

## GRADED SCHOOLS HAVE UNUSUALLY FINE OPENING

Even Hundred and Fifty Enrolled First Day. New Building Needed.

The city graded schools had an unusually fine opening, in fact it was a record breaker. In the white schools 750 pupils were present the first day. This indicates an enrollment for the year of 900 or more.

On the first morning 143 pupils were enrolled in the high school grades. Last year the entire term was 122. An increase of 20 per cent in one year is a very fine record.

Every pupil who was promoted from the seventh grade to the eighth grade was present on the first day. What other school can show not a single pupil lost between these grades? Last spring 40 pupils were promoted from the eighth grade to the ninth. On the first day of school 44 of these were reported for enrollment. How many city schools can equal this record?

While other schools are discussing how to keep their pupils from dropping out, the schools of Hickory are getting the children in school and keeping them. The important question is how to provide room for all the children who are flocking to the schools.

It is absolutely necessary that another building shall be erected before another year. A high school building is needed for the four high school grades and perhaps for the seventh grades. Why not erect a high school building that would serve for the children of Hickory, and for the high school pupils of Highland, West Hickory, Brookford, and other adjoining districts?

## \$150 DINNER FOR A PET BLACK GOAT.

"Nigg" Animal Actor With Gentry Brothers Shows Dines on Currency.

"Nigg," a goat as black as midnight, and the only capricorn that ever dined on real money, is one of the trained creatures that will be in this city next Friday, September 17, with Gentry Brothers Shows. "Nigg," in addition to being a trained goat, is precocious in many ways. He has all the ear marks, peculiarities, and vagaries of appetite due to creatures of his kind.

Three years ago, when Gentry Brothers shows was exhibiting in a little town in the Virginia mountains a boy came to the front door leading "Nigg." He also led a youngster two years his junior. In a pitiful way he pictured the poverty of his family, said he had no money, and for two tickets he would trade the goat.

"He is a pet and a good goat," said the older boy, as he handed over the string to the trainer. "Nigg" is a pet and good goat. One day he strolled into the ticket wagon. Something green caught his eye. He ate it. Then he was discovered. The goat had devoured three bundles of paper money, fifty dollars to the bundle.

He is the leader of the split hoof performers with Gentry Brothers shows. They will be here with Gentry Brothers famous shows next Friday, September 17.

## Missionary Institute A Great Success

A missionary institute was conducted at the Presbyterian Church beginning Sunday, August 29, and continuing through Wednesday night, September 1.

Rev. H. F. Williams of Nashville, Tenn., field secretary of the committee of Foreign Missions, was one of the speakers, while Rev. C. L. Crane of Atlanta, Ga., and Rev. R. D. Bedinger of Virginia, were the other speakers. Rev. Messrs. Crane and Bedinger are missionaries who have been working on the Kassai River in Africa among the negro tribes for three years.

The addresses of all these speakers were very instructive and entertaining. They also illustrated their talks with stereoscopic slides which presented to the eye life-like scenes from nature and mission work, greatly aiding the audience in forming correct ideas of the mission fields, their nature, problems and successes.

Curios from the Congo, such as axes, ornaments, fetiches, etc., were exhibited in the church parlors.

Large audiences attended the evening exercises, and from the interest manifested it may be well prophesied that increased interest and support may be expected from this community toward foreign mission work, particularly for the work among the negroes in Africa.

One of the particular interesting features of the institute was the missionary drama, "Kobeya, or a Day in Luebo," which was given in the Claremont College auditorium on Tuesday evening. This represented an African chief who accepted Christianity, gave up all but one of his numerous wives, rejected his fetiches and repudiated the witch-doctor who opposed his conversion with dire threats.

Henry Menzies as the chief, and Voorheis Garth as the witch-doctor, took the leading roles well, and were admirably supported by the other young people who all did their parts splendidly, greatly to the amusement and edification of the large audience.

Rev. C. L. Crane, as the promoter of the institute, with the pastor of the church, Rev. J. G. Gartin, and the ladies who assisted in the play and other arrangements, are to be congratulated on the success of the whole affair. It would certainly be of much value if such an institute could be given in other places.

