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## GRADED SCHOOL

A meeting of the board of trustees of Hendersonville graded school was held Tuesday night in the First Bank and Trust Company building, Chairman A. F. P. King presiding.

A number of applications for positions were considered. Prof. W. H. Cale was re-elected superintendent. Miss Bessie Steedman was elected principal of the high school. Misses Mamie G. Briggs and Esmeralda Williams were re-elected to the positions which they now hold. A committee was appointed to consider applications and fill remaining vacancies.

Friday, May 15 will be the last day of regular school work at the Hendersonville graded school. The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church.

Tuesday night May 19, is the date assigned for the commencement exercises, including the presentation of diplomas to graduates. Mass day exercises and other events of interest will take place the same week.

## BARACA-PHILATHEA

A meeting of the Baraca-Philathea city union will be held at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, May 3, at three o'clock. Following is the program:

Invocation, Rev. J. C. McPheters.

Music.

Address, J. R. Hill.

Reports of Convention, Local Delegates.

Music.

Address, Prof. W. H. Cale.

Baraca-Philathea Hymn.

## Mica in North Carolina

The Manufacturers' Record for the week, Mr. G. P. Grimsley contributes an interesting article on mica mining in North Carolina. Industry in the State is depressed and the operations extended in a way that is entirely threatening to those who are acquainted with the manner of workings in far-away North Carolina.

The United States mica production at the present time comes from North Carolina, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Idaho. North Carolina has been the source of mica in the United States, having produced more than 5,000,000 pounds a year. In 1869 to 1912, the United States geological survey reports the output of mica in North Carolina has been 8,600,000 pounds of sheet mica, or 58.7 per cent of the total in this country.

## No Need to Worry

Worry is Purple Cow.

Street Damsel—"Oh, Sir, catch me! He wanted to kiss me."

Offensive Pedestrian—"That's all right. There'll be another along in a minute."

## MRS. RECTOR

Mrs. Edith Rector died at the home of her son, W. C. Rector, on 3rd Ave. West, last Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, at the age of 65. Mrs. Rector was born and raised in Madison county where she lived until the death of her husband about seven years ago. At the death of her husband, George G. Rector, she came to Hendersonville, where she has since resided.

She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, having moved her membership from the church at Marshall to the church here a short while ago. The funeral and burial took place at the family burial ground near Marshall, Dr. W. E. Finley, of the Presbyterian church at Marshall conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Rector was not an educated woman, having been brought up back in the '50s and '60s when there were practically no educational advantages for the children of that day, but she possessed a strong mind and a remarkable will power which served her to great advantage, enabling her to bear up well under the troubles and burdens of life, and to resist to the utmost limit the ravages of disease. She had been afflicted with heart disease for three or four years before she came to Hendersonville; after coming here she recuperated to some extent, and for a while was able to walk up into the business section of town, to go to church occasionally, and to be carried out driving quite frequently. This period of recuperation, however was of short duration, and for the past five years she has been confined to the house almost all the time, and most of the time was unable to leave her bed.

But she never lacked for attention day or night, and no means or labor were spared by her son W. C. Rector, in his efforts to have her restored to health. And the doctors who treated her, and her neighbors, who never grew weary in doing all they could to soothe and comfort her during her long illness, say that there is little doubt that her life was considerably prolonged by the kindness her children showed her, and the splendid care and attention she received at their hands.

Mrs. Rector made strong friends of her neighbors, members of her church and others who made her acquaintance, all of whom say she was a genuine Christian woman, and that she possessed a remarkably cheerful disposition for one so long and so sorely afflicted. The doctors who attended her, and the pastor of her church, say they have rarely seen a person who possessed such bravery and cheerfulness right to the end of the last stretch of life's journey as did Mrs. Rector.

The deceased always looked well to the ways of her household, and never ate the bread of idleness. During all earlier years of her life, and indeed up until she became afflicted with the disease that caused her death, she sought wool and flax, as it were, and worked diligently and willingly with her hands and she arose also while it was yet night, and gave meat to her household and a portion to her hired people. And her children whom she so carefully nurtured in their youth, arise and call her blessed.

Mrs. Rector is survived by one son, W. C. Rector of this city, and five daughters. These are Mrs. E. F. Rector, Mrs. S. H. Miller, Mrs. G. W. Jarrett and Mrs. C. E. Lotspeltch all of Marshall, and Miss Zura M. Rector of Hendersonville.

