

NEW COMPANY ELECT OFFICERS

Stockholders of Hendersonville Development Company Hold Encouraging Meeting

The first stockholders' meeting of the Hendersonville Development company was held at the city hall Tuesday, March 21st. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers were elected: President, J. Foy Justice; vice president, Roy C. Bennett; secretary, A. F. Barber; treasurer, James W. Duff; assistant treasurer, E. E. Lott.

Fifteen directors were elected, who are as follows: J. Foy Justice, N. M. Hollowell, P. L. Wright, Bruce Drysdale, A. F. Barber, A. R. Hanson, Chester Glenn, Roy C. Bennett, Roone Arledge, Tom W. Keith, M. L. Walker, J. E. Mitchell, Hesterly A. Stepp, James W. Duff, E. E. Lott.

After the stockholders' meeting, the newly elected directors held a meeting and made definite plans for the business to be transacted in the future. The first venture will probably be the erection of several houses which are to be sold. This, however, is not the only activity which the company will undertake. Plans are being made to invest in building and loan stock, and the investment committee is keeping a vigilant eye open for any business opportunities whatsoever which may come under the scope of the organization.

At the directors' meeting, committees were appointed, each with definite duties. The committees appointed are:

Building: Chairman, Chester Glenn, M. L. Walker, P. L. Wright, James W. Duff, Hesterly Stepp.

Finance: Chairman, James W. Duff, E. E. Lott, Roone Arledge, Roy C. Bennett, Tom W. Keith.

Audit: Chairman, A. R. Hanson, Bruce Drysdale, N. M. Hollowell, J. E. Mitchell, Hesterly Stepp.

Investment: Chairman, A. F. Barber, P. L. Wright, J. Foy Justice, N. M. Hollowell, Bruce Drysdale.

As will be noticed by a glance at the list of officers and directors, the Hendersonville Development company is composed of the young and progressive men of Hendersonville. The organization is full of the snap and pep which makes a live-wire concern, and is not only placing its trust in the future greatness of the "Best Town on Earth," but is working day and night and overtime to be a dominant factor in the propagation of that greatness. The wonderful success of such groups of young men in other cities can be repeated here and according to the members of the company, it will be.

ANOTHER BLOW TO FARMERS

To the Editor of The Times:

The farmers of Henderson county are hit another hard blow. This time it is a municipal ordinance that prohibits them from selling their pork, mutton and beef in Hendersonville without going through more red tape than the average farmer can get by with.

The ordinance provides that no farmer shall sell or offer for sale his pork, mutton or beef within the limits of the town of Hendersonville, except he shall have applied to the authorities and obtained a license authorizing him to sell his meats, as provided in the revenue laws of the city. If the farmer does not see fit or is not able to take out a butcher's license then he may apply to the proper authorities every time he wants to sell a pork hog, mutton or piece of beef and obtain a permit to sell said pork hog, mutton or piece of beef under the following red tape conditions:

He shall appear before the city clerk and make a sworn statement in writing, setting forth that he is the owner of said pork, mutton or beef, and that it is his own raising.

He must next show to the satisfaction of the city clerk that his meat he desires to offer for sale is in a sanitary condition and that same has been kept in and sold from screened wagon or other vehicle during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October, and that at all times his said meat has been kept well wrapped in clean and sanitary cloths.

It is alright to require meat sold from screened vehicles or kept well wrapped in clean cloths. But it is cruel treatment of the farmer to require that he procure a permit under the provisions mentioned above every time he has a piece of meat of any kind, to sell.

Now comes the most cruel and oppressive provision of all. Listen: The word "his own raising," shall for the purpose of this ordinance, mean that said person has owned the animal which constitutes said meat, for a period of 15 months.

Most of the hogs raised by the farmers, and offered for sale as pork, are killed before they are 15 months old, generally from nine to twelve months old. Likewise his mutton. What is the purpose of this provision? Evidently, it is to protect certain men and to enable them to charge the people of Hendersonville any old price they desire. Haven't the people of the town been held up and robbed long enough? The idea of paying the poor farmer three or four cents for his beef, mutton and selling the beef to the people at fifteen to forty cents a pound is monstrous. How long will the people

'NOTHING HINDERS HENDERSONVILLE'

Board of Trade Secretary Sees Big Future for City.

