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## Plow Deep and Use Some Lime

Dr. H. Q. Alexander Speaks at Piney Grove

### FARMERS' UNION'S AIMS

#### The State President Sets Forth Purposes of Organization—Catawba Union Buys County Lime Lands

"There are too many toll gates between the producer and the manufacturer."

This was one terse sentence in the magnificent speech of Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, president of the State Farmers' Union at Piney Grove School house Saturday afternoon. One hundred or more farmers heard him with delight, following a splendid basket dinner.

The business session was held in the morning. Arrangements were made for getting lime from the 90 acres of lime beds which the Catawba county union has purchased in the Eastern part of the county. This lime will be used on the soil to bring it up.

Hon. A. C. Shuford, of Newton, introduced Dr. Alexander in a neat speech.

Dr. Alexander said that 82 per cent of North Carolina people are engaged in agriculture. He made a strong appeal to all who were holding back from the Union to join it, declaring that there was no concealed danger in it, as some seemed to fear. It has now nearly 3,000,000 members. It is a constructive, non-sectarian, non-political organization. About the only secrecy in it is the pass word, necessary to identify members who had the right to come in.

"The manufacturing interests are organized," he said, "to cheapen production and to fix prices. We propose to cheapen production by educating the farmers into better farming and better buying. We want to fix prices, too, on what we produce, and I don't think the farmers will be unreasonable about prices. We want a warehouse in every county where cotton can be stored and fed to the spinners as they need it. The spinners would be glad to see this, as there are too many toll gates between the producer and manufacturer."

"Mercantile and manufacturing interests are based on agriculture, as everything else. We are the men who add to the wealth of the world. Distributors don't. We need some but not too many distributors."

"There is talk of a state business agent. I don't favor it much. We would bond him, it is true, but he would have no financial rating. There would be 25,000 North Carolina farmers back of him but he would need more tangible assets. A county business agent would be of more service, and if you should place your order with him it would be better for him to patronize home merchants. There are purchasing associations in some counties in which they get a 10 per cent discount. I believe you could buy all your groceries at wholesale. I do."

"Co-operative stores are being considered in some places but where shall draw the line? They may be necessary somewhere but I don't advise them. I don't like it much. Our Executive committee is undecided about it. Go slow and be careful. If you do go in have no credit business and get the right man to manage the store. There was an average of 20 per cent saving in one such store. To some extent it conflicts with home merchants, and I'd rather patronize the merchants we now have than to do business for ourselves."

"The Farmers Union is an educational body. Not a single school book keeps the farm in mind. Only one in every fifty children get beyond the public school. A great work before us is to revise the public school system where it applies to farmers' children."

The speaker said that Supt. Joyner and President Hill were

### HICKORY PRODUCE MARKET.

Corrected weekly by Whitener & Martin.

Hens, per lb.	11c
Spring Chickens, per lb.	18c
Turkeys, per lb.	12 1-2c
Eggs, per doz.	16c
Butter per lb.	15 to 25
Apples, eating.	2 50 a bu
Sweet Potatoes.	40c to 50c
Irish Potatoes.	\$1.00 a bu
Cabbage, per lb.	3 to 4c

in sympathy with this movement. He advocated sending for a new A. and M. college text book recently published. There should be an agricultural high school in every county to come after the public school.

"We are in this educational work to stop the drain from the town."

North Carolina has led in the matter of intensive and scientific farming. Co-operative buying has been stressed too much. Farmers ought to be a buying and a SELLING people. If you will look at our worn out fields—our farmers plowing with a scouter plow—you'll see we are not farming right. We advocate deep plowing and rotation of crops. A new theory has been discovered that by running the land in the same crop it becomes less productive. A piece of land in potatoes for 15 years got so it would not make potatoes at all. Then without fertilizing they planted the land in barley and it grew splendidly. Potatoes and barley require the same soil ingredients. Crops continued too long on the same land produces dangerous and hurtful toxins.

