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MRS. GAITHER RHODES

Mrs. Gaither Rhodes died Sunday morning, Feb. 9, about 10 o'clock, at her home in the Mills River section, following an attack of influenza-pneumonia. The body was brought to the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. C. M. Pace, that evening.

Mrs. Rhodes was conscious until her death and realized that her condition was serious. She requested that the funeral should be at the cemetery; but owing to the inclement weather the service was conducted at the house on Monday afternoon, by Rev. J. F. Ligon, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church and the body was laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery with floral offerings that showed how her friends appreciated her.

Mrs. Rhodes was 41 years of age and had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church for 23 years. Recently her membership was moved from the city church to Mills River, where for the last few years she had made her home.

She was married to Gaither Rhodes, November 26, 1908, at the home of her parents. Surviving her are, her husband, little son, Morris, her parents, Judge and Mrs. C. M. Pace, three sisters, Mesdames Homer Hawkins, Erie Bass, Miss Clara Hawkins, two brothers, Roy and Claude Pace. The death of Mrs. Rhodes is the first in the Pace family. She was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her and was just what she seemed to be.

LOOKS LIKE MORE

GERMAN MONKEY BUSINESS.

Railroad Coaches Delivered to Allies Burst Into Flames While Running—No Apparent Cause.

Paris, Feb. 6.—Two railway coaches, recently handed over to France by Germany, played a most important part in a puzzling accident on the Paris-Metz railway line last night in which five persons lost their lives. Sixteen persons were injured.

Train No. 47 bound for Metz had just entered the tunnel at Nanteuil when the passengers occupying two coaches which had been handed over by Germany began to experience trouble in breathing and strong obnoxious gases began to fill up the coaches. The passengers smashed the windows but as soon as fresh air came in contact with the gases, the coaches became a mass of fire. The passengers, in terror, fled to the tracks in the dark tunnel. A train going in the opposite direction crashed into them and five were killed.

Of the sixteen injured eight suffered only from the effects of asphyxiating gas. An official statement given out by the railroad company says:

"The fire in the coaches was not due to any defect in the lighting or heating apparatus, nor to a hot box. The presence of the obnoxious gases is still unexplained. Both coaches were consumed by the flames."

MISS ASHLEY RAY

Miss Ashley Ray, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. McD. Ray, died Friday morning, Feb. 7, about 3:30 o'clock from pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. M. F. Moores, on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The interment was at Oakdale Cemetery. Miss Ray's classmates attended in a body. The mound was completely covered with floral designs.

J. H. SARGENT

J. H. Sargent died suddenly on Sunday, Feb. 9, at his home near Hillgirt. The interment was on Wednesday near his home. Mr. Sargent lived with his mother and sister. They came here from New York and spent last summer at Columbia Park. Recently Mr. Sargent bought a small farm near Hillgirt. He had been sick for a long time. His father and a brother from Virginia were present at the funeral.

MOTHER AND SON DIE.

Mrs. Ed J. Garrow and son, Wexler, of the Bear Wallow section died on Saturday, Feb. 8, within a few hours of each other from the effects of influenza-pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted on Monday by Rev. A. J. Nielson, and both mother and son were buried in the same grave at Hooper's Creek. Two other sons are very ill and are not expected to live.

NEW TELEPHONE BOOK

GOTTEN OUT BY HUSTLER.

A new issue of the official directory for Hendersonville and vicinity of the Asheville Telephone & Telegraph Company has just been delivered by the Hustler shop to the telephone company and is being distributed. The book, which in its make-up presents quite a number of difficulties and many chances of error, compares favorably with previous issues and was gotten out in short time. That the telephone officials are pleased with the work is shown by the following letter:

Editor Hustler

Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

In acknowledging receipt of full delivery of the new telephone directory, I wish to compliment you on the work produced.

With some idea of the difficulties involved, I can say that your work is a credit to our town. The book just received compares most favorably with those put out by large establishments of the big cities.

So far as I can learn to date we have again succeeded in getting out the book without an error as to telephone numbers.

Yours very truly,
A. S. TRUEX, Manager.

FASSIFERN NEWS

(By Evelyn Byrd Graham)

"Keiths Vaudeville," under the management of Misses Lasater, Kelly, Bernhardt and Margaret Huske was a great success socially and financially. Misses Margaret Shaw and Kate Tucker Pence presided at the piano. Miss Shaw entertained the audience between intervals with a "Midnight Revue" in a Musical Courtship. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) was cleared for the benefit of Balfour Orphanage. In addition \$15.25 was collected making a total of \$91.25 which Fassifern school has sent for relief at Balfour.