(By Secretary Board of Trade)

Thousands of letters are mailed daily from Hendersonville's post office. These letters offer Hendersonville a most excellent publicity medium. It isn't necessary to await the coming of some magic person or thing who, by one stroke of the wand, will print beautiful Hendersonville scenes on the backs of all envelopes, or emboss a thousand and one Hendersonville facts on each letterhead. Such a magician would be most acceptable, to be sure, but he isn't coming, and for any agency to undertake such a task would necessarily have to have many thousands of new peace dollars in the banks.

But there is a way, which is perhaps more effective, for the advertising of Hendersonville through the letter medium. The Hendersonville Board of Trade suggests a way. It is hardly practicable except where typewriters are used, but it may be safely taken for granted that 90 per cent of business houses nowadays use typewriters to carry on their vast correspondence.

Here is the suggestion: Let every letter carry, either at the top of the sheet, just beneath the printed matter and preferably after the date and about in the center, a short Hendersonville slogan. Either it may be typewritten here, or below the signature.

One slogan suggested is: "Seventy-five thousand visitors will sleep under blankets in Hendersonville this summer."

Others are:

"Nothing hinders Hendersonville. She hums the year round."

"Take the glorious vacation you've dreamed of. Come to Hendersonville this summer."

"Lose yourself in fascinating Hendersonville mountains this summer."

"Miles and miles of fine roadways encircle Hendersonville."

"Special railroad rates to Hendersonville. No war tax. Plan a Hendersonville vacation now!"

No rubber stamp slogans are desired. To have their proper effect they should be carefully typewritten. Not much time is required to do this. It causes the boosting spirit to become a habit.

There is no end to good Hendersonville slogans. If you have letter slogans to suggest send them to the Board of Trade. Secretary Penney expects to publish them in card form so that your stenographer will have them before her at all times.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

Are there 67 homeless families in Hendersonville?

Yes, according to an article which appeared Tuesday in the Asheville Citizen.

The Citizen quoted a North Carolina university professor, who urged that Chambers of Commerce all over North Carolina get busy with housing program for there were some 18,000 families of 81,000 souls without proper shelter and that they could not get it.

The Board of Trade has been unable to confirm this statement, according to Secretary Penney, who has asked the Citizen and the professor for proof.

Ample housing facilities are available in Hendersonville, according to the Board.

MRS. BOWEN IMPROVING

The many friends of Mrs. M. M. Bowen, who underwent an operation at the Patton Memorial hospital a short time ago, will be pleased to learn she has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home on the corner of Oakland and Eighth avenue. The latest reports are that Mrs. Bowen is gaining in health very rapidly.

NOTICE

The Board of Trade's 1922 accommodations list will go to the printer not later than Tuesday of next week, according to Secretary Penney. Hotels and boarding houses who have not forwarded to the Board of Trade the information requested of them are urged to do so at once.

Rev. J. W. Satterthwait will preach at the Methodist church Sunday night, filling the appointment of the pastor, Dr. Siler.

Little Margaret Valley has been sick for a few days.

buy all the meat they use. The limits of the town have been cut down until the purchasers of meat wouldn't have to go far to get to a farmers wagon. They ought to go to it.

A new license or permit must be obtained for each animal or fractional part thereof, sold or offered for sale. Each applicant shall make affidavit as before stated, that he has owned the animal whose meat he desires to sell, at least fifteen months, and pay a fee of one dollar every time he desires to sell an animal or fractional part of one. Could anything in the way of a law be more cruel or oppressive. It is absolutely robbing the farmers of the right to sell their meats, unless they come in and let a few men who are growing rich, have it at a mere nominal price. Most of the provisions of this

H. PATTERSON'S SPRING OPENING

Great Crowds Thronged Big Department Store And Were Well Pleased With Opening.

Patterson's store was the scene on Tuesday afternoon and evening of unusual activity and interest. The "Live Model Show" had been previously well advertised and that the people understood something quite out of the ordinary was to be done there, was evidenced by the fact that during the two performances over seven hundred people called.

The store on the left aisle was emptied of its furnishings and some two hundred chairs placed there. These were filled and every conceivable sitting and standing space was occupied. Large palms and ferns adorned the middle stands and these, being interspersed with variegated spring flowers, made a very attractive centerpiece for the whole. Around the mezzanine railings were pine and other green boughs which converted the entire store into a veritable woodland bower. Into this sitting stole sweet music as furnished by Dunn's four-piece orchestra from Asheville.

The display of wonderful creations of the modiste's art was dazzling. Along the mezzanine, down the white carpeted stairs and floor to the front door, they came, all colors, shades, materials and styles. Misses Hazel Dillon and Ida Grand, and Messrs. Nathan Fred and John Collins, of Chicago, the three former one's employees of Patterson's store, were the models chosen, and little Miss Frances Burgard and Master Joseph Patterson were flower bearers in the wedding scene.