## South Fork Association.

South Fork Baptist Association will meet with the West Hickory Baptist church on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October. At least 150 delegates are expected.

Those in the city, who would like to entertain special friends and relatives who are likely to attend, will please make it known to Pastor W. N. Cook, so he can have the assignment made to suit.

## Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Catawba Sweet Potato Growers' Association at the Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, Sept. 11, at one o'clock P. M. All members of the Association and growers are cordially invited.

## ORGANIZATION OF BOOSTER CLUB HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Charles H. Geitner Elected President and C. W. Cloninger Sec. and Treas.

The Hickory Boosters were permanently organized at a meeting in the Globe Theatre Friday night. Charles H. Geitner was elected president; W. X. Reid, first vice president; Orin M. Sigmon, second vice president; Roy Abernethy, third vice president; C. W. Cloninger, secretary and treasurer; M. H. Yount, J. Carl Miller, A. O. Mitchell, W. M. Reese, A. G. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Ia Wood, and Dr. Charles L. Hunsucker constitute the board of directors.

The club is now ready to get down to business. Another meeting will be held Friday night of this week at which time the working committees will be named.

The club will hold regular meetings on the first Friday night of each month, but it is provided in the constitution that special meetings may be called by the president or the secretary and treasurer upon the request of five members.

Persons who are interested in the development of Hickory and all its best interests are eligible to membership in the organization. The dues shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the members. However, the annual dues for any member shall not be less than one dollar, which is to be payable quarterly in advance.

With the slogan of the club to be "Hickory first, last and all the time," the aim and object is to boost Hickory, both at home and abroad, to stimulate genuine hospitality, to promote friendly feeling and relations among all citizens of Hickory, to welcome visitors and newcomers to Hickory, to cooperate with all persons and organizations for the upbuilding of the business interests of Hickory and surrounding country, and to establish, when the proper time presents itself, suitable quarters for the convenience of its members and for the entertainment of visitors to Hickory.

## New Lawyers.

Seventy-seven out of 94 applicants for license to practice law who took the examination before the Supreme Court at Raleigh last week were successfully passed.

Mr. Thomas Pitts Puit, son of Rev. J. B. Puit of this city, who recently moved here from Tallahassee, Fla., and Geo. A. Warlick, Jr., of Newton were among the number.

One lady, Miss Margaret Berry of Orange County, will receive her license, and one negro out of three answered the required number of questions correctly.

## Meeting of Library Association.

There will be a meeting of the Hickory Free Library Association at the library building on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11th, at 4 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers of the Association, and to transact such other business as may be necessary. All persons who are interested in the improvement of the library are requested and urged to be present at this meeting.

CHAS. M. STALEY, President.

## "The Boys" Enjoy Fox Hunt.

Hickory's indomitable fox-hunters, who style themselves as "the boys," left their homes here Monday morning at 2 o'clock and went across Catawba River in Caldwell county, jumped a red fox which they ran for two hours, finally bagging him and returned to Hickory in time for breakfast. There were about 25 hounds in the race and the music they made was grand to hear.

## Meeting in Lincolnton.

Lawyer H. A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, was here Monday on legal business. He said the tent meeting there conducted by Evangelist Browning was attended by thousands of people, the greatest meeting ever held there, and has done great good. The people have enjoyed the meeting Sunday night they took a collection and subscription and raised \$900 for the preacher.

Hives, eczema, it's or salt rheum sets you crazy. Can't bear the touch of your clothing. Doan's Ointment is fine for skin itching. All druggists sell it, 50c a box.

## McRorie Fields.

Marriage of Popular Young Couple Here Thursday Evening.

A wedding of much interest was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother on Fifteenth Street here last Thursday evening at 5 o'clock when Mr. William E. McRorie, formerly of Statesville, but for some time connected with the Southern Public Utilities Company here, claimed as his bride Miss Sadie Irene Fields, the attractive daughter of Mrs. L. C. Fields. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., pastor of Corinth Reformed Church, in the presence of quite a number of admiring friends and relatives. The only attendants were flower girls.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left on No. 12 for Hiddenite where they spent their honeymoon at Davis Sulphur Springs.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McRorie of Statesville, and is a young man of excellent habits. He has made a host of friends during his sojourn in this city. He has been living here for some time and is an electrician.

