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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

A Few of the Happenings of Local Interest—What Folks are Doing.

The school census of this district totals 937 people of school age. The Startown district was completed last week and shows 173 school people.

In a fight Friday night up near Kelly Lewis, a young white man was severely cut, and John Thornton badly hurt on the head by a chunk of coal. Stitches were necessary in Lewis' case.

Rev. Jim Green and Prof. Radd Newsome are helping Rev. E. Sherrill in a two-weeks meeting in the Main Street Methodist church at Salisbury. Mr. Green is pastor of the Rock Swains church and Mr. Newsome has charge of the singing at Mr. Green's various revivals.

A dead nearly 18 years old was offered for registration yesterday. It is for a lot sold in January, 1898, by O. C. Overcash to the late Alvin Hilderbrand, but Hilderbrand, in considering a sale of the lot to Charley Bostain, was unable to complete the title until his attorney, W. B. Guther, came upon the old deed.

The synod of the Potomac, Reformed church, opened last night at Greencastle, Pa. Attending from this section are Dr. J. L. Murphy, Rev. J. D. Andrew, Rev. A. S. Peeler of Lenoir, Rev. L. A. Peeler of High Point and Rev. J. A. Koons of Rockwell. Friday night Dr. Murphy delivered one of the principal addresses on the week's program.

George W. Setzer of the Newton cotton mill went to Statesville Saturday to consult a specialist about an attack of facial paralysis sustained one night recently while at work in the mill. The right cheek, half the lips and half the tongue are affected and the eyelids, the extent of the affection ending exactly at the center of the face.

The North Carolina synod of the Presbyterian church meets this week in Gastonia. An item of much interest to this section of the state is the proposal to rearrange the presbyteries, cutting off four mountain counties and forming them into a new synod of Appalachia and placing the Newton and Sherrills Ford congregations in the Kings Mountain Presbytery. Rev. W. M. Sikes, pastor, and Dr. Geo. H. West, elder, will represent the local church as delegates.

Little Miss Katherine Wilfong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilfong, was very successful with her poultry and egg exhibits at the state fair. In the Asiatic class of fowls she received first premium on Light Brahmas and Black Langshans; fourth on White Plymouth Rock eggs, third on White Wyandotte eggs, fourth on Red Island Red eggs, third on Buff Orpington, fifth on White Orpington, first on Silver Spangled Hamburg eggs, and second on S. C. White Leghorn eggs—nine premiums in all. The Catawba poultry and egg exhibit was very fine, we understand.

Until December 1 taxpayers may get their receipts for town taxes from James H. McClelland, city clerk and treasurer, by calling at his office. Until that time 2 per cent discount is allowed. Notice of advertisement, County and state taxes are being paid right along at the sheriff's office. Sheriff Isenhour will be at J. F. Holler's store this morning and at Claremont this afternoon. Tomorrow he will spend the forenoon at Catawba and the afternoon at Long Island; Thursday he will visit Olivers cross roads in the forenoon and W. L. Alley's store in the afternoon. Friday he goes to Conover and to Maiden, and will complete his first round Saturday, at Sherrills Ford in the morning and Terrell in the afternoon. By noting where he is on a given day you can tell whether your township books are in the office here.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. J. O. Bishop of Lima, Ohio, returned to her home Friday after having spent four weeks with relatives in the county.

Misses Ina and Mattie Morrison of Staesville were here shopping Saturday, selecting hats at the Caldwell-Cochran millinery department, and visiting the milliner, Miss Charlye Frye. Miss Frye had as her guest Sunday her uncle, S. G. Frye, of Staesville.

Robert Murray who left this county 15 years ago for the west and who settled in Washington, arrived Saturday to spend several weeks with friends and relatives here and in the county.

Mrs. L. O. Cloninger and children of Dallas are visiting Mrs. Cloninger's parents, Mr. and J. W. Killian.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Cox left Friday morning for Lexington, Ky., where they will make their home. Very many friends regretted their departure and best wishes will follow them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abernethy, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abernethy and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Abernethy, Miss Lenore Sourbeer and Miss Elizabeth Abernethy, of Hickory, motored to Newton Sunday and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson and Mr. Julius Abernethy.

