

## EDUCATIONAL MEETING IN WEST HICKORY

### Citizens Intent on Voting for Increase in Tax Rate First Tuesday in May.

Last Thursday night there was held at the schoolhouse in West Hickory an enthusiastic mass meeting of the citizens in the interest of better education. Speeches were made by H. H. Abee, G. F. Ivey, Frank Miller and others. An election is to be held the first Tuesday in May authorizing an increase of the school tax from 20c to 30c on the one hundred dollars valuation. It developed by examination of the tax books that the largest increase of any one citizen would be \$2.23, while the increase of the majority would be less than \$1.00. It was also shown that of the total increase asked for, four corporations—The Ivey Mill Co., The Ivey Mfg. Co., The Southern R. R. Co., and The Carolina & North-Western R. R. Co.—would pay more than 60 per cent, so that for each dollar the citizens paid for this purpose they would receive more than \$2.00 in return.

A very strong argument in favor of the proposition was the fact that while The Ivey Mill Co., and The Ivey Mfg. Co., would pay almost half the increase the stockholders of both of these corporations were heartily in favor of the increase. None of the stockholders have any children who would attend school nor would they be directly benefited in any way and it would appear that people who have children could certainly stand the increase if these gentlemen could.

A condensed report of the school was read showing that one teacher had an average of 63 pupils and at times as many as 75, this, too, in a room that should accommodate at the most 50 pupils. It was shown also that the funds now available, even with the most rigid economy, are barely able to support the five teachers now being employed, while at least one more room and one more teacher was an absolute necessity.

From the information at hand it appeared that a number of special tax districts are now paying a tax of 30c while the tax in West Hickory is only 20c. The citizens of West Hickory have always been in favor of education. The present schoolhouse was originally built almost entirely by popular subscription and when the first special tax was levied it was authorized by a very large majority of the voters. The best element of the citizens are enthusiastically supporting the proposition for an increase and it is believed that when the question is thoroughly understood there will be but little opposition.

This is not an election for voting bonds, as has been erroneously stated, but simply to put the school on a more efficient basis and West Hickory does not propose to behind other communities in educational facilities.

### Isn't Your Vow—It's You!

If you want to live in the kind of a town  
Like the kind of a town you like,  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike.  
You'll only find what you left behind.  
For there's nothing that's really new,  
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town.  
It isn't your town—it's you!  
Real towns are not made by men afraid  
Lest somebody else gets ahead.  
When everyone works and nobody shirks,  
You can raise a town from the dead.

### Splendid for Rheumatism

"I think Chamberlain's Liniment is just splendid for rheumatism," writes Mrs. Dunburg, Eldridge, N. Y. "It has been used by myself and other members of my family time and again during the past six years and has always given the best of satisfaction." The quick relief from pain which Chamberlain's Liniment affords is alone worth many times the cost. For sale by Menzies Drug Co., and Lutz's Drug Store.—adv.

Russia's population increases at a rate of about 3,000,000 a year.

### To Boom Your Town.

Talk about it.  
Write about it.  
Elect good men to office.  
Be friendly to everybody.  
Keep your sidewalks in good condition.  
Keep your houses well painted.  
If a poor man start a project, help him.  
If a rich man start a project, encourage him.

Buying in other towns that which you can buy as well in your own, makes your town that much poorer.

Don't talk your town down to strangers.  
If you are rich, invest in something; employ somebody.  
If a project to improve the town comes up, don't hoot—investigate.

Don't let your personal antipathies get away with your business judgment.  
Follow the men who have the vim and energy to go ahead—and "saw wood."

Be courteous to strangers who come among you so they will go away with a good impression of your town.

If you don't like your home town well enough to speak well of it, get out of it and make room for better men.

Always cheer on the man who goes for improvements. Your portion of the cost will be nothing but that which is right.

Do not kick at any proposed improvements because they are not at your door, or for fear that your tax will be raised fifty cents.

Don't be afraid to stick your hand down in your pocket for money to help a public enterprise. You owe something to the community for being so kind as to patronize you.

