

## NATURE'S WONDERLAND

Chimney Rock, in the Hickorynut Gap, is fast becoming known to people throughout the country as one of the most unique spots to be found anywhere. Thousands of tourists to this section have visited this place of truly scenic beauty this summer, and thousands more will visit it within the next sixty days.

Chimney Rock is easy of access, being situated on one of the main highways leading through this part of the country. It is about eighteen miles northeast of Hendersonville and twenty-six miles east of Asheville, in the very fastness of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

In this "Heart of the Blue Ridge" there is a blending of the sublime and the picturesque—a combination of the grandeur of the canyons of the West softened by the exquisite verdure of the Southern Appalachians.

In the Chimney Rock valley towering precipices 2,000 feet high, rendered accessible by roads, bridges, trails and even stairways are among the beauties of the section. Waterfalls of great beauty abound. The rocky Broad River rushing onward alongside the highway, is a beautiful stream.

The bottomless pools, the noted Bat Cave, the rumbling cave, the Applan way, Hickory Nut Falls, Rock Cliff falls, and many others are attractions of the section.

The National Hotel and Travel Magazine, recently carried a write-up of this section of "The Land of the Sky," in which it spoke of the Hickory Nut Gap and Chimney Rock sections as follows:

Hendersonville, N. C., is one of the most delightful spots in "The Land of the Sky." It is from Hendersonville that the famous Hickory Nut Gap section is reached, sixteen miles distant, over good roads. It may be truly said that the magnificent and beautiful scenery of this section cannot be surpassed in America or elsewhere. Abounding in points of unusual charm and interest, it is the Mecca for tourists and summer visitors from all points of the country. Hickory Nut Gap is a great canyon, through which flows the Rocky Broad River, a bold and free stream, fighting its way through the mountains, while on either side of the gap, which is of considerable length, and about one-half mile wide, rises Old Bald Mountain and Sugar Loaf Mountain 3,000 feet sheer above the river bed. During the spring and summer seasons the mountain sides present a scene of great splendor, profusely abloom with rhododendron and mountain laurel.

Hickory Nut Gap section is also reached by a new auto highway road from Asheville, twenty-five miles of ever-changing scenery; also from Rutherfordton, eighteen miles.

Among the show places in Hickory Nut Gap section may be mentioned Chimney Rock, rising 225 feet above the crest of Chimney Rock Mountain; the Applan Way, a ledge of rock only a few feet wide, leading from Chimney Rock to Hickory Nut Falls, 900 feet high; Rock Cliff Falls, more than 300 feet high, and many others; also the Bottomless Pools, Rumbling and Bat Caves and other points too numerous to mention.

So abounding is Hickory Nut Gap section in scenic grandeur and points of interest that it long since came to the attention of large moving picture concerns, many of which keep companies almost constantly throughout the year, in this section, making the most celebrated film products of the day. All outdoor sports and recreations may be indulged in and hotel accommodations are ample and excellent.

With the recital of all the natural attractions of this favored region, there remains only to be said a word of the provision made everywhere for the comfort and entertainment of tourists. Outdoor sports, games and recreations are generally provided. The riding and driving equipment is superb and the horses reliable and sure-footed. No visit to this country is complete without an equestrian journey over the mountain trails. One needs a great deal about "the true sportsman's paradise" and the claim is made by many places north, south, east and west, but the arguments for this one in particular are so many and so well taken that it may be said to be a well established fact.

## INADEQUATE FACILITIES

At a meeting of the local school board Friday evening, plans for accommodating the public school students of Hendersonville were again carefully gone over. In compliance with the new compulsory school attendance law passed by the 1919 legislature, the board realizes that every child in the local district between the ages of 8 and 14 must attend and that it is incumbent upon them to provide facilities. The welfare officer will visit every home and see to it that every child between these ages is at school or the parents will have to pay the penalty. Heretofore the capacity of existing facilities has been taxed and it is conservatively estimated that there will be an increase of 200 students this session.

The board further realizes that the city must provide facilities in order to secure State aid that the school may run beyond the three months period provided for by city taxes. The present facilities will not accommodate more than the elementary grades and there could be no high school even if support were available for the seven grades on such a basis.

The board has made careful investigations as to places adapted for high school purposes and found the Noterman place the only one sufficiently large and suitable for school uses. Another vital consideration in regard to this property was that it could be prepared for school occupancy within thirty days after the bond election passes. This is most important, since long double daily sessions will be necessary until high school facilities are available.

