

**THE NEWS
Of Henderson County**

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For short call it "flu-monia."

Weigh the park election well. Consider the future as well as past and present.

Shovels full of cinders;
Wagons full of sand
Would make better walking
For the feet of man.

The Asheville Times in its zeal to knock the health board policy of that city in not letting the press association meet there said "there are about as many cases of influenza in Hendersonville as in Asheville." Of course the Times meant to speak in proportional terms of population.

In a few sections whistles and bells call the people to prayer just as they did before the armistice. If people believed much in prayer the practice would be more universal because there are more American deaths by far from influenza than from the war. Prayer is too common-place; it is the privilege of every human and an opportunity to reach the divine physician's office without coin. If it took a big sum of money to reach this throne of grace the big and little, rich and poor, would be making a great scramble at the doorway.

Should the newspaper say that the lady's visit was not "pleasant"; that the hostess was not "charming"; that Mr. Highbrow's daughter was not "attractive"; that the refreshments were not "delicious"; and that the hostess did not "delightfully" entertain; somebody would have to leave the city. It is always understood that these adjectival descriptions are filled in every particular on all occasions, then why waste time and consume space with these worn-out descriptives from week to week? For our part we are going to omit them and content ourselves with giving other facts.

MORE ABOUT CITY PARK

In our discussion last week relative to the issuance of bonds for a city park we stated that the town's bonded indebtedness was \$298,800. We now see by the advertisement calling an election whereby the qualified voters of Hendersonville will be given opportunity to express themselves on this subject that the city's "net debt" is only \$129,877.25. We understand that the difference is taken care of by those bonds which were issued for improvements which are self-sustaining in a way, paying back something into the treasury, like the water department, taxes of property on paved streets, etc.

At any rate the net debt is advertised at \$129,877.25 instead of the gross bonded indebtedness of \$298,800. This debt led us to intimate that the city had about reached its bond limit, the amount it could sell. We are told that a city may issue bonds to increase its net indebtedness to ten per cent of its assessed valuation of the property subject to taxation, in which case "net debt" could be increased to about \$200,000 as our assessed property valuation is about two million dollars. This appears to give a safe margin to play in and at the same time issue bonds for a larger and more adequate water system.

As to the value of a city park, people will differ in opinion, but every city that had sufficient foresight in its youth provided this most essential asset. Hendersonville was not provided with park space when the engineer laid off its streets, a deplorable omission. Now we see the needs of a park. The city is growing and this looks like about the last opportunity to purchase desirable park

property at anything like a reasonable price. Even those cities which do not cater to tourists know the value of parks. A tourist town finds them highly necessary.

Let's look a little farther and see the investment from an educational viewpoint. As soon as normal conditions return Hendersonville will need a high school building. Why wouldn't this property with slight alterations in the building on it provide very desirable high school quarters at comparatively little cost? We must consider provisions of this kind within a year or two. Wouldn't it be good business judgment to consider them in connection with this park project which we will support or oppose on February 11 in our expression of choice through the ballot?

This subject is of more than passing interest. We should do it justice.

It takes the majority vote of qualified voters to carry the bonds, therefore those failing to vote will be counted against the issuance of bonds.

**HENDERSONVILLE MEN
DISCUSS ROAD MATTERS**

W. M. Peyton, of the State Highway Commission, who is in charge of the work in 22 counties of Western Carolina, met with a number of representative citizens of Hendersonville Thursday night at the office of Smith, Jackson, Morris & Co. and discussed with them plans whereby this section hopes to get its share of the large federal appropriations for roads.

It is expected that congress will pass the billion dollar road bill. Under its provisions a state will get the benefit of federal funds provided it furnishes an equal fund for road construction. In order to get the machinery and organization in shape to take care of this fund a meeting is to be held in the Red Cross room in Biltmore on February 1. It is estimated that Henderson county's allotment would be about \$24,000 a year, provided the county spends an equal amount in road construction.