Don't! Don't! Don't!!! For heaven's sake, don't think your ideas are the only correct ones as to what improvements are needed, and how they should be obtained.

A town whose citizens have no public spirit or civic pride is on the way to the cemetery. The citizen who will do nothing to boost his town is helping to dig its grave.

The citizen who grows about his town being "the worst ever" is assisting in its burial.

The business man who will not advertise is driving the hearse.

The citizen who is a chronic grumbler and always pulling back in every public enterprise is throwing bouquets on the grave. The citizen who "knocks" and howls "hard times" preaches the funeral sermon.

The small town business or professional man who gives his printing to the "high flier" representative of the city printing house does not deserve the patronage of his town people.

Point to a town whose citizens count every dollar gotten from their neighbor as gain; and every dollar given to a school or college or church or library or Chautauqua or lecture course as loss, and you point to a town on which there rests a business and social blight, which will be known throughout your state as "a good town to move from."

Do your part, then, as citizens! Count for something in the affairs of your town or city. Pledge your word and honor that so long as you reside in a community it shall be your constant aim to "boost" it in every way you can. That you will not "knock", but will do all you can for every public enterprise that has for its object the best interests of the community. That you will submit to the rule of the majority, and not growl if things are not always as you think they should be. That you will keep in mind that if a town is good enough for you to make your money in, it is the legitimate place for you to spend it, and will buy everything you can of your home-town merchants. That you will always say something good of your town and people, or keep silent, except in case of a public nuisance. That you will not encourage nor contribute to injurious reports about your neighbors or business competitors, but will use the scales of charity in weighing the shortcomings of your fellows.

Practice this teaching and your town will be one into which the best families will come as the children gather round the fire on a winter's night. Be cheerfully optimistic and feel that the best is yet to come.

Itching piles provoke profanity but profanity won't remove them. Doan's Ointment is recommended for itching, bleeding, or protruding piles. 50c at any drug store.

Only one Englishman has ever been elected pope of Rome.

## NORTH CAROLINA

WRITTEN FOR THE HICKORY DEMOCRAT

I love, I love the old North State—  
My own, my native land,  
Whose prowess and whose actions great,  
Have made her truly grand.

Not less in peace, than erst in wars,  
Unrivalled is her fame;  
The brightest of heraldic stars,  
The one that bears her name!

In statehood she is queen of queens,  
With glory-haloed brow,  
Whose head upon the "Smokies" leans,  
Beneath the balsam boughs.

Oh! How majestic is her throne,  
Down reaching to the sea!  
And mounting to the dizzy loam,  
The bounds of Tennessee.

Ye Heavens blue! And seasons, too!  
And all things, small and great!  
Pour out your bounties ever new  
Upon the old North State.

Loved land! Love's homage I will give  
To thee with every breath;  
The sweetest spot in which to live,  
And to repose in death.

## SINKING OF KATWYK AROUSES INDIGNATION

### Papers Say That German Government is Responsible For This Violation.

London, April 15.—Although it is not yet certain that a German submarine sank the Dutch steamer Katwyk off the North Hinder lightship last night, the destruction of the vessel has aroused the indignation of the Dutch people, as evidenced by the editorials of newspapers in Holland. The Katwyk, loaded with grain from Baltimore consigned to the Dutch government is reported to have been lying at anchor at the time of the explosion and to have been flying the Dutch flag. The Dutch newspapers insist that no mistake could have been made and that if a German submarine actually torpedoed the steamer "we must expect that the German government will without loss of time be made responsible for this severe violation of the rights of neutral powers."

The fact that the Dutch government was directly involved in the Katwyk's cargo and that the news of the sinking of the steamer came immediately after the announcement that four Dutch trawlers had been seized by the Germans and taken to Zebrugge apparently has heightened the feelings of the Hollanders. The Katwyk incident and many rumors of diplomatic movements in Italy and the near east seemingly have made the people of England almost forget last night's Zepplin raid and fighting on the continent.