Saturday evening Misses Roy King, Mary Wilcox and Elizabeth Crawford gave a "Baby Party" to faculty and students. "The little girls" with their nurses enjoyed such games as pinning the tail on the donkey. Miss Shipp and Miss Thrall received prizes for the two best nurses and Miss Simpson was voted first prize for best costume as a "little girl." Candy and cake was served. The children went home happy thanking their hostesses for giving them such a good time.

Sunday night the monthly meeting of the Missionary Society was held February 8th at eleven a. m., Misses Ruth Sasseen and Peggy Coleman performed some clever stunts on trapeze in the basement; \$10.07 was cleared for the benefit of Upton Mission.

February 8th at 4:30 p. m., Miss Josephine Dixon gave a most enjoyable birthday party in honor of Misses Dell Bernhardt and Mary Stuart Latrobe. Valentine colors were used both in decoration and refreshments. Those invited were: Misses Bernhardt, Latrobe. Valentine colors were used Margaret Wadsworth, Miss Shipp and Miss Graham.

JUDGE JUSTICE DEAD.

Judge M. H. Justice died Tuesday night at Asheville, following an attack of acute indigestion. This information was received by phone message to W. A. Smith a few minutes before The Hustler went to press. No details are as yet available.

Judge Justice was one of the best known men in the state and had many relatives and family connections in this county, his first wife being a sister of W. A. Smith of Hendersonville and his second wife a sister of Mrs. W. H. Justus.

CHARLES G. HYDER

Charles G. Hyder, nephew of D. D. Hyder, died at the local hospital, Thursday night, Feb. 6. He had only been ill for a week. He is survived by his wife and many relatives. The funeral services were conducted on Saturday at 12 o'clock by Revs. M. A. Melton and R. P. Corn and the body was interred in Refuge Cemetery. About 500 people attended the funeral showing the high esteem in which Mr. Hyder was held by his many relatives and friends.

"TALKING ABOUT US."

"It is no wonder that Hendersonville, clean, restful and hospitable, is a mecca for summer visitors. It is more than a resort town, however; even a short first visit, outside the gala summer season, leaves the one who has such an opportunity a most favorable impression of the town and its citizenship.

The W. N. C. Weekly Press Association, of which the editor of The News-Herald is a member, met in Hendersonville last week by force of circumstances rather than by design. The meeting had been arranged for Asheville but a ban on meetings of any kind on account of influenza prohibited the holding of the meeting in that city and almost at the last minute it was arranged to go to Hendersonville. Short notice that guests were coming did not make the welcome less cordial or entertainment less thoughtfully provided. The Board of Trade as hosts to the party of editors made the occasion a most delightful one and the hospitality extended will not soon be forgotten."—Morganton News-Herald.

A few of the editors and publishers of the weekly press of Western North Carolina met at the Kentucky Home in Hendersonville last Friday afternoon and evening, the place of the meeting having been, changed from Asheville on account of influenza conditions in Asheville.

Excepting the small attendance the meeting was a very successful and enjoyable one. President Hollowell, of the Hendersonville News, and Miss Batrice Cobb had an interesting program prepared and this was discussed freely in the absence of some of those scheduled to talk.

The Hendersonville Board of Trade paid the hotel bill and would have given us an auto drive if there had been time for one but some had to catch the first train out Saturday. We must hand it to the Kentucky Home management for they have the best hotel in this end of the state outside of Asheville and they tell us it always is well patronized."—Waynesville Carolina-Mountaineer.

"The Hendersonville Hustler under the management of Mr. Charles N. Wrenshall shows great improvement. The make-up is pleasing to the eye, while the columns are filled with good news matter, and the editorial column is breezy and refreshing. Mr. Wrenshall is no novice at the game; and we are glad to have him join the Western North Carolina press gang. Hendersonville is trying to secure the location of the Georgia Military Academy, now at College Park, near Atlanta. We hope our neighbor succeeds. There are a great many more institutions that should move to Western North Carolina, for there is no other section of the United States that is so favorably situated or has so many natural advantages as we do. Good luck to you neighbor."—Polk County News.

"Ye editor had the pleasure of attending the session of the Western North Carolina Press Association at Hendersonville last Friday. The attendance was not large, but the interest was there, and many important matters were brought before the body and everybody present expressed themselves as feeling that it was one of the most important sessions held. The next meeting will be at Asheville, on Friday, March 21st. The publicity measure of Hon. W. B. Swann received the unanimous endorsement of the Association, and the Secretary, Miss Beatrice Cobb, of the Morganton News-Herald was instructed to notify Mr. Swann of the action of the Association.—Polk County News.

