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YOUNG MEN TO ORGANIZE BOOSTER CLUB HERE

Meeting Held Monday Night and
Organization Committee
Appointed.

WANTED—All the Traveling Men in Hickory to join The Hickory Booster Club. No class of men are in a position to Boost Hickory more than the Traveling men that go out from Hickory. The next meeting will be held over Knox 5 & 10c Store Friday Night, August 20. Everybody cordially invited to come.

A meeting having as its object the formation of a booster club among the young men of the city was held in the Academy of Music Monday night. About twenty-five were present and much enthusiasm was displayed. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robt. A. Lovelace, and a temporary organization was effected by electing Mr. W. X. Reid, chairman, and Mr. W. M. Reese, secretary.

Messrs. Robt. A. Lovelace, chairman, J. F. Click, A. M. West, Auburn H. Setzer and Hugh Williams were appointed a committee on organization to draw up an outline of the plan and the secretary was instructed to secure data from similar organizations in other cities. These to be reported to the next meeting, which will be held Friday night, August 20, in the Academy of Music.

The object of the club is to cultivate towards all visitors and strangers moving to Hickory, practical Southern hospitality. It is something that the city is lacking in and it was the need of this that prompted several of our citizens to take the initiative in forming this club. It will be different from the Chamber of Commerce inasmuch as it will draw its member as individuals and not as firms or corporations. A stranger, stopping over here between trains perhaps knows some person here, but not being familiar with the city, is unable to get into communication with their friends. A booster, properly trained, could introduce himself and carry the stranger around to the person sought for. This would leave a lasting impression on the stranger and he or she would go away with a warm feeling for the city and its people.

There are also many other ways in which the organization can be put into practical use. They could boost the town wherever and whenever the opportunity presented itself and in many different ways. Every young man and older ones, too, should arrange their business so as to not conflict and be out at the meeting August 20. By going so, you will encourage those who have started the work and will help to give Hickory something that is sadly lacking. A name has not been definitely decided upon, but probably the committee on organization will suggest something at the next meeting.

Be a booster, and boos'!

A Republican Paper for Mr. Self.
If a Democrat must be elected next year as Attorney General, we had rather see Gus Self, of Hickory, get the job than anyone else. Gus is one of the brainiest lawyers in the State, and he is a good, clever fellow to boot. He would fill the office acceptably, both to himself and the public generally. — Mocksville Record, (Rep.)

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Mrs. Frank P. Abernethy entertained the Friday Bridge Club Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Three tables were placed and after a spirited game, it was found that Mrs. E. B. Cline and Mrs. J. L. Riddle had the same score. Each was presented with a lovely guest towel, embroidered in cross-stitch. An elaborate two course luncheon was served. Mrs. G. E. Weeks, sister of Mrs. Abernethy was a guest.

Miss Adelaide Johnston spent four days at Blowing Rock last week the guest of Miss Elizabeth McKenzie.

Mrs. James Hunter, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. T. M. Johnston, returned to Richmond Friday morning.

Miss Ruth Coleman was guest of honor when Mrs. Fred A. Abernethy entertained two tables of Auction Friday afternoon. Mrs. W. J. Shuford won the prize, a deck of cards, for making top score. A salad course and sherbet in cantaloupes was served after the games.

Miss Ruth Coleman of Aiken, S. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred A. Abernethy.

Mr. Herman Droste of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mr. T. M. Johnston.

Mrs. T. A. Mott entertained two tables of bridge for Mrs. O. M. Royster Tuesday morning. Mrs. R. A. Grimes received a guest towel for making top score and the guest of honor also received a towel. Delicious refreshments in two courses was served.

Mrs. O. M. Royster entertained the Friday Bridge club Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. C. M. Shuford won the prize, a package of hand painted score cards. A salad course was served.

Made in America.
From satin to sausage, from rubber to rouge, We have always been used to behold "Made in Germany," "England" or "Belgium" or "France," On everything salable sold. But since Europe has gone on a blood-drunk spree And the East is mixed up in the row, The things that we eat and the things that we wear Are made in America now.

From a white cotton gown to a diamond crown,
From hairpins to automobiles,
From embroidery floss to the pickles and sauce
We relish so much with our meals,
From pins to pianos, from carpets to cake,
Though all unadorned with a crest,
The "Made in America" label affixed
To anything stamps it the best.

