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1,000,000 Pounds Imported Butter

Hickory Gets 1000 Pounds Every Week From the Country

NEED OF A CREAMERY

Catawba Farmers Meet at Mr. Noah Propst's and Discuss Methods of Establishing Such Plant

From outside the State to five North Carolina towns there comes every year 1,000,000 pounds of butter. The towns taking it are Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington.

Mr. J. A. Conover, the clever government and state expert in dairying, made this statement at a gathering of Catawba county farmers at the home of Noah Propst on Saturday. The meeting was that of the Catawba County Live Stock Association. The time was devoted to a consideration of establishing a co-operative Creamery at or near Hickory, and a determination to carry this plan into execution was seen on every hand.

Mr. W. J. Shuford stated that 1,000 pounds of butter a week is brought to Hickory and sold by the farmers at about 15 cents a pound. Mr. Shuford says the local farmers could get from 10 to 20 cents more for their butter if they operated a Creamery and applied modern methods of making and marketing it.

Mr. Conover stated that it would require from 300 to 400 cows to successfully operate a co-operative creamery. To this creamery every farmer in the territory brings his milk, and his interest in the mutual plant is according to the number of his cows. A \$240 creamery in Ohio has grown to a \$20,000 concern but this is rather exceptional. They should not be started without the proper capital. A creamery here could be started at \$1,000 or \$1,200 for equipment. A thorough canvas of the community for cows should be made. Farmers who have few cows should be encouraged to get more, and there should be better cows. "The main thing", said Mr. Conover, "is to pull together. This is a day of cooperation and the farmer cannot afford not to get in line. His success depends upon it."

A building is rented and a wagon makes the trip for milk for the creamery. One can ship as far as 250 or 300 miles to a creamery. With a large number of cows butter can be manufactured at a creamery at 3 1/2 cents. The fewer the cows the more it costs, of course.

Mr. Shuford suggested a plan which met with the approval of all present, and that was that a carload of cows be put up at auction. No one should be allowed to purchase over five cows. Each farmer would be given time to pay in installments for his cows from what he realized from the creamery. Farmers should prepare for this enterprise by raising more feed this fall.

It developed that there are 163 cows in this community available. It is hoped to increase the territory to Newton, to Lincoln, to Conover, etc. The wagon which would deliver the cream would go six miles one way but by getting on a loop it could take in 20 miles.

President Robinson of the Association heartily endorsed the effort. He reviewed what the organization had already done in having a splendid fair, etc., and now it was pushing this new scheme for the betterment of the farmers. Mr. H. P. Lutz, Mr. Ramsour and others spoke favorably of the plan, which will again come up at the dairy meeting at the farm of Mr. H. P. Lutz on the 13th and 14th insts.

The following were appointed to make a canvas in the interest of this scheme: W. J. Shuford in Hickory; C. E. Smvre in Newton; P. G. Herman in Conover, and R. L. Ramsour in Lincolnton.

Mr. S. C. Thompson, of the Dairy Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be at the Dairy and Short Course Meeting to be held at Mr. Henry Lutz's on Jan. 12th to make a talk on "Creamery Building."

Civic League Meets Monday

The regular meeting of the Civic League will be held in the Library rooms Monday, Jan. 10 at 3:30 p. m. Owing to the inclement weather and the busy season, a quorum was not present on the day for the meeting in December. It is hoped that a large number will be present on the 10th, for the different committees are expected to make a report, and several matters of interest will be brought up.

Mrs. C. C. Bost, Pres.

Holy Communion at Reformed Church

The Holy Communion will be administered in the Reformed Church next Sunday, Jan. 9, with services preparatory on Saturday at three o'clock. At the services on Saturday parents having children whom they desire to consecrate to God in Holy Baptism will present them. There will be a reception of members for those desiring to unite with the church. I ask a full attendance on Saturday.

J. L. MURPHY, Pastor.

An American Chemist Honored

Prof. Whitmore of Lenoir College attended the annual banquet of the American Chemical Society held at the Hotel Somerset, in Boston, Thursday, Dec. 30.

Six of the world's greatest scientists had honors conferred upon them by the society, being elected honorary associate members.

The only American among these was Dr. J. W. Mallet, professor of Chemistry at the University of Va.

Dr. K. A. Price, of Hickory, led the class in Chemistry under Dr. Mallet during the session of 1904-'05.

