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Give the sand clay time to mix.

Sand-clay streets are the latest kind.

The burden of civic development is too heavy for a few to have to bear it.

Yes, the Merchants association would make it awful tough for the toughs.

Lay aside your jealousies and boy-play and do business in all public matters.

Must the Greater Hendersonville club go draped in mourning when it deserves a better fate?

"Let's keep it out of politics," many advisedly gesticulate while they stand tiptoed in it up to their chin. If all of us would practice as well as preach it—Oh, well, that's an Utopian idea.

Friday would be an appropriate time for those people who have never looked into the school building and who know nothing of the present methods to make a visit in accordance with the notice elsewhere in the Democrat.

An investment of \$10 in the Greater Hendersonville club would no doubt bring you many returns next summer about the time you would want more boarders or increased business. Think it over and attend the meeting Friday night.

Hendersonville is getting mighty dry and thirsty despite the winter rains. Chief McCarron says that the police force has had to imprison but one man for drunkenness since the first of the year.

Occasionally a business man thinks front page space of the Democrat is worth double the price and then we conclude to sell our principal asset—white space, somewhat inked.

Demonstrator Perkins asks the farmers some timely questions about the enormous importation of feed stuff every year. Read and study them and help stop this bad business. Also read his article on fruit spraying and figure how profitable it would be for every fruit grower.

Good bargains are found in the Classified Column of advertisements. Don't fail to read them and advertise therein if you have anything for sale, rent or exchange, or want help, etc. The number of these advertisements has increased from week to week until this week we run a record breaking number, for which there is a good reason—they bring results. Keep an eye on them.

### EWBANK VS. HUDGINS.

Whether or not we have "one cylinder heads," have a "loose shingle in our roof," or carry a minus quantity of hellebore juice in our brain tank, we will find good food for reflection in Mr. E. W. Ewbank's reply to Mr. S. H. Hudgins regarding sand-clay roads and the proposed industrial tax, and in Mr. Hudgins' explanation of his former letter in the Democrat touching upon these questions.

The Democrat is no road builder but a sentiment builder for good roads therefore it is not within our province to say what course should be taken but we would again advise, as we have been doing, let's look at the matter seriously and not criticize through personal jealousies.

We are glad to have these discussions from all sides but since we do not pose as authorities on the subject of road building and since we are not familiar with the history and condition of the roads to which Mr. Hudgins calls our attention we could not speak further than to quote others and rather than do this we open our columns freely to those who will present facts and figures based upon conditions with which they are acquainted.

As to that industrial tax proposition we pose as one somewhat informed and would back up against the strongest argument, but since Mr. Hudgins, Mr. Ewbank and the Democrat all agree on this subject discussion here would be of no avail, but we would like to hear from Mr. Hudgins next week on "Economic and Effective Advertising."

## HENDERSONVILLE'S CRISIS.

The Greater Hendersonville club is having the bitter experience of another periodical crisis. This institution, the purpose of which is to promote the general welfare of the community instead of boost any individual business, deserves a better fate.

It is indeed pathetic to think that the people of Hendersonville who are permitted to enjoy this climate and section so richly endowed by the Creator cannot see the necessity for catering to the business which alone gives us our meat and bread.

Consider for a moment the plight Hendersonville would be in if our tourist business should be cut short through our laxity, negligence and indifference in the matter of sending out literature to let the outside world know what we have to offer. We know what a struggle it is for some of us to stem the tide during winter and how relief comes to us only in the form of the tourist business. When we are financially embarrassed by a winter's dull season it is easy to imagine what would be our unavoidable calamitous fate should we fail to attract thousands of tourists each summer. But how can we do this without funds?

To make a long story short, if the people of Hendersonville don't rally more freely to the support of the Greater Hendersonville club and scatter some literature abroad as we have done each year we just as well prepare for the most critical period in the history of this community.

The present membership dues will a little more than pay the secretary's salary. If this is the best we can do we just as well quit, for the secretary (and it is absolutely necessary to have one who is a secretary in service as well as in name) must have funds with which to meet the expenses of a working body.

We do not wish this to be understood as a criticism of the secretary for we believe that he has acted to the very best of his ability and we trust that he as well as all others will see the folly of continuing the office with a salary in excess of our income and expenses. The secretary has no doubt about exhausted his efforts to secure memberships from a grudging and unwilling public, and in view of this trying condition all business and careful thinking people must admit that it would be poor business to continue at the present rate.

Something must be done.

Could we accomplish the desired results by going out of town and employing a trained expert at the business?

Would it be good business to employ a secretary on a commission basis, whereby the club would not be subjected to expense without an adequate income from membership dues?