"A 3 and 4 year rotation prevents the toxins, and then you can bring the land back to the original crop. They say the use of commercial fertilizers simply destroys toxins, and constitutes its chief value."

"The Department at Washington recommends the application of lime, which destroys toxins and prevents acidity in the soil. Why can we not grow peas now as well as several years ago? I think it is from the long continued use of acid phosphate. You can't grow clover or any leguminous crops as well as formerly. Lime regulates this."

"I hope to see the day when we can cut out the commercial fertilizer. The Southern Cotton Oil Co. in Charlotte offered as much 8-3-3 fertilizer as the farmers needed for cotton lands in exchange for the seed from the cotton produced. I was one who bit at that. I tried this fertilizer on a plot of ground separated only by a terrace from another plot the same size. On the latter I used marl lime and 100 pounds of cotton seed meal. I got just as good results from the latter as from the former and kept my seed."

"It is wonderful what God has done for the soil. Every acre to the depth of one foot contains from \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth of plant food—potash, etc."

"The thing to do is to plow it up and let it get the action of the sun and air. The soil needs humus, not guano."

"If you keep up your soils it will not be hard to make a living. The Farmers Union stands for a live-at-home policy. I see people buying fat-back bacon—and hay. We sweat ourselves to death trying to kill grass then buy hay! Do you know the latest disease? Not hookworm, pellagra or appendicitis but 'store-eat-us.' The remedy is this live at home."

Dr. Alexander recommended as a good crop for hogs essex rape, followed by sorghum cane, and this by soy beans. "Another good crop" he said, is alfalfa. It's hard to get a stand of. You have to use lime. A N. C. man says he can grow pork at a cent a pound on alfalfa. Now plow up a plot of ground, put it in soy beans and have it ready for alfalfa next fall. Alfalfa hay is worth pound for pound in feed value with the best quality of bran."

"The Union has waged a war against debt. Better to go half starved one year to get on the cash basis."

"I believe its better to raise food crops than cotton. Don't deceive yourselves into thinking that cotton is going to stay at 15 cents. The amount of cattle has decreased in 7 years 3 or 4 per cent and the population has increased 6 or 7 per cent. No wonder meat is high. Let us raise feed stuffs. It's the only hope of the southern farmer."

Mr. W. J. Shuford, of the state Board of Agriculture, spoke a word in favor of the Hickory Street Fair in October. He hoped each local would have an exhibit at that time.

Howard A. Banks, of the Democrat, spoke a few words, expressing his interest in the success of the farmers.

### Carnegie Gives to Pipe Organ Fund.

Andrew Carnegie has made a donation of \$750 for a pipe organ to the Presbyterian Church of this city on condition that at least a similar amount is raised locally. A committee will canvass the congregation to secure money enough to make the total organ fund \$2,000.

## Taft Scored By Dr. Hillis

Has Failed Lamentably Tied to Aldrich and Cannon

### MISTAKEN IN THE MAN

#### "The Existing Tariff, Causing High Prices for Everything, Has Wrought Present Discontentment"

Detroit Special in the Baltimore Sun

"I find Speaker Cannon the most unpopular man, and I know a vast majority of the voters of the country feel that President Taft has failed lamentably in his effort to run a race with two such weights as Aldrich and Cannon tied to his feet," declared Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, today.

"Roosevelt stripped for the race, but evidently Taft got it into his head that he was too much of a physical and intellectual giant to need the training that Roosevelt gave himself. I was one of the original Taft men, but I frankly acknowledge now that I was mistaken in my estimate of the man. In this year 1910, when Providence has dealt so beneficently with the people in the matter of harvests, when our factories and our mills are turning out more comforts and luxuries for our people than ever before, America, which should be the most contented of nations, is the most discontented."

"I feel confident that it is the existing tariff, causing high prices for everything that enters into the maintenance of life that has wrought the present discontent of the people. Whether they are right or not, they attribute the high prices to the tariff—make no mistake about that."