Take Full Baskets.
We are requested to ask every member of the Shuford family to be present at the home of Mr. R. L. Shuford August 14. The Shuford Reunion will be held there on that date and a large attendance is expected. Every member of the family is requested to bring a full basket so there will be no scarcity of dinner and that everybody can go home rejoicing.

Two Weddings.
Miss Hattie Reitzel and Mr. Branson Campbell of Hickory, Route 1, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Reitzel, at Conover Sunday.
At Newton Sunday Miss Eliza Asquith and Mr. John Deal, both of this city, were united in marriage.

MECKLENBURG FARMERS ENJOY THEIR VISIT

Large Delegation Visit This
County Tuesday to Inspect
Dairies and Creamery.

A large delegation of Mecklenburg farmers and a number of ladies visited Catawba County Tuesday for the purpose of "seeing how it is done" on the dairy farms of the county and at the Catawba Creamery in Hickory. The following account of the trip is taken from The Charlotte Observer Wednesday morning.

"So uniformly successful and enjoyable was the junket of the Mecklenburg farmers to Catawba County yesterday that the experience will be repeated," according to the expression of purpose on the part of the participating, just as soon as some other desirable point may be chosen for a trip. There was not a disturbing element arising and the day was one of the most fruitful in experience and lessons learned that could have been imagined, far surpassing the most sanguine hopes even of the most optimistic.

"It was expected yesterday that there would be 100 farmers participating in this junket with probably about 25 cars. As a matter of fact there were more than 200 present and 51 automobiles. The attendance therefore was just double that expected. The majority of the farmers were in their own cars, quite a number having recently purchased machines. This fact makes a second trip to some other desirable point a very easy proposition.

"County Demonstration Agent R. W. Graeber, who engineered the trip and made all the necessary arrangements, expressed himself last night as more than pleased with the outing. He believes that the trip will prove vastly beneficial for those who inspected the farms along the way and just how such up-to-date experts as Messrs. R. L. Shuford and Henry Lutz are getting results from their work cannot help but obtain valuable lessons. The incentives also to better stock, modern methods, more up-to-date equipment and intensive operations along agricultural lines, must necessarily prove highly profitable. That Mr. Graeber will join with the farmers in arranging another outing of similar nature goes without the saying.

"The procession of cars left Charlotte shortly after 7 o'clock and arrived at the R. L. Shuford farm about 10:30 o'clock, the roads via Lincolnton proving very satisfactory. Lessons in sand clay road building were gleaned and the liveliest interest was manifested in crop conditions all along the way. The Shuford farm was a relation. This place is noteworthy by reason of the extraordinary fine herd of registered Jersey cattle, numbering approximately 130 head, with 35 cows entitled to advanced registration by reason of the marvelous records achieved in butter fat production. The farm consists of approximately 600 acres and have been brought to a high state of cultivation. Its equipment consist of a complete dairy, with refrigeration plant, and all the appurtenances of a modern institution. Ice cream is manufactured and sold in the summer and butter, etc., in the winter. Formerly Mr. Shuford was a patron of the creamery but now he has a creamery of his own. The principal lesson derived from the farm was the value of livestock in the cultivation of the productivity of land.

"The Henry Lutz farm was next visited, which is part of the well known Dutch community. The Jerseys here are equal in merit to the Shuford herd and

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The North Carolina Militia Ranks First.

The North Carolina military ranks second only to New York and Pennsylvania, in general efficiency and marksmanship and first among the southern states, in the opinion of Commandant, O. F. Schneider, U. S. A. commandant and instructor of military tactics and science of Bingham school, of Asheville. This opinion, it is said, is shared by Adjutant Lawrence Young and also by other army officers here to inspect the North Carolina troops.

Judging from what was observed by a layman there is no doubting the fact that should Uncle Sam need the services of additional men in the army North Carolina would be among the first to have an opportunity to serve their country.

In conversation Adjutant General Young declared that should war be declared against this country or should the service of troops be needed in Mexico or anywhere else that the North Carolina troops, both officers and men, are now up to such a degree of efficiency that they could take the field with the regular forces without the aid of the regular army officers.

