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## CITY SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

The city schools will open Monday, September 15. A very large attendance is expected and the authorities find that, on account of lack of room, it will be necessary to run two shifts. This will be inconvenient to students, teachers and patrons; but it will be necessary until additional accommodations are available.

The following letter has been mailed to patrons and friends of the school.

Dear Patron:-

Two weeks ago you received a letter from the school trustees and city commissioners calling your attention to the inadequate facilities for city public schools. This lack of room is made an even more serious problem by the new compulsory school law. The communication also embodied information relative to a bond election September 23 for the purchase, remodeling and equipment of the Noterman property for high school purposes. In this connection I take the liberty of advising that your school executives have carefully examined the Noterman place and find it remarkably well adapted and sufficient for our high school needs for several years to come. Eight commodious class rooms are available without great expense of remodeling. It is estimated that the additional \$6,500 called for in the election—above the \$23,500 purchase price—will be ample for remodeling and equipping the eight class rooms.

For lack of school room we regret to advise that it will be necessary for us to conduct two sessions daily: a morning session till 1 p. m. for the grammar and primary schools, and an afternoon session from 1:30 till 6 for the high school. We are aware of the inconvenience this will cause you, but we believe you understand the situation and that you will give us hearty co-operation in getting the most out of the first five or six weeks of this enforced congestion. After the first of November, we hope to move into the newly equipped high school property above mentioned.

In the meantime, and especially before school opens, we wish to classify all new pupils and to confer with parents of all pupils who failed to pass or were conditioned on any subject last year. We have set Thursday and Friday of this week as registration days and invite you to bring the above mentioned children over for a frank, heart-to-heart conference.

On Friday evening of this week, from 9:30 to 1 o'clock, the trustees and faculty cordially invite you to attend an informal get-together at the school building. Light refreshments will be served and several musical numbers will be rendered.

Yours for a greater high school system and a greater Hendersonville,  
A. W. HONEYCUTT,  
Superintendent.

## ASHEVILLE LADY HURT; DRIVER OF AUTO HELD

Asheville, Sept. 9.—Cassady Miller, chauffeur for Scott Dillingham, a local automobile dealer, is being held without bail by the police, and Mrs. J. M. Ingle, of No. 187 Haywood street, is in a local hospital seriously injured as a result of Miller driving his machine into a team of mules owned by A. G. Scoggins, of Madison county, here today. According to the police, Scoggins' team was standing on Haywood street, just below the intersection with Montford, the wagon loaded with apples, and Mrs. Ingle was at the wagon looking at the apples, when the crash came. Coming straight ahead Miller's machine struck the mules, injuring one to such an extent it was shot by the police; the other is also badly injured, wagon and automobile were smashed and Mrs. Ingle injured.

While Miller has refused to make any statement, it is understood that his car did not have any brakes and he was unable to control it.

## HENDERSON COUNTY ASKED TO GIVE \$400 TO Y. M. C. A.

Rev. T. A. Groce, district director of the Y. M. C. A., was in this city last week looking for a suitable director, to conduct the campaign to raise \$400 in Henderson county.

The district outside of Asheville has been asked to raise \$3,050, this county's allotment being \$400.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

W. S. Surratt, of Leaksville, N. C., where he has been connected with the Tri-City Daily, has arrived in Hendersonville, and has accepted a position with The Times. He comes well recommended as a newspaper man and citizen.

Mr. Surratt is a native of North Carolina, his home being at Moravian Falls, and the impression the publisher of this paper has formed of him so far, is most favorable. He is pleasant in manner and sociable in disposition, and we invite for him the co-operation of all our people and a continuation of the liberal support the business men of the community have given us in the past, in his efforts to get out a good paper and to acquaint the outside world with the resources of this county and section.

Mr. Valentine retires as editor of the paper to accept work in the graded schools of the city, he having been elected by the trustees to the position of assistant principal and teacher of Latin and history in the local high school. He possesses splendid educational qualifications and has had quite a good deal of experience as a teacher. Prior to taking up newspaper work he taught regularly, and since he came with The Times several years ago he has had, from time to time, students whom he taught privately and we trust he will meet with good success in the new employment he is about to enter upon.

Mr. Valentine will still retain his stock in the company which publishes The Times, and, of course, will be pleased to have all his friends continue their patronage to the paper in the future, and to aid his successor in every legitimate way in the matter of publishing the paper and increasing the business of the shop.

In the current issue of The News, the editor says: "We warmly congratulate Mr. Valentine upon his new duties, and heartily welcome Mr. Surratt into a field that has a progressive spirit and that is appreciative of the liberal spirit of the press toward its public enterprises, and trust that our association will be somewhat as pleasant as it was with his predecessor."

