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MEETING OF CITIZENS AND RAILROAD MEN

Would Substitute Night for Day
Service to Hickman.

H. S. Smith, vice-chairman of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad; W. I. Lightfoot, general passenger agent; Charles Barham, general freight agent; W. H. Wharton, assistant freight agent; Robert S. Henry, department of public relations; J. C. Galloway, traveling passenger agent; E. O. Denney, traveling freight agent and Edd Cavell, secretary to the general freight agent, held an informal meeting in this city with about 100 business men and citizens to discuss the advisability of putting on a night passenger train from Hickman to Hollow Rock Junction, and also to take up the question of a night freight with express and mail car, or a mixed train, whereby this section would be enabled to make stock shipments to the Nashville market and receive freight shipments from Nashville without the delay which now exists. Dr. W. M. Turner, president of the Lions Club, presided. Mr. Smith stated that the night passenger would cost about \$2,000 per month to operate, and that in his opinion this additional train, with the two day trains now on, would not increase over 20 per cent the earnings of the day trains, and that the railroads had to be mindful of creating additional train service that would not meet the added expense.

However, he stated that the railroad was willing to make the following experiment: Take off one of the day trains, preferably the evening train, and put on the night train. If it is found that the additional expense is justified, the evening train will be reinstated. This train would leave Hickman at 8:30 p. m., connecting with Union City, Gibbs, Martin and McKenzie, enabling passengers to reach Nashville by 7 a. m. A train leaving Nashville at 7 p. m. would reach Union City at 7:04 a. m. Mr. Smith asked that he be authorized to recommend this change to the management.

Dr. Turner, Dr. H. M. Oliver, W. Y. Pickard, J. C. Burdick, Jr., and other men, representing the business men of this place and the stockmen of the county, made short talks, stating that this section needed the additional service and that any curtailment of the service now would work a hardship on the section.

They added that in their opinion the operating expense of this third train would be paid by the freight, passenger and mail service, and asked that this be put on as an experiment without discontinuing one of the day trains. No definite arrangement was reached.

SENATOR DURHAM IN RACE FOR SENATE

Claims Delinquent Taxes Should Be
Collected by Trustee.

Gallatin, Tenn., March 4.—Senator Durham Saturday announced that he would be a candidate to succeed himself as Senator from this district. In making his announcement, he said: "The next General Assembly should meet present industrial and financial conditions in a business-like way. With proper legislation and economic and conservative appropriations, the present heavy burden of taxation can be reduced and confidence restored, without in any way whatever affecting the schools and highways, and other public institutions of the State. The people are demanding relief along this line."

He further said that the real and personal taxes of the State should be collected by the county trustee, as provided by the constitution; that there can be no good reason given for taking the collection of delinquent taxes out of the hands of the county trustee and other local authorities and placing it in the hands of a non-resident of the county, residing in many cases more than 50 miles away, for collection at an unreasonable and unnecessary cost and expense to the taxpayer; that he believes the people are capable of local self-government and should be permitted to exercise this right in the collection of taxes.

It will be remembered that Senator Durham not only voted against the \$450 appropriation for expenses to the members of the last General Assembly, but voted to sustain the Gov-

ernor's veto of the same. When passed he declined to accept the check for same to the treasurer of the State. He will oppose a like appropriation if re-elected, it is said.

FORM TRI-COUNTY PLAN.

School Officers of Weakley, Henry
and Carroll Organize.

Huntingdon, Tenn., March 5.—A tri-county organization of the school officers of Weakley, Henry and Carroll counties was accomplished at McKenzie recently, when the county superintendents and members of the boards of education met for that purpose.

The meeting was called at the instance of County Superintendent D. G. Barnhill, who called the meeting to order and explained the object of the call. Some of the purposes of the organization are to develop and adopt uniform plans for the three counties as to the election of teachers, scales of salaries and other relations in which interests are identical.

Dr. McClain, chairman of the city board of education at McKenzie, was elected temporary chairman, and Superintendent Joe Runtun of Henry County, secretary.

The Lions.

A very interesting, if not a very important, meeting of the Lions took place last Tuesday.

There were a number of visitors present. Minister Club, of Dyersburg, was here as guest of Pastor Baker, and he made the first after-dinner address, one in which he told a good joke or two at the expense of Mr. Baker. Brother Club is pastor of the Christian Church at Dyersburg.

Mr. Lowe, a traveling salesman, was called on for a good word. He said that of the towns he visits the live ones have either Lions or Rotaries. Without a business organization there's nobody home and the town must suffer from neglect.

Mr. Dalton, of the Nailling-Keiser Hardware Co., was present and had a kind word for the club. Dr. Turner's introduction of Mr. Dalton started a good laugh at the expense of the president.

Mr. Rose was heard in a talk about increased train service. He wanted the club to take further action in reference to the night train on the N. C. & St. L. Ry. He proposed a general organization, stating that we would have the most hearty co-operation from all the nearby towns in the efforts for this train. Mr. Rose's earnestness and enthusiasm is really stimulating and a fine example of public spirit. The club voted in opposition to the taking off of one of the day trains on the N. C. & St. L. Ry., and for further work in going after the night train.

W.C.T.U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will have a meeting in commemoration of Gen. Neal Dow on March 17 at 3:00 p. m. in the basement of the Methodist Church. The white ribbon service will be observed. They will be assisted by Revs. Cunningham, Evans and Pickens. The music will be furnished by Misses Allen and Thomas, the male quartette and the Rally Song by Miss Callie Howell's school children. The public is cordially invited and urged to remain during the social hour which will follow the program. Light refreshments will be served.