Several army officers besides Captain Schneider have watched the North Carolina troops and have nothing but the highest praise for their work here. "I am confident," said Captain Schneider "that North Carolina in point of general efficiency ranks first among the militia organizations of the south. Of course Pennsylvania and New York are ahead of the North Carolina boys because of the great amount of money appropriated both by their respective states and the federal government. But I am very much pleased with the showing made by the Tar Heel lads and I am confident they rank easily first among the Southern states."

Do You Know.
That the population of North Carolina is 2,206,587, an increase in 10 years of 16.5 per cent?
That 536,956 people live in cities, towns and villages?
That the actual agricultural population is 1,669,331?
That the total land area of the state of North Carolina is 31,193,600 acres?
That the total amount of acres in farms is 22,439,129?
That the total number of acres cultivated is 5,737,000?
That the percentage of total land area cultivated is only 18.39 per cent.
That the average value of land per acre is \$15.25?
That the average net return per acre of cultivated land is \$18.53?
That the percentage of farms operated by owners is 57.3 per cent, and by tenants is 42.3 per cent?
That the value of cultivated crops for the state is \$127,822,000?
That the farmers of the state of North Carolina annually spend \$21,483,090 for labor and fertilizer?
That of this sum 57.03 per cent is for fertilizer and 42.92 per cent is for labor?

MRS. WARREN AND CHRISTY CONVICTED

Sentenced to Death For Murder of G. J. Warren, Mrs. Warren's Husband.

At 11:50 o'clock Saturday night at Winston-Salem, Judge E. B. Cline pronounced the death sentence upon Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy. His honor was visibly affected as he asked the prisoners to rise. Court had been in continuous session since the noon recess, there being no adjournment for supper.

Solemnly Judge Cline addressed the prisoners, saying that he had at this time made no preparations for the performance of the duty required of him by his State, the very trying duty of pronouncing the extreme sentence upon a woman. He briefly commented upon their associations of past years; begged them to give thought to their present condition, which is the ultimate end of any persons who covet associations and attempt to reach each other over the body of a lawful husband or wife, serious thought. Following this statement, Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy were sentenced to die in the electric chair on Friday, September 24, 1915.

Prior to the pronouncement of the sentence Judge E. B. Jones, representing Mrs. Warren, moved to set aside the verdict, that a new trial be ordered on account of errors committed during the progress of the trial as set forth in the records and errors that will appear in the brief in the case on appeal.

Attorney Fred M. Parrish, counsel for Christy, joined in this motion. The motion was overruled by the court and each defendant excepted. Following the entry of the death sentence, Judge Cline authorized the entry of a notice of appeal from this judgement to the Supreme Court. The appeals of the defendants are filed as paupers.

The verdict against Clifton Stonestreet was guilty as an accessory after the fact and the court pronounced sentence of three years in the State's Prison. The prisoners stood calmly during the entire ordeal of their sentence. Not once did Christy appear to weaken. Mrs. Warren stood erect during the progress of the court's address and sentence until the final words setting the date upon which they are to go to the electric chair was reached. It was then that she quivered, shifted on her feet and as his honor concluded with: "May God have mercy on your soul, be seated," she turned with a quick nervous jerk and sank into her chair. For a moment her head drooped and then she resumed her apparent calm. Court continued in session. (The clock having been turned back, as the town clock a block away struck 12) until an hour unknown to the court.

Tentative Plan for Settlement of European War.

Germany to sell to France Alsace-Lorraine for an equivalent of its real value and retire from France and Belgian, but to have commercial access to the Belgian seaport, which would be declared a free port; Germany to pay over to Belgium the amount acquired from France to restore Belgium; the Colonies to be restored to Germany to be England's and Japan's peace concessions; Austria and Italy to agree between each other for a settlement and urged to do so by the other Nations; Constantinople to be a free port to appease Russia, Turkey to acquiesce and Austria and Servia to agree between themselves to settle their differences; establish a World Court able to enforce its decrees by an international police force of the world—military and naval forces superior to those of any single power in the world. All the above Nations to pledge themselves for a peace to last 50 years at least, agreeing as advantages to be gained thereby to reduce their armies and navies to a peace basis, which would admit during that period, of their liquidating their liabilities incurred by the war. All these Nations to obligate themselves to work in unison to maintain peace not only amongst themselves but throughout the world. I feel quite sure that the United States, South America and China would gladly join in the combination for the great advantages that would accrue to them by the certain assurance of peace prevailing for the next 50 years.