PARK BOND ISSUE

FAILS TO CARRY

In the city election held Tuesday on the question of issuing \$23,000 in bonds to purchase the Noterman place for use as a city park, the voters in general displayed very little interest in the proposition, the total votes cast being only 139 for the bonds and 23 against them. The question being a bond issue, a majority of the registered voters was required to put the proposition over, every vote not cast at all having precisely the same effect as a vote cast directly against the issue. A majority of the voters apparently preferred to express their disapproval by remaining away from the polls, with the result that the proposition was defeated so decisively that as early as noon of election day advocates of the bonds admitted that slow music and wax flowers were next in order on the programme.

BOOTLEGGERS PLAY JOKE

ON SHERIFF ALLARD CASE

Some time before dark Saturday afternoon the bell on the wireless in Sheriff Case's office tinkled, and shortly afterward the sheriff stroked quietly out the old Upward Road for a little walk. He walked all around over the knoll to the right of the road, up and down and backward and forward, but what the sheriff was looking for was not there. However, the sheriff is of a persistent turn of mind and he didn't give up and come in to supper as most people would. Instead, he decided to take in a little more territory, and accordingly commenced a search of the low ground around the knoll. And just about dark he struck oil—oil of joy, in the shape of three gallons of moonshine corn, worth on the present market about \$120.00. He didn't disturb the three gallons for a long time, but sat quietly down in the bushes and waited. Apparently that \$120 worth of liquor didn't belong to anybody, so the sheriff finally shouldered it and brought it back to town. The joke comes in by reason of the fact that the spot where the whiskey was found is on a little six-acre tract which the sheriff himself owns in fee simple!

GEORGIA MILITARY ACADEMY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade Tuesday night C. F. Bland read a letter from Col. Woodward, President of the Georgia Military Academy, which letter contained a concrete statement of the terms on which the school would be located at Highland Lake, the (Gessola Lake property being declared inadequate for the purposes of the school. The consideration of the proposition was in executive session, for which reason details of the offer and discussion cannot be published. This much, however, can be said: While the offer still leaves several troublesome points to be cleared up, it is plainly evident that the school authorities wish to locate at Highland Lake, and it is not thought that any unreasonable demands will be made on either side. A committee of F. A. Ewhank and C. F. Bland was appointed to meet Col. Woodward in Spartanburg Wednesday evening, he having stated that he would be on his way to Washington at that time, and if desired would stop off at Spartanburg between trains. The committee will return today.

JEFF HILL CHARGED WITH BURNING BARN.

Jeff Hill of the Bat Cave section was arrested by Sheriff Allard Case Tuesday night, charged with burning the barn of J. G. Laughter of Eneville about a year ago. Hill was released under bond of \$300 furnished by H. D. Hyder, and will be tried before Magistrate B. W. Hood at two o'clock this afternoon.

BILL TO PERMIT INVESTMENT IN FARM LOAN BONDS.

Columbia, Feb. 7.—Gov. Cooper, in a special message to the house today, transmitted a letter from W. J. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury asking that the general assembly pass a law making farm loan bonds legal investments for the funds of savings banks, insurance companies and for guardians and trustees. Accompanying the correspondence is a copy of the act desired which has the approval of the treasury department of the United States.

"I respectfully recommend that you give this bill favorable consideration," said the message of the governor, "and that the same be acted upon at this session of the general assembly." The second paragraph of the governor's message reads: "I am informed that the legislatures of most of the states have already acted favorably on this bill. In this federal land bank district, composed of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The states of Georgia and Florida have passed the bill, and it is now in force in these states." I am also informed that the bill has received a favorable report by the committee on agriculture of the house and the senate in North Carolina, and Governor Bickett is of the opinion that it will pass without difficulty."

LEGISLATIVE MILL IS GRINDING SLOWLY ALONG

Love Bill Aimed at Shipman Goes to Scrap Pile.—Shipman Child Labor Bill Gathering Strength.—State Roads Bill Suffers From Tinkering.—Henderson County Road Bill Now in House.—Brownlow Jackson's County Salary Bill.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10, 1919—

Things are going at a lively clip here now around the legislative halls, with the Connor-Saunders child labor bill, prepared by the Department of Labor and Printing, holding the center of the stage. The bill proposed by a cotton mill president to abolish the labor department, because the head of that branch of the State government asked for effective child labor legislation is sleeping with the House committee to which it was referred two weeks ago. The reason for its appearance was so patent that nobody has taken it seriously. Sentiment for the labor department's bill regulating the employment of children is gaining momentum. Representatives of 80,000 organized workers in North Carolina went on record here last Thursday unanimously in endorsement of the bill and are working in its interest. These workers represent the organizations of locomotive engineers, conductors, firemen, trainmen, machinists, boilermakers, electricians, printers, pressmen and other trades. The endorsement given the measure by these representative labor men has had the effect of causing the solons to "sit up and take notice," and there is a strong likelihood of a passage of a child labor bill with adequate machinery for enforcement.