Whitener-Barb

Mr. J. F. Allen is wearing a rather long face this week on account of losing his chief clerk, Mrs. Etta Whitener.

It was this way. Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Whitener and in the presence of Mrs. E. G. Deal, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Phillips and Prof. and Mrs. W. L. Spielman, Rev. Arthur Phillips pronounced the words that made Mrs. Whitener, Mrs. J. E. Barb, Mr. Allen says that he has known for some time that this wedding was to take place, sooner or later, but that it was rather a surprise, nevertheless.

A Watch Party

Miss Marie Whitener entertained a number of her young friends at a watch party Friday night.

The young people assembled at her home about 8 o'clock and made merry till the mid-night hour when the sound of many bells proclaimed to them the fact that the old year was going out and the year of 1910 coming in.

After wishing each other a happy New Year, they bade their hostess a kind good night.

Miss Yelma Wilson of Gloucester, Ohio, and Miss Amie Caldwell, Mr. Caldwell and Louis Phillips of Newton, were out of town guests.

National Union Banquet

The Banquet of the National Union, the noted fraternal and insurance organization, was held at the Hotel Huffry, Monday evening and was attended by a large representation of the membership, and a number of invited guests.

Mr. Huffman, of the Hotel Huffry, who, by the way, is the president of the Union, served an elegant dinner. Afterward the guests repaired to the assembly room in the basement. While cigars were passed around Mr. Carpenter, the organizer, made an address pointing out the beneficent work done by the society. Secretary Whitener also spoke, touching on the benefits accruing from fraternal organizations. The address of the evening was made by A. A. Whitener along the lines of brotherhood, after which many other off-hand speeches were made.

The long indoor life of winter makes the blood weak, the system easily catches cold and disease. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the greatest winter remedy; prevents colds and disease; keeps you well all winter. 35 c. Tea or Tablets. Moser & Lutz.

Death of Mr. Robert C. Hutton

Stricken on Christmas and Died on New Year's Day

YOUNG MAN OF PROMISE

Whole City Saddened in Holidays by the Unexpected Calling Home of Young Business Man

Death is an enemy, says the Book of Books, the last enemy that shall be put under the foot of Him who shall subdue all things. But death seemed never to be more cruel than when it caused to be stricken with serious illness on Christmas day Mr. Robert Claud Hutton, and when it claimed his fair young life of promise on New Year's day.

Of all the days of the year the two happiest, these days when joy and gift-giving and children's glee are most in evidence, death is not restrained from his grim work.

The death of Mr. Hutton is particularly sad. A young man of only 26 years, with the promise of a bright and successful career, he died on New Year's day at 6:30 o'clock. The end came at Salisbury where he had gone to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. Hutton came to Hickory six years ago from Au Sable, Mich., where he was born and raised and educated in the high schools. He afterward attended Detroit University, a leading business school. He developed fine business talent and soon had a responsible position as business manager of the Martin Furniture Co., of this place. He was a Christian young man of most exemplary habits, and the great love which the men who worked under him bore for him was attested by the exquisite and costly floral design which they sent to the funeral. The entire city is greatly shocked over the news of his death, and the funeral at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutton, was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Moody, and attended on Tuesday morning by a throng of people who could not get into the house.

The joy and delight of his parents, the confidence of his men, and the friend of every one who knew him, the death of this man just mounting with buoyant step the threshold of life, makes a sad vacancy in the home and in the city. Quiet, unassuming, unobtrusive, Robert Hutton was a young man whose life spoke louder than his words. His influence for good will linger after him for many years.

"This learned I from the shadow of a tree
That to and fro swayed on a garden wall,
Our shadow-selves, our influence, may fall
Where we can never be."

The remarks of the rector at the funeral service were beautiful and pointed out, in tender sympathy, the lesson of sorrow, and the hope of the Christian of a life beyond the grave.

The men from the factory marched in a body to the home to attend the funeral. It required a wagon to carry all the floral designs to the cemetery and the red clay to which the body was entrusted was entirely hidden in a bower of blossoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Winter, of New York City, brother-in-law and sister, and Mr. John R. Hutton, of Yale, Mich., and Mr. A. Arons, of New York, were here to attend the funeral.

A Lovely Tea

With a score of candles, all a-tiptoe on their silver pedestals, casting their soft, sweet light upon a table daintily decorated with the rubies and emeralds of the holly bough, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bost entertained a few friends at a beautiful tea on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at their hospitable home near the park. At every plate was a pretty Christmas card.

