

Little Corners, Yours and Mine

What are We All Doing to Help Along?

BOOST FOR GOOD ROADS

Are the Children Being Educated?—Are the Farms Being Improved?—Are you Voting Right?

Written for The Democrat.

What am I doing for my country?

This is a broad subject but I think we do not discuss it as much as we should.

Do I write the statesmen when I should be telling them what laws I want passed or do I wait until the laws are made and some big trust has gobbled them up, then lay in my complaint?

Have I been sacrificing my country and people for party? Another corner. Have I been sending my boy and girl to school as I should, that they may be better fitted to fight the battle of life or am I keeping them at home because the teacher corrected them when I should have done so myself?

Am I seeing that our country boys are taught the agricultural text-books and encouraged in entering the Corn Club Contest? Are the roads too bad for them to go so far? Did I sign the good roads petition or help that neighbor make a bridge or rock walk across the creek bottom land?

Am I too old for good roads? I am still using them and must be carried over them to my last resting place. Then good roads will interest me no more.

Am I going to church as I should and asking someone to go with me or am I leading in the other direction. It isn't necessary to ask for company in that direction; there will be plenty.

Am I taking my children with me to church on Sunday or are they permitted to wander around as they like?

Am I helping Uncle Sam in the betterment of Southern farming by attending institutes, etc.? Or do I already know enough about farming?

Am I helping to reduce the high cost of living by producing more on the farm than my family consumes or am I raising it higher by buying more groceries than I sell? If I can't raise more on the farm than my family consumes how will the town and city people live?

Am I helping in any progressive pursuit for the development of my county? If Catawba is the best county in the State am I helping to keep her the best? There are other counties working in their small corner.

We can not all give our house a new suit of paint or furnish it as we would like but we can plant a shade tree, grow grass in the yard and plant a vine at the porch to make it more homelike.

Nature covers nearly all the old fences with beautiful honeysuckle, Virginia creeper, wild roses, etc., which may be ours for the trouble of getting them.

Is my barn as comfortable for my tired horse and my humble cow as I could have it? I have for the last five years often passed by one poor old cow in only an old rail pen. This winter I passed her one cold snowy day when her hair seemed to me to be turning greyer while I was passing. Now I know one day's work is enough to buy the lumber to shut up the cracks.

Am I improving my live stock, the cow to make more butter,

the hog more meat, or the horse to draw a heavier load?

Am I improving my seed corn and other seed to raise more per acre? The cotton to make the snowy lint and enough hay to feed my live stock.

Am I improving my land to make greater yields, filling up gullies, manuring the gaudled off places, cutting the briars and bushes along the fields and roadsides? I do not mean only the tenant working another man's land. We are all tenants. We have a deed and record of ownership of course but this only shows how many talents God has entrusted us with. And we must give an account.

Am I helping my neighbor by an encouraging word? Every one has influence over someone. Is my influence good or evil? Does my corner shine?

Now if I am thinking only of the almighty dollar, I am a selfish man, my corner is dark and the county and state is better without me.

There are many more ways for me to help our country, but let each one think of what he can do. No one knows another's opportunities as he does himself.

This reminds me of an old soldier and a northern man: When the latter was admiring our Southland, the old soldier replied, "Yes, but you ought to have seen it before the war." Then the stranger spoke of the beautiful sunrise. "Oh! yes! but it's nothing to what it was before the war."

Now the sun may not be shining quite as bright as it once did to us. But do something for someone else and the sun will shine brighter.

Southern prospects were never brighter than today.

You may say I'm too busy, sick, or some other excuse but you and I can do something. Christ says: "Who is not for me is against me." So if you are doing nothing to improve our Southland you are against it. No matter who you are you have your corner.

"In this world is darkness, So you must shun, You, in your small corner, And I, in mine."

JOHN W. ROBINSON.

Eli Ramsaur Shuford

E. R. Shuford was a son of Jacob Shuford, who was a son of Martin Shuford, who was a son of Pioneer John Shuford. He was born in Lincoln County now Catawba, April 3, 1803. He married Eveline Collins of Burke county.

