

Death of Mr. Otis Moody.

Bright Young Life of Promise Goes Suddenly Out.

Just as he had decided to give his life a living sacrifice to preach the gospel as a missionary to China, the God to whom he had thus offered the best he had—the all he was—this life of Otis Moody for the heavenly home.

Young Moody was a student at South Fork Institute in Maiden at the time of his death. He was perhaps the most popular young man in the school and his death cast a deep gloom over it.

The best that human skill could do to save him was done. Dr. K. A. Price, of this city, and Dr. Whitesides, of Maiden, worked heroically on the case but the pneumonia had gotten too strong a hold on the delicate life of the boy.

He realized that he could not live and was content to die, even on the threshold of a useful life of promise.

Young Moody was a half-brother to Mr. C. W. Ellington, who was constantly at his bedside. He was a lovely boy and had friends by the hundreds.

The remains were taken to his old home in Petersburg, Va., for interment accompanied by Mr. Ellington.

Mysterious Death of Zero Huffman.

Mr. Zero Huffman met a mysterious death last Saturday afternoon while returning from Hillsbrant in a wagon drawn by two mules. He was found by Mr. Dan Johnson hanging from the wagon by his coat. Indications are he fell from the wagon and was killed by the wheels, and it is possible his body was suspended there for three miles. A wife survive.

The judge, solicitor and clerk were killed in court at Hillsville, Va., today.

Arrested on the charge of vagrancy, a woman named Mary Lowe, of Wilkes county, who had been the guest of the Rev. Sid Ennis at his home here, against the protest of Mrs. Ennis, was ordered to leave the town within 24 hours by Recorder Russell on Monday. Mrs. Ennis is said to almost have gone crazy over the Lowe woman's protracted visit, and she and Rev. Ennis had actually made out papers to have Mrs. Ennis sent to Morganton. Of course Miss Lowe was sanctified.

Business Locals.

LOST.—Bunch keys between Hickory Grocery Co. and W. P. Huffman's house. My name was on the plate. Reward if returned to L. E. Whitfield 1t.

FOR SALE.—No. 7 Wonder cookstove, cheap to quick buyer. Apply at the Democrat office.

Rhode Island Reds. I have 2 pens mated this year. 1st pen is headed by a cock that won 1st at Hickory and 3rd at Lincolnton this year. This cock also won a cockerel at Hickory last year.

Pen 2 is headed by a fine cockerel sired by a cock bought direct from Lester Thompson's last year. Eggs equal from each pen \$1.00 for 15.

A. F. Wood, 377t Hickory, N. C. R. 1.

Vacant lot close in, on macadam St. \$1,000. Vacant lot close in \$950. John E. Haithecock, 2-29tf

For Sale—10,000 Cabbage plants. Hickory Seed Co.

3 Lots for dwellings on street back of 8th St. \$125 each. 1 Store lot close in on 9th Avenue, \$550. Block of property, size 250 feet on Railroad Street, by 150 feet on a cross street, price \$390. John E. Haithecock, 2-29tf

For Sale—Good horse cheap. See 2-29tf J. Lee Steen.

We will guarantee to pay the highest market price for all fresh eggs delivered at the Creamery this week. If the market is high we will give you the full benefit of same. Send us your eggs. 2-29tf Catawba Creamery Co.

LOCAL

Ask Candidates How They Stand

Reforms the People Should Insist upon in Catawba. To the Editor of the Democrat. Progress is the motto of the day; and in politics, as well as in business, we should be always ready to catch the spirit of the times, and advocate those things which will bring the greatest degree of happiness and prosperity to our people.

The nearer home our government is, the more we are affected; and it behooves us to take stock of ourselves, politically, and see what we have and what we need of our people. Never before have the Democrats of Catawba county had a better opportunity to advocate certain measures and have them placed on the statute books. The time is here when the county officers should be put on a salary basis, and a saving of from three to four thousand dollars a year could be effected.

The fees of the county treasurer are, approximately, \$1,500 a year. I have not the data at hand for the other offices, but there could be quite a saving all around. The fee system is antiquated and out of date.

Catawba county has made progress along agricultural lines, and the time is ripe to have a County Commissioner of Agriculture, whose duties should be to help develop the agricultural resources of Catawba county; and he should be at the back and call of the farmers of the county. He should be selected purely on his merits and not through any political pull or influence.

The Democratic party in Catawba county should go on record for a 6 months' term, and the county superintendent of education should give his undivided time to the educational affairs of the county.