Those invited to the feast of good things were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Whitener, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Shuford, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Banks, Mr. Ingold, Mr. Gordon Bohannon, Misses Misses Margaret and Constance Bost, Mr. Carroll Bost, and Master Macon Bost.

Christmas Gifts for the Poor

The Junior Baraca class of the Methodist church distributed on Christmas day a letter asking for gifts to the poor. Christmas evening the members took two wagons and gathered up the gifts. The packages numbering 70, besides a goodly sum in cash. The gifts were worth from \$75 to \$100. Christmas day the boys opened the packages, sorted the gifts out, and gave them to a number of the city's poor. The gifts were received from all denominations, and given to the poor, regardless of church affiliation.

The gifts were gathered up amid snow and sleet, and delivered to the poor through biting wind, but the boys enjoyed it, and look upon it as their happiest Christmas, because they feel that they were making others happy.

It was a worthy work. J. W. Clay is teacher of the class and Frank Elliott secretary.

CUPID AT JACOB'S FORK

Mrs. Robert Coulter Slightly Hurt—Many Visitors.

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Jacob's Fork, Jan. 5.—Christmas and New Year passed off very quietly. The time was generally spent in religious exercises at the church, where the Sunday school children had their Christmas Tree.

Spurgeon Hicks and Miss Virgie Deitz were married on Christmas day by Squire Y. T. Yoder.

Frank Yoder, formerly of Catawba, now a resident of the State of Texas, while he was at the town of Cisco, where he has been for sometime, fell in love with Miss Lola May Shelton whose father lived just outside of the town upon a farm. They were married on the 2nd day of January, 1910. He had left Cisco and went about 160 miles to a newly built up town where he had been engaged as a clerk to the store and bought himself a lot and put up a six room cottage house, then went after Miss Lola May.

Mr. Deister from Illinois and Miss Jane Baker of Catawba county were married at Hickory on the 2nd day of January, 1910, and left for their home in Illinois. We wish them a happy and a successful life.

Baxter Baker left for Texas a few days ago to look after some land. His brother George went to Florida to spend some time in the sunny South.

Among the visitors in this section were Mr. Barefoot from Durham who married Col. Robert Abernethy's daughter of Gaston county.

Jacob Shuford, a Catawba county boy, who has been in the state of Mississippi, came on a visit to see his mother and sister in Jacob Fork Township. Miss Beulah Corpening also was a visitor. She is the daughter of George Corpening, of Caldwell county.

Miss Kestler from the Connelly Springs was also a visitor. Mr. Kestler from Illinois was also among the visitors.

Mrs. Robert Coulter fell on last Sunday morning and it was reported she had broken her leg about the ankle but by examination it was ascertained that her ankle was only out of joint.

Lenoir Has Field Secretary.

The doors of Lenoir College were opened again Thursday to the students.

The school has excellent prospects for the coming season. Rev. W. J. Boger of Mt. Holly will act as field secretary and solicit endowments for the purpose of erecting new buildings, purchasing new equipment and beautifying the campus. Mr. Boger will make Hickory his headquarters.

Don't forget you get the best trunk made when you get Rountree's. In plain and roller tray at J. A. Bowles.

Rings Little Liver Pills are small, easy, gentle and pleasant. A healing, cooling, cleansing and soothing salve is Pinesalve Carbolicized. It is good for cuts, burns, bruises and scratches. They are sold by W. S. Martin.

New line of suit cases and hand bags at Martin & Clark Clothing Co.

What of Those Spotted Ponies?

Roastmaster Roasted at the Merchant's Banquet.

A JOLLY GOOD TIME.

Vitally Important Subjects Discussed by the Retail Men at the Hotel Huffry

An all-round good time was had at the banquet of the Retail Merchant's Association at the Hotel Huffry Tuesday evening, when another of the elegant menus of proprietors Huffman & Fry was fully enjoyed.

Mr. A. A. Whitener was toastmaster of the occasion and made things hum. He has a genius for making a banquet "go." Toasts were all loaded with some "palpable hit," which kept the gathering in a continual roar of laughter. He was really more of a roastmaster than a toastmaster. For instance Mr. Clark discussed "Merchandising from the stand-point of the Mayor of Highlands." Mr. Allen "How I conduct my Special Sales;" etc. Mr. Fred Abernethy was given the subject: "Is a Horse-Trader a Merchant?" and replied defiantly: "Mr. Toastmaster, I think you can answer that subject better yourself. You bought a pair of spotted ponies one time." (Great laughter.)