For years it has been the custom of Dr. Dr. Hillis to travel from ocean to ocean on winter lecture tours, and he is now on his way home one of them, and is therefore well qualified to express the present condition of public sentiment.

### Virginia-Carolina Railroad

The Virginia-Carolina Railroad project, according to the Charlotte Observer, awaits the return of the president and originator of the idea, W. F. Wingate, of Abingdon, Va., from a cruise in the West Indies. A meeting will be held in Charlotte between April 15 and 20. It is said that between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000 are available for building the road.

"It is planned to extend from Crandall, on the Virginia-Carolina road, four miles in Virginia beyond the North Carolina line, to Jefferson, from Jefferson to Wilkesboro, from Wilkesboro to Taylorsville, from Taylorsville to Newton and from Newton to Charlotte, opening up on every hand an entirely new range of territory, without double tracking any other lines now existing."

### The Current Magazines

Grace and Truth is a new magazine in the religious field of the South which has great opportunities before it. Evangelist Geo. F. Robertson, of Charlotte, is the editor, and the following corps of contributing editors ought to be a guarantee of the good things to follow:

Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D., New York, N. Y.; Rev. W. R. Dobyns, D. D., St. Joseph, Mo.; Rev. L. W. Munhall, D. D., Germantown, Pa.; Rev. Len. G. Broughton, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. W. Irving Carroll, D. D., Texarkana, Tex.; Rev. W. W. Orr, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. R. V. Miller, Hendersonville, N. C.

These are men of national reputation as defenders of the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and the fact that the new monthly has secured the aid of these great teachers ought to add largely to its subscription list.

The advisory board of the monthly consists of Messrs. Clarence Mason, Erskine R. Smith, John J. Adams, A. J. Crowell, M. D., Jas. H. Ross, Charlotte, N. C.; J. T. Kell, M. D., Fort Mill, S. C.; and Howard A. Banks, Hickory, N. C.

The name of the magazine is an index as to its purposes. It will uphold the fundamental doctrines of the Christian church, such as the atonement, the resurrection, the ascension, and the second coming of Christ and the fullness of the Spirit. Two of the best articles in 40 pages of

good reading matter are those on "The Coverings of the Tabernacle" by Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack and "Lessons of the Ascension" by Evangelist R. V. Miller. The Sunday School Lessons are furnished by Rev. Dr. W. I. Carroll, of Texas. \$1.00 a year.

### McCLURES FOR APRIL

Contains an excellent article dealing with the romantic career of a modern prince, the Duke of Abruzzi, illustrated with a pen picture of the Duke. Other articles of interest are: "Some modern Ideas on Food," by Burton Hendrick; "Preventable Blindness," by Marion Hamilton Carter; "Follies in criminal procedure," by Charles Brewer and "What Whiskey is," by H. Parker Willis.

Among the short stories in this issue are: "The Purple Stockings," "For the Sake of Her Children," "At Brady's," "The Curse of the Heretic," and "The Kite."

### Mr. McNinch too Wise to Run in an "Off" Year

While a strong effort is being made by the Republicans to elect Ex-mayor and Ex-democrat S. S. McNinch run for Congress against Hon. E. Y. Webb, a study of the situation by a Charlotte Observer representative strongly intimates that Mr. McNinch is too astute a student of political omens to be caught napping in this year of grace, when the public is not hesitating to show its disgust over President Taft's surrender to "the interests."

### Signon-Eaker

Hickory, R. F. D. No. 3—on March 24 at 7 p. m. Mr. Martin L. Eaker and Miss Mary Signon, daughter of Mr. A. P. Signon, were married. The ceremony was performed by her pastor, Rev. F. K. Roof.

It was a very quiet occasion, only a few near friends being present, among them Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pope, Leroy Miller and Festus Signon. The wedding supper was very inviting. We extend congratulations.