Next in interest to the sinking of the Katwyk was the publication of a "white paper" showing Great Britain acknowledged that German cruisers had sunk the German cruiser Dresden in Chilean territorial waters and had apologized for the action of her squadron. As far as fighting is concerned, the battles in the Carpathians and in the Woevre are the only important ones. The Russians are said to be continuing their efforts to force the Austro-German armies completely out of the Carpathians. Having successfully taken the western passes they are bending their energies in an attempt to capture the

Uzok pass and the heights northeast of that herak in the mountains.

Petrograd claims that the Russians are making steady progress despite the efforts of the Austro-Germans to out-flank them; but the Austrians insist that the recent fighting has been in their favor and that they have captured another important height northwest of Uzok pass.

In the Woevre, the French apparently have revived their offensive and at several points claim to have added materially to ground previously gained, which would bring them a step nearer their main objective—the removal of the German wedge bends their line back to St. Mihiel.

In the Argonne, in Alsae and in the region of the Somme, the French declare they also have made some progress, but this contradicts the Berlin official report, which says that all French attacks were repulsed.

### Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. J. Sox, Pastor.  
Next Sunday, April 25.  
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.  
Chief Service at 11:00 a. m.

Sermon by the pastor on the theme: From weakness to power. Preparatory services to the Holy Communion will be held on Saturday at 3:00 p. m. At this service a class of young people will be admitted into full communion with the church by the rite of confirmation. On Sunday the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

### Card of Thanks.

We, the undersigned, wish to extend to our many faithful and devoted friends our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the loving kindness and tender care which has been so faithfully administered to us during my sickness and absence for the past year. Faithfully yours,  
Mr. and Mrs. Reginald D. Barker.

### Should Not Feel Discouraged.

So many people troubled with indigestion and constipation have been benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets that no one should feel discouraged who has not given them a trial. They contain no poison or other digestive ferments but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. For sale by Menzies Drug Co., and Lutz's Drug Store.

## Local and Personal Items of Interest

Mr. W. C. Newland of Lenoir, was in the city last Saturday.

Mr. R. Lee Hewitt of Newton, was in the city Friday on business.

Mr. H. L. Seitz of R. F. D. No. 1, was a caller at the Democrat office Saturday.

Mr. W. B. Gaither of Newton was here last Thursday to attend the ball game between the married and single men.

The protracted meeting will commence at the Methodist Church April 25. Everybody cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Mr. H. S. Smith moved into his new bungalow in Kenworth last Friday. Mr. Smith has a beautiful home and it is located in a desirable neighborhood.

Messrs. Gus Setzer and W. H. Barkley went out to Catawba river Saturday fishing and came back with a Carp weighing 6 1/4 pounds. We did not hear which of them caught the fish.

Rev. A. L. Stanford returned home Friday from Washington, N. C., where he had been conducting a series of meetings. Mr. Stanford reports a successful meeting and many additions to the church.

We notice in The Mercury an article headed, "What has become of that new ice plant?" He refers to what The Democrat had to say about it some three months ago. We would like for The Mercury to explain why they waited so long to say something about it, and then not until the ad. for the Hickory Ice & Coal Co. came out in The Democrat April 8.

The young men and boys of Hickory are cordially invited to join in forming an Audubon Club. Colonel Thornton, who is an ornithologist, will take pleasure in joining with the boys in organizing such a club and will teach them many things about the birds and animals. He says the boys may meet at his office if they wish for this purpose. Let some of the boys get busy about it and have a meeting at once.

Dr. H. C. Menzies, Mr. Ed. Menzies, Charles, Jr., and Mr. N. S. Dasher went to Linville last Friday on a fishing trip and returned Saturday. They say they caught a few fish and had an exciting time on their return home, coming in contact with a forest fire on the mountains, which brought them to a halt and caused them to go backwards and forward several times to avoid the fire.

Hickory Camp No. 80, Woodmen of the World, unveiled a monument to the late Walter R. Cline in Oakwood cemetery here Sunday afternoon with impressive ceremony peculiar to that order. The exercises were in charge of Mr. J. A. Reitzel, consul commander, and a short talk was made by Hon. A. A. Whitener. A recitation by little Miss Lesta Mitchell was a pleasant feature of the ceremony. The Brookford band rendered the music.