While the orchestra played the wedding march Frances Burgard and Joseph Patterson appeared at the head of the stairs scattering sweets from a basket as they slowly descended and came to the front.

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MEMBERS CLUB RECEIVE FISH

Most Logical Streams of County Are Stocked With Fish.

The department of commerce, under the federal government, Tuesday morning, delivered to various members of the Henderson County Rod and Gun Club, for stocking purposes, about forty thousand rainbow and speckled trout, which were placed in the several streams of the county that were deemed most suitable for this species of fish.

The government's big car, from the hatchery at Erwin, Tennessee, arrived at 8:10 Tuesday morning. Members of the rod and gun club were at the station with cans and barrels to receive the fish, and in a short time they were on their way to the various streams.

The club met the night before in the mayor's office and perfected its organization by electing E. L. Ewbank, president; Frank Edwards, vice president; W. C. Rector, secretary, and G. F. Jones, treasurer.

About thirty new members were added to the membership of the club. The club will receive members to the number of two hundred. This number will neither fish nor hunt, but are desired to help protect the game and fish in the county. When two hundred of the best citizens of the county get after a fellow who is charged with fishing and hunting in violation of law, they will come mighty near working him on the roads for a while, it is pointed out by members of the club.

It is a violation of law to catch fish in any other manner than with flies, or hook and line, except it is permissible to seine in French Broad. To use a seine or dynamite, or any other chemical substance in any other stream in the county, is a violation of law, and offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law by the Henderson County rod and gun club.

Good men on every stream in the county will be constantly on the lookout for people fishing with traps, baskets, seines or dynamite, and when caught, such people may expect to suffer the full penalty of the law, officers of the club say.

The farmers say they have been run over and trespassed upon until they are sick and tired of it. They are glad, they say, that the hunting and fishing club is organizing for their relief.

It is hoped that every farmer in the county will post his land against trespassers, officers of the club, say, and lend his assistance to stopping unlawful hunting and fishing. It is a violation of law to go upon another's land to hunt and fish, without getting permission from the land owner. So farmer's along the various streams, and especially, those who belong to the club will be constantly on the lookout for men violating the hunting and fishing laws, and will report all persons violating these laws to the club. They will then be taken in hand, officers of the club say, and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

One of the purposes for which the club was organized, it is pointed out, is to help the farmer who has been abused by trespassers. And the club expects his cooperation in this behalf.

The shipment of fish that came Tuesday morning, was secured through Hon. Eubank Weaver, our representative in congress, and the Henderson County Rod and Gun

NEW BUILDING FOR POPULAR HOTEL

New Building Will be Used For Convention.

The management of the Carolina Terrace is building what will probably be the most popular dancing place and amusement center in Hendersonville this summer. The structure will be called the Convention Hall, and is being built with the idea in mind of accommodating future conventions which may be held here and at the same time providing a good dance floor and tea room for summer visitors.

The Convention Hall will be located on the grounds of the Carolina Terrace on the southside of the hotel, with its side parallel to Main Street. In length it will measure 150 feet and in breadth 50 feet, giving ample room for conventions to meet there and plenty of space for the most and most elaborate whirling and dips of the modern dance. A fine hardwood floor will be laid for the benefit of the dancers, and a place provided for an orchestra.

In the rear of the hall there will be a tea room, beautifully decorated, and equipped with the latest and best means of catering to the desires of the public in the way of good things to eat and drink.

E. B. Wooten, manager of the Carolina Terrace, states that no pains will be spared and no expense considered in his efforts to make the Convention Hall a center of interest and to provide amusement for the crowds of summer visitors which we have every reason to expect will be here this summer. He states that the Garber-Davis orchestra will be at the Terrace this summer. These talented musicians are so well and widely known that their presence insures a successful season wherever they play.

By June 12, the date of the Baraca-Philatheas convention here, the hall now under construction will be completed and ready for use. The Baraca-Philatheas have made arrangements to use the hall for their meetings while here.

CONVENTION WILL MEET IN RALEIGH

Henderson County Democratic Executive Com. to be Elected.

County Chairman Ewbank recalls Henderson Democrats of time and place for election of Precinct Executive Committees. The following notice is from the State Committee and all Democrats will please note and act accordingly:

"The democratic executive committee meeting here tonight selected Raleigh as the meeting place for the state convention April 20.

