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Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our dear baby, Edith Merle. May the blessings of God be bountifully bestowed upon you all is our prayer.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mize.

College Girl.

"These college 'girls,'" said a clergyman, as he gazed at the white and superb ranks of the beautiful graduates, "are a boon to the race. They introduce new ideas.

"I christened the other day the first baby of a married college girl. Now, babies usually cry while they are being christened; but this one was as quiet as a lamb. Throughout the ceremony it smiled up beautifully into my face.

"Well, madam," said I to the young wife at the christening's end, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2,000 babies, but I never before christened one that behaved so well as yours."

"The young mother smiled demurely.

"No wonder he behaved well," she said. "His father and I, with a pail of water, have been practising christening on him for the last ten days."

"The idea of rehearsing a baby for a christening! Who but a college girl would think of such a thing?"

Miss Hazel Elliott won the watch given by the Hickory Rifles to the most popular young girl in town.

Mr. E. N. McComb and party will start next week on the annual camping expedition over the mountains.

LOCAL

This is growing weather.

Mrs. Walter Martin spent Monday in Newton.

Sheriff Boyd was here Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. L. Choat, of Huntersville, spent Tuesday in Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Phillips, of Newton, spent Sunday in Hickory.

Mr. Willis Bagby, who has been in Salisbury for some time, has returned home.

Rev. W. A. Deaton will preach at St. Martin's church, Statesville, next Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas M. Hufham and children have gone to Hendersonville for a few weeks.

Over a hundred voices in one chorus at the Graded School Auditorium Tuesday night, Aug. 6th.

The First National Bank wants your surplus money to make it work for you and guarantee absolute safety.

Rev. Dr. Murphy goes to Ball's Creek camp ground to-day where he delivers the address to the Masonic picnic.

Friends of Rev. W. C. Trawick will be sorry to learn that his condition has not been so favorable for the last few weeks.

Rutabaga turnips may be planted up to the middle of August. Some of the nicest ones ever grew were planted Aug. 1st.

Dr. J. T. Johnson has returned after spending a few days recuperating in Morganton. The Dr. says he gained two pounds while there—in a dry town?

Mr. J. L. Ingold has been bringing some fine canteloupes to town. Mr. Ingold makes a study of farming and always has the best and earliest on the market.

Improvements of Hickory's depot still continues to go on and if the depot must remain it is a satisfaction to know that it will not be the unsightly thing which has stood so long.

Dr. Campbell and the Rev. Dr. Clapp, both of Newton, and men who are greatly beloved in their professions have been quite sick, but at this time both are said to be much better.

Mr. A. M. Lutz, of the lower party of the county, was in the city Tuesday and had us enter his name on our subscription list. Mr. Lutz is one of Catawba county's good farmers and citizens.

Mrs. Chas. Geitner entertained a number of young people at her beautiful home recently in honor of her nephew, Mr. Edward Burns, of Pennsylvania. All who were present had a most delightful time.

Some bad spirited individual took it upon himself Sunday night at some hour to scare the show window glasses from one end of the street to the other with some sharp instrument that would cut glass. Some places are deep and can be seen at a distance. We hope the miscreant will be caught.

Mr. Tony Sherrill, of Lenoir, was here Sunday.

Mr. H. M. Doll spent a part of last week in Reidsville.

Miss Lois Herman spent Sunday at Lenoir visiting Mrs. Will Self.

Miss Annie Morris, of Hudson, is visiting Miss Annie Phillips this week.

Mrs. Dr. T. F. Stevenson is visiting friends at Huntersville and Charlotte.

Mr. E. G. Gilmer, of Catawba Springs, was a visitor in town Monday.

Mr. E. R. Wilson, of near Newton, spent Saturday with his aunt, Mrs. P. C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Boggs, of Claremont, were visitors in town over Sunday.

Hickory and Salisbury will play ball here Friday and Saturday. A good game is expected.