Shorty Sez.

Dear Folks: Do you know that we have the best Christian Endeavor Society in the Northwest District at the Christian Church

Yessiree, and our meetings are really up to the minute. Why, Ole Mule Maud can't find anything wrong to kick about.

Join a self starting; no cranks allowed. I want to see you there Sunday at six o'clock.

Don't fail me. "SHORTY."

Legion Auxiliary.

The regular meeting of the officers, executive committee and chairmen of the eight standing committees of the American Legion auxiliary will be held Thursday morning, March 16, at 10 o'clock, in the legion rooms.

MRS. GEO. A. GIBBS, Sec.

—Don't be misled by talk about depression. It's a poor nut that falls for the first frost. Buy your Electrical Supplies at an ELECTRICAL SHOP. It pays. Averitt Electric.

BIG FIRST MONDAY CROWD IN UNION CITY

Trade and Business Taking on New
Life—Better Feeling.

The largest crowd of people in town last Monday that has been seen here for a number of years seems to be coincident with the fact that grain prices are taking an advance and an omen of better times coming.

People came to town from various sections of the nearby country and but for the cloudy overcast all morning they would have, no doubt, been here from points twenty and thirty miles away.

In many of the business houses special reduced prices for the day were offered. The barber shops even offered a haircut for 25 cents. In a few of the stores it is said that the day's business was better than it had been on the first Mondays for a number of years. Buyers and sellers of livestock were here and some of the holdings changed hands. Most everyone remarked on the size of the crowd and improved conditions and a generally better feeling seemed to prevail.

No doubt a large share of this general attendance in town was due to the work of Mr. R. R. Rose, who is making an effort to revive local trade conditions and a feature of first Monday and third Saturday business inducements. So far Mr. Rose has been very successful with his efforts. The next event to which he is directing his attention is the third Saturday in March. On that day specially reduced prices in practically all the stores and business houses in Union City will be offered and inducements will be offered to livestock men. It will be a general shopping and trading day in Union City.

Everybody is welcome to Union City every day, but a specially attractive welcome is extended on the third Saturday. Come in and be with us on the third Saturday.

Benefit for School Athletics.

An entertainment will be given at the High School auditorium Friday, March 17, for the benefit of athletics of Union City Public School.

Some of the best talent in the city are interested, and the program promises to be one of unusual interest. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. Mr. James Rippey, secretary of the athletic association, was asked to make public some of the activities and conditions of our school athletics. His report follows:

Athletics for high schools has never received its just share of attention and particularly has this been true in Union City. For years the teams of the Union City High School have been supported by the generosity of some of the teachers who have recognized the benefits derived from athletics, while others who were more able to pay than these have shirked a responsibility that was theirs. Few people realize that it costs money to equip and maintain a team and there are many well-meaning but badly mistaken people who, if they have thought about the subject at all, urge the elimination of athletics from our High School.

When we eliminate athletics we lose one of the most fundamental factors of education. Any well-trained teacher knows how to make capital of the school athletics where he or she teaches. For the past two years there has been a scholarship standard in effect in the Union City High School as stringent as any to be found anywhere in the country. In spite of this standard only two first team men have been barred from a game during the football and basket ball season.

The principal difficulty which the boys have had to encounter has not come from a source from which it should have come. I refer here to the financial straits and the accumulated indebtedness which are hanging over the athletic association at the present time. These debts have been met in part by members of the faculty, the superintendent, and by several individuals on the team who have already given their limit and should not be expected to carry this burden any further, and who, if it is possible, ought to be reimbursed in part if not in full for the money which they have spent. It is a reflection on the public spirit of any community which would allow such a condition to exist. The High School

at Dyersburg is supported in its athletics by the different organizations of the town and Union City is as able to support her High School athletics as Dyersburg or any other town.

At the beginning of the football season in 1921 the team had five uniforms that were bought by Mr. Ranck when he first came to Union City that were in usable condition. These were the first uniforms bought in seven years. A campaign was put on foot to raise money for the purchase of new uniforms for the team to which most of the business men of Union City contributed as generously as possible, especially Mr. Lyle Boyd, who gave the team a benefit picture and the largest personal donation. At the beginning of our football season Mr. Deane Keiser volunteered his time and service as a coach for the team and he was largely responsible for the signal successes which the team had. Out of eight football games played we were victorious in six, losing to two teams that were heavier and considerably older than our own.

The basket ball season has been as successful if not more so than the football season, the team losing only one game out of seven, and this only after a hard fought game with the M. B. A. team, of Nashville, during the recent basket ball tournament held at Nashville, and out of the twenty-five teams who competed at the tournament we were pronounced to be the fastest and cleanest fighting team on the court, not a single personal foul being called against any one of our players.

We feel that this is a record of which Union City ought to be proud, whether they are or not, and which they can continue to make possible only by their financial support and presence at the games played in Union City. JAMES RIPPY, President Boys' Athletic Association.

Money for School Districts.

The County Trustee tells us that school funds amounting to five dollars per scholar have been allotted to the various school districts of the county, and the teachers will have a chance to make their plans accordingly.

Taste Tells.

The stingiest man was scoring the hired man for his extravagance in wanting to carry a lantern in going to call on his best girl.

"The idea!" he scoffed. "When I was courtin' I never carried no lantern; I went in the dark."

The hired man proceeded to fill the lantern.

"Yes," he said sadly, "and look what you got."—Progressive Grocer.

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