These bereaved ones have the sympathy of all people who know of the great loss they have sustained on account of the death of a noble mother, and the deep trouble they are now passing through on account of that loss. But they are admonished to wipe away their tears and

## FASSIFERN

In our issue of March 13 we called attention to the fact that Hendersonville is developing into a school center. We mentioned two high class schools for boys which were assured, one the Blue Ridge school, which Profs. Sandifer and Randolph will open in the fall at the Mountain View Lodge property, and the other at Highland Lake. We also mentioned the possibility that Miss Kate Shipp would move her well known school for girls to Hendersonville.

The Times was the first newspaper to mention the possibility that Miss Shipp's school would come here; and The Times is very glad indeed to be able to state that this possibility is now a certainty.

Fassifern school,—well and favorably known through out the State,—will open its fall session in Hendersonville about the end of September. The exact date will be determined by the speed with which the necessary building operations can be completed. The location selected is the Caldwell Robinson property at the corner of Haywood and Flemming. This property which has been purchased for the school, is ideally suited for the purpose. The grounds are extensive; the location is especially attractive; and the present house will form the nucleus of an up-to-date school building. The necessary additions will be made as rapidly as possible, at an estimated cost of ten or twelve thousand dollars.

## INSTALLATION OF PASTOR

The installation of Rev. J. M. Shive as pastor of the church will take place at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Anderson of Waynesville will preach the sermon and charge the members of the church. Dr. I. S. Archer of Montreat, N. C. will preside and charge the minister. Dr. Archer is the Moderator of the presbytery of Asheville. These services will be exceedingly interesting. The general public cordially invited to be present. Dr. Anderson will preach at the evening service also.

Take comfort in the thought that the dead will live again, and that there will be many happy reunions in the sweet by and by, and that those who have known each other here will know each other there, as to say less means a denial that there is a hereafter. They should also be comforted in the thought that the mother who, full of hope and faith fell upon sleep so bravely shall never again feel the agonies of pain, nor will her eyes be wet with life's griefs and sorrows. Children, you should rejoice that Providence spared her to you so long to help you thus far along life's rugged pathway.

Popular Song Suggestions.  
"The weeping willow had been only eating onions, after all."

## HENDERSONVILLE AND HEALTH

To the Editor of The Times:

That sunshine kills many germs, that ozone kills many others, and that the combination of sunshine and ozone with the effluvia of pine-trees and other of nature's healing balsams as found around Hendersonville will kill most any disease germ is a fact so notorious that family physicians the country over are sending convalescent patients, and "rundown" men and women, and weakly children to Hendersonville because they know that here their patients will run the least possible risk of infection from any disease, an important condition to one whose weakened resistance would make a disease possibly fatal.

In which place would your intelligence tell you that you were more likely to contract a disease (e. g. tuberculosis) viz. the place in which a patient does actually contract it, or the place to which they are sent to recover? There would probably be less chance of contracting tuberculosis in Hendersonville with its sunshine and pure air, if Hendersonville were one vast sanatorium filled with tubercular people—which it is not—than in any less favored clime with only one tubercular person in it. In Hendersonville too there are strict laws rigidly enforced, conditioning and regulating people afflicted with tuberculosis. Our people have been very hard on these afflicted people—for whom I think we ought to hold this climate as a trust—in consequence of which we have fewer tubercular people here in spite of our climate than the average town of our size. If one wants practical immunity from the chance of contracting tuberculosis let him come and live in Hendersonville.

It is because of this condition that we have at last waked up to the necessity of having good schools right here in Hendersonville where we can send our children without risk to their health. For this reason also people living in less favored climes especially in the low-lands, will if wise send their children to be educated in Hendersonville now that we have boarding schools for both boys and girls equal to any in the country and better than most.

This so evident advantage of Hendersonville over other places for health producing conditions, especially to growing children at a time when they most need just such conditions for their efficient development has become so well known the country over that three large private schools (Fassifern for girls, and Blue Ridge and Fleet for boys) will open here this Autumn. Besides these there are two other well known and well established girls schools and one Commercial College seeking good locations here!

Then let us rejoice that we are now able to keep our children home to educate, where we who have long lived here, know they are safe, and so let us all help and pull together to make our schools the best in the country.

R. N. WILLCOX.

F. H. Valentine of New York, who has been visiting relatives here for several weeks, left Wednesday for Asheville, Raleigh and other points.

G. B. Nelson of Route 6, was in town Tuesday. Although he is now in his 83rd year, he is hale and hearty. He thinks that he is too young to quit work and is preparing to farm this year. He sets an example which a good many younger men would do well to follow.

Tomato seed, \$1.00 per lb., at the Golden Rule Store.