The Noterman place is as nearly centrally located as any available property, being within easy walking distance for children from the eastern as well as the western part of the city. Moreover, it will furnish adequate ground for athletic features, agricultural demonstrations, plots, and, in summer, for city park purposes. The present building can easily be adapted to the needs of an enlarged domestic science department, as well as to the needs of vocational training departments for the boys of the community. The board has already arranged for manual training and agriculture to be taught this session and expects to add other lines of vocational training as soon as facilities can be arranged for.

There is no doubt that the purchase of the Noterman property at \$23,500 is a good financial investment for the city, and if cut into lots, would bring much more than this amount. (The other \$6,500 called for in the bond election is for remodeling the residence and equipping it for high school purposes.)

An increasingly large number of Hendersonville citizens realize the wisdom of providing for the growth of the city and its educational possibilities and needs. This season's reality transfers indicate an era of unprecedented development and prosperity for Hendersonville and suggest the wisdom of having our educational system keeping pace with our economic progress. Other live cities put their educational facilities on the first page of their publicity booklets, as they realize that well equipped and properly administered schools are any community's best investment not only for better manhood and womanhood but also for immediate commercial, agricultural and industrial development. The trustees therefore sign this statement of facts and needs and urge every voter actively to support the bond election to be held on September 23 that these things may be realized and that our boys and girls may have opportunities in keeping with the demands of the times.

O. V. E. Blythe, Chairman.  
C. F. Bland, Secretary.  
R. P. Freeze, Treasurer.  
A. L. Gurley.  
Sam T. Hodges.  
Avery Justus.  
W. A. Keith.  
Trustees.

The real difficulties of the nation began with the signing of the armistice. The economic conditions left by the war will have to be solved, and it is going to take more than army strategy to do it. Might as well get started that now.

## PONDS GIVEN TO THE CITY

Charles French Toms has made the city a present of the two pretty lily ponds which are situated at the foot of the hill on which the donor resided for several years before he moved to Asheville.

Mr. Toms also gave the city a strip of land twenty-five feet wide all the way around the ponds, and a right of way for a street to connect with Crab Creek street south of the ponds.

The city will set to work right away to beautify the grounds around the little lakes, and open up a street to and around them, so as to make of the property a beautiful little park.

## JUDGE PACE AND MR. KITCHIN SAME AGE

Judge Pace has succeeded in finding who was born on the same day of the week and the same day of the month in the same year in which he was born. This man who is exactly the same age of Judge Pace is none other than Jason H. Kitchin, who formerly resided in Transylvania county, but who, for the past several years, has resided in Texas where he has prospered.

Mr. Kitchin is here on a visit, and called at the office of Judge Pace the other day, and in conversing with each other the two men discovered that they were both the same age, both having been born on the same day nearly three quarters of a century ago.

## HENDERSONVILLE SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 15

In order to reduce the period of enforced congestion on account of facilities, the local school board announces its decision to postpone the opening until September 15. This is done in the hope and belief that the people of Hendersonville will carry the bond election for the purchase, remodeling and equipment of the Noterman place on September 23, and that very soon thereafter the high school may be transferred there.

## T. B. CARSON

Thomas B. Carson died at a hospital in Spartanburg, S. C., at 3 o'clock Friday morning, August 15, aged 55 years. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. F. Ligon in the Hendersonville Presbyterian church, and interment was made at Okdale cemetery. Kedron Lodge took charge of the services at the grave.

Mr. Carson came to this county from Rutherford when a young man and for many years was engaged in the mercantile business. For the last few years he traveled for Tiedeman & Son, wholesale grocers, of Charleston, S. C.

His health broke down about the beginning of the year. He underwent an operation at Spartanburg; but, as the relief sought was not obtained, he went to Johns Hopkins hospital, where the surgeons decided that an operation would be useless. After remaining in Hendersonville for some time, Mr. Carson went to Spartanburg, where he was nursed by his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Phipps of Greensboro, a graduate nurse.

Mr. Carson when at the height of his business career did a very large business, was active in town affairs, and bore the reputation of an honorable and upright man.

Mr. Carson married twice, his first wife being Miss Annie Allen of Mills River, who died about 22 years ago. To them were born T. B. Carson, Jr., of Bancroft, S. D.; Mrs. W. E. Phipps, Greensboro; and C. F. Carson, who died when an infant. His second marriage was to Miss Ethel Justus and to them were born the following:  
Nell; Robley, Marjorie, Oliver, Julius, Annie Laurie. In addition to the children and wife the deceased is survived by J. L. Carson, Spartanburg; and Z. T. Carson, Yarrington, Nevada; and George Carson, Hendersonville, and two sisters, Mrs. T. E. Nelson, Fountain, Inn S. C., and Mrs. W. J. Davis, Hendersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bland and children, Minnie Gabriel and Barnes, are visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

## ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The chairmen of the Roosevelt memorial fund organization in the Southern states are now having a meeting in Atlanta, where plans will be perfected for the campaign to raise by popular contribution, the money necessary to provide a suitable memorial to the memory of the late lamented Colonel Roosevelt.