Plans for financing the matter were discussed Thursday night and it was the sense of the meeting that the state should issue bonds. It was estimated that a gasoline tax would be the easiest way to meet interest on the bonds. One cent a gallon it is believed would raise about \$216,000 annually in North Carolina.

W. A. Smith and Dr. L. B. Morse will go as appointed delegates from this county. All county commissioners, road commissioners and others interested are asked to attend the meeting in Biltmore, instead of Asheville, where gatherings are not permitted.

The Republican Daily

K. G. Morris last week attended the meeting in Asheville of stockholders of the company which is to issue a republican daily newspaper in Asheville, and reports the election of two Hendersonville men, R. C. Clarke and Brownlow Jackson, on the board of directors. Mr. Jackson was elected vice president of the Company.

THE MILITARY SCHOOL

Although the committee did not bring back from Atlanta the proposed military school it brought the promise from the authorities of the Georgia Military Academy that another visit would be made to Hendersonville within a few days for the purpose of looking over the grounds, Lake Osceola, for the third time. The authorities are well impressed with Hendersonville and a decision will be made shortly as to where the school will be established.

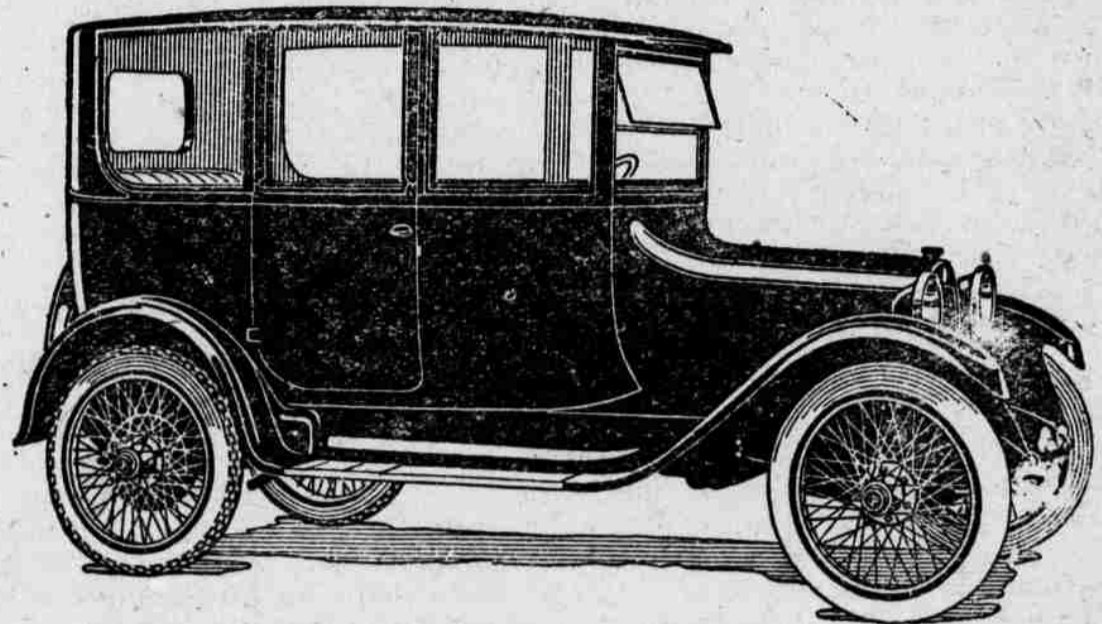
INFLUENZA PATIENTS

Among those who are suffering with influenza are: Mrs. and Mrs. G. W. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garren, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, Mrs. C. C. Richards and daughters, Isabel and Cecile, Misses Annette Brooks,

Eleanor Plank, Carrie Garren, Sophie Bude, Elizabeth Sossamon, Margaret Israel, Della Gregory, Emma Gregory, Lillian and Lula Justice, William Redden, William Bude, Paul

Rhymer, Graham Barnwell, Cecil and Ernest Hollingsworth, McLoud Manning, Perry Lee, Roxie Anders, Marvin Justice, Rickman Orr, Joseph Sargent and Lloyd Jackson.

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