The time is ripe for a county superintendent of health who will give the entire time to looking after the health of the people. Health is absolutely essential to success and happiness, and the health of our people is one of our greatest assets.

The chairman of the Board of County Commissioners should give as much of his time to the affairs of the county as is necessary to an economical administration of the affairs of the county, and should be paid for same.

We should advocate the Torrens system of land registration; we should stand for good roads; we should stand for the establishment of a chain gage for Catawba county; the making of the County Home an experimental farm for the county where the most improved farm methods could be carried out; we should have a dog law in Catawba county, and the revenue raised from same should be devoted to schools or roads.

In the State, we should stand for a uniform primary law for both political parties; on the same day, we should stand for the abolishing of our present system of working convicts on State farms and work them on the public roads.

It is not fair and just for the State to engage in farming in competition with the farmers of the State. We should stand for amendments to our state constitution, as we have not kept up with the more progressive states. Nationally, we should stand for the direct election of Senators by the people for the abolishment of the petty graft of the free seeds distribution; for a parcels post; for a system of co-operative banking, based on land loans to the farmers which has been so successful in Germany.

The next Legislature should do some constructive work, for the State and our Legislature should not be hampered with the election of a United States Senator. This should be settled by primary, preferably the preferential primary.

If you subscribe to any of this, ask the candidates for the State Senate and the Legislature how they stand on these questions. Do not get worked up over the senatorial question, but let the primary settle it, and select men who will go to Raleigh and carry out the legislation we need.

If you agree with this article, work and vote for delegates to your county convention who will carry out your views, and in a few years Catawba county will again be the banner Democratic county of the State.

W. J. SHUFORD.

FOR RENT—On 9th avenue, 7 room house, with bath, electric lights, also 5-room house. Apply, 1028-8th avenue, city. 3-14 1t.

IT DON'T cost anything to examine those new felt mattresses at Bowles & Martin's. They are beauties.

WANTED, at once, Silver Spangled Hambro cockerel. Apply at the Democrat office or address Box 323, Hickory, N. C.

J. W. BOWLES is still framing pictures. 25 styles mouldings to select from.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. 1401 Twelfth street.

SOMETHING new in suits at Bowles & Martin's. Come and see them.

LESS TROUBLE, less expense—self-rising flour. F. C. Johnson.

ANYTHING in jewelry at right prices. J. O. Rhodes.

IF YOU want to have good biscuits, buy self-rising flour at E. C. Johnson's.

16 SIZE Elgin watches for \$5.50. J. O. Rhodes.

FARM for sale—40 acres within one mile of incorporate limits, good orchard, stone potato house, 3 room cottage, 2 small barns, 2 springs and well. Half wood-land, Beautiful mountain view. Ideal for poultry farm. 1-22 2t. B. P. Bass.

SEE the bargains in watches at J. O. Rhodes.

Rhode Island Red eggs 50 cents per setting. Dr. J. T. Johnson.

FOR Rent.—A ten room house on 10 Ave. C. C. Bost 2-14 2t

Vacant lot close in, on 8th Avenue \$500. Vacant lot close in, near 8th Avenue \$400. 2-29tf John E. Haithecock.

COMMENT

WORK FOR THE ROAD BONDS.

The County Commissioners have set April 15th as the time for the election to decide the issue of \$50,000 of bonds for the building of good roads in Hickory township. Every man in favor of progress will vote for the bond issue. The Democrat has already explained that the issue will not add a cent to the taxes; and therefore there can be no excuse for not voting the bonds.

Hickory township may well be glad to fall in line with Newton township, who put the issue through so handsomely last Saturday. There are some few people who are opposing, for what reason we can't imagine, but the outlook looks good. Nevertheless every man in favor of cutting out the mud, ought to shuck his coat and go to work for the bonds.

HOW TO GET REFORMS.

We are printing in this issue a communication from Mr. W. J. Shuford outlining much needed legislation for the betterment of this county. There is not an item in Mr. Shuford's letter that does not commend itself to us. We are glad to have such communications, and hope to hear from others. This is the way to create the proper public sentiment, and this is the year when the people can get what they want and what they need, as the candidates are ready to accede to the people's wishes. It doesn't matter so very much who your legislative candidates favor for the U. S. Senate. The primary will bind them on that matter, but it does matter whether they are willing to stand for many needed reforms, such as Mr. Shuford outlines. Now is the time to get the promise of these things.