The work of the Roosevelt committee has been commenced in this county, and a number of the friends and admirers of the deceased former President have already made contributions to the memorial fund, and the committee in charge of the campaign in this county is making a special request of every friend and admirer of the late Colonel Roosevelt to call at the office of the register of deeds at once and pay A. O. Jones, whatever amount they desire to contribute to this fund.

Most all those who have already contributed have paid in one dollar each, but each person can contribute any amount he desires to this fund.

All contributions should be made to Mr. Jones at the register's office, as he is secretary treasurer of the committee in this county, and is keeping a correct list of the names of all contributors so that at the end of the campaign same can be forwarded to the chairman of the national committee in New York.

## STRAW VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Leslie Weekly has been taking a straw vote to ascertain the relative strength of various men whose names have been spoken of in connection with the nomination of candidate for the presidency.

The voter is asked whom he voted for in 1916, if he voted at all, in the election of that year. He is also asked for whom he wishes to vote in 1920.

Up to the first week in this month the vote stood as follows:

- General Wood, 560; change from Wilson, 72.
- President Wilson, 250; change from Hughes, 23.
- Charles E. Hughes, 127; change from Wilson, 11.
- Senator Johnson, California, 144; change from Wilson, 34; change from Benson (Socialist), 1.
- William H. Taft, 72; change from Wilson, 31.
- Senator Borah, Idaho, 37; change from Wilson, 8.
- William G. McAdoo, 52; change from Wilson, 39.
- Governor Lowden, Illinois, 43; change from Wilson, 6.
- Senator Harding, Ohio, 38; change from Wilson, 4.
- General Pershing, 22; change from Wilson, 7.
- Governor Allen, Kansas, 14; change from Wilson, 2.
- Senator Edge, New Jersey, 9; change from Wilson, 2.
- Charles M. Schwab, 8; change from Wilson, 4.
- William J. Bryan, 12; change from Wilson, 8.
- Herbert Hoover, 5; change from Wilson, 1.
- Champ Clark, 4; change from Wilson, 1.
- Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, 19; change from Wilson, 4.
- Eugene V. Debs, 14; change from Wilson, 3.
- Governor Cox, Ohio, 17; change from Wilson, 14.
- Sepator La Follette, Wisconsin, 7; change from Wilson, 3.
- Mayor Ole Hanson, Seattle, 56; change from Wilson, 10.
- Senator Knox, Pennsylvania, 5.
- Senator Capper, Kansas, 4; change from Wilson, 2.
- Judge Gary, 3; change from Wilson, 1.
- Senator Owen, Oklahoma, 3; change from Wilson, 3.
- Ambassador J. W. Davis, 3; change from Wilson, 2.
- Chairman Hurley, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Lansing, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Attorney-General Palmer, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Daniels, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Baker, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Clegg, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Glavin, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Ladd, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Nichols, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Rosen, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Tracy, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Carson, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Egan, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Gurnea, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Harbo, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Hendon, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Jones, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Quinn, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Nease, 2; change from Wilson, 2.
- Secretary Gandy, 2; change from Wilson, 2.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Dr. L. B. Morse, county physician, will be at the city school building on Fourth avenue Saturday of this week for the purpose of holding physical examinations of public school teachers.

As The Times has already stated, a recent law requires that all teachers in the public schools undergo such examination before entering upon their school work. The examination may be made by any reputable physician; but the county physician will do it without charge to the teachers if they present themselves at the time and place specified.

## OWNING A HOME

A number of non-residents are buying homes here to live in a portion of each year. Quite a number of our own citizens are buying homes already built. Others are buying lots preparatory to erecting residences thereon. This is well. The man who sits down and figures out in a cold-blooded sort of way whether it is cheaper to own a home or pay rent, doesn't understand what a home is. Circumstances may be such that it is impossible for some people to own a home, and this, it must be admitted is often the case. But where one can own a home if he desired, whether it be for summer occupancy or a place to live all the year, and where he refuses to do so because he thinks he can save a few dollars by renting—well, such a person really doesn't know what living an enjoyable life is.

There is a lot of satisfaction in possession and a lot of joy in feeling that the premises on which you live are your own. There is something about owning a home which cannot be written down on paper—a satisfaction that pays a dividend every hour of the day.