## OATES AND BOYD HAVE FIGHT ON MAIN STREET

Yesterday Lieutenant William Oates, recently returned from overseas, and J. D. Boyd, a merchant of this city, had an altercation over a trival matter arising from driving an automobile, the altercation resulting in a pitched battle. The first encounter came early in the morning, about 8 o'clock, the second about 9 o'clock. It was alleged that Boyd drew his gun, but was prevented from using it by friends of the other party. The men appeared for trial before Esq. Ben Hood in the afternoon, Boyd being fined \$10 for assault and Oates, \$5.00 for the same offense. Boyd waived examination as to carrying a concealed weapon and was bound to the superior court under \$100.00 bond.

## KENILWORTH INN MAY BECOME PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Asheville, Sept. 9.—Much interest has been aroused by the residents of the city over the matter of making Kenilworth Inn, for the past 12 months a government hospital for the curing of shell shock, empyema and wounded soldiers, a public health service hospital.

The business men of the city have sent M. A. Erskine, Frank Johnson, president of the Rotary Club here; E. D. Anthony, prominent merchant; J. F. Barret, editor of The Asheville Advocate, and Judge J. C. Pritchard to Washington. The committee will wait on the North Carolina Senators and Congressmen in a joint session with Surgeon General Blue, of the United States army, asking that the government give up plans to make Kenilworth a public health service hospital.

The men feel that if the inn is made a hospital of such a nature it will not be to the best interests and advantages of Asheville and they are therefore opposing such a movement. The matter is still under advisement, no definite announcement having been made in regard to the matter up to the present time.

Capt. John Thornburg left a few days ago on a business trip to Washington, D. C.

## BOARD OF TRADE FAVORS BONDS

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade took place Tuesday night of this week.

C. F. Bland invited attention to the proposed bond issue for the school. A resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the project and pledging the utmost efforts of the organization in behalf of the bond issue. Every voter present signed a statement promising to vote for the bonds at the election on Tuesday, September 23.

The Board of Trade realizes that the growth of the city depends on the city schools, and that the schools absolutely cannot run without increased accommodations.

## THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

The efforts President Wilson is putting forth to convince the people of this country that it would be wise for us to enter the league of nations are proving futile. There is a rising tide of opposition to the proposed league of nations pact as offered by Mr. Wilson, and no amount of speaking on his part can turn the tide of determination of the people of the United States preserver inviolate, their independence and sovereignty.

The President delivered the first speech on the trip he is now making throughout the West at Columbus, O.

In reading the report of the President's reception in the Ohio city, one could readily discern that there was that lack of enthusiasm which is usually exhibited when a President appears in public. The truth is the people are not in sympathy with Mr. Wilson on his league proposition, and many of them object to adopting it in any form, and are not much concerned about the peace treaty itself. They would be just as well pleased if the Senate would reject the whole thing and frame up a new treaty that would, beyond all cavil, reserve to us the right to pass upon every question of foreign policy which should from time to time arise.

Mr. Wilson talks as though the treaty with its league of nations proposition attached will be accepted without the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i." He uses such expressions as this: "When it is accepted, because it will be accepted," our men "will never have to cross the seas again." Such statements will bring Mr. Wilson but little applause, because nine out of every ten men know that the acceptance of the treaty without reservations will mean that we will be compelled to answer the beck and call of foreign powers, for men and other help, whenever in the judgment of those powers the occasions require.

The President's tour, in a luxuriously equipped train, will serve to give him an outing and rest from his routine duties at the National Capital, but it will hardly serve any other purpose than to more firmly convince the American people that he has made a poor job of drafting and recommending a suitable treaty; one that will in every way tend to bring to this sin-cursed earth a lasting peace, and especially leave his own country free from foreign entanglements.

## Senator Reed's Reply

Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, in a speech delivered in Akron, O., last Sunday, made hot reply to the President, and was applauded by many thousands of people who heard him. According to press reports, Senator Reed said that President Wilson had declared that "Senators who oppose the league of nations covenant should be hanged on a gibbet as high as heaven but pointed in the direction of hell." This assertion of Senator Reed of Missouri, was made at the great mass meeting at Akron in the first of a series of speeches now being delivered in reply to the speeches of the President in his tour favoring the league covenant.

Reports have Senator Reed as saying: "I assert that the President did make this statement and I can prove it." The State armory was filled with people and ten thousand were turned away at the Reed meeting in Akron.

## U. S. Will Keep Word

The following from a report to the New York Sun of the Reed speech, will be of interest:

"They tell us that America will not be bound by the covenant unless the Congress is willing," Reed continued. "The man who tells you that Amer-

## A COMPARISON

Hendersonville proposes to spend \$30,000 for school purposes. If this project is carried out, we shall have seven acres of land and an excellent building remodeled and equipped, for the high school.

