

# Western North Carolina Times

## The Daily Republican Out May 1st

The only Republican newspaper in Hendersonville will be "The Daily Republican," and first issue will appear May 1.

Immature and prayerful conception—or was it simply inspiration—it has been decided to name Hendersonville's new daily newspaper "The Daily Republican" and not "The Daily Times" as was at first planned upon. "The Daily Republican" will appear during this Spring. It will be an eight-page, six-column paper with news and editorial columns of worth while, and the subscription price will be four dollars per year. The Daily Republican already has the support of generous support. It will be right here in Hendersonville—its field of earnest endeavor will be the State of North Carolina which has 124,000 Republicans and not one daily Republican newspaper. I repeat a statement made last week in The Times, The Daily Republican will be no man's "Blow Own Bugle." It will not be a political organ of publicity to boost the political fortune of any one individual but will be a NEWSpaper, and in so far as it is within the power of the men back of it, it will be a readable newspaper. It will advocate most earnestly the principles of government of the public party—six days a week will aid in the development of Western North Carolina and help to give its infinite charm better known to many thousands. The establishment of a daily newspaper in Hendersonville naturally has a great deal to do to the town which has already indicated its intention to give the new enterprise a warm welcome.

## The Merchants Grocery Co.

Effective February first, the Merchants Grocery Company will succeed the Calhoun-Wilkins Company, wholesale grocers. The charter of the old company has been amended and the capital stock increased to \$5,000. The officers of the new company are as follows: Charles P. Hayes, president; Charles C. Humphries, vice-president and secretary; John Wilkins, treasurer and manager. Mr. A. W. Calhoun has sold his interest in the business and gone to Charleston. The Merchants Grocery Company, with their long established connections and increased facilities, will help very materially to make Hendersonville still better known as a shopping center. The Calhoun-Wilkins Company was as well known as any other jobbing house in Western North Carolina, and the company's successor will continue the old firm's aggressive policy. They are in a better position now, with increased capital and facilities, to make that policy even more aggressive—which means something to Hendersonville. The company is very greatly strengthened by the addition of Mr. Humphries, who has had long experience in the grocery business. Mr. Hayes is a salesman too well

## Bond Election On Tuesday Means Much

Hendersonville Cannot Afford Not to Vote the Bonds, Says Business Man. Election on Next Tuesday, January 16

"Main street—one hundred feet wide, straight and level—is one of Hendersonville's chief assets as a resort," said a well known business man this week, "and with the proposed repaving of the street it will undoubtedly become famous as the most magnificent business thoroughfare in the South. "While I own property in Hendersonville, it is situated in other parts of the town. I do not own a foot of Main street property. I have sufficient pride in my town, however, and realize the urgent necessity of repaving this street sufficiently well to vote for the bonds and urge all my friends to do likewise. "It would be a mistaken policy to let the street remain in its present condition during the coming season. To do so, would, in my opinion, result in giving the thousands of visitors expected here a totally wrong impression of Hendersonville—of its growth, its progress, and of that great public spirit so characteristic of the place and which, after all, is the mainspring of its civic activities regardless of parties or politics. "I repeat, the street is one of the town's best assets, and properly paved, free from the mud and dust which the tourists have so sadly experienced in the past, will be the very finest advertisement Hendersonville could possibly have. "We cannot afford NOT to repave the street. There is altogether too much at stake to let any question, save the urgent necessity of the improvement, enter into the proposition. Every hotel and boarding house keeper, every merchant, every mechanic, in fact every man, woman or child who is interested in the yearly increasing popularity of Hendersonville as a resort, will get out and work for the bonds on election day—January 16th—if they have the best interests of the best town in the South close to their hearts."

## The Last Tribute.

MYRTLE 1891-1911  
"The Livest to Intercede For Us."  
HAWKINS  
This is the simple inscription on a simple and very beautiful block of marble which will mark the last resting place of Myrtle Hawkins in Oakdale Cemetery. The block is about two feet each way, about six inches thick and rests upon a base. It is being made by the Hendersonville Marble Works, F. E. Tipton, proprietor.

## Mr. Holt Endorses Changing Road

Editor Times: I heartily endorse the communication in last week's Time advocating changing the new Flat Rock road and thereby avoiding the terrific grade over Butte Mountain. This road will be built in the right place some day. Why not NOW?  
Joseph W. Holt.  
known to the merchants of Western North Carolina to require any comment, while Mr. Jno. T. Wilkins' executive ability, responsible largely for the past success of the corporation, will now be more in evidence than ever.