Mrs. McRorie is a daughter of the late Mr. T. A. Fields, one of the pioneer merchants and business men of Hickory. She is widely known for her accomplishments and pleasant disposition.

The Democrat joins with their many friends in wishing them much happiness and success in life.

## Pleasant Home Wedding.

A very pleasant home wedding was celebrated in this city Sunday evening, Sept. 5, at 1 o'clock. It was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hamot, 610 Twenty-second Street. Their daughter, Miss Rosa, became the bride of Mr. Richard L. Elliott, of Petersburg, Va. Mr. Boyd Kistler was best man, and Miss Lula Williams, niece of the bride, maid of honor. Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated, using the ring ceremony, with little Willie Click as ring bearer. It was a brief, but beautiful ceremony, for which Rev. Harte is specially noted.

Immediately after the marriage, and congratulations, the bride and groom took the 2:35 C. & N.-W. train for Lincolnton, and from there to Ellenboro, to visit the groom's mother. Until Tuesday morning when they took the train for their home at 203 Grove Avenue, Petersburg, Va., carrying with them the best wishes of a host of friends.

The marriage was witnessed by a number of relatives, neighbors and friends. Those in the city were: Boyd Kistler and family; B. W. Miller and family; R. M. Perry and family; J. F. Click and family; Mrs. Litten, Mrs. George Povey, Miss Mabel Coffey and Master Nelson Harte.

Those from out of the city were: Mrs. C. V. Hamot and family of Gastonia; Mr. R. L. Jarrett and family of Plateau, and Mr. Vance Scrone of Reepsville.

It was a joyous day in the Hamot home. Those of us who were privileged to spend the day there, certainly enjoyed a sumptuous dinner, such only as Mrs. Hamot knows how to prepare and serve. It was a real, first-class southern dinner, seasoned with the kindest and most liberal hospitality. We shall never forget the day, and our prayer is that the joy it brought may continue through life.

## ONE PRESENT.

Wreck Sunday; One Killed.

Sunday morning about 5:30 o'clock an extra freight on the Southern Railway was wrecked about two miles east of Connelly Springs. While the train crew were investigating the damage they came across the dead body of Charles Lindsay of Burke county, lying about twenty-five yards from the wreckage.

Just how Lindsay happened to be at the scene of the wreck is not definitely known as he was not a member of the train crew. The inference is that he was either riding the train without the knowledge of the train crew, or was walking along the track.

On account of the wreck, ten cars being piled up along the track, passenger trains Nos. 15 and 36 and 11 and 22 transferred passengers at that place, while Nos. 12 and 21 were delayed something like three hours, the road not being cleared until about two hours after nightfall. None of the train crew were hurt.

## CONCORDIA SYNOD COMES TO A CLOSE

Selects Baltimore as the Place of Meeting Next Year.

The Concordia District of the Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio convened at Mt. Zion Church near the county home, September 1, and closed Monday evening, September 6. This body is one of the eleven districts of the joint synod and is represented in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland and the District of Columbia. The district represents about thirty pastors, but only 18 were present including a number of delegates.

There were doctrinal, practical and missionary subjects discussed, and in spite of the inclement weather a large number of people were present at each session. The synodical sermon was preached Wednesday by the president, Rev. J. E. A. Doermann of Washington, D. C. The confessional sermon was preached the same evening by Rev. O. V. Poorman of Petersburg, Va., in which connection the Lord's Supper was held.

The missionary sermon was preached Thursday evening by Rev. A. E. Krause of Myers, W. Va. Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, general president of the joint synod, preached Sunday morning, and his son, Rev. W. E. Schuette, of the editorial staff of the American Lutheran Survey, in the afternoon.

The church was packed with hearers on Sunday to its utmost capacity. Services were also conducted at St. Paul's Chapel in this city Sunday morning by Rev. W. E. Schuette and in the evening by Rev. J. E. A. Doermann.