Think about these things and then let's get on with business.

If the people of Hendersonville are interested in its future welfare it is their plain duty to attend the meeting Friday night at the library and give assurance of support or the club will discontinue its operations.

### EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS (Contributed)

#### LACEY REFUTES CRITICISMS.

Some two weeks ago the Board of Internal Improvements submitted its bi-annual report to the Governor. Accompanying this report were a number of recommendations and some criticisms relative to conditions existing in some of the State institutions. The report cast some rather serious aspersions upon the method of book-keeping in the State Treasurer's office. Whereupon Treasurer Lacey put in motion an investigation on his own account and has completely refuted every charge made in the board's report relative to his office. He appeared before a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and set himself straight. The Treasurer vigorously defended the system in his office, declared he had no apologies to make for the manner in which it had been conducted and assumed full responsibility for all acts in connection with the management of the same.

The committee had invited Treasurer Lacey to appear before it in a resolution and he took advantage of the opportunity to hit back. Armed with a carefully prepared reply, supported by facts and figures, he got right down to the meat of the matter. He declared that the report of the Board of Internal Improvements was not only a reflection upon him, but on the Democratic party, and that he courted a most searching investigation. Members of the board disclaimed any intention of reflecting upon the Treasurer, they said, but, that official smiled derisively at the suggestion. He had facts to sustain him contentions and was in no mood for accepting apologies. The committee will make a careful comparison of the two reports.

The division that has arisen between Senate Democrats over President Wilson's shipping bill is regrettable. Senators Bankhead of Alabama, Vandaman of Mississippi, Camden of Kentucky, Clark of Arkansas, and Hardwick of Georgia, in deserting their colleagues, are contributing no little embarrassment to the administration. The insurgents claim that caucus action on any constitutional would not have been endangered.

to justify their conduct, but they have not succeeded in convincing many Democrats of their right to "break the faith." Had these Senators remained true to their caucus pledges, the President's program would have gone through without difficulty and prospects of party harmony, right on through the Wilson administration, would not have been endangered. Who knows but that there may be more trouble ahead?

North Carolina has gone another notch higher in political circles at Washington, Representative Claude Kitchen having been chosen as the successor of Majority Leader Underwood, chairman of the great committee on Ways and Means of the House. This distinguished honor has come to only one other North Carolinian and no one will wear it more gracefully than Mr. Kitchen. He is recognized as one of the ablest men in congress and the State is proud of him. The Old North State will, indeed, sit at the head of the table in governmental affairs after Mr. Kitchen assumes the reins on the 4th of March of the most important committee of the House. Senator Simmons heads the greatest committee of the Senate, Josephus Daniels is boss of the navy department and Col. Osborne wields the big stick over the Department of Internal Revenue. As Colonel Roosevelt would exclaim under similar circumstances, "bully" for North Carolina.

The House is making unusual progress with the revenue bill and will soon band that document over to the Senate for consideration. Few changes in the act of 1913 have been proposed and the Finance Committee has had easy sailing.

A number of Democratic counties are appealing to the General Assembly for a change in the method of selecting members of county boards of education, but there is little likelihood of interfering with the State policy bearing upon the question. The uniform system prevailing under present conditions is working admirably and tends to remove educational affairs from petty local politics. It is a safe guess that no bill contemplating a change will pass either branch of this Assembly.

## MAY SUBMIT LIQUOR BILL.

The anti-jug law desired by the temperance advocates would make real prohibition in North Carolina, but it is by no means certain that the bill will pass without a provision for a referendum vote. The bill would prohibit the shipment of liquor from out the State of North Carolina to any point within the State and make illegal the delivery or receipt of intoxicating liquors. Friends of the measure claim that its purpose is to carry out the will of the people, expressed at the election of 1908, when 44,000 majority was recorded for State-wide prohibition. It is presented, they say, in response to the demands of religious, educational, scientific and agricultural gatherings, apart from hundreds of petitions from all over North Carolina requesting the legislation proposed.

If the bill under consideration becomes a law we shall have prohibition in fact as well as in name. It would bring the State under the provisions of the Webb-Kenyon Act, passed by congress last year, which law provides that the transportation of any liquors from one State to another is prohibited, provided said liquor "is intended by any person interested therein to be received, possessed, sold or in any manner used in violation of any law of such State." In brief the national measure makes possible prohibition in any State which desires to take advantage of its provisions. The old scare-crow known as inter-state commerce is eliminated by the Webb-Kenyon Act and North Carolina, with every other State, is thereby provided with means of protecting themselves against trespassers from the outside.