### Catawba's Next Door Neighbors

Mr. P. C. Hafer's dwelling house with most of its contents was destroyed by fire Friday about 10 o'clock. The cause is supposed to have been a defective stove flue and Mr. Hafer's loss is estimated at about \$1,000.—Taylorsville Scout.

Mrs. Isabella Flowers Marsh, wife of Capt. A. T. Marsh, died at Taylorsville March 18. The funeral was conducted at Rocky Springs Church.

Mr. T. T. Adams and his brother, of Richmond, Va., were in town last Thursday. Mr. Adams stated that the right of way for a tramroad to run from the upper part of Armstrong creek to the C. & O. railroad at Woodlawn had been obtained and that the road will be built. The T. T. Adams company recently purchased several thousand acres of fine timber land on Armstrong creek near Woodlawn, and the Adams company will cut and market this great amount of fine timber as soon as the road is completed.—Marion Progress.

Miss Kosa Mauney and Mr. J. Fred Simmons were married at Shelby last Thursday.

Mr. Chas. Armfield, assistant chasier of the Band of Elkin, and Miss Anna Weeden, daughter of Mr. W. H. Weeden, of Blowing Rock, were united in marriage yesterday at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Mr. Tufts, of Banner Elk. The happy young couple passed through Lenoir yesterday on their way to Statesville to visit relatives.—Lenoir Topic, 23rd.

Miss Jessie Powell, daughter of Mr. John M. Powell, of Lenoir died March 19 at Pine Bluff, near Southern Pines, where she had gone for her health.

Mrs. Henry Shrum died March 19 in Lincoln county at the age of 75 years.

Wadesboro is talking about a co-operative creamery, too, and Charlie Cotton Moore is advising against doing business with less than from 300 to 500 cows. Catawba is to try it with a 300 minimum.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## Sugar Beets in Watauga County

Farmers There are Successfully Testing Them

### HIS 100th BIRTHDAY

Old South Carolina Sailor is Now a Centenarian—Miss Frankie Phipps Burned to Death

Correspondence of the Democrat

Boone, March 29—Mr. R. M. Green is distributing for the Agriculture Department to a few farmers some sugar beet seed for experimenting purposes. A few seed were sent out last year and the beets tested that grew from them.

Uncle Ben Culler celebrated his one hundredth birthday on March 11. He is still healthy and talkative. Uncle Ben is a South Carolinian and was once a captain on a boat at Charleston. His tales of his early life are very interesting.

Mr. George Hopkins, an aged citizen, died at his home near Gap Creek on Sunday.

Miss Franky Phipps, who lived with an unmarried sister near Shulls Mills, was burned to death while attending some fires in a new ground on Monday.

The Appalachian Training School will close on May 4th. A. M.

### Catawba Personals.

Correspondence of the Democrat

Catawba, March 29—Miss Pearl Davidson, of Statesville, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Sherrill.

Mr. Cleveland Little of Newton spent Easter with his mother Mrs. Elva Little

Mr. Nat Reid of Asheville was the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson spent Easter with Mrs. Wilkinson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Q. E. Pope near Claremont.

Miss Mabel Gilleland visited Miss Rae Davidson in Statesville from Friday until Monday.

Mr. Henry Rhyne and sister Mary of Startown spent Sunday with their sister Mrs. John Sherrill.

Mrs. Carrie Neill of Statesville spent Sunday night and Monday with her brother Mr. Thomas Shuford.

Miss Annie Barnes went to Reidsville Friday night to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Barnes, returning Tuesday morning.

Master Rupert and Reginald Turner spent the Easter holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Turner at Monbo.

Dr. E. A. Drum of Richmond spent a few hours in town Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector of Richmond spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trollinger.

Mrs. J. H. Harrill of Mooresville returned home Monday night after spending the past few days here the guest of her father Mr. J. H. Trollinger.

Mr. Ralph Little of Columbia, S. C. spent Monday near town.

Mr. Oscar Marvin of Statesville was in town Sunday afternoon.