About 1857 he moved to Newton to send his children to Catawba college. About 1856 he moved to Quitman, Wood county, Texas, where he spent the remainder of his life. Eveline Collins Shuford died at Quitman, Texas, in 1867 and is buried there. E. R. Shuford died in Wood county, Texas, 1885, and is buried in that county. He was a magistrate in Wood county many years and was called Judge Shuford. He had many friends in Catawba county some of them are still living. They will be glad to read this notice of E. R. Shuford.

"Judge E. R. Shuford died last Sunday morning after a protracted illness of several weeks. His remains were buried in the afternoon at the city cemetery according to the rites and ceremonies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which honorable body Judge Shuford was a member. After religious services by Dr. Kimball, and after the body was lowered into the grave, the usual sprigs of green cedar were cast on the coffin by the individual Odd Fellows, thus symbolizing that they would ever keep green in their memories the virtues of the deceased. Judge Shuford was an old citizen of Wood county, and highly respected; and it is not, therefore, surprising that nearly the whole city en masse turned out to honor by their presence the last sad rites of his sepulture."

His son Pink Shuford sent me a paper giving the death of Uncle Eli Shuford. I send this paper to the Democrat for publication. Before he went to Texas he became a member of the Reformed church. He named one of his sons Middlekauff. Rev. S. Middlekauff was a minister in the Reformed church in North Carolina from 1842 to 1845. His early death was a great loss to the Reformed churches in North Carolina. J. H. Shuford.

The Landmark says that Fourth Creek and other streams in Iredell have been well stocked with fish by the government, while some of the fish were sent to McDowell county.

Trolley Line From Here to Lookout

Hickory Should be Terminus of Southern Power Road

GOOD RIDGE ROAD BED

Such a Line Would Run Near Catawba Springs and Develop a Fine Country all the Way

Correspondence of the Democrat

Ring Out, ye bells and tell the news, We're going to get a Trolley soon; Ring out, ye bells, ye whistles blow, We'll get the power we needed so.

Our dream's come true, 'tis true indeed, They're going to build the Great big Dam at Lookout.

We don't claim to be a poet. A poet is born not made. We were not a poet born. The above words simply indicate the great industrial advancement that we believe is in store for Catawba county. Will the citizens of Catawba county, each and every one, do their share in helping to further the interests of Old Catawba?

We believe the Electric line should extend from Hickory to Lookout Shoals. Hence, we call the attention of General Manager, W. S. Lee, Mr. C. C. Moore and others interested to the following: It would be better for the Southern Power Company and for Catawba County, we believe, to build the Electric line from Hickory to Lookout along the main ridge road leading toward Oxford Ford and Taylorsville, but at the inter-section of roads near Mr. T. Jones, continue on ridge road past Mr. Stine's and on across to Lookout Shoals. This route would call for but one small bridge beyond Mr. Stine's, as the balance of the road would be on the ridge. Then in due season the line could be extended through Oxford Ford, across to Alspaugh's Factory and on to Taylorsville, the logical route, and where a road will surely be built even if it is not done at this time.

Hickory will soon be the unrivaled Metropolis of the Catawba Valley, and the section referred to is a very good one, rapidly filling up with new homesteads—all of which should duly be considered by the Southern Power Co.

Again, this route would come within one mile of sparkling Catawba Springs where there are many tourists each summer and such a convenience would surely increase the attendance manifold. This route would also come within 1 1/2 miles of Kenwood Falls, where several improvements are contemplated.

We are of the opinion that the right of way could easily be secured for the above route, bearing in mind the great increase in property values that will surely follow; and since this section is already thickly populated and many new homes being erected each year, the Southern Power Company would likewise gain thereby.

P. C. H. Oxford Ford, March 23.

A Call for the Democratic Executive Committee of the County

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic Executive Committee of Catawba county will meet in Hickory on Saturday, April 2nd, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the transaction of important business and to consider the election of a chairman. All members of the committee are earnestly requested to attend or send a representative. E. L. SHUFORD, Chairman. By M. H. Yount.

Meeting of U. D. C.