The bill under consideration specifically says it shall be unlawful to transport liquor from one other State to North Carolina and that it shall be a misdemeanor to receive intoxicants shipped from without the State. It contains a proviso which allows physicians, druggists, laboratories and like institutions to receive grain alcohol for medicinal purposes. Tobacco manufacturers may have denatured rum and denatured spirits for manufacturing purposes; sanitariums and institutions like Keely are permitted to receive and use liquors in the treatment of patients, especially inebriates, but for no other purpose, under penalty. Shipment and delivery of wines is permitted for sacramental purposes. The provision touching grain alcohol is so constructed as to practically make impossible a sale for profit by any concern that handles it.

There are no jokers in this proposed prohibition measure and it has encountered rather strenuous opposition. The members are evidently hearing from the old toppers at home, the class who "vote mit you and drink mit me." Not a single man dared to stand up and oppose the bill in the open. The discussion was all one way. But some members of the committee, in executive session behind closed doors, "bucked like bay steers." If the people of North Carolina would have genuine prohibition, this bill ought to pass. And they want it all right.

The Senate branch of the General Assembly has set today at noon to debate the question of woman suffrage. Since the House of Representatives has already put the matter to sleep, there appears to be little reason for the Senators to "waste breath on the desert air." Why fritter away valuable time upon a proposition that has no chance of getting through when matters of greater significance are pending? Presumably, the opponents of the Senate bill want to vote on the measure instead of disposing of it by indefinite postponement. Any way, there will be no suffragements submitted by the present legislature and why continue quibble over an impossibility.

### T. R. BARROWS IN RALEIGH.

While Holding Job With News & Observer Takes Care of Democrat.

The Democrat is carrying interesting news letters from T. R. Barrows in Raleigh. Mr. Barrows, who was engaged in the newspaper business in Hendersonville for a number of years, holds a position on the staff of the News and Observer and has consented to represent the Democrat during the session of the General Assembly.

Probably by reason of the conservative policy of the News & Observer in handling local stories, Mr. Barrows has somewhat restrained himself. He is not quite his natural self and no doubt his readers through the Democrat would be glad to read some more of his writings in the old original, unique and absorbing way so that when he tells of the legislative mill grinding the readers will imagine imagine themselves hearing the running gear and when he describes a bill as being killed or suffocated the agonies will be heard along with the heart-sobs of the author.

Don't be a tightwad or a deadbeat for such are hereby publicly declared to be public nuisances.

The Democrat costs only \$1 a year.

## What Company is Your Fire Insurance Policy In

During the last five years 92 stock Fire Insurance Companies either failed or have re-insured and quit.

Now the causes are simple. So few men know that fire insurance is a science and based on the law of averages, both of time and distribution of risks. It takes years and years of patient work to build up a company so that it has a sufficient surplus and capital to stand against the conflagration losses and the mysterious but inevitable periodic "off years" of heavy general losses.

Twelve year ago we took some primary lessons in safe and sane Fire Underwriting, and heeded them with the satisfactory results that we have never had a company fail on our hands or lost one cent for any policy holder. It took grit these long years to refuse to take on small companies that offered to pay large commissions for business that we could give them. We have accumulated in our office the biggest and strongest companies in the world, the ones that have been Tried and Tested with years of experience and always pay their honest losses without discount. A policy in one of our strong companies costs no more than a policy in a small one that may follow the example of the 92 others that have either failed or gone out of business in the past five years.

LET US WRITE YOUR FIRE INSURANCE. WE KNOW THE BUSINESS!

EWBANK, EWBANK & CO. Citizens Bank Building

## Our Community Builders

The Greater Hendersonville club is solely a boosting, upbuilding organization for the public good. It represents no private interest.

Every citizen—man or woman—and every friend of Hendersonville or other parts of Henderson county should be a member.

Wellwishers of the community support the club by joining one of the four membership classes with annual dues of \$20, \$10, \$5 or \$2.50, if paid in advance or a slight increase if paid monthly.

Members may enter the class best suited to their public spiritedness and financial ability.

Following is the list of members under the new membership plan. Others must be added or the interests of every business in Hendersonville will suffer:

### Members Secured Since Last Report.

J. C. WALDROP,  
WAVERLY,  
F. H. KINCAID,  
C. A. HINES,  
FREEZE & BACON,  
GEO. GIANOKAS.

### Members Heretofore Announced.

E. A. McMILLAN,  
HENDERSONVILLE HDW. CO.,  
W. J. DAVIS,  
FRANK W. BROWN,  
DR. J. S. BROWN,  
DR. JNO. E. ENNIS,  
BURNET BROTHERS,  
HENRY KING,  
A. H. MOREY,  
J. D. WALDROP,  
J. E. SHIPMAN,  
J. MACK RHODES,  
L. H. SUMNER,  
FIRST BANK & TRUST CO.,  
DR. W. R. KIRK,  
M. H. DOTSON,  
L. B. NAYLOR,  
R. H. STATION,  
D. S. PACE,  
REV. W. F. WOMBLE,  
A. COVINGTON,  
BROWNLOW JACKSON,  
C. E. BROOKS,  
JULIAN LYDA,  
T. L. DURHAM,  
DR. J. F. CRANFORD.