"The committee also called upon democratic voters to meet in their various precincts at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 8, for the election of a precinct executive committee and delegates to the county conventions. County conventions are ordered held Saturday, April 15, at 11 o'clock for the election of delegates to the state convention.

J. W. BAYNE ACCEPTS TAX COLLECTOR'S JOB

Following the refusal of W. T. Drake to act as tax collector of Henderson County, after the place had been offered him by the County Commissioners, which fact was published in The Times last week, the commissioners at once appointed J. W. Bayne to fill this office. Mr. Bayne accepted the appointment, filled the required bond and the tax books have been turned over to him and he is now ready to collect the unpaid taxes.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL STILL GOING ON

The revival which is being conducted by Dr. Harry Thomson and his party at the Presbyterian church will close next Sunday night, March 26. The Dr. is preaching the plain unpolished truth of the gospel and his sermons are leading his hearers to higher plains of Christian living. He does not shun to declare the whole truth because it is not popular, but he makes it popular by holding it up in the light of the cross.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. Thomas will speak on the Shepherd's Psalm.

Tonight Dr. Thomas will speak on Heaven. Mrs. Brooks will sing.

Saturday night the subject will be "How to be Saved and How to Know you ARE saved."

Sunday morning—Making Jesus Real.

Sunday night—The Judgment.

During the week several of the fraternal orders of the city attended the services in a body. Blue Ridge School students attended in a body Tuesday night. Wednesday night Philatheas class of First Baptist church attended in a body.

the favors he has shown them in this connection, and assure him it is the purpose of the club to protect the fish and use them for stocking purposes only.

The club will be called to meet again in about two weeks to receive new members, and to devise ways and means to catch people fishing in violation of law, the officers of the club state.

What little game there is left in the county, and fish that is procured from the government for stocking purposes, must be protected if the game is to be kept replenished.

J. F. Stepp Asserts Hudgin's Mistreated

Writer Claims That Commissioners Have Not Answered Important Questions Asked By Messrs. Russell and Staton — Claim That Bane Did Not Write Previous Article.

Editor The Times:

A few weeks ago I read an article in your paper signed by the County Commissioners which had evidently been prepared by their favorite attorney because I am frank to say neither of them has hardly the necessary education and other qualifications to understand said article much less write it. The writer of this article attempts to try the case of A. E. Hudgins, Tax Collector in the papers and even goes so far as to give figures before the Commissioners' much heralded "State Auditors" had completed their audit. As I see it, it is plain that this article was written for no other purpose than to poison and prejudice the minds of the people against Mr. Hudgins. Whether or not either of the two audits made by the Commissioners at an enormous expense to the taxpayers is true or false the said newspaper article in question was an attempt I believe to give Mr. Hudgins an unfair deal, and is beneath the dignity of anybody but a democratic lawyer employed by a republican board of County Commissioners. The commissioners will feel the weight of such action at no distant date when the good republicans who put them in get another whack at them. We are supposed to be living under a republican form of government. Government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is destined the people shall rule and rule they will. They compose the highest court of the land and their decision is final.

Now I will ask the commissioners why they did not answer the important questions asked them by Mr. Russell and Mr. Staton? Questions in which the whole people of Henderson County are vitally interested. And further more I will ask Mr. Bane in particular why, after stating he would not enter into newspaper discussions of things on record at the court house he then proceeded later to try the whole matter in the papers? Mr. Bane states in another article in last week's Times written presumably by his favorite attorney being paid out of the County funds that the transactions of former tax collector Brown and those of Hudgins have no relation to each other, but that the shortage of Mr. Hudgins "is clear cut." Then further on in the same article says "the present board found the financial offices in the state of confusion which would have defied the ingenuity of a Philadelphia lawyer to untangle." He says in one breath it is "clear the Hudgins' shortage was not inherited from his predecessor," and in the next says "there were no heads or tails to be got at" and that there were no "intelligent accounts," that matters were "mixed and mingled to the utter confusion of such accounts as they had." Notice the word they use, please. Imagine Mr. Bane untangling these "mixed and mingled" accounts and reducing all this "state of confusion" to a "clear cut division between the accounts of the two officers."

I want to say to Mr. Bane that while he may not be able to write as fine articles for publication as he pretends to write I write what I do write myself. I employ no lawyers paid out of the people's money to do it for me. I want to say also that the system of bookkeeping he condemns so severely was installed by one of his favorite auditors, Charles Moore, about ten years ago when Mr. Bane himself was a member of the county commissioners. But Mr. Bane carefully avoids speaking of Charles Moore and his audit now. It is the official "state audit." This is all you can hear mentioned by the boards of commissioners at this time, as if this so-called "state audit" was the only one made in Henderson County, when as a matter of fact there have been three distinct audits already made and maybe more if the county funds hold out.