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. E. B. Cline on Monday, March 28th at 3:30. We hope to have a full attendance as Mrs. Williams, state president and Mrs. Feimster, State Secretary will be with us. Any person desiring to join this chapter can obtain application blanks from Mrs. Royster and all people eligible for membership are cordially invited to join this chapter. Blanks for applications for crosses of honor will be furnished to veterans by Mrs. Royster. MRS. JAMES A. MARTIN, Secretary.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CATAWBA FARMERS

Mr. C. C. Moore Has Found Them a Splendid Class of People

Mr. C. C. Moore, who has been in charge of right of ways work for the Southern Power Co. in Catawba county has completed his task.

He has this to say for the farmers with whom he dealt: "They are progressive, have a high regard for fairness and right, are hospitable and kind to a stranger. Perhaps I have spent more nights in more farm homes in the county than has any other man. The homes are comfortable, well furnished, supplied with daily, weekly, agricultural and church papers. The children are interested in school matters and the older children are well informed on the general news of the world."

"My path through Catawba was very pleasant and I am glad the good people are surrounded with so much of the good things of this world."

Mr. Moore further said he had no trouble in securing rights of way in Catawba, and had never in a single instance found it necessary to resort to condemnation proceedings. He goes now to Iredell county to prosecute the same line of work.

Mr. Moore is a candidate for Clerk of the Court in his own county of Mecklenburg and his host of friends and admirers in Catawba would be glad to see him get the nomination.

IN MEMORIAM

Julius Pinckney Huffman was a Christian gentleman, in the highest significance of that term. He was reared by a Christian mother, who still remains with us at the age of 82 to weather and quake under this keen stroke of wisdom's hand. He reared a Christian family of four children—Mr. R. L. Huffman, a prominent attorney of Morganton and Mrs. Elmore Eckard, have gone out from under the paternal roof, and two sons, the youngest 12 years of age, are, with their mother and grandmother still in the home.

Mr. Huffman was a most consistent and faithful church man. He was interested in the building of the new St. Stephens Church, and was the first of her membership to be buried from this new church-home. He long served the church as a faithful officer, and rarely ever missed a service at Sunday School or church. Had he lived until Sunday he would have been 52 years of age.

His body was laid to rest Sunday in the burial ground of St. Stephens. More than 2,000 people gathered to pay respect to his life and memory—the largest gathering ever drawn to a burial at this church. For forty minutes his friends filed by in solid phalanx to view his remains, thrice passing each minute, by actual count. Pastor Miller conducted his funeral and committed his body to its resting place, and endeavored to cheer his friends with words of hope and faith in the fact that our Savior has said, "they that hear my words shall never see death"—eternal death.

Oxford Ford Items

Correspondence of the Democrat. Oxford Ford, March 23.—Married at the Lutheran parsonage, Sunday March 20, at 4 p. m. Mr. Garland O. Reitzel and Miss Jennie L. Sigman. The groom is a promising young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Reitzel; while the bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Sigman.

Mr. J. F. Jones, who has been suffering severely with rheumatism the past week, is better at this writing, we are glad to report.

The Null School, Dist. No. 5, closed a successful term of 4 months with a public entertainment, Saturday March 19. We are informed that there was no public entertainment held at this school during the last 20 years. We thought the children would become nervous upon facing the audience. However, they acquitted themselves with credit in speech, dialogue and song.

Answers were received from all directions to the contest given recently by Kenwood Poultry Yards. And it became quite a difficult matter to select the best list. After due consideration, however, we decided that the award should be given to Carrie Cook, of Lilesville, N. C. Judging from the list she submitted, we conclude that Miss Carrie is already an able, conscientious and diligent student. We wish her much success in her studies. H.

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400 Looms In The Ivey Mill

Factory Humming Along with Plenty of Help

BLAZE IN A DWELLING

Graded School of West Hickory will Close April 1—Personal News of Interest

Correspondence of the Democrat

The new looms at the Ivey Mill are now all started up. There are now 400 looms running and there is plenty of help to run the work. Everything seems to be in a good condition and the hands are well satisfied. The health of this community is good at present.

Mr. H. T. Perdue, the weaver-room overseer is off at present, taking a month's rest and J. P. Eller is taking his place as overseer for the present.

