

Local and Personal

G. D. Mosteller was in Newton Thursday.

F. A. Clinard is spending this week in Charlotte.

Miss Alma Killian of Hickory is visiting friends at Plateau.

Dr. J. S. Johnson spent a few days in Morganton last week.

Mr. Abel Flannagan has returned home after a visit to Newton.

Rev. Otis Propst preached an excellent sermon at St. Stephens last Sunday.

E. Ericson was in this city Monday, he is for the present located at Lenoir.

Prof. Patterson will play the violin in the Reformed church next Sunday morning.

From what we can learn it looks now like everybody was coming to Hickory July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rudisill of Crouse are visiting in the city this week and will attend the 4th.

Mrs. Essie C. Sigmon and little son of Hickory, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Couley, in Lenoir last week.

Several Newton people will come up to Hickory next Sunday to attend the special service at the Reformed church.

Come to the Democrat office Saturday the 4th and get a drink of good lemonade free to all friends of the Democrat.

Mrs. J. S. Johnson and little daughter Effie, who have been visiting Mrs. R. F. Goodson, in Morganton have returned home.

Come in Saturday and leave your order for job printing and subscribe for the best weekly paper at the price of \$1.00 per year.

J. C. Leonard and wife of Greensboro are in this city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moretz.

Come right along boys keep in the Democrat band wagon and go with us. If you don't, we will get there just the same without you.

An excursion train passed through here Friday going to Edgemont from Gastonia. It seemed to be well patronized, and everyone having a good time.

Mrs. Jas. B. Beard writes us from Bright Angel Camp Grand Canon, Ariz., she is having a fine trip seeing many sights as well as having a good time.

Independence will be observed at the Reformed church next Sunday the pastor will preach a special sermon, music for the occasion by Prof. D'Anna and Prof. Patterson.

Mrs. Sydney Carpenter and children, of Gaffney, S. C. were visitors at the Hickory Hotel, Monday. Mrs. Carpenter will spend the summer with her mother near this city.

The editor of the Times-Mercury has announced himself as candidate for County Treasurer. We know of no one the Democratic candidate would rather have as a competitor than that gentleman.

There will be a grand opening ball at the Catawba Springs hotel on the evening of July 3rd. Everybody is invited and Mr. Smith on part of the management will provide a good time for all.

In another column is the invitation extended to all Hickory by the Catawba Springs Hotel for the annual ball. The owners are especially anxious to have all Hickory attend this opening ball.

In another column will be found the ad. of the Hickory Banking and Trust Co. This is one of Hickory's best and solidest institutions. Any of our friends who are troubled with extra surplus will do well to see them. Likewise those who are in need of the same.

At his office, on Thursday, July the 9th, our County Superintendent of schools, Prof. G. E. Long, will conduct admission examinations for the A. and M. College at Raleigh. The College officers in charge of admission urge that all who expect to enter in Sept be examined at this time.

R. W. Wolfe of this city is attending the meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Association at Raleigh. The Association meets July 2nd and 3rd and large numbers are expected to attend. Many notable addresses are to be made and an interesting program rendered.

Miss Josephine Murphv and Mr. Robert Grimes, of Hickory, were married Wednesday night and left for Asheville, returning Thursday. The couple had planned a more extensive trip, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Martin, Mr. Grimes, who clerks in Mr. Martin's drug store, decided to remain at home.—Enterprise.

The Special School are carried in Long View by a good majority only a few votes against.

Miss Myrtle Hahn has returned home from Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Gwin spent Sunday in Taylorsville.

Just think how a street car line could coin money the 4th.

Miss Nettie I. Abernethy has returned home from Charlotte.

J. W. Bailey, of Mocksville will arrive in the city tonight to visit friends.

The Carnival Company and the merry-go-round have arrived for the Fourth.

Let's enjoy the Fourth as much as possible. We have Sunday for recovery.

Miss Mary B. Heller, of Cecelia, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. Mary Davis at Mr. M. L. Cline's.

If you want to see a big bunch of folks and see a few stunts, come to Hickory the Fourth.

Dr. W. H. Nicholson has just purchased a handsome New Automobile it is built for three.

Miss Bertha Council, of Limestone, Tenn., is in the city for a few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Two merry-go-rounds already put up in the city for the Fourth Don't know how many more are coming.

Mrs. McCoy Moretz and three children will leave next Tuesday for Boone. They will spend several weeks in the mountains.