VAN LINDSEY,  
MISS M. E. WOODALL,  
L. R. CHEWNING,  
CENTRAL CAFE,  
S. T. HODGES,  
JUSTUS & HARTY,  
W. F. CASE,  
HENDERSONVILLE FURNI. CO.  
H. PATTERSON,  
J. D. PULLEN,  
J. O. WILLIAMS,  
W. C. STRADLEY,  
BAKERS' ART GALLERY,  
F. S. WETMUR,  
DR. W. H. VANDER LINDEN,  
S. Y. BRYSON,  
R. M. OATES,  
LEON ST. JOHN,  
W. A. SMITH,  
K. G. MORRIS,  
P. F. PATTON,  
R. C. CLARKE,  
E. G. STILLWELL,  
F. A. EWBANK,  
DR. W. F. NICKLE,  
MUTUAL PRINTING CO.,  
W. S. MILLER,  
J. W. BAILEY,  
DR. L. B. MORSE,  
SOLICITOR MICHAEL SCHENCK,  
DR. C. FEW,  
W. F. HUMPHRIES,  
MAYOR M. M. SHEPHERD,  
ROWE & ZIMMERMAN,  
J. R. WILLSON,  
A. D. BROWN,  
REV. K. W. CAWTHON,  
TOM SHEPHERD,  
CAROLINA OIL & SUPPLY CO.,  
S. MAXWELL & CO.,  
C. A. STACHY,  
JUDGE H. G. EWART,  
F. V. HUNTER,  
W. H. HAWKINS,  
J. C. MORROW,  
GLOVER T. ORR,  
E. W. EWBANK,  
C. N. WRENTHALL,  
DR. A. C. TEBBELL,  
DR. E. PIERRE MALLETT,  
R. P. ANDREWS,  
DR. W. C. WOLF,  
R. J. ALDERMAN,  
J. T. CRANE,  
CHARLES ROZZELLE,  
G. J. MILLWARD,  
REV. E. N. WILCOX.

### MRS. ELIZABETH GERILD DEAD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gerild, mother of Mrs. B. I. Hazard of this city, died Tuesday at the Hazard home. She was seventy-two years old. The remains were shipped to Georgetown, S. C., her former home, where interment will be made. B. I. Hazard, son-in-law of the deceased, is a member of the firm of S. Maxwell & company.

Best patent flour 89c per quarter sack. Sugar 25 lbs for \$1.35 at the Wilson Mercantile Company's Bankrupt sale. Itc

The Democrat does not nauseate its readers with petty politics.

The Democrat stands for progress.

## Let Other Folks Do All the "Knocking;" You Help Us Boom Our Home Town.

PERHAPS you have never heard of Daedalus. Maybe the name of Talos is just as strange to you.

Well, it doesn't make any difference.

The point is that one of these two ancient gentlemen INVENTED the SAW. Pliny says Daedalus did. Apollodorus gives the credit to Talos.

It happened this way: Talos (or Daedalus, if you prefer Pliny) found the jawbone of a snake and employed it to cut through a piece of wood. Then he formed an instrument of iron like it and thus gave the world the first saw.

And the good old universe has been sawing wood ever since.

WE ARE SAWING WOOD RIGHT HERE IN TOWN NOW FOR ALL WE ARE WORTH. WE ARE TRYING TO ATTRACT NEW INDUSTRIES AND NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISES HERE.

You are interested in this movement, and so is this newspaper. This paper has been in the front in every effort to attract new blood. We have GOOD STORES and BUSINESS CONCERNS here NOW, but we are GROWING, and we welcome NEW ENTERPRISES that BRING MONEY to town and MAKE MONEY here.

You can help along in this boosting crusade by keeping closely in touch with this paper. Read it yourself. Send it to your relatives or friends. We think we deserve your support because we are helping through publicity to build up the town.

THIS TOWN NEEDS THE HELP OF THIS LIVE WIRE PAPER. WHAT WOULD THE TOWN BE WITHOUT IT? WHAT WOULD ANY COMMUNITY BE WITHOUT THE AID OF THE PRESS TO HELP SAW WOOD FOR ITS CITIZENS?

WE ARE SAWING WOOD.

YOU SHOULD HELP US.