Dr. L. A. Crowell of Lincoln left Friday for New York Boston and will be away until the 6th of November, attending the North American Clinical Congress of Surgeons which meets in Boston from the 25th to the 29th of this month. Dr. Crowell will spend the remainder of his time visiting New York hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Shelby will leave this week for Ashland, Va., where they will live. It is 16 miles from Richmond, where Mr. Shelby is in business, and this is the consideration behind the move. Their friends are sorry to lose them and hope that they'll come back some time.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Little and son Byron motored to Stanley Sunday, and the doctor will remain for a week on professional business. Mrs. Vena Little Goode of Charlotte spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. L. T. Mann of Staesville accompanied Presiding Elder Mann to Newton and spent yesterday with Mrs. W. M. Biles at the paragonage.

Dr. Robert H. Rowe of Bessemer City returned to that place Sunday after spending several days here, called home by the illness of his father, M. J. Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn Harper and son, Rich Harper, of Patterson, motored through yesterday afternoon, enroute to Charlotte.

Governor Bickett in Town.

Hon. T. W. Bickett of Louisville, attorney general of the state and candidate for governor, was in town yesterday, guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bickett. He left on No. 22 for the east after touring the mountain section. The Enterprise was favored with a call which was enjoyed. Mr. Bickett is very complimentary about his nomination, finding the west pretty strong for him. He and his friends do not think there will be a great deal of time spent in the convention when it comes to nominating the next governor. Personally Mr. Bickett is a prince of gentlemen and on the stump, perhaps hasn't now an equal in the state. He comes nearest Aycock of being a people's man in a speech, possessing an irresistible fund of humor that wins him an audience everywhere. While little has been said in this county about state politics, Mr. Bickett has many friends who will try to hold the fort for him here.

Talking Sweet Potatoes-- Origin of the Tubers

The Charlotte Observer says: Historian Ashcraft, of The Monroe Enquirer, tells us in another column the "how come" of the sweet potato, and hardly had we prepared his information for passing along, when Editor Williams of The Newton Enterprise sends in a song about the glories of the tuber as perfected by the Dutch farmers of Catawba county. "The Catawba sweet potato," he says, "was never finer than in this year of plenty. It is marvelous that so few people in this country of ours are acquainted with the ambrosial delights of a baked Catawba yam, yellow as gold, sweet as need be, delicate as a dream when broken tenderly and spread from time to time with Catawba butter." The Enterprise is disposed to bemoan the fact that the Catawba sweet potato is known to but comparatively few markets outside the state, but as the farmers seem to be able to sell all they raise this should not be a matter of much consequence. It is a pity, though, that so large a part of the country is in ignorance of what the real article of sweet potato tastes like and we suspect it is this aspect of the case that produces the sigh from Editor Williams.

This is the note of The Enquirer:

Sweet potatoes, plenty of them for home consumption, have been made in this county. Nothing better than a good, well cooked sweet potato, unless it is another potato. The sweet potato is a native of the West Indies. The natives of Cuba gave Columbus sweet potatoes. Sir Francis Drake sent some potatoes to England, but neglected to tell about preparing them for the table. The gardeners who planted the potatoes cooked the tops and pronounced the stuff no good. One gardener pulled his potatoes up and made a fire and threw them on it, tops and roots, to get rid of the worthless stuff and attracted by the pleasant odor he picked up a tuber and tasted it. Roasted sweet potato! He told his family and his neighbors about the "good eating." They tried the cooked potatoes and from that time the sweet potato has been in favor.

Honeycutt-Fry Nuptials.