Euronean Medal Debate.

The young gentlemen of the Euronean society handed a profound question ably Monday night when they debated the query "Resolved, that the U. S. should adopt a graduated income tax, with an exemption of incomes below \$3,000 per annum—constitutionally granted.

The affirmative was maintained by Messrs. H. J. Shealy and R. H. Shuford and the negative by J. L. Sox and D. C. Holt.

The decision was awarded to the negative side, and the medal to Mr. Shuford. The judges were Rev. Messrs. Garth and Long and Mr. H. A. Banks.

The debate was preceded by an excellent oration "The Need of a Life" by Mr. H. K. Drye. The president, Mr. T. J. Eller, in a very neat speech welcomed the large crowd present. The orchestra, under the brilliant leadership of Prof. Patterson, added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Newton Township Votes Bonds.

The election to issue \$50,000 bonds for good roads in Newton township carried by a fine margin of 313. The Newton box saved the day.

The total registration was 923 and the total vote cast for the bonds was 618.

The News gives the votes as follows: Newton registered 624 and cast 495 for the bonds, a majority of 336.

Maiden registered 177, voted 57 for, returning a majority of 63 against the bonds.

Conover registered 122, voted 66 for bonds, a majority of 10.

Now it is Hickory's time to do as well as this.

First Methodist Church

Rev. D. M. Litaker, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited to all services.

To Manufacture Ice Cream Here.

The Local Creamery Wants to Turn out the Finished Product.

Attention is called to the advertisement in this issue of the Catawba County Creamery. This enterprise, the child of the genius of Mr. W. J. Shuford, started in January, 1910 and the first months business was \$1000. This had increased in 18 months (up to February) \$8,900.

It is hoped to make ice cream this summer to be shipped all over the country, wherever stuff made out of pure Jersey cream is wanted, and thus make the finished product. About \$1000 worth of separated cream is being shipped now.

Arrangements will be made if necessary to store all April eggs in cold storage till December, but this will be done only if the market is extremely dull.

It is desired to raise about \$5,000 more capital stock, of which \$2,600 is already taken.

The Creamery is a big thing and getting bigger.

Mr. Elliott's Position on Schools.

The following correspondence explains itself: March 6th, 1912. Mr. C. M. Yoder, Hickory, N. C.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 3rd inst. at hand, and thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to express my sentiments on educational affairs, through the direct question you ask me. I thoroughly endorse the position you take on the necessity of better educational advantages for the plain people of the State.

State Universities and Normal Schools are both excellent institutions, and should be supported to such an extent as the finances of the State will permit; but the Grammar school is the foundation of which we are building the future citizenship of our State, and should be given our first, and greatest consideration.

We should, by all means, have at least a six months school term, so our boys and girls, no matter how remotely located, can have the benefit of a good public school education as a basis on which to build their future lives. Given this, our children, the offspring of the Anglo-Saxon race, will suffer no handicap in the inevitable struggle of their life's work, on whatever lines they may elect.

I will state further that the record of my life, both as a private citizen, and in any position where I have been honored with a public trust, will show this has always been my attitude—to give the children of the State the best possible advantages of a common school education. As you suggest, this will solve many other problems which confront us today. As the masses of the people become better educated they will more rapidly grasp the necessity of better hygienic conditions, scientific farming, etc.

Again thanking you for your letter, and with kindest regards, I beg to remain, Yours truly, J. D. ELLIOTT.

Rutherford College Minstrel.

Come to the Minstrel Thursday night at the Academy of Music. You will have more fun, laugh more than you have in the last thirty days. The show is clean in every respect. The manager is a man of experience and the entertainment is guaranteed to please. If you are not entirely satisfied just mention the fact and your admission fee will be refunded. There will be at least three specialty acts, either one of which will be worth more than the price paid to see the whole performance.

Ask the people of Morganton what they think of the show. The Minstrel is given under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Methodist church and the proceeds will go to the Orphanage at Winston-Salem.

By coming you will not only help a long and good cause but you will spend a most enjoyable evening.

Admission 15 cents for children, 25 cents for Adults.

South Pole Discovered.

Capt. Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, claims to have reached the South Pole. He made the dash with dogs. He is now in Tasmania on his way home.

A GOOD ONE ON JUDGE CLARK.

Col. Thornton Couldn't Find The Judge's Speaking Place.