Mr. McKinnon, captain of the base ball team, and who has been real sick for some time, is improving rapidly.

Don't fail to notice the adv. of W. A. Hall "Insurance." It's one of the latest productions and all right.

We have a present for every subscriber that comes into our office for the next 30 days. Don't fail to get one.

Miss Annie Warlick, of Reepsville, has taken a position as stenographer in the First National Bank.

The rains have been most refreshing and crops are beginning to show the effect on the season.

Mrs. J. W. Smitherman returned Monday from Asheville where she has been visiting friends.

Miss Bernice Pharr, of Concord, is here spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Rev. C. L. Miller.

Misses Gilmer, Smith, Simons, and Lyon, of Catawba Springs, spent Saturday in town taking in the carnival and the baseball game.

Rev. J. L. Murphy was called to see Mrs. Emiline Sigmom, an aged lady of the South Fork community, who has been sick for several months.

Mr. J. E. Montague and daughter, Mrs. Will Clinard, left this week to visit the Exposition and several Northern cities. They will be gone about three weeks.

Presiding Elder Dr. J. H. Weaver will preach in the Methodist church Friday night at 8 o'clock, Saturday a. m. at 10 o'clock, Sunday at 11 a. m., and night.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mize died July 25th, and was buried at Houck's chapel, the services were conducted from the home by Rev. Mr. Murphy.

S. E. Killian, Esq., and Mrs. Killian have gone to Blowing Rock to spend a few weeks. The Esq. has a nice little farm near there on which he has planted a valuable young orchard.

Mr. G. W. Rabb wants all those who have subscribed to the monument fund to remit to him as early as possible, as it is important to get in all the cash in the next few days.

The C. & N-W. Ry. Co., had delivered here this week one of the largest engines we have ever seen. It is said to weigh one hundred and nineteen tons. It will be operated between Hickory and Lenoir.

Mrs. D. W. Read, of Claremont College, who has been teaching in the great Summer school at Knoxville, will return home Saturday of this week. It is quite an honor worthily bestowed upon Mrs. Read to be selected a member of the faculty of this school in which hundreds of teachers are trained each year.

Mr. Fred Abernethy spent Sunday in Asheville.

Mr. J. H. Patrick spent Sunday at home with his family.

Mr. Walter Taylor, of Rhodhiss, spent Saturday in town.

Hickory cannot be a summer nor winter resort without good hotel accommodations.

Mr. L. A. Carpenter, of Maiden, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williams and Mrs. M. F. Carpenter, of Maiden, spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. S. F. Watson, now local editor of the Catawba County News, spent Sunday in Hickory.

Little Miss Ruth Corpening, of Newton, is visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Blackwelder this week.

Miss Mattie Reinhard, of Iron Station, spent Saturday in town to the delight of her many friends.

You are bound to admit that W. O. Player has a handsome ad and everybody is going to read it.

Dr. J. L. Murphy went to Newton Monday to attend a meeting of the board of trustees of Catawba College.

Mr. E. Bryan Jones, the lumberman, spent Sunday at home with his family. He reports that he is getting on fine.

Mr. G. W. Rabb, of near Newton, spent Saturday in town attending the Lutheran reunion and in the interest of the Confederate monument.

The Hickory Bantams left yesterday for Salisbury, where they play two games of ball with that team—one yesterday and one to-day.

Miss Viola Mayo returned Tuesday from a two weeks visit to Asheville and Knoxville. "Guess" somebody will be wearing that broad smile again.

Mrs. P. A. Bangle, of Charlotte, spent a few days here this week with her sister, Mrs. D. M. Doll. Her daughter, little Miss Mary, was with her.

Have you noticed not many traveling men visit our churches on Sunday on account of there not being ample hotel facilities to keep them here over Sunday?

The Reformed Sunday-school picniced at Catawba Springs last Thursday. About a hundred were there, and the day was spent most pleasantly by all present.

