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## CITY COMMISSIONERS PERFECT ORGANIZATION

Important Appointive Officers held by Old Members; Names of New Officers; Two Sessions of Board Held.

Following a lengthy session of the old board of city commissioners on Thursday night the new members of the board were sworn in and proceeded with business, adjourning at 2 o'clock in the morning. They did not finish with the business of organization and met again Monday night.

The retiring members are Mayor C. E. Brooks, Commissioners J. W. Bailey, John S. Forrest and K. G. Morris, resigned. The new officers are Mayor J. Mack Rhodes, Commissioners John T. Wilkins, Thomas Shepherd and Raymond L. Edwards. Those holding over from the old board are A. H. Hawkins, Joel Fletcher and W. M. Bacon.

The new organization is as follows: Tax collector, G. W. Brooks; chief of police, Otis Powers; police No. 1, Eli Garren; No. 2, J. H. Ballinger; reservoir keeper, Dennis Gibbs; librarian, Mrs. Norma Sandifer; street overseer, John L. Orr; water department superintendent, A. A. McCall; health officer, Dr. W. B. Howe. A. D. Hill is fire truck driver. The new appointees are: Dr. Howe, Messrs. Garren, Ballinger, Gibbs, Orr.

## FIRST BANK & TRUST CO. CONTEMPLATES BUILDING

The First Bank & Trust Company has purchased from A. Ficker the building adjoining the bank and occupied by the millinery store of Miss M. E. Woodall.

This gives the bank a frontage on Main street of 50 feet and 130 on Fourth avenue.

The banking business is growing to such an extent that larger quarters will soon be necessary and while a new structure is not contemplated for the immediate future, it gives the bank ample room for the erection of a most modern structure when enlargement is definitely decided on.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES OF WOODMEN HERE JUNE 22

The Modern Woodmen of America are arranging for the annual memorial services of this order on Sunday, June 22, at 3:30, at their hall. Rev. Anson Brown of Asheville will deliver the memorial address. A committee is arranging for a splendid musical program, a feature of which will be selections by the Edneyville quartet.

Woodmen, their wives and friends are invited to be present. Following the meeting the membership will visit the cemeteries and decorate the graves of lost members. The local order is understood to have lost five of its members since its institution.

## ROBERT OSTEN DEAD

Robert Osten of the Dana section died Sunday afternoon at the age of about 76 years. Interment was at Dana Monday. Mr. Osten was a farmer and had the reputation among his neighbors of being a good citizen. He had a family of several children, the names of whom could not be learned by THE NEWS before going to press.

## Fine S. S. Convention

C. S. Fullbright reports an excellent Sunday school convention of Mills River township at the Mills River Presbyterian church last Sunday. Mr. Fullbright, president of the county organization, presided over the meeting, which was in session from 9:30 until 4 o'clock with the exception of recess for dinner. Constructive Sunday school questions were discussed.

## DID BRADSHAW DECLINE OR WAS HE FLATLY REJECTED?

Published Statements Appear Inconsistent and People Are Asking How and Why it Happened.

The city school board recently met and elected a new superintendent and passed most flattering resolutions to the effect that Prof. G. W. Bradshaw had declined re-election and that his services were satisfactory and acceptable.

These resolutions are understood to have been ordered handed to the newspapers for publication, and a copy to Prof. Bradshaw, presumably to serve as a salve for what might be wounded feelings. THE NEWS has not received any such copy of resolutions neither had Mr. Bradshaw, it is understood, a few days ago though they had been published in a local newspaper.

People who had believed that Mr. Bradshaw was expecting to remain at his post of duty were curious and anxious to know why he declined re-election and felt no hesitancy in asking him but he is said to be positive that if he was re-elected and declined he is not thoroughly conversant with what the declination of a job consists of.

What is the trouble? Was Mr. Bradshaw elected for another year? Did he decline? People are asking what's the trouble but it seems they have learned nothing more than that he declined and that the board was so greatly elated over his services it resolved them to be "acceptable and efficient" because they found him "faithful, painstaking and thoroughly competent."

There seems to be an inconsistency somewhere?

People are talking about the situation but seem not to get at the bottom of it.

It is understood that a member of the board stated at the meeting that if Mr. Bradshaw's services had been so competent and that no objection whatever had been raised that he could have been treated with more consideration and given previous notice or intimation that a more tactful and diplomatic turn might be given to the outcome. People on the outside say that an injustice has been done him and that things were sprung too suddenly for a public servant whose services had been so satisfactory as represented to be in the resolutions.

The name of the new superintendent is understood to have been before the board two years ago and that it was sprung this time at the utter surprise of some on the board who didn't dream that such radical changes were contemplated.

Some of the taxpayers would like to know what's the matter with Mr. Bradshaw, or what were such beautiful resolutions intended for.

The noted resolutions among other things state: "He has been faithful, painstaking and thoroughly competent. Under his administration the school has been well disciplined, and steady and gratifying progress has been made in every department, the high school has been placed on the accredited list; and it is our sincere belief that the school as a whole is better and stronger than ever before in its history."