The Mercury has much to say against the Democratic and Progressive party throughout the United States and holds to the Republican party and insists that the regular Republicans and the Progressives will get together. We would like for The Mercury to tell the people how many states his regular Republicans carried in the last Presidential election? For fear he will not do so we will, Mr. Taft carried Utah and Maine. Still he insists that the Progressives will come back to the regular Republican party, as he calls it.

While in the act of leaving Asheville last Friday with Henry Miller, wanted here on the charge of retailing, Chief of Police Eugene W. Lentz of this city was accosted by three men, Otis Styles, Levi Matthews and Otis Jones, just as he was about to board a street car on Pack Square. Here these men had a few words with the officer and later accosted him again at Biltmore. Then Mr. Lentz had them arrested for interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duties. They were taken into court and their cases continued until Friday of this week. Chief Lentz will go to Asheville to attend the trial.

Most disfiguring skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Purifiers as a cleansing blood tonic, is well recommended. \$1.00 all stores.

## War Department Compliments Co. A

W. T. Bost, Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, writing to that paper under date of April 19, says: "Adjutant General Young has received from Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood highly commendatory letters as a result of the recent inspection of the North Carolina military companies by the government. "Companies A of Hickory, B of Gastonia, H of Waynesville and L of Concord are singled out for their general efficiency. The infirmary of the First regiment at Rutherfordton gets a compliment."

### Goes Brother Shuterd 11 Better.

To The Democrat:  
The great historian, Rev. J. H. Shuford, claims that he has written the history of a dozen German families. Mr. Editor, I can beat that out of sight. I have a condensed history of 23 German families, as follows: Henry Wiedner, Conrad Yoder, Michael Wiedner, Phillip Wiedner, Adolyus Reib, George Wilfong, Jacob Klein, Nicholas Fry, John Shuford, James Harvey Robinson, Jacob Lutz, Seitz, Killian, John Setzer, Smyre family, William Bost family, Sebastian Klein, the original pioneer, John Mull, Paul Anthony, John Hawn, Deitz family, Gross family, Whisenhunt family and the Herman family. These are all in a condensed form and if published would make quite a large book which would be very interesting to the reader. I have omitted one German by the name of Jond Dellinger, who married old pioneer Henry Wiedner's daughter. He was a hero of the Revolutionary war and fought in the notable battle of Ramsour's Mill on the morning of June 3, 1780. Geo. Fisher, who was a Pennsylvania Dutchman, came South something over a hundred years ago and bought a farm on Henry's Fork river. He married a daughter of Palsar Siegmund, (now written Sigman) who was a sister to the late John Wilfong's mother. They both spoke the Pennsylvania Dutch. To the best of my recollection they had several sons and two daughters. Joe, the oldest son, married Susan Whitener, a daughter of Benjamin Whitener. To them were born three children, Simpson, Fannie and Mollie. His wife died and he then married Saloma Weaver, who was a granddaughter of the old pioneer John Hawn, who came South in 1766. To this second marriage Lawson, Barnett, Noah and a daughter, Fannie, were born. The oldest daughter married Jacob Weaver, and to them were born three sons and two daughters.

Simpson married Rose Wilson and had two sons.  
Mollie died single.  
Lawson married and had several children. He died in the Civil war.  
Barnet never married and died in the war.  
Noah married Eliza Eckard and died in the war.  
The daughter died single.  
The oldest daughter of George Fisher married Frederic Hahn and had a large family. Pinkney Fye is one of his grandchildren.

The second daughter married a Dellinger and had four daughters. Barbara married Samuel Hahn and went to Missouri. Susan married Daniel Whisnair and had one son who died in the Civil war. The third daughter married William Sigmon, the father of Cain Sigmon of Hickory. The fourth daughter married John Whitener, a son of the old pioneer, Henry Wiedner, and went to Georgia.

It will be seen by the above that I did not give a full history of these families, it only being in a condensed form.  
G. M. YODER.

