a warm day. Some folks say it was hot. In fact it was just about as hot as Hendersonville gets to be. But the big audience, packed and jammed in the court house, enjoyed the singing so much that they scarcely noticed the heat. And that is an eloquent tribute to the excellence of the singing.

There were fourteen choirs. Two of them were composed of little tots from Mud Creek and Pleasant Hill. And there was a choir of veterans,—the Christian Harmony singers. The other eleven choirs were: Haw Creek (Buncombe), Little River (Transylvania), Hoopers Creek, Mud Creek, Shaws Creek, Valley Hill Liberty, Upward, Pleasant Hill, Refuge, Mountain Page.

Fifty-two selections were rendered.

Officers were elected as follows: J. F. Stepp, president; J. R. Wilkie vice-president; W. H. Gibbs, secretary.

MORE WATER AND BETTER WATER

The official report, just received from the State Laboratory of Hygiene, with regard to Hendersonville's water, is thoroughly favorable.

The report shows an entire absence of colon bacilli, of cholerae, of strangles and nitrites.

The water is all that could be desired.

Also, provision has just been made to increase the available supply. This has been done by raising the mill-way one foot, thus increasing the depth of the water in the reservoir.

400 Good Hogs and Hundreds of Dollars

Watch for the most important contest ever inaugurated in this county. Hundreds of dollars in cash prizes and four hundred thoroughbred Berkshire hogs. In next week's TIMES.

WHY TAXES ARE STILL UNPAID

Tax Collector Shepherd has an important notice in this week's Times.

Why?

Because there are some taxes still unpaid.

And that is because money is scarce.

And money is scarce because Henderson county has not been raising as much farm produce as it can raise and ought to raise.

Money poured into this county last summer and fall,—a big golden stream. But a heap of that money has been paid out to other sections for things we ought to have raised here.

After a few years of the farmers co-operative demonstration work.—If our folks take hold of it as they should and will,—the money that comes here will STAY here.

And then you won't be scared to face the tax collector, or anybody else.

Wanted—Hairdressing and dressmaking to do. Scientific work guaranteed. Call at Ben Mills, North Main street.

COMMISSIONERS AND TAX LEVY

The Board of County Commissioners, at Tuesday's meeting, got to work on the thankless but important task of making the annual tax levy. The task is this year more unwelcome than usual, because recent State legislation requires an increase of 2-3 cents on the State tax and 5 cents on the annual bridge tax, in addition to the extra levy which must be made to meet the new county and township road bonds.

After much mental anguish, the commissioners found that it would be necessary to postpone final action until Saturday, as some of the information necessary to fix the amount for the levy for the bonds will not be in shape before then. But they reached a provisional agreement as to all the other figures. This agreement is only provisional; it is not part of the official record; but the probabilities are that it will be adopted without any material change except that it will be increased by an amount sufficient to take care of the bond issues. It is as follows: State tax, 23 2-3 cents. Pensions, 4 cents. Schools, 20 cents. General county fund, 21 2-3 cents. Court House 5 1-3 cents. A. & S. bonds, 10 cents. Iron bridges, 5 cents. General bridge fund, 10 cents. General road fund 20 cents. Special school tax, 5 cents. H. & B. bonds (for Hendersonville township), 1 cent.

The increase of 7 2-3 cents made necessary by the Legislature is almost offset by decreases which the commissioners were able to make in the levy for A. & S. bonds, the court house, and H. & B. bonds.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9:45 a. m. Sunday school. 11 a. m. Preaching by the Pastor. Subject: "Pleasures Real and Unreal." All the young people are especially invited to hear this sermon.

Preaching at 8:30 p. m. by the Pastor. The male quartette will be an attractive feature of the service during the summer.

All the home folks and visitors are cordially invited to worship with us.

IMMIGRATION

Washington.—An attempt to eliminate immigration from Southern European and Asiatic countries without the use of the "litmus test" upon which President Taft placed his disapproval in the last session of Congress, is embodied in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Dillingham, joint author of the Burnett-Dillingham bill vetoed by President Taft.

Senator Dillingham's bill proposes a restriction upon the number of immigrants from any country to be fixed at 10 per cent from the number of persons of similar nationality, who were shown to be residents of the United States at the time of the last census.

A statement issued from the office of the Commissioner General of Immigration declared that the present immigration law "scarcely excludes any except those afflicted with serious mental or physical defects," and has but little effect in reducing the great influx of aliens.

CURTAL WORK

Washington.—House Democrats in caucus have restricted the legislative program of the extra session to tariff, currency and emergency appropriations, election cases, Committee assignments as submitted by Chairman Underwood and his colleagues of the Ways and Means Committee majority were adopted by the caucus without change. The program as presented by Representative Underwood was made binding on Democratic members of the House standing committees.