It seems that Mr. Whitener's spotted ponies broke up about a dozen vehicles of his own and a half dozen of other folks buggies before they got through.

Other toasts were as follows: My observations of a Hickory merchant 75 years ago, J. A. Bowles. Mixing oil and groceries, S. L. Whitener. How long should a merchant remain a bachelor, F. B. Ingold. The profit in the sale of the plate of a calf, C. C. Bost. The number of hours daily a business man should spend in the club room, J. A. Moretz. The price of "Henry River Lithia," per oz., C. A. Moser. How often should a merchant go fox hunting, Albert Keever. The benefits of the Association, A. L. Moser. Just started in business, W. C. Shell. My own subject, Chas. W. Bagby. The news-paper and the merchant, H. A. Banks. How to collect advertising bills out of the merchants, R. G. Mace. The Parcel Post, L. E. Zerden. To the merchants, S. M. Hamrick. Some broken remarks, The Toast Master.

Mrs. Abernethy Entertains

Mrs. H. D. Abernethy entertained several friends at her lovely home last Friday with an elegant dinner. The table was decorated in exquisite taste. The predominant color was red. In the centre a branching candelabra cluster held up its red candles, and on the shade that hooded each light there fluttered a brilliant butterfly. The heavy-laden table was sentinelled with pickets of single candelabras, and these, too, bore on their red shades the surmounting butterfly. The scene was comparable only to a miniature South American forest of the tropics with its riot of flowers, and butterflies, and gorgeous color.

At every plate was a place card with a hand-painted holly spray and on this, too, the characteristic butterfly hovered. After the dinner the guests were privileged to enjoy Miss Annie Laurie Abernethy's beautiful voice. Those present were Miss Emily Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. P. Ciley, Mrs. H. C. Menzies, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Banks, Miss Annie Laurie Abernethy, Mr. George Lyerly and little Miss Clarissa Abernethy.

Suit Cases from one dollar each up at J. A. Bowles.

The "Imperial," best shoe made for ladies at J. A. Bowles.

During the long, dreary winter months mothers become tired, worn out, can't eat, sleep or work. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the greatest blessing for mothers. Makes them happy, healthy and strong. Moser & Lutz.

Night Robes, nice and warm at Martin & Clark Clo. Co.

Episcopal Church Notes.

The Rev. J. S. Moody will begin next Sunday morning an Epiphany course of sermons on the subject, "The Conquering Faith," as illustrated in four historical periods of the church. In the evening he will make an address at the Mass meeting for men at the Baptist church, Thursday, January 6th is the Great Feast of the Epiphany, kept as Christmas day by the Russian church.

Union Meeting Sunday Night!

At a Union Meeting at the Baptist Church Sunday night, at 7 p. m. the Rev. J. S. Moody and Howard A. Banks will speak of the importance of the men of Hickory attending the Laymen's Missionary Conference at Greensboro, Jan. 12-14. Asheville will send 100 men. Hickory should send at least 10.

Odd Fellows Elect

The following officers were installed at the meeting of the Hickory Lodge No. 206, I. O. O. F. Tuesday night: J. W. Campbell, Noble Grand; C. W. Ellington, Vice Grand; C. P. Bolick, Secretary; Jeff Bolick, Treasurer; D. A. Reinhardt, Chaplain; David Smith, Warden; J. O. Rhodes, Conductor; S. B. Mace, Outside Guard; M. L. Sherrill, Inside Guard.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Russell and children are visiting Mrs. Marler on their way to Asheville.

Misses Mattie Abernethy and Lillian Field entertained most delightfully a number of their friends at a "Barn Party" on the evening of the 28th. The old Skating Rink was transformed into a bower of beauty, and swings, see-saws, etc. added to the pleasure of the evening. Refreshments were served.

In honor of his seventieth birthday, Mr. P. W. Whitener gave a dinner, on New Year's day, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Abernethy. All of his children and grandchildren except Claude Whitener were present. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Whitener also shared the generous hospitality, and all unite in wishing Mr. Whitener many happy returns of his birthday.

CATAWBA ITEMS

Correspondence of The Democrat.

Catawba, Jan. 3.—Miss Maude Powell of Newton spent the past week here, the guest of her cousin in Miss Fanny Little.