## City Council and the New Health Rules

New Health Ordinances Contain Many Interesting Provisions. City Buys Two Horses for the New Fire Wagon.

City Council met last Thursday night] and transacted much business. Two good horses, a matched pair of blacks, admirably adapted to the purpose, were purchased for the new fire wagon. When suitable arrangements have been made to house the apparatus Hendersonville will have what it has long needed—adequate fire protection. Health ordinances were adopted which provide as follows: Section 1. That the following diseases are declared to be communicable and dangerous to public health, viz.: small pox (variola, varioloid), cholera (Asiatic or epidemic), scarlet fever, measles, pulmonary and laryngeal tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid fever, typhus fever, yellow fever, spotted fever (cerebro-spinal meningitis), epidemic of dysentery and whooping cough. Section 2. That when ever any householder knows that any person within his family or household has a communicable disease, dangerous to public health, he shall within twenty-four (24) hours, report the same to the health officer of the city, giving the street number or location of the house; and any such householder failing or neglecting to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of \$25 for each and every such offense. Section 3. That whenever any physician finds that any person whom he is called upon to visit has a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, he shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, report the same to said health officer, giving the street and number or location of said house, upon the receipt of which report the said health officer shall immediately notify the school committee of the city, the superintendent of the city schools, and the principals of all private schools within the city; and any physician or officer failing to comply with any provision of this section shall be subject to a penalty of

## To Survey New Road Monday

My dear Mr. Justice: I finally arranged to make a survey from Zircania to Tryon via Saluda to see if it is possible to get a good road through that way. Mr. R. T. Brown will leave here Friday evening, reaching Hendersonville the next morning. He will look you up and let you know what he is going to try to do. Any assistance you can give him I shall appreciate very much. On receipt of this letter I will appreciate it if you will wire me the weather conditions and what you think about the possibility of making a survey at this time. Yours very truly Joseph Hyde Pratt State Geologist.  
Mr. Justice informs The Times that, the survey will be made Monday.

## VOTE!

If you don't vote for the street bonds you vote against Hendersonville's best interests.  
Vote for the bonds and civic beauty.

## Who Killed Miss Hawkins Sobs Citizen

Famous "Mystery" Is No Mystery for Mythical Murderers of Miss Myrtle Hawkins are But Figments of Imagination

"Who killed Myrtle Hawkins?" asks the Asheville Citizen in an editorial criticism of the county and city authorities here for failure to discover the mythical murderers, and proceeds to draw an unfair parallel between the "unsolved" mystery of the young girl's death and the quick sentencing to the chair of Richeson, the Boston preacher-murderer—the self-confessed killer of Avis Linnell. The Citizen says Richeson was placed behind the bars a few days after the commission of the crime, although the police had but slender clues to work upon, while the Henderson county authorities, it charges, are doing nothing to bring the slayers of Myrtle Hawkins to justice, relying upon the fickle memory of the public and the lapse of time to wipe the case off the public records. "Yet that Myrtle Hawkins was murdered," says our contemporary, "is an admitted fact, and it is known of all men that the murderer or murderers committed their crime within the county and are still living there." "AND ARE STILL LIVING THERE!" Strong words these—"And are still living there!" Then who are they? It is now up to the Citizen to name names that delayed justice may not be defeated entirely. But the mystery of Myrtle Hawkins murder is no mystery—for no murder was committed. Myrtle Hawkins took her own life. Driven desperate by her shame, after attempting to deliver herself of her heavy burden and dreadfully failing, she took her own life, and more sinned against than sinning, she has been ere this judged by the one great and supreme Judge of us all. On that peaceful Sunday morning when the waters of Lake Osceola revealed their secret and gave up their dead, there was no water found in the lungs of the betrayed girl—and upon that fact is based the many fantastic theories as to the method of her death, nearly everyone taking it for granted that she was dead when her body was placed in the lake or water would have been found in her lungs. There are instances on record right here in Henderson county where men, known to have been drowned, whose lungs, when the bodies have been recovered, were as empty of water as were Myrtle Hawkins' on the day her body was dragged from the lake. Those who remember the evidence given at the second coroner's inquest will recollect that the ill-fated girl's little clock was found, exactly where the body was found, at six o'clock on Saturday evening, while the remains were discovered there on the following morning. Did the mythical murderers make two journeys to the lake? One to carefully deposit the clock where the rays of the setting sun would reveal it to a passing child, and an-