HENRY CLEWS,
President of the American Peace and Arbitration League.

Shuford Family Reunion.
The Shuford Historical association will hold its annual session August 14 on the farm of R. L. Shuford near Hickory, the farm being a part of the lands granted to pioneer John Shuford in Catawba county. The program follows:
10 a. m.—
Meeting called to order—W. A. Self.
Invocation—Rev. J. L. Murphy.
National anthem—The Association.
Pioneer John Shuford and his descendants—Rev. J. H. Shuford.
10:25 a. m.—
The David Shuford Family—A. C. Shuford.
10:50 a. m.—
The George Shuford Family—George A. Shuford.
11:15 a. m.—
Some Records—A. Nixon, Sec'y: "Carolina"—The Association;
11:35 a. m.—
Remarks—J. W. Robinson.
More Remarks—G. M. Yoder.
11:50 a. m.—
Certain Family Traits—Dr. J. H. Shuford,
12 m.—
Toast to the Shufords—W. J. Shuford.
Song: "God Be With You"—The Association.
Benediction—Rev. J. L. Murphy.
12:25 p. m.—
Lunch—The Association.

Appalachian Training School.
The twelfth year of the Appalachian Training School will begin August 19, 1915. Every effort will be made to help public school teachers. All expenses very low. Ask for literature, Address, Secretary of the Faculty, Boone, N. C.

TO THE CITY TRADE—If you wish us to deliver fruit jars or wares of any kind, please let us have your order the day before your needs as our delivery is done in the afternoon.
UMSTEAD'S
China and Variety Goods,
Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM WEST HICKORY

New Store Opened Up and Luthers Hold Annual Picnic. Personal Mention.

West Hickory, Aug. 11.—Mr. R. M. Knox has rented the P. K. Baker store and dwelling and has moved his family here. He is opening up a nice stock of goods in the store building. We are glad to have Mr. Knox in our town and hope he will be successful.

The Sunday School of Bethany Lutheran Church of West Hickory, held their annual picnic in the grove near the church Saturday, August 7. There was a large crowd present and a well filled table spread out in the grove. About everything good to eat that could be thought of was on the table. Lemonade and ice cream were also served until all present were satisfied. After the large crowd present had done full justice to the good things set before them there was enough left to have fed 100 more. Rev. W. A. Deaton, D. D., pastor of the congregation, was present and pronounced the blessing. The Sunday School all agree that this was the most pleasant picnic they had ever had.

Mrs. John Boggs of High Shoals, is here visiting Mrs. J. B. Abernethy.

Mr. Fay Abernethy of Gaffney, S. C., is spending a few days with his cousins, Misses Lillian Leafy and Jimmie Abernethy.

Messrs. Fletcher Melton and Roger Wilson of Caroleen, and Hoover Jolly of Rhodhiss, made a short visit here last week. They were on their way to Post, Texas.

Rev. D. L. Whitener of Wilsonburg, W. Va., preached at the Baptist Church here Sunday morning and night. He filled the appointment of the pastor Rev. W. N. Cook. Mr. Cook has been engaged in holding a meeting for the past two weeks over in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowman have moved here from Rhodhiss.

Messrs. Jones and Clarence Kale of Davidson, are visiting relatives here this week.
Misses Capitola Beck and Katie Leonard are spending several days in the country near Plateau Miss Beck's aunt, Miss M. E. Beck.

Germany and Russia.
The report that Germany advocated peace proposals to Russia has improbability written all over its face. It is capture and surrender the Germans have had in mind. After getting the Russians where she wants them, if she should at last succeed in doing that, Germany might open a dicker for Russia to turn against the Allies, but as to offering to swap territory and make peace with Russia, that is all poppycock. — Charlotte Observer.

MEN WANTED—In the Men's Bible class at the Presbyterian Church every Sunday morning in the main auditorium of the church at 9:45 a. m. Dr. W. B. Ramsay, teacher. You will be greeted with a warm welcome. If you are not attending Sunday School we will be glad to have you come out and join the Men's Bible Class at the Presbyterian Church on the corner Thirteenth Avenue and Thirteenth Street.