Miss Sliveley Harwell has gone to Spencer Mountain to visit her sister Mrs. Lee Lineberger.

Miss Elsie Sherrill of Statesville spent her holiday vacation with her father Mr. W. L. Sherrill.

Mr. Nat Reid of Asheville is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid.

Miss Sadie Pope of Catfish spent the past week with her sister Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abernethy of Asheville were guests at the home of Mr. Abernethy's parents near here Saturday night.

Miss Augusta Little of Lenoir visited Miss Fanny Little last Thursday night.

Mr. Carrol Bost and sister, Miss Margaret of Hickory spent Wednesday night with their cousin in Miss Emma Pitts. They were accompanied by Miss Ruth Abernethy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cline of Asheville spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cline.

Mr. Espy Little of the North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte, spent Thursday night with his aunt Mrs. Eva Little.

Miss Lola Barringer of Claremont spent the past week here, the guest of Miss Johnnie Lowrance.

Those participating in a dance at the residence of Mr. C. B. Ruffy were: Mrs. John Cline, Mrs. C. B. Ruffy, Misses Elsie Sherrill, Fanny Little, Maude Powell, Sadie Pope, Bessie Smith, Winona Leonard and Lucy Brown, Messrs. Nat Reid, Roby Cline, Ed Smith, T. E. Harwell, C. B. Ruffy, Z. V. Leonard, John Cline, Ed Carpenter and Coit Sherrill.

Miss Zula Sherrill entertained Wednesday night in honor of her cousin Miss Rae Davis of Statesville.

Still Working At 83 Years

Far Old Man May Want A Catawba Farm

CALIFORNIA SETBACKS

This County's Climate Hard to Beat and it Has Lots of Advantages Over The Far West.

"I am 83 years old today, but I don't like to sit with folded hands and do nothing. I can't be satisfied till I get back to work."

"With that end in view I am spending some time here to see how I like this climate. If I do I may purchase a small farm in this part of the county, and go to farming again."

This sentiment was uttered by Mr. John H. Smith, a sturdy, white-haired old gentleman as a Democrat man talked with him at the Marshall House. Mr. Smith is originally from Dayton, O., but for several years past has lived in Southern California. Mr. Smith is able in his fine old age to retire but cannot be happy unless he is at work.

"It seems strange to see a man coming away from California to hunt for climate," Mr. Smith was told.

"Well, they don't tell you everything in the prospectuses they send out from there", he replied. There are advantages as well as disadvantages of course."

Mr. Smith then went on to say that some of the things that drove him this way were alkali water to drink and too sudden changes in the temperature. The days are often almost tropically hot at midday and cold as mid-winter at midnight. He has seen the mercury as high as 106 in the shade in San Jacinto in May.

As a result vegetables have a tough and woody fibre. And one can't grow even these till he irrigates his land and that is expensive.

The widely mixed elements of population is another drawback, and still another is the lack of Sunday laws. Mr. Smith was brought up in an old-fashioned Christian family, and missed the Christian privileges of the East.

Fruit growing is becoming more expensive as insect pests increase and the fruit men at Riverside, Mr. Smith says, declare that there is nothing in it any more. The circulars say there are no frosts but in some orchards many iron stoves are placed in which fire is built on threatening nights in order to create a smoke which shall prevent frost. Mr. Smith has seen orange leaves glazed with ice.

The cost of production is high. When one has paid for irrigation, cultivating, picking, packing, freight and commissions, there is not much left in fruit-growing.

There is usually no rain from April 15th to Oct. 1 but last year Mr. Smith saw a good rain in July, a wonderful thing in California.

Fuel is scarce and high priced, wood selling at from \$8 to \$10 a cord and coal from \$14 to \$15 a ton.

For these reasons Mr. Smith is looking for a new home in this section. California has boasted of her climate to the world. North Carolina, especially the Piedmont, has as delightful a climate as the sunset state of the Union.

Here in the Catawba valley the rigor of the higher altitudes on the other side of the Ridge is avoided, as well as the heat of the Atlantic coast line on the east. The land is good, and Mr. Smith is a farmer who has always plowed deep and made the earth yield her increase. He is a citizen whom Catawba would most cordially welcome here—this fine old man of 83 whom the snow storm of age cannot deter from work.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivaled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by W. S. Martin & Co.

New Styles in percales and gingham for shirts and shirt waists at J. A. Bowles.

Cash paid for hides and furs of all kinds, Shell & Flagler Co.