Col. Thornton visited Greensboro and Charlotte last week. He was at the latter place and had just emerged from the business office of the Observer when Major Hemphill, the editor, accosted him and said something about going to hear Judge Clark make his speech to the Confederate Veterans. After a few steps Major Hemphill addressed another gentleman they met and asked him also to come a-long and go to hear Judge Clark speak.

That gentleman protested that he had an engagement to meet and was very busy just then and asked where it was to be. Said down the street. With a twit about it Major Hemphill and the Colonel went on their way. At the corner Col. Thornton protested that he would step down to the Selwyn Hotel, and then come to the speaking. When the Col. sought the place for the speaking at the Auditorium he was told by the janitor that he didn't know. Asking a person on the street he was told it must be at the Presbyterian Park. Another one didn't know where there was to be any speaking. Two others gave the information to the same effect. Finally a man on the corner whom he asked, said: "Who is Judge Clark? Col. Thornton replied: "He is the Chief Justice of your North Carolina Supreme Court." "Where does he live?" "In Raleigh." "What's he doin' here?" "He's to make a speech before the Confederate Veteran Association." "What for?" "He's a candidate for the United States Senate, to succeed Simmons." "Who's he?" "By this time Colonel Thornton had perceived that he had in tow a simon pure tar heel; so he replied: "Oh, he's a gentleman from down east, who is now plain U. S. Senator, and he wants to find out whether he is going to prefix ex to the Senator or per to the Simmons." Crossing the street the Colonel next asked the Italiano, the fruit and candy jerk at the corner, where Judge Clark was to speak. "Speaka? No speaka here." Colonel Thornton then wandered back up towards the Chronicle office wondering if Editor Hemphill would claim the same joke on him.

Link School House Closing.

Where Mr. A. C. Link Helped to Lock out the Teacher.

The Link school closed on Friday evening Mar. 8. A short program consisting of songs, speeches and plays was rendered by the pupils. Mr. Howard A. Banks was present and delivered an interesting address on school improvement. He urged the patrons of the school to vote a special tax and erect a modern school building in the near future. The pupils are bright and should have better advantages than the present building affords.

This school is almost historic. It was founded half a century or longer ago by the father of Mr. A. C. Link, who was almost as earnest an advocate of education as his son is now. Mr. A. C. Link recalls an effort of the children to lock out the teacher. The latter, however, won out, as he climbed the roof and placed a plank over the top of the chimney, and the smoke drove the children to surrender.

Mr. Link recalls how the school committee used to meet once a year, make mud out in the play-ground, and daub up the cracks between the big logs. Squire Sides, the Fries, Mr. Luther Whitener's family, the Miters, Younts, Rows and other families in the neighborhood were out in large numbers.

Prof. Putman, of Cleveland, has been for two years the able teacher of this school.

BIG EGG SHIPMENTS.

Foard Whisnant & CO. Paid out over \$1000 in February.

Written for the Democrat. R. F. D. No. 1, Hickory, Mar. 3--I promised to write you an egg story but have been so busy counting eggs that I could not find time to do it. If you get out your "egg edition" you can tell your people that during the month of February Foard, Whisnant & Co. bought 131 cases of eggs for \$1,065.25, an average of 28 1/4c. per doz. Now when you remember that the price of cotton was low last fall you can see how much help the hens have been in our business. The best feature of this chicken business is that it represents more clear profit than any other crop.

People over here are taking more interest in chickens every year. I think I had the first case of genuine "hen fever" in this part of the country and it is now spread to such an extent that I see no hope of stopping it. It will only take a few more years until the cackle of the Catawba hen will be heard round the world. I am glad the Democrat has the fever too. If you succeed in giving every man woman and child in the county an incurable case we will all be "blessed individually and collectively."

Yours truly, A. F. Wood.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. J. H. Wannemacher Pastor. Sunday School - 9:45 a. m. Chief Service - 11 a. m. Junior League - 2:30 p. m. Evening Service - 7:30 p. m. Lenten service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

All these services are of a most appreciative character. The themes for the Lenten season are as follows: March 13. Jesus arrested and tried before false court. March 20. Condemned under Pilate. Mar. 27. The Way of the Cross. The heartiest invitation is extended to all. Come and spend these remaining days of Lent with Jesus in his services, suffering and death.

The Young Peoples Aid society were entertained by Misses Nettie and Gertrude Deal, on Monday evening. Though the weather was unfavorable a goodly number were present. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

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