The dwelling house of Mr. Fisher caught on fire one day last week but by careful work the fire was put out, doing but little damage. Mr. Fisher moved here from High Shoals a few weeks ago and he and his family are working in the mill.

Mr. Lem Costner from Rhodhiss moved here one day last week and is working in the mill, helping to start up the new machinery.

Mr. Noblet from Granite moved here last week into the house formerly occupied by Billy Lowder.

Mr. E. C. Sherrill from Caldwell moved here a few days ago into the house that he bought from Mr. W. A. Bumgarner, several months ago.

Mr. R. C. Perce, one of the oldest citizens of West Hickory, moved to Charlotte last week to make his future home there. He rented his house and lot here to W. A. Bumgarner, who has moved in.

Rev. P. H. Brittain, the Methodist minister at this place went on a visit to his home at Weaver-ville last week and Dr. Weaver of Hickory filled his appointment at church here on Sunday.

Mr. Jeff. Holler, who took charge of the boarding house at the Ivey Mill sometime ago, says he has plenty of boarders and is going a good business. He says he is going to keep close watch on his boarders so that they will have no chance to beat him out of their board and in case of any trouble on that line, W. Isenhour, chief, stands ready to assist him.

Mr. P. K. Baker, one of our active merchants has greatly improved the appearance of his dwelling house by having it repainted.

Mrs. Lura Jones of Claremont was here visiting her father Mr. J. Holler, one day last week.

The Graded School of West Hickory will close April the 1st. The school under the management of Principal H. Yount, assisted by Miss Taylor and Miss Powell has been very successful through the entire term.

I close with best wishes for The Democrat. IOTA. March 23, 1910.

Makes Three Times as Much Raising Poultry as Teaching School

"Do you know the prettiest farming sight I have ever seen?" asked one of the county agents at a meeting of Southern demonstration agents a few days ago. And he answered his own question in this way: "It was a flock of 250 or 300 beautiful Brown Leghorn hens, all alike, which came running to their owner at her call when I visited her poultry farm the other day. This young woman graduated at the Normal and Industrial College several years ago, and taught school until she quit it to start poultry raising a year or two ago. And now she is already making three times as much as she made teaching school!"—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

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Epworth League Social

The Epworth League of the First Methodist Church gave their first social in the Sunday School rooms of the church last Monday night. A short program consisting of songs and readings, and an address by the pastor was well rendered, after which hot chocolate was served and a most enjoyable hour was spent in getting acquainted with each other. A number of new members were added, and the total membership is now 63. The League was organized only a few weeks ago and the object of the Social was to further the organization and get the young people of the church introduced into active church work and it is felt that much good will be accomplished by them. The Social Committee, of which Miss Ruth Hendricks is the chairman, proved themselves a very entertaining hostess and those present feel indebted to them for a most delightful evening.

Catawba County Church News

The Democrat welcomes to its exchange list the Catawba County Church News, published monthly at Hickory by Mr. F. E. Bostworth, who formerly assisted Mr. Holbrook in editing the Democrat, and who is a finely equipped newspaper man, having served on such newspapers of national repute as the Springfield Republican and the Boston Globe and Herald. The paper's name indicates its mission, and the first is an earnest of a sprightly little magazine.

AN IDYLL OF THE KING

III. The Three-Fold Picture.

Written for the Democrat.

This Hebrew poem places before us a complete pastoral scene. There lies the meadow, while a brook, like a silver thread, winds its way through the carpet of green that stretches out in graceful undulation. On the banks of the stream, lie the contented flocks, or they wander along its winding course, pausing anon to drink, then turning away to browse on the sward. The ever watchful shepherd, with tanned face and sturdy form, stands on a hillock with staff in hand and crook lying by, keeping the charge which fills his heart and his life. He knows each sheep by name, he knows each one's state, and the sick are his special care. He knows where the pastures lie, and when the drought has checked the stream and blighted the grass, the shepherd calls his flock, and they follow him to pastures fresh and green.