## First National Stockholders Are Pleased

Annual Meeting of Big Bank's Stockholders. All Old Officers Re-elected. Wm. Lott Succeeds G. W. Ragan as Director

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, held Tuesday, the report of general business for the year just ended showed a handsome and very satisfactory increase over any previous corresponding period. All the old officers were re-elected. One change was made in the board of directors, William Lott succeeding G. W. Ragan. A large number of the stockholders were present at the meeting—a meeting, by the way, which was very pleasant and enjoyable. The excellent report of the year's business was naturally gratifying to the men who have their money invested in the First National Bank, no less than it will be to the army of depositors in the "oldest and strongest bank" in Hendersonville and to the public generally. The First National Bank's steady growth is the result of that confidence of satisfied customers which is acquired only by safe and careful management, and its ability and willingness to give the most liberal banking facilities to its customers. For the First National Bank, one of the important and best known financial institutions in this part of the State, does enjoy the absolute confidence of the community to a remarkable degree. The personal integrity of its officers, and their well known financial ability, combined with the character of the successful business men who sit around the director's table, are responsible for this—partly. But there is another, deeper, underlying reason, and that is the broad-gauge business policy of this bank—a policy which prompts it to take an active interest in all things, all movements, which tend towards a Greater Hendersonville and a more prosperous Henderson county. The First National Bank is often an instigator, always a liberal subscriber and "booster" to any movement having as its aim the increased prosperity of the community in general and the farmers of Henderson county in particular. Possibly they realize that a more productive, more prosperous agricultural country means a still more useful First National Bank—for it is through its strong and confidence-inspiring banks that the business blood of a country flows. The officers of the bank are: W. J. Davis, president; K. G. Morris, vice-president; J. Mack Rhodes, cashier; S. G. Rhodes, assistant cashier.

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## Gudger Plays Peanut Politics Unprofitably

About to Introduce Bill in House Making Appropriation for Hendersonville Postoffice, Which is Already Provided For

Representative J. M. Gudger, according to a dispatch in an Asheville paper of January 5, is about to introduce a bill in Congress appropriating \$60,000 for a postoffice building in Hendersonville, for which the necessary authorization had already been secured by John G. Grant while representing this District in the 61st Congress. The Government has a ready bought the site for the building and paid for it, and there is a balance on hand of the appropriation available for construction. Of course, Mr. Gudger's action was needless, useless, and can possibly have absolutely no bearing on the matter whatever, for John Grant has already done what Mr. Gudger apparently would have the people think he is about to do. In answer to four questions asked James Knox Taylor, Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, The Times has received the following replies, which explain themselves and which show the utter absurdity and the penny political flavor of Mr. Gudger's actions. 1. Can you authorize the erection of a Federal building here until all the money necessary has been appropriated? The reply: "Have authorized department to contract for building at Hendersonville, using the money available until that amount is spent." 2. Does Congress appropriate all the money at one time when they authorize the erection of a Federal building? The reply: "It is not usual to appropriate the entire authorization at once." 3. When the Treasury Department is authorized by Congress to erect a Federal building, is not Congress bound to protect such authorization? The reply: "Congress eventually appropriates for all authorizations." 4. Was this second appropriation for Hendersonville, N. C., necessary? The reply: "The introducing of the bill referred to in your letter is evidently inadvertent. Nothing in the way of construction of building except previous authorizations have a prior right. The Hendersonville plans will probably be taken up in about fifteen months." Mr. Brydges representing to do this and turn the plant over to the stockholders on completion, when the subscribers are to pay for their stock and not before. It was said that 300 gallons of milk daily at the creamery would make it profitable to the stockholders. Of course, the greatest benefit will be derived by the farmers as a creamery here would enable them to keep dairy cattle and find a market for their product, at the same time enriching and building up their soil. So long as Henry Jordan continues a shining example of what cattle will do for wornout land no argument along that line would seem necessary. If the co-operative creamery company is actually organized, milk routes will be established, the milk collected daily, the butter fat extracted and the skim milk returned to the farmer, who will receive a monthly check for his butter fat.