The Scales-Stevens highway bill has attracted many citizens from the mountain countries to Raleigh. They are here from Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville and points further west. The bill would provide funds, by taxing automobiles 75 cents per horse-power, for the purpose of constructing a State system of highways in line with government plans outlined in the Federal road bill now pending and which is reasonably certain of passage. The Senate debated the proposed measure until late Friday night and adjourned without reaching a vote. The bill will come up Wednesday as a special order with no less than sixteen amendments pending. The signs indicate the passage of the bill in emasculated form. Opinions on the final solution of the problem differ widely. It is reasonably certain that a measure embodying the provisions of the Scales-Stevens bill will be enacted during the session.

A bill recently proposed in the Senate would authorize the election of county board of education by a vote of the people. This issue has arisen at every session of the General Assembly since a few counties some years ago slipped through special acts providing that method of selecting school board. The General Assembly passed an act two years ago that permitted nominations for members of county school boards in democratic primaries and the election of the nominees by the present method. Few counties have taken advantage of the primary plan and want the "whole hog" or none. A spirited contest is in prospect.

Representative Ray, of Macon, succeeded in putting his bill taxing dogs through the House but it has run counter to the Stevens bill in the Senate which is claimed to be more comprehensive and may be substituted for the House bill. Anyway his dog ship is on the run.

The Prohibition Marshal bill of Representative Mull, of Cleveland, has gone to the scrap heap. It was done to death in the House. Of the twenty-four republican members only three of them voted for the bill. The Henderson representative went with the majority.

Commissioner Graham and his board do not concur in the recommendation of Governor Bickett to erect

the proposed new home for the Department of Agriculture on the campus of the A. & E. College. The office staff prefer remaining where the building now stands, in present quarters, than going to West Raleigh and may yet defeat the Governor's plan.

The Saunders bill abolishing capital punishment was badly mutilated in the House and came to final grief in the Senate. The law regulating capital offenses have been in effect so long that both lawyers and laity are averse to breaking away from the beaten path.

The Senate has not looked with favor upon any measure of state-wide significance from the House. It has emasculated or refused to pass practically every important bill the House has sent over. Nor has the popular branch of the Assembly been especially kind to its dignified brethren "across the way." But time for concerted action is at hand and the present week will be more fruitful of legislative action. The Revenue Bill is being whipped into shape, the taxation problem must soon assume recognizable proportions and the good roads bill will go through in some form.

It is understood that Transylvania County wishes a drainage law similar in its provisions to the bill offered early in the session by Representative Jackson, of Henderson. Request was made that the Henderson bill be held up in the Senate with the view to the preparation of a cooperative measure providing for the drainage of lands in the upper French Broad River. This will not endanger the passage of the Jackson bill which has not encountered any opposition.

The Henderson road bill is on its way through the House and will reach the Senate early this week. Senator Cloud has received a number of requests to hold it up for a hearing and will probably do so for a few days. There is objection to the radical change in the machinery of the road system and if this appears to be serious an amendment to the bill may be proposed.

Representative Jackson's salary bill advances the compensation of the Clerk of the Superior Court to \$1800, the Sheriff to \$1204; allows the tax collector an amount equivalent to cost of his bond, authorizes the payment of \$200 to the registrar of deeds for compiling tax list and raises the pay of the county commissioners to \$4.00 per day for first Monday meeting in each month—one day only.

Representative Lyday provides that the Transylvania Commissioners shall receive \$3.00 per day instead of two.

Dr. L. B. Morse has been here several days from Hendersonville in the interest of the Scales-Stevens good roads bill. He is a live wire.

R. C. CLARKE SELLS TO BROWNLOW JACKSON

R. C. Clarke has sold to Brownlow Jackson his interest in the Barker Tract of something over a thousand acres. Mr. Clarke had a one-third interest in the property, the other two-thirds being owned by P. F. Patton.

The Thrift of Years.
Every man should strive to live at least 100 years and die all hitched up in working harness. Many a man feels that he would like to retire at about sixty and spend the rest of his years with nothing to do but lead a gold-headed cane around by the hand. It is thrifty to stay on the job just as long as possible. Every man should make the century plant his favorite flower and the undertaker his worst enemy.—Thrift Magazine.