### A \$50.00 Check.

The other day we saw a \$50.00 check for our townsman, Mr. E. L. Flowers, who was ill with appendicitis in March. He had a health and accident policy with our leading general insurance firm, D. L. Martin & Son. All having no policy with this firm would do well to see them at once and take one out. adv.-2t.

One way to relieve habitual constipation is to take regularly a mild laxative. Doan's Regulets are recommended for this purpose. 25c a box at all drug stores.

Members of the English parliament cannot be arrested for debt during the parliamentary sessions, or for forty days before and after each session.

## BONES OF MEXICAN CHIEF IN FLORIDA SHARK

### Tennessee Anglers Make Souvenirs of Parts of the

Athens, April 15.—Gorgeous still in the splendid uniform and sombrero of a Mexican general, the bones of Jesus Almarides were taken from the stomach of a mammoth shark caught recently in Florida waters by a party of veteran anglers from Knoxville and East Tennessee, according to a well known Athenian who has just returned from Florida.

Chancellor Will D. Wright, of Knoxville, is said to have the epaulets, gorgeous and gilt which topped the bony shoulders of the Mexican Jonah when he was executed; Samuel Shields, Esq., displays with a conviction that defies skepticism a curiously wrought silver card case, bearing the interwoven letters, J. A. (Jesus Almarides), also taken from the remains of the much-munched Mexican; Gen. Ben Caswell, of pious propensity, guards a little Testament, printed Spanish, and bearing the tooth prints of the shark, which was also found on the unhappy victim and if further proof be sought, Judge Tyler Campbell, of Bristol, hastens to produce a golden cuff button, one of a pair that linked the braided sleeves of Almarides.

At what time Almarides, fleeing from the land of tomares and overnight revolutions, fell a victim to the deep-sea gormandizer, eleven feet, ten inches in length, is not known, and his bones, at peace in alien soil, have no tongue, but his name will live as long as tales of fishermen's prowess are told.

Fleeing to placid Havana, where the pugilistic bones of Jack Johnson find no rest, he met the shark, and the shark took him in.  
Requiescat, Almarides; requiescat, shark.

### Items From South Fork.

Hickory, Route 1, April 19.—There seems to be no important news in the South Fork valley. "All is quite along the line," as A. Y. Sigmon used to say. The farmers are all busy with their farm work, getting their lands into the proper shape for cultivation. The general health of this section seems to be fairly good.

The potato farmers seem to be in one general hustle to get their potatoes on the market. The potatoes seem to be in demand in nearly every section of the country.

The other day when a high official Republican asked a potato farmer what potatoes were selling at now, he was told "\$1.00 a bushel." And then the potato farmer went on to say that he did not understand President Wilson; that he had put potatoes up to \$1.00 a bushel, wheat to \$1.50 a bushel and corn to \$1.00 a bushel, and also added that cotton must be nine cents a pound. This declaration came too hot for the high official and he fled, unable to stand his ground. Since the election is over these republicans are singing another song. No longer do they say the democratic party is the cause of cotton being so low, but it is the war. It is a fact that since the democratic party is in power everything is looking up. Now where is your republican doctrine?

The potato farmers are bedding out a great many seed potatoes preparatory to another crop.

Miss Jane Reep of Lincoln county, is here on a visit to her Yoder relatives and many old friends.

Mrs. Ralph Yoder is visiting her father at Salisbury.

Mrs. Mowrie of Salisbury, has returned home after a visit to her father, Mr. A. P. Yoder.

Mr. P. R. Yoder has again resumed work on his new dwelling. The public schools have about all closed for this year.

### Told That There Was No Cure for Him.

"After suffering for over twenty years with indigestion and having some of the best doctors here tell me there was no cure for me, I think it only right to tell you for the sake of other sufferers as well as your own satisfaction that a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets not only relieved me but cured me within two months although I am a man of 65 years." writes Jul. Groben, Housh, N. C. For sale by Menzies Drug Co., and Lutz's Drug Co.

A girl with a dimple will laugh at anything a man says.