The Easton, Pa., Daily Free Press, a copy of which The Enterprise has received, contains an account of the recent marriage of Jesse V. Honeycutt and Miss Anna Dorothy Fry, which took place the 11th at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna Fry, Nazareth, Pa. The ceremony was performed in the presence of over fifty guests, by Rev. Charles D. Kreider. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Fry, and the best man was Frank M. Fry, of Duran, N. M. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine, en train, with lace and pearl trimming. The veil was caught up with lilies of the valley and a bridal bouquet of roses and lilies was carried. The bridesmaid wore blue crepe de chine and carried pink roses. Speaking of the bride, The Free Press says: "She is one of the best-known young women in Nazareth and is prominent in musical circles in Nazareth, Easton and Bethlehem. She was instructor for music in Salem College for Women, Salem, N. C., and also at Catawba college, Newton, N. C. The groom is employed in the Redington plant of the Bethlehem steel company. They will make their home No. 933 Leigh street, Easton."

Presiding Elder L. T. Mann preached a sermon Sunday night in the Methodist church that held the closest attention of his hearers. During the discourse he took issue with Bryan's peace propaganda, pointing out that war is often necessary, that it is incident to life—that life is war, and that out of war comes blessings for mankind.

Community Club Formed At Startown Friday

The first of the community clubs for civic betterment was organized Friday at Startown high school with Mrs. Phillip Coulter as president and Miss Wike as secretary. A second meeting is fixed for November 6. Inspirational talks were made to the half a hundred people by County Agent Mask, Professor Proffitt, Dr. Geo. E. Shipp, county health officer; Principal Seckinger, of the school; Supt. Geo. E. Long, and others, including former Congressman A. C. Shuford, who commended the ideals of the club movement and joined with all in offering hearty co-operation.

It is the intention of the officials to visit all parts of the county and organize these clubs which have for their object the betterment of every phase of community life.

Sunday School Workers Here Next Sunday

There will be a mass meeting of the Sunday school workers of Catawba county at this place next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The purpose is to study the subject of Sunday school as a potent force in modern life and to arouse greater interest in intelligent and efficient Sunday school work.

It is planned to organize a county association which shall include people of all denominations. There will be an interesting program, good music, good speakers, and a pleasant social gathering. J. Walter Long, state secretary; Prof. Chas. M. Staley of Hickory schools; Rev. W. M. Biles of the Methodist church and Rev. W. W. Rowe of the Reformed church, will deliver addresses. Every Sunday school is urged to send representatives. Meanwhile, further information may be had from W. E. Bacon of Newton, Revs. J. D. Harte, J. G. Garth and E. O. Smithdeal, of Hickory.

A lot containing a bit over an acre, lying just below Claremont and belonging to the estate of Ellen Hunsucker, colored, was sold at auction yesterday by Geo. E. Setzer, commissioner, of Claremont, and bid off by Rev. Jim Cline, colored, at \$81.50. It was declared to be worth more than that by several colored people interested, one woman declaring it had a peach tree on it worth a lot itself; and so the sale is left open 20 days for a 10 per cent raise.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Rufty and two sons of Catawba were in town a while yesterday.

Cotton Breaks Some More.

The cotton market yesterday broke again and dropped about 30 points. The local price is 12 cents. The ginners report showed 5,713,347 bales ginned up to the 18th of October.

The Newton Markets

(Corrected Every Issue)

Cotton	12c
Cotton seed	55c
Cotton seed meal	1.75
Cotton seed hulls	65 to 75c
Wheat	\$1.25
Flour	\$2.90 to \$3.00
Bran	1.85
Corn	75c and 1.00
Corn meal	1.20
Oats	.60
Rye	1.00
Peas	1.25
Irish potatoes	75c
Sweet potatoes	40c
Dried fruit	3c
Chickens	10 and 12½
Eggs	25c
Butter	25c
Beeves	3½ to 4c
Calves	
Hogs	10c
Sheep	
Dry hides	15c
Green hides	12½c

Get Fine Equipment For Farm Life School

The new administration at Startown has gone in for complete equipment for the farm life school and is succeeding admirably in assembling the numerous badly needed articles. Yesterday County Agent Mask gave out a list of things which he calls "some" of the new equipment, meaning thereby that they intend to keep on hunting for articles that can be used in the conduct of the "college" out there. The list to date includes a big Bull tractor, 25 horse power; two "James" sanitary cow stalls; a "Liberty Bell" power washing machine; a "McKay" disc plow and sub-soiler; an "Oxweld" acetylene generator for lighting the boys dormitory; a "Bostrom-Brady" farm level, an instrument for laying off terraces, etc.; a complete canning outfit, which the Home Canner Co., of Hickory bestowed on the school; a combination apple and peach parer, contributed by the Rhyne Hardware Co. of Newton; one "Bill" broadcaster lime, manure, and fertilizer spreader; a complete exhibit showing the manufacture of "Union" carbide.