Real estate is still the cheapest thing we have in this country, as it has not kept pace with other things in advancing price. There is hardly a piece of property in Hendersonville or vicinity, or in the county, for that matter, that will not be worth more in three years than it is now. One cannot make a mistake in buying property in this section now. The security of the investment considered, and the certainty of advancing prices of real estate, ought to be sufficient to induce hundreds of people who have never thought of owning a home to make strenuous efforts to get hold of a piece of property now.

## BERGER IS GETTING PAY

Even if Victor Barber never sets foot in Washington again he has already benefited from the United States government to the extent of nearly \$4,500. Added to this is the cost of the inquiry to determine whether Berger is too disloyal to occupy the seat to which he has been elected in the House.

The inquiry has been suspended until September 15. The final report may not be ready until October. No matter whether it recommends that Berger be thrown out of the House, and that body sustains the report, by October Mr. Berger will have been paid a tidy sum by Uncle Sam.

On every pay day for House members Mr. Berger receives his \$625 monthly salary as "member elect," just as full-fledged representatives do. He has received salary ever since Congress convened, March 4, and his salary to date has amounted to \$3,125. On September 1 another \$625 will be due him.

In addition to this, he has so far received \$371.20 in mileage and his clerks have been paid according to schedule. So far the clerk hire of the "member elect" is \$933.34.

Therefore Mr. Berger has received \$3,125 for salary, \$371.20 in mileage and \$933.34 for clerk hire, making \$4,429.54 in all. By October, outside of any additional mileage, this will be increased by \$1,250, two months' salary, and \$433.32 in two months' clerk salary, making a total of \$6,112.86.

Rev. R. V. Miller is conducting a meeting in Greenwood, S. C. Before returning home, Mr. Miller will hold a meeting in Pickens, S. C.

Miss Bertha Brevard of Fairview has accepted a position in the domestic science department of Pruitland Institute.

## KEDRON LODGE FRIDAY NIGHT

A special Communication of Kedron Lodge, No. 387 A. F. & A. M., is called for Friday night, August 22, at 8:30 o'clock. Work in the Second Degree. Visiting Brothers cordially welcomed.

## NEW MOVE IS UNDER WAY

A further sign of growth in this city is to be found in the organization of a new enterprise, the Hendersonville Investment Company. This concern is now applying for a charter. Among the incorporators are S. T. Hodges, R. L. Edwards, John T. Wilkins, W. A. Keith, J. Mack Rhodes, W. F. Penny, Clarence Latham, J. B. Belk, R. P. Freeze and J. A. Woodward. The authorized capital stock will be \$100,000; and the company will be authorized to begin business as soon as \$11,000 is subscribed. Fully that amount has been subscribed already.

The company will deal generally in real estate, with the special view of development. A large proportion of its activities will be devoted to the erection of residences for sale or rent, and the expectation is that by the beginning of next summer a considerable amount of building will have been accomplished. This will very materially aid in the solution of the problems of handling the ever increasing crowds which pour into this community every summer.

## LET THE BALLOT SETTLE IT

Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor says that the railroad brotherhoods will get what they want from Congress or they will elect a Congress that will yield to their demands! That makes the issue clear. Now let's hear from the farmers, the manufacturers, the miners and the consumers in general, who are expected to pay the increased wages demanded by the brotherhoods. Suppose we all take a hand in electing Congressmen. It would be a good plan to let the ballot settle the question raised by Secretary Morrison.

## LOCAL WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Mean	Prec'n
Aug. 1	87	66	76	0.31
2	86	66	76	0.01
3	80	62	71	0.02
4	86	56	71	
5	89	58	74	
6	88	63	76	0.04
7	91	63	77	
8	89	67	78	
9	85	62	74	
10	80	65	72	
11	81	63	72	
12	75	60	68	1.02
13	85	57	71	0.03
14	87	61	74	0.32
15	85	63	74	0.01
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17	85	59	72	
18	85	58	72	0.01
19	83	55	69	
20	85	53	69	

SUMMARY  
Max. 91  
Mean max. 85  
Mean 73  
Min. 53  
Mean min. 61  
Prec'n 1.77

To those who are not familiar with the form used by the U. S. Weather Bureau in tabulating its observations, the following information may be of interest:

The day ends at 6 p. m. The figures in the column headed "Max" give the highest temperature occurring during the twenty-four hours ending at 6 p. m. on the date indicated. The figures in the column headed "Min" give the lowest temperature occurring during the same period. The mean temperature for the twenty-four hours is assumed to be the average of the maximum and minimum.

The precipitation is given in inches and hundredths. When the precipitation occurs in the form of snow or sleet it is converted into water before measuring.

It's Steamy Mountains for Monday.