A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Bisanar Wednesday a. m. They are idols of hearts and of households. They are angels of God in disguise.

A force of workmen are busy at Claremont College putting in new sewerage, painting, plastering and getting things in shape for the opening of the next term of school.

Dr. Murphy announced last Sunday night that owing to the great amount of work he had that he would not be able to take a vacation this year, but would dispense with night service during the month of August. He has been very busy with Claremont College.

A double row of hitching and feed stalls in the lot on Trade St., is a vast improvement and convenience to those who ride to the city. This will be greatly appreciated by our good people from the country.

The Lenoir ball team passed through Tuesday night from Lincolnton where they had been playing ball. The game Monday was stopped in the sixth inning on account of rain, the score standing 3 and 3. The game Tuesday Lenoir lost to Lincolnton by the score of 9 to 4. Colee, Jenkins and West, of the Hickory team, were playing with Lenoir. Colee played ball as usual, getting a three-bagger, two-bagger and a single in the last game.

Ice Cream Supper.

An ice cream supper will be given in Huffman's Hall Friday night in favor of the Hickory Bantams' Ball Team. The band will furnish music, and a good time is in store for those who attend.

Hickory 5; Durham 4.

The Durham sluggers went down in defeat before the Hickory Bantams Saturday by a score of 5 to 4. The game was hotly contested from start to finish, each team doing fast work.

The main features of the game were the hitting of Colee and West, and the pitching of Colee for the locals, while for Durham Rainey was the star.

Two hits were only secured off of Colee, while the Bantams pounded Flowers for ten.

Batteries: Hickory, Colee and Parker; Durham, Flowers and Rainey.

Base Ball Notes.

Out-fielder F. Cooper is out of the game on account of a broken finger.

Hickory has gotten Jenkins from Stanley to play 3rd base. He is a cracker, too.

Pitcher Posey, who Hickory got from Chester has been sold to Durham.

Best on short has been doing fine work. He takes all that comes his way.

Colee, Hickory's young pitcher, is some what of a great slab artist. He has plenty of speed, good curves, and a fine head on him.

The West boys at first and second take everything that comes their way, and are good hitters too.

F. & B. Cooper, who cover left and right field respectively, are good. Everything that goes to either belong to the Coopers.

Valle Crucis News.

J. N. Atkins, of New York, is spending a few days with friends at this place.

Hard Byrd left yesterday for the West. We hope he may be successful in his new home.

Miss Dollie Byrd who has been spending a few weeks at Banner Elk returned to her home to-day.

Miss Marrie Thomas is, visiting at Elk Park.

Custer Baird called on his best girl Sunday night.

Miss Marie Harden is visiting at Blowing Rock this week.

Charlie Hartley whose sickness we mentioned last week is slowly improving.

Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

The services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning was delightful. Mr. Squires preached a helpful sermon after which Dr. Murphy of the Reformed church introduced the communion in a very impressive manner. This was served by the elders to a large congregation. Mrs. J. H. Shuford of the Reformed choir sang a solo. At night the services were held in the Reformed church and the building was literally packed. Rev. Mr. Squires led the prayer and the pastor, Dr. Murphy, preached the sermon. His subject was personal work, or fishing with hook, instead of net. Many expressed themselves as delighted with the union services.

Our Want Column Does the Work.

For the past three weeks we have been advertising for a lost coat on road between here and Granite Falls. On last Friday this coat was brought to our office by the party who found it and who saw the ad in the Democrat, and, of course, returned it as directed.

Moral: If you want or lose anything try our want column.

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GREAT

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\$3.50 shoes and oxfords for \$2.48
Mens \$1.50 hats for 99cts
50c Under wear for 25cts
50c wool dress goods for 24 1-2c
10c white and fancy Lawn for 7 3-4c
50 & 75c Shirts for 39c
Best \$1 Shirts for 69c
\$10 Mens Fine Suits best goods for \$7.48
\$9. Suits for \$5.98
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