And now Mr. Editor I come to your editorial of last week discussing one side of this case at some length. I do not care whether the cats were tied by their tails or their heads; or which end of the mule you follow or whether you went east, or west; or whether you know whether there is a Gulf of Mexico. It is our purpose to get the facts before the people. And in doing so we would like to ask you why, in discussing this matter, you always speak of the last audit made "The Audit" and never referred to the complete audit made by Scott-Charnley & Co., who are considered the most able auditing concern in North Carolina. Surely you know this audit was made and that it exonerates Mr. Hudgins. Surely you know also the first audit was made by one Charles Moore whose whereabouts we know not. Do you propose in discussing this case to discard or ignore the Audit made by Scott-Charnley & Co. If you wish to put the facts before the people then why

do you not tell them there have been three distinct audits made, no two of which agree by several thousands of dollars? You know or ought to know Charles Moore from Knoxville, Tenn., made the first one. The Scott-Charnley & Co., of Charlotte, N. C., made the second and that Pullen-Henderson Co., of Richmond, Va., the third. The commissioners employed Mr. Moore at a cost of more than thirty-five hundred dollars to the county and got nothing. Mr. Hudgins was forced in self defense to have the second made, and the commissioners had the third made presumably at the suggestion of their favorite Asheville attorney at a heavy expense to the county, the amount of which has not yet been ascertained, but which will in all probability be as much or more than that of Moore's audit.

It is said Charles Moore is a certified accountant in Tennessee and that the gentleman making the last so-called "State Audit" are certified accountants in Virginia. One thing is certain this so-called "State Audit" bears no marks or signs of "an official state audit." It is not even signed by Baxter Durham, State Auditor. Neither does the seal of North Carolina appear on it as we were told it would.

So Mr. Editor the only audit that appears to have been made by certified accountants of the State of North Carolina is that of Scott-Charnley & Co., who stands high in the State, who as before mentioned exonerated Mr. Hudgins and who you for some reason failed to mention in your editorial. Mr. Hudgins has offered at different times to settle by this audit and will finally settle by it in the end. These gentlemen have been making audits in other counties and even near us. Just recently they completed an audit in Buncombe County, finding the treasurer \$60,000 or more short. The shortage was made good promptly and, as I am informed without a question as to the correctness of the audit. Tell the people about all these things please. Tell them that Mr. Scott the head of this firm of Charlotte is chairman of the board of examiners who certified to the fitness of all certified accountants licensed by the State of North Carolina. One word more to Mr. Bane and I am done. You were elected by the good people of this county because they had confidence in you but no sooner than you were installed in office you told these same people by your actions in issuing \$590,000 of bonds without consulting the wishes of the taxpayers that they did not have sense enough to cast an intelligent vote. You violated every principle of a Republican or Democratic government. In this action you discarded the idea of local self government which has been advocated by all the great leaders of the two great parties of our country.

Then to finish your work you betrayed the party that put you where you should never have been by handing out on a golden platter every fat plum under your jurisdiction to the most active and notorious democrat that you could find in Henderson or Buncombe counties. These same democrats now seem to be your confidential advisors and it appears that you prefer to follow them instead of the counsel of your own party. The republicans in Henderson County as well as the good democrats are tired of such proceedings and if you do not believe it just offer yourself again for some position in this county and you will find proof of this statement in language so emphatic that you will regret the balance of your life.

JACKSON F. STEPP.

Note.—Mr. Stepp has not kept up with The Times on the audit matter for if he had he would know that we have taken very emphatic notice of all three of the audits that have been made. We have repeatedly observed that the county government has been wonderful in its skill for manipulating accounts so that they defy the ability of three sets of auditors to reach a common balance. We don't KNOW who is right, but we do know there is something everlastingly wrong with business they have been reviewing. See our issue of February 3rd.

Mr. Stepp is in error when he says the State Auditors are not licensed auditors of this State. They maintain office both at Raleigh and at Richmond and are licensed by both the State of Virginia and the State of North Carolina.—Editor.

A. W. HONEYCUTT RE-ELECTED AS SCHOOL SUPT

A. W. Honeycutt was re-elected Superintendent of the Hendersonville schools last Friday night at a meeting of the school board.

His salary has not yet been fixed, but will be a little later when it has been decided what amount in money will be required in the future. Before the people then why