The Twenty-third Psalm portrays in its sweet imagery our whole mortal career, tying three stages of human experience into one existence. This trinity is shown by dividing the psalm into three parts. Let me denominate each of them as follows: The first part of the psalm, containing the first three of its six verses, I will name, the First Pasture. The last two verses I will call, the Second Pasture. The fourth verse marks a transition, and this shall be called the Journey, which means, the journey from the first pasture to the second, and points out the scenes of the road travelled by the flock in going from one meadow-land to another.

This division will serve to exhibit the progress of the poet's theme, and will illustrate the trinity of human experience. All ordinary biographies may be divided into three essential parts. Life is usually marked by a peaceful and tranquil period at its beginning. Then there come events which transform life by destroying the old in utter disregard for tender ties and cherished hopes. Loss and grief crush out the joy and peace that once made life's happy round. Life takes on new phases, readjustment comes, God's hand heals the wounds his providence has caused, and we assume, with hope revived, the changed setting of life.

The early life, with its unmixed pleasures is the First Pasture. The Journey hence to pastures new is the transition period. The Second Pasture is life recast by the great changes that have come.

J. G. GARTH.

Walter Morrison, colored, who committed a criminal assault on a woman of the Croatan Indian race, paid the penalty of his deed Friday at Raleigh when 1,800 volts of electricity put an end to his life. Morrison is the first criminal in North Carolina to be electrocuted. Twenty-three people exclusive of the officers, witnessed the execution.

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Cannon Shorn Of His Powers

House Takes him off Committee On Rules

WILDEST EXCITEMENT

The Insurgent Republicans and the Democrats Combine in Effort which virtually Dethrones the Speaker

Amidst unparalleled scenes of excitement the insurgent Republicans and the solid Democratic phalanx in the lower house on last Friday sheared Speaker Cannon of his tyrannical power by ordering a new committee on Rules to be elected, to which the Speaker is ineligible.

By a vote of 191 to 155, the Republican insurgents voting solidly with the Democrats, the House adopted the resolution of Representative Norris (Republican) of Nebraska, requiring a reorganization of the rules committee, increasing its membership from 5 to 10, and declaring the Speaker ineligible to membership therein.

By the strangely identical vote of 191 to 155—but with a decidedly different personnel of alignment—the House defeated a resolution of Representative Burleson of Texas, declaring the speakership vacant and ordering an immediate election of a successor to Mr. Cannon.

The result is hailed with great delight in the country by Democrats everywhere. It offers great Democrat opportunities. Minority Leader Clark says:

"The Republicans are on the toboggan slide, and if Democrats outside of Congress will get together as the Democrats in the House have got together, our victories this year and in 1912 will be as sweeping as those of 1890 and 1892."

He Wanted "dis" Printed.

Elbert Moss, a dusky young son of Ethiopia, dropped into The Democrat office one evening this week and sidled up to the editor's desk wearing an apologetic smile.

"Say Boss; how much'll you charge me to put dis in de paper?"

"Dis," proved to be a very much soiled and scribbled piece of paper bearing thereon the following short but emphatic tale of noble deeds well done: "Elbert Moss and Preach Barber threw Rob Colter threw Willis back door."

He was duly informed that if he did not get out of the office he might get kicked (threw) the Democrat's front door, but his pleadings were so strong and heartfelt that at last he was informed that it would be printed and that it would cost him nothing, whereupon, he hid himself in search of pastures new, his ebony countenance decorated with the smile that would not come off.

Fair Paid All Expenses

At a recent meeting of the Catawba County Free Street Fair, the report of Treasurer G. R. Wooten of the receipts and expenditures, including expenses, premiums and everything as pertaining to the fair as pulled off last October, was submitted and referred to a committee to be audited. The report showed that there were enough donations, and money received from other sources, to settle up all expenses. The fair closes its first year with a record that it met all of its expenses and has nothing hanging over it, which is exceedingly gratifying to the management.

The next fair will be a two-day event and the Democrat will have a good to say deal in the future about the exhibits to be made.

The residence of Wash Glenn, just outside the city limits of Marion, was destroyed by fire Friday, March 18. The loss was about \$1,500.

HICKORY PRODUCE MARKET.

Corrected weekly by Whitener & Martin.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Hens, Spring Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, Butter, Apples, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cabbage.