Rev. W. E. Schuette was here in the interest of the American Lutheran Survey, a weekly magazine published in Columbia, S. C. This magazine should come to every Christian home, not because it gives news in general of the Lutheran church, but of the current events of the day from the positive Christian standpoint. This magazine is not quite a year old and has a subscription list of 4200 subscribers.

Missionary work, both at home and foreign, were discussed and the fact was deplored that our mission work in India as well as other bodies in the foreign field, has been hampered by the European war.

The synod closed with a pastoral sermon by Rev. C. G. Wolf of Baltimore. The district will meet next year in Baltimore.

## Golden Wedding Celebration.

The celebration on August 20, of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Holler, at their home in Rock Hill, S. C., was an occasion of unusual interest and pleasure to the many friends of this beloved couple. Perhaps the most touching feature of the evening was the beautiful little service held before the guests began to arrive. At the first sounds of the wedding march the children, grand-children and great-grand-children marched into the parlor, where the honored couple sat and opened the program with the grand old doxology, "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow."

This couple, whose anniversary is noted above, are the parents of Mrs. Geo. Killian of this city, who with her husband and children attended the celebration. They were former residents of the county and have many relatives in this section.

## None Equal to Chamberlain's

"I have tried most all of the cough cures and find that there is none that equal Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes W. V. Harner, Montpelier, Ind. When you have a cold give this remedy a trial and see for yourself what a splendid medicine it is. For sale by Menzies Drug Co., and Lutz's Drug Store.

Messrs. N. S. Dasher, manager of the Hickory Electric Company, and H. H. Miller, the popular ticket agent at the passenger depot, left Sunday for a trip to this exposition at San Francisco.

WANTED—To wash your windows, 5c each. I also do all kinds of house cleaning. Give me a trial and I will give satisfaction. G. R. Coapning. Phone 311, any time in the morning, 11p.

## Local, Personal and Social Items

Rev. J. H. Shuford of King's Creek, is in the city.

Mr. W. B. Menzies went to Old Fort Wednesday on business.

Miss Luna and Bonnie Brown of Mocksville, are spending some time here with relatives.

Cecil Bost, Claude Abernethy and Edward Shuford are attending school at A. & M.

Henry Menzies, Bailey Patrick, Voorheis Garth and Bonner Knox have gone to Davidson College.

Prof R. A. Yoder has gone to King's Mountain where he is principal of the graded schools at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lawrence and two children of Asheville, are spending several weeks here with relatives.

Miss Marion Bethune of Aberdeen, spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Little. She was en route to Fassifern.

John Aiken and Gordon Council will attend school at the University of North Carolina this winter.

Miss Beatrice Cobb has returned to her home in Morganton, after spending several days with Miss Frances Lentz.

Mr. J. A. Herndon of Kinston, spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Ernest Herndon.

Miss Elise Kinstrey of Richmond, Va., former milliner for W. T. Sledge, arrived Tuesday to take charge of her work again for the fall season.

Mrs. J. Henry Hill is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. F. Salvo. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss Grace Hill.

A good number of our Baptist friends went on the excursion to the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, Monday and report a good time.

Misses Frank and Rose Martin have gone to Fassifern. They were accompanied by their guests, Misses Hattie May Morisey of Goldsboro, and Alice Howard Williams of Tarboro.

Miss Mattie Thomason was at home to a few of her friends Monday night. Cards furnished amusement for the evening and at the close of the games delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. B. Menzies and Rev. C. L. Crane entertained the young people, who took part in the Missionary play at Claremont College, Friday evening. After playing many games and listening to the music, delicious refreshments were served by Misses Janie and Mary Stuart Menzies.

Mr. Thomas Henderson entertained Thursday evening at his home on Eighth Avenue, in honor of Mr. Lewis Moore of Lincolnton. While some of the guests played rook others indulged in pleasant conversation. A delicious salad course was served by Miss Mary Knox Henderson. Miss Henderson also entertained the guests with music. The out-of-town guests were Messrs. Lewis Moore of Lincolnton and Harold Lattimore of Maiden.

## Banking by Mail

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