## THE TANGLE IN MEXICO

Argentina, Brazil and Chile have offered their services as intermediaries in the Mexican tangle. President Wilson and Huerta have signified their willingness to accept the offer, though without making any agreement or pledges.

The diplomats of the three Latin-American countries are now busy, trying to reach some solution which may be satisfactory. They propose to broaden the scope of their efforts so as to include the whole Mexican problem as well as the Tampico incident. An armistice is proposed while they are trying to suggest a solution.

Galveston, Texas, April 27.—The note of peace sounded in the mediation negotiations proposed by the three South American Republics to solve the Mexican trouble found no echo here today in the hurried preparations to embark an additional fighting force to Vera Cruz.

All day long the quartermaster's department rushed the work of refitting the freighter San Marcos into an Army transport and tonight the steamship was loaded with supplies and ready to sail early tomorrow with a troop of the Sixth Cavalry and several batteries of the Fourth Field Artillery.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The tenseness of the Mexican situation was distinctly relieved today when the representatives of Argentine, Brazil and Chile, supported by pressure from all Latin-America and from foremost powers of Europe, concentrated their efforts toward a pacific adjustment of the crisis.

The success of the first steps toward mediation—the prompt acceptance by the United States and the announcement of the Spanish Ambassador that Huerta had accepted the tender of good offices—produced a feeling of distinct hope which was reflected not only in Administration quarters, but in Congress where "war talk" gave way to a spirit of conciliation.

Washington, April 27.—Formal acceptance by the Huerta Government of the offer of Argentine, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish Ambassador Riano here tonight by Portillo y Rojas, Foreign Minister in the Huerta Cabinet.

Mrs. R. M. Warren, with her children, Virginia Carolina and Robert, Jr., have arrived from Sumter, S. C., and expect to spend the summer here. They are very glad to be in the mountains again. Having somehow survived the deadly winter climate of Sumter, they wisely decided not to tempt Providence by staying there through the still more deadly summer. Robert Jr., is especially glad to return to Hendersonville, as this is his birth place. Mrs. Warren, who was formerly Miss Sadie Kelly, has a large circle of friends here who are always glad to see her.

## A SCENIC HIGHWAY

Manufacturers Record.

The mountain road now under course of construction between Tryon and Saluda, N. C. will when completed, about May 15th, form a most interesting link in the chain of highways connecting the mountain section of Western North Carolina, Tennessee and the country above with the lower South—South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. For the engineering feat it represents and the interest it will be to tourists this bit of road building merits comment.

The course lies from Tryon up through the Pacolet Valley into the Pacolet Gorge and along the precipitous sides on this to Saluda, which is nine miles distant 1000 ft. higher. With an average grade slightly greater than two per cent., the road in no place over the steepest mountain side reaches a grade of more than six per cent.

At a cost of \$50,000 for nine miles and as high as \$15,000 to the mile in the most difficult portion, the road is being constructed 20 ft. wide, well rounded, smoothed and subgraded. In many places a solid bed of rock is furnished by nature. Excellent drainage will be obtained by blasting out a few feet below the road level and filling in with crushed rock to within six inches of the surface, over which dirt will be placed. It is expected that the road will be graveled and covered with sand. In the short distance between Tryon and Saluda 13 bridges will be necessary. All to be of steel. The road tunnels the track of the Southern Railway 60 ft. below the rails at one point. The Railway Company has provided a permanent concrete tunnel 160 ft. long at an expense of \$20,000.

A short distance out of Tryon the road strikes directly up the beautiful Pacolet Valley. Here it runs straight and level. In a short distance the valley narrows, the sides close in, ever steeper and higher in ascending, till one finds himself in the heart of the mountain along the face of a sheer wall above the Pacolet River, plunging and eddying below. A stone's throw from the traveler the waters of Hemlock Falls tumble into the river from their brink high above.

Tourists have been prevented from motoring through this superb section largely by the impassability of the roads. That fear need no longer be entertained. The key has been turned in the lock of the mountains and their fastnesses thrown open.

S. J. Whitaker, a leading farmer of the Mills River section, was in town Wednesday, and called on The Times. He reported that the prospects for fruit in his section are good.

One hundred thousand is the number of prescriptions on file at Hunters Pharmacy. This shows a very large prescription business not including the refills.

For sale, four fresh cows. See me at once. Mrs. J. S. Holbert, 2 miles N. of Hendersonville, W. of Clear Creek road near Balfour.

LOST—Five dollars and fifteen cents on April 18 at the Southern Depot. Reward if returned to The Times Office.