The live wires of the school went after these things and got them, and the upshot of it is Startown is the best equipped farm life school in the state and is going to be a model for all of them. The prospect is that great things will be accomplished there this year.

About Preparedness and Other Things.

To the Editor of The Enterprise:

Having read your article of October 19 on "Peace Depends on Preparedness," I would like to submit a few remarks. It seems very strange that all the papers in this country until recently, except the strictly German publications, have from the beginning of the great struggle that is devouring Europe, preached "had Germany not been prepared, there would have been no war." In the first place, the United States refused at the beginning of the war to hear any of Germany's arguments, so far as the press was concerned. The reason for that, I suppose, is that if England says North Carolina is a county in Sout Carolina, of course it is so.

Can it be that we Americans are getting down to realize who and where our place is?

Let me venture to say that Germany has done nothing to compare with England to hurt America since the beginning of this war. Germany of course has killed a few supposed-to-be Americans protecting English ammunition. For instance the Lusitania. But if there is a man in the United States who can prove that the passengers on ship were other than English and French sympathizers, I will eat my hat.

In notice in your article that you have not forgotten our "friend" on the other side of the Pacific of which England is backing every step she makes. Can any right-thinking American dispute that? So let us keep up the good work as Americans and don't look for trouble but be ready to strike on the Atlantic as well as Pacific at the same time, which we certainly will have to do some day. H. H. SMYRE. Charleston, S. C., Oct. 21, 1915.

Where to Spend Your Money.

Comforts, blankets, etc., at Caldwell Cochran company's. Skirts and coat suits at Abernethy & Thompson's Cgsh Store. American Girl shoes—see Carpenter's adv. Week-end toilet sets—Goodman & Frieze. Bulbs at the Freeze Drug Co.

Z. B. Buchanan, C. A. Moser and C. L. Whitener of Hickory were here yesterday.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

Claremont News.

Claremont, Oct. 25.—Mrs. John Bollinger and children of Richmond, Va., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Huitt.—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dulaney of Asheville are spending a few days with Mrs. Dulaney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Setzer.—Mrs. Cleveland Little of Newton spent Saturday here, the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. H. Huitt.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lentz of Staesville spent the week-end with Mrs. Lentz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Arndt.—Wade Gantt, Herbert Setzer, Frank Moser and Russel Shook leave today for Lynchburg, Va., where they will take up work for the winter.—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Setzer of Asheville are the guests this week of Mas, Setzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Sigmon.—Miss Nellie Huitt and Ross Huitt, students of Lenoir college, are spending several days with their father, J. H. C. Huitt.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winters and family of Newton spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Carpenter.—Mrs. C. M. Bost, Misses Mae Huffman and Modena Baker motored to Newton Saturday to do their fall shopping.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morrison motored to Staesville Sunday to spend a few days with Mr. Morrison's daughter, Miss Lucile Morrison.—Mr. and Mrs. Avev Deal of Catawba spent Sunday with Mrs. J. D. Kelly.—Mrs. Dr. D. M. Moser is spending a few days in Conover with her mother Mrs. Mack Yount.—Mrs. Sallie Huitt has returned home after spending a few months with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Fritz of Hickory.—Tom Deal of the Southern spent a few days at home last week.

Carpenter, Yount & Co. have finished making molasses for this season, having made 3,000 gallons.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pope, mother of H. P. Pope, an aged lady of 87 years, is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gantt are all smiles—it's a girl.

In the South Fork Valley.

Hickory Rt. 1, Oct. 25.—The yield of sweet potatoes is very abundant and farmers are getting more than they expected. The houses wouldn't hold all they raised and some had to build new ones. A few have sown some wheat and many are ready to begin.

Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, wife of Henry Blackburn has bought nine acres of land in Blackburn at \$48 an acre. Walter Blackburn bought 10 acres of E. L. Dagenhardt for \$512.

The republicans are not blowing their ram's horn about five cent cotton as they did last fall. Prosperity seems to be prosperous in spite of the war and everything else.

Enloe Yoder has gone to Virginia to survey a tract of 1,500 acres south of Lynchburg, for G. D. Mosteller.

Miss Stella Yoder of Hickory has been a week-end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Yoder. Mrs. Yount of Conover has also been to see her father, G. M. Yoder.

If you will notice, it will hold good that when it is cloudy on a Sunday, it will remain so until about Friday of the week.

P. R. Yoder and his brother Alf have been out on another trading exposition.

Witherspoon School Case.

It should have appeared more plainly in the report of the trial Witherspoon school house case in county court last Tuesday, that a plea of nolo contendere was offered and accepted by the state in the case against Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon and Mr. Lowrance, who were discharged upon payment of costs.

FIGHTING ON ALL FRONTS

Balkans Continue to be the Center of World Interest in the Great War.

A continuation of the progress of the Teutons and Bulgarians against Serbia; fresh advances by the Germans in northwest Russia and the sinking of a German armored cruiser by a British submarine in the Baltic Sea, are the outstanding features in the world war, as reported in the official communications, according to the Observer's review yesterday.

Uskup, a junction point of great strategic value on the Saloniki-Nish and Saloniki-Mitrovitza railroad lines, and Kumanoovo and Veles has been taken by the Germans, while in the north the Austro-German along the entire front are advancing against the Serbs, who continue to make the invasion costly by their vigorous resistance.

Another crossing of the Danube has been made by the Germans at Orsova, in northeastern Serbia, near the Iron Gates of the Danube, where the river leaves Austrian soil. The Bulgarians to the south of this region have crossed the Timok river between Kniazevac and Zajecar, and a battle is in progress for the possession of the former place.

The French in the vicinity of the Greek border have captured the village of Rabrova, nine miles south of Stumitsio.

The understanding at Saloniki, according to a news agency dispatch from Athens, is that the bombardment of the Bulgarian coast on the Aegean sea is in connection with the Allies' plan to make a landing at Porto Lagos to the west of Dedeaghat.

That heavy fighting is almost continuous along the Dvinsk front is attested by both German and Russian official communications. By a violent concentrated artillery fire, the Germans prepared for the storming of the town of Iloukst. The infantry attacks lasted throughout an entire day, at the close of which the Germans occupied the town. The losses on both sides were heavy, as the battle was carried into the streets with the bayonet.

Austria and Italy are fighting with the utmost determination along the Austrian-Italian frontier. The Italian war office reports that "a new and brilliant success" has marked the Italian offensive in the Ledro valley. In the Carso district, the deadly effects of the Austrian artillery are admitted by the Italian official statement which says notwithstanding this the Italian infantry advanced impetuously and captured ground on the left wing east of Peteano, and in the center of the front.

In the western zone, the eighth attack by Germans in five days in the Givenchy wood, north of Arras, was put down, according to Paris with heavy losses to the attacking forces. Otherwise there has been little fighting except by the artillery in the entire region from the Belgian coast to the Vosges.

No details are given in the official statement from Petrograd reporting that a German armored cruiser of the Prinz Adalbert class has been accounted for near Libou by a British submarine. Vessels of this class carry a complement of between 500 and 600.

Germany's official explanation of the execution in Belgium of the British nurse, Edith Cavell, is that Miss Cavell headed a conspiracy which had "succeeded for nine months in rendering valuable service to the enemy, to the disadvantage of our army."

Mullenaux-Reitzel.

Sunday afternoon in Hickory Mr. Loy Mullenaux and Miss Edna Reitzel were united in marriage by Rev. J. D. Mauney. A number of friends from Newton attended. They will live here. The groom is a son of Mr. Felix Mullenaux and the bride is a daughter of Mr. R. R. Reitzel.