Is this an excessive expenditure. Let us see.

Winston-Salem is about five times as large as Hendersonville. Therefore, if the Hendersonville project is adequate Winston-Salem ought to spend \$150,000 and have a campus of 35 acres.

But Winston-Salem's proposition is to vote bonds to the amount of \$800,000 and supplement this by private subscription of \$400,000, making \$1,200,000 in all, and to have a campus of 75 acres.

In other words, Winston-Salem proposes to spend, for the enlargement of its school facilities, FORTY TIMES as much as Hendersonville proposes to spend.

ica will regard a treaty obligation as a scrap of paper, who dares tell you that America has sunk so low that she will not live up to her plighted word if it takes the last drop of blood and the last dollar of treasure this man has the word scoundrel written across his brow.

"They try to tell us that the league will be so formidable that no nation will dare to go to war. Is there any one so weak of intellect as to believe this? Does President Wilson ever believe it? If he does, why does your distinguished fellow Ohioan, the secretary of war, demand a peacetime army of half a million men, five times as great as any peacetime army in this history of the republic? Why does the secretary of war demand universal training and say that conscription must be continued in America?"

"Why does Josephus Daniels want another billion dollars worth of ships with enough sixteen and eighteen-inch guns to blow the top off of perdition?"

"Yet if a citizen refuses to repudiate the policies under which our country has become great he is denounced as 'pygmy minded.'"

"If he refuses to surrender what Washington gained with the sword he is referred to as a 'contemptible quitter.'"

## Ridicules Wilson Assertions

"If he cannot see his way clear to embroil America in the wars of every country and to plunge her in controversy of every kind he sees with prejudiced eyes. If he ventures to point out that Article X binds us to send our soldiers to defend the frontiers of every land in every quarter of the globe he is afflicted with amazing ignorance."

"If after studying the league covenant lawyers and statesmen reach the conclusion that it is inimical to the public weal, they are classified as men whose heads are only fit to serve as knots to prevent their bodies from unravelling."

"If Senators of the United States, sworn to defend the Constitution and to protect the republic in strict accordance with the terms of their oaths study the proposed treaty and honestly reach the conclusion that it is their duty not to advise or consent to its ratification they are denounced as 'dishonest opponents of the treaty who will be gibbeted and who will regret that the gibbet is so high.'"

"If I could be so unkind as to reply in kind I might answer that the President substituted 'fancies for facts; confuses the phantasms of his dreams with the actualities of life, mistakes the visions of ambition for the inspiration of idealism and imagines that phrases can take the place of realities."

## Scores Wilson's Travels

"He talks much of the 'duty of sacrifices,' but even while he speaks he, at government expense, rides on special trains, sails on magnificent ships fitted with special glass pavilions, lives in the palaces of princes, receives present from foreign diplomats worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, commandeers entire hotels, summons armies or retinues, creates diplomats without law and wages war without authority."

"He brags of his Revolutionary ancestry while in America and his English ancestry while in England. He tells of his instructions from the people as a peace delegate when he was a self-constituted, self-instructed representative."

"He denounces secret treaties, which every clause of his sacred covenant is founded upon, and ratifies

## NEW COLONY AT SPLENDOR

Dr. N. T. Richardson of Piedmont, who is the owner of a small tract of land adjoining Mrs. P. J. Hart at Splendor, has had it divided into lots for colony purposes. And Surveyor George Justice is now dividing into lots a piece of land adjoining Dr. Richardson, which belongs to Mrs. P. J. Hart. These lots will also be sold in conjunction with and in aid of enterprise of Dr. Richardson's. Already two or three nice cottages have been erected on the colony property, and Dr. Richardson states that by this time next year, he contemplates having erected eight or ten additional cottages.

Dr. Richardson's principal purpose in establishing this colony is said to be that of providing a quiet, homelike, a country place where children can be cared for properly during the heated season of each year.

It is also understood that lots will be sold to people who desire to erect summer homes there. A number of people from the South, it is stated, have been looking over the location, and are agreed that it is an ideal spot for the purposes for which its owners have decided to use it.

## TO HOLD EVANGELISTIC MEETING HERE

Rev. J. H. Dew, D. D., the widely known evangelist of Ridgecrest, N. C., will begin an evangelistic meeting in the First Baptist church, Sunday, October 5. The meeting will continue ten days or possibly two weeks. Dr. Dew is among the best evangelists in America. He has had great success. More than 1,000 have been converted in his meeting since January 1, of this year. At a recent meeting at Dothan, Ala., more than 100 were added to the church. His success at Reidsville, N. C., was remarkable. Almost 200 people were converted and joined the church. His methods are unique but plain and Biblical.

## NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

It will be impossible to accommodate any high school pupils until 1:30 on Monday, the opening day of school. All those who expect to enter the high school are therefore requested not to report to the school building until 1:30 p. m.

Classification of students in the primary and grammar grades will be completed Monday morning, beginning promptly at 9 o'clock. Students who have been regularly promoted will report to their respective grades immediately for assignment and lists of books. All books will be available from the local dealer, Buford's Book Store.

All new students will be classified either by certificate or examination. Partial classification on this basis is being completed today.

## HOSIERY MILL SITE SOLD IN CHARLOTTE

The Gold Crown Hosiery mill site, located in Charlotte, has been sold by the owners, R. M. Oates of Hendersonville, and Mrs. N. H. Pharr of Charlotte, to the Realty Improvement Company of the latter city for a consideration understood to range between \$25,000 and \$30,000. This site is now occupied by a three-story brick building originally erected by Mr. Oates, and operated as a hosiery mill plant for some ten years.

The property, measuring 80 by 200 feet, is situated between Trade and Fifth streets, near the tracks of the Southern Railway Company. The new purchasers have acquired this site as an investment, planning to develop it in the near future.

There will be a meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church Tuesday, September 16, at 4:30 p. m.

and confirms these iniquities. He preaches open covenants openly arrived at and yet goes into secret conclaves and talks over the cable lines to prefect his plans.

"He refuses to answer concerning his vote in racial equality on the plea that disclosing these secrets would cause international embarrassment, when the facts are that he voted for Japan on racial equality."

## FIRST SESSION BEGAN TUESDAY

The Carolina Military-Naval Academy opened its first session Tuesday of this week, with forty students enrolled.

A number of parents and friends were present at the opening. Among them were C. F. Bland, R. H. Staton, A. W. Honeycutt and J. G. McAdams, from Hendersonville. Addresses were made by Mr. Bland and Prof. Honeycutt.

The academy opens with very bright prospects, the property is admirably adapted to school purposes, and the equipment is wonderfully complete. It is of interest to note the fact that the United States government has turned over to the academy more than \$125,000 worth of military and naval equipment.

## JOE WEST IN TROUBLE IN JACKSONVILLE

According to a report that reached here Monday from Jacksonville, Joe Hunter West, a young man well known in this vicinity, was arrested Saturday night by the police of the Florida city, on a charge of breaking into and shooting over the residence of Dr. J. H. Pittman, and firing a number of shots at the doctor, who is a well-known physician of Jacksonville, according to advices received from that city.

An account of the affair published in Sunday's Times-Union states that the shooting occurred late Saturday night and caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood of Dr. Pittman's residence. Young West, it is reported, entered the residence by breaking a window. He is said to have commenced firing as soon as he entered the house and kept on until the room, according to the Florida paper's account of the affair, was "littered with revolver bullets."

Young West, the report states, fired directly at Dr. Pittman and tried to break into a room into which the physician and his wife and daughter sought refuge. It appears, however, that the doctor and members of his family escaped injury.

West, it is stated, was finally shot through the leg after he had left the house and taken up a position under a tree in the yard, from which place he is said to have kept on firing. He was taken to a hospital where his wound was dressed, and when it was discovered he was not seriously hurt he was again in custody.

Young West is a son of the late E. E. West, who, together with his family, spent many summers here prior to his death. His family have occupied the West summer home here this season, and Joe West just recently returned to his home in Jacksonville.

Dr. Pittman stated after the trouble, that he had been a close friend of the young man, as well as his physician, and he could not account for the attack which young West made upon him. He said it was unprovoked, and that he knew nothing that could have prompted the assault, so far as his relations with the young man are concerned.

The driver of the public service auto that carried young West to Dr. Pittman's place, stated that the young man did not appear to be drunk, but seemed to be in a sort of stupor.

Some of the friends of the young man express the belief that he was not in his right mind or the trouble would not have occurred.

A later report stated that young West, a few hours after he had been released Monday on bond, upon a charge of assaulting Dr. Pittman with intent to kill, again went to the Pittman home and searched it as though he was looking for Dr. Pittman. None of the Pittman's were in the house at the time, however, and as soon as West came out of the house he was again taken in custody by the police, and is being held until the matter of what should be done with him has been determined by the proper authorities.

It is stated that the young man is obsessed with the hallucination that Dr. Pittman is trying to poison him in order that imaginary enemies can come into ownership of the estate of his father's, the late E. E. West.

W. M. Shelton of Greenville, S. C., spent a few days last week with his family at this place.