Refreshment stands are being put up in all parts of the city, visitors here the fourth will not suffer for something to eat and drink.

A tub of dirt fell on Isam Hannah while engaged in digging a well of Lee Sigmon, and hurt him very badly. He is not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crowell, of Charlotte, spent one night here with their cousin McCoy Moretz and family, on their way to Blowing Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Houck will leave about the 15th for Raleigh, where they will remain during the next year on account of schooling their children.

C. T. Morrison has received a shipment of asbestos ropeing to use in his fire escape that will carry fifteen hundred pounds. This would carry ten people of moderate weight with safety.

A telegram from Senator Marrion Butler to Editor J. F. Click Wednesday announces that the Senator will be in Hickory Saturday July the Fourth his friends will all be glad to see him "no change."

Mr. D. W. Holder has leased the Flannagan building and has opened a nice cafe for ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Holder knows his business and will serve meals to suit the queens taste.

J. M. Little one of our popular traveling men from Hickory says that we'll surely have a big crowd here the 4th because everybody from the surrounding county that can leave home will be here.

Miss Cora Annette Harriss will leave Saturday for Hickory, and will later join her grandmother, Mrs. R. C. Springs, and her aunt, Miss Lula Springs, at Blowing Rock, where she will spend the summer at their cottage.—Evening Chronicle.

Young men are so blind to their future interests that they never admire the girl at a picnic who stays and helps the old folks clean up the dishes and repack the baskets as much as they admire the snippy girl who walks off as soon as she has had all she can eat.

Mr. W. J. Ried, the popular traveling representative of the new Hickory Milling Co., was here Thursday and left Friday with his family for Long Shoals, Lincoln County, where his family will spend several days visiting Mrs. Ried's parents.—Cleveland Star.

Rev. J. L. Murphy was in Knoxville, Tennessee, last Sunday preaching a much needed gospel of peace to the primary-burdened citizens of that place. Mr. Murphy gives quite an enthusiastic account of farming in that section. Land is worth \$200 an acre and frequently \$300 worth of truck is sold from one acre.

The following card has been received at this office:

It is with deep sorrow we announce the death of our Southern representative Mr. S. M. Roberts Thursday May 28th.

The Morden Tool Co. Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. A. E. Abernethy, who left here last Wednesday expecting to take his little daughter to Baltimore to have her ear examined, only got as far as Hickory. His wife had taken the daughter to Hickory to see if the doctors there could give her relief, but they could not. But on Tuesday night the rising in the child's ear broke and, of course, gave her immediate relief. Mr. Abernethy returns to Lenoir Friday very much elated over the way things turned out.—Lenoir News.

Opening Ball at the Springs.

The following invitation has been extended through The Democrat; while three hundred have been issued throughout the state:

Catawba Springs Hotel Friday July the third nineteen hundred and eight, The management has been fortunate in securing a splendid orchestra for the entire season and there will be an informal dance given every Friday evening which will no doubt attract quite a number of our Social Set.

A Narrow Escape.

Yesterday, while sitting peacefully in our sanctum, we heard on the street the incontestable strains of "marching through Georgia." Hastily connecting with our bouie knife and Colt revolver, which we always keep on hands for an emergency, we made a tall bee line for the misery. We found though it was the Minstrel band instead of an invading army and undecided to forgive them as evidently they knew what they were trying to do.

Base Ball.

Friday evening the newly organized Hickory ball team will dedicate the diamond by trimming the Lenoir team. They will meet the Lincolnton team on the 4th. The diamond is laid out near Mr. A. C. Link's, on land leased from A. A. Shuford.

Good Time Coming.

As the time is drawing near our friends from out-of-town and around town too for that matter, will do well to bear in mind our invitation to visit us on that day. We want you to come and will be disappointed if you do not. We are going to have lemonade for your refreshment and our office quartet will sing for your amusement. Our office is centrally located and you can watch the parade from the windows. If you have any work to be done bring it along, but if you haven't why come anyway and we will be glad to see you. You can't afford to miss the Fourth. If anyone feels like handing us a lemon on that day they can put it in the lemonade and welcome. If you feel like licking the Editor, we have a new punching-bag here in the shape of the forearm. If you get hungry, the restaurant next door will feed you at a price proportional to your good looks. Our quartet has all the latest songs in its repertoire, including "Annie Laurie" "After the Ball" "Curfew must not ring to-night" and others. If the audience will kindly refrain from violence, they will undertake to sing "The Holy City."

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Wonderland and The Gem
HICKORY, N. C.