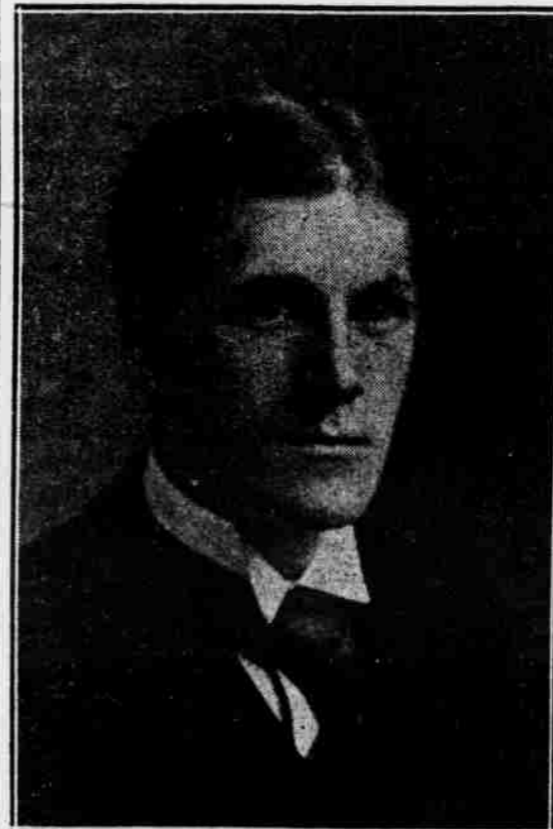
The action of the board was a great surprise and was altogether unexpected. Teachers are high in their praise of Mr. Bradshaw's interests in the welfare of the school and his untiring efforts, which the resolutions branded as almost perfect.

Work has progressed well and smoothly and the standard of teachers and their work has been raised to the point that the school was this year placed on the accredited list, something over which much larger

## MAJOR SCHENCK RETURNS; BOOSTED FOR JUDGESHIP

Major Michael Schenck, who resigned the office of solicitor of this district last year to accept war work in the judge advocate general's office at Washington, has received his discharge and is back in Hendersonville. He will reopen his law office in the Burckmyer building.

Major Schenck was expecting to go to France when the armistice was signed, having dispensed of the pre-



MAJOR MICHAEL SCHENCK

liminaries incident to overseas service, such as vaccinations, etc.

A dispatch from Washington last week stated that Major Schenck's friends were boosting him for the Superior court judgeship of this district. There is no vacancy, Judge Ray having been appointed for two years to succeed Judge Justice, but when the primary season comes friends and foe (and every ex-solicitor has them) just as well prepare for a strenuous fight for Major Schenck's hat will certainly be in the ring.

## SHOOTING SCRAPE AT UPWARD

Sevier Clark is in the county jail as a result of trouble at Sunday school near Upward Sunday in which he shot Seymore Pace and wounded his left hand so severely that he may lose it.

Sheriff Case states that Clark was having trouble with his father and that Pace took him home after which Clark turned upon him with a shot gun, discharging the main load in his hand and sprinkling his body with shot.

## Open Carolina Terrace Hotel

The Carolina Terrace hotel, recently purchased by Mr. Wooten, owner of the Kentucky Home, will be opened on Wednesday of next week. Drew Hendry, an experienced hotel man of Richmond, Va., has arrived to give his time to the Carolina Terrace.

## The Lumber Situation

The page advertisement herein of the J. R. Willson Lumber Company relative to the lumber situation should prove interesting to those interested in this subject.

## Dr. Brown Sells Peaches

Dr. J. S. Brown marketed his first 1919 peaches Monday at a price of \$3.00 a crate, of a little less than a bushel. Dr. Brown has from a half to two-thirds of a full crop.

schools crow loudly when they reach this enviable position.

## FASSIFERN CLOSSES BEST YEAR IN ITS HISTORY

Twenty-six Young Ladies Graduated; Commencement Program; List of Graduates and Those Receiving Honors.

(By Miss Evelyn Byrd Graham)

The twelfth annual commencement of Fassifern School began Sunday afternoon, June 1, at 6 o'clock in St. James' church, when Bishop James M. Horner of Asheville preached the Baccalaureate sermon. Bishop Horner's eloquent appeal to the young held the close attention of a large congregation. The students wearing white dresses and hats made an effective scene marching from the green lawn into the beautiful little ivy-covered church.

Fassifern closes its fifth school term in Hendersonville, having moved here from Lincolnton in the fall of 1914. This year marks the largest graduating class in the history of the school, there being twenty-six who received diplomas. No Senior Class has been accorded more attention than the 1919 class and the following functions have been given in their honor: April 26, the Sophomores gave a

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## MRS. YOUMANS WINS DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST THE CITY

The damage suit of Mrs. M. P. C. Youmans against the city of Hendersonville has created unusual interest among the residents of the city because of its nature and the probability of the encouragement of somewhat similar suits. A wave of disapproval went up when the word was passed on that the jury had awarded Mrs. Youmans \$250 damages. Sympathy was with Mrs. Youmans' the general opinion being that her home was greatly damaged but that the fault did not lie at the city's door.

This was an action for damages alleged to have been sustained by the unlawful diversion and acceleration of the flow to plaintiff's property of water alleged to have been negligently and carelessly discharged at the plaintiff's property by the defendant in the course of street improvements. The damage occurred in 1914, when the lower floor of her home was flooded with water from the streets entering into the drain pipe which ran under her house.

The case brought out a good deal of old history about the good old days when a plank bridge was in front of the property and the lot on which her house stands was a marsh and Wash Brooks had a team to mire up and had to be hauled out. It called for skillful calculations of engineers as to their opinion about the natural course of water and its acceleration by reason of street improvements, touching those from Fourth avenue in front of the Kentucky Home to Bowen Hill and Seventh avenue.

The case was hard fought last year, damages to the extent of \$800 having been awarded, \$1,000 having been asked for. The Supreme court granted the city a new trial, which was in progress last week. The verdict was quite a surprise and quite discouraging to the city in the face of the evidence and the clear charge of the judge. Before the end of the trial a prominent officer of the city remarked in the presence of other city officials that if the city lost the case in face of the strong testimony in its favor it would be folly to fight another suit for damages brought by a lady unless a change of sentiment should take place among the people from whom jurors must be selected.

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