John Kale a respected negro, died at his home near here Saturday morning.

### Three Forks Lifted Spelling Cup.

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Taylorsville, March 29—Rob Steele, a negro about 18 years old was placed in jail on the 25th on a very serious charge. An estimable lady 70 years old, in Ellendale township is the prosecutrix.

and who gets together the best of the warblers and organizes them into a singing class. Twice a year the class meet in the court house at Taylorsville, appointed judges and then each class chooses its own songs, sings two or three and gives place to the next. The cup remains until awarded to some other class.

There are a few hills in Wilkes county too and they have got some singers. Occasionally a challenge is issued and we take our best class to Wilkesboro or they bring theirs here. Then there is music.

Last Saturday was our regular semi-annual contest and the town was full of people. Five classes took part; the Three Fork Class, led by Mr. E. M. Harrington was the successful one, lifting the cup from Poplar Springs. Will let you know when the next is to be and if you listen, and the wind is not blowing, you may hear some of it.

### Easter at Ivey Mills

Correspondence of the Democrat

Ivey Mills, March 25.—Easter passed off quietly at the Ivey Mill. W. A. Isenhour, Chief of Police, says the boys did not give him any trouble. Quite a number of the hands, who are boarding, asked off on Friday that they might go to their respective homes to spend Easter with the home folks. Mr. C. E. Hawn and wife went to Granite Falls Sunday to see Mrs. B. Houck, Mrs. Hawn's sister, who is very sick with heart trouble.

There were several eggs hunts in which nearly all the young people enjoyed.

West Hickory seems to be on a boom. A number of new houses have been built recently and Mr. Cody, the boss painter of our town, is kept busy all the time. Mr. Sam Campbell, had the house that he bought from Billy Lowder repainted last week. Mr. W. A. Coffey and wife, of Connelly's Springs were here Saturday and Sunday, visiting Mrs. Coffey's parents, Mr and Mrs. Will Heffner.

Mr. Finley Abree and wife went to Stony Point Saturday to spend Easter with Mrs. Abree's father, Mr. Ross.

Mrs. A. M. Williams was over in the country on Route No. 1 near Foard & Whisnant's store to spend Easter with relatives in that vicinity.

The Street Commissioners of West Hickory worked a force of hands on the streets several days last week and the most of our streets are now in good condition.

The Ivey and Hice Manufacturing Co., seem to be doing a good business. They make pickersticks and other supplies for looms and are getting as many orders as they can fill.

We didn't have any wedding in our town for Easter but judging from appearances there will be some to report in the near future. Success to The Democrat.

### Phillips For Sheriff

To the Editor of The Democrat:

As it is about time for the political pot to begin to boil I have a man in view that I want to present for sheriff of this county. I know he is the strongest man in this community; in fact I think from what I hear that he is decidedly the strongest man in the county. He will draw votes from the Republican party and independent voter that no other man would. He has been tried and we know his qualities. The man I refer to is L. H. Phillips of Newton, N. C., formerly of your city. Give us Phillips for Sheriff and we will win.

### A Car Load of Eggs.

Mr. F. A. Yoder shipped on March 22nd a solid car load of eggs to New York city. There were 90 crates, 30 dozen to a crate. There was a half a ton of fine fresh hen fruit.

The preceding week Mr. Yoder shipped one car of eggs, 150 cases containing 4566 dozen. Hickory is Mr. Yoder's shipping point.

### Easter in Hickory.

On Easter Sunday sermons on the resurrection were preached in almost every church in the city. The Episcopal, German Reformed and Lutheran churches were prettily decorated with spring flowers. Easter Monday is a local holiday and was generally observed. A great crowd went up from Hickory to the Cliffs on a picnic.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## Value of the Sand Clay Road

Specially Adapted to the Piedmont Section

### MR. PRATT'S TRIBUTE

Expert Testimony to the Value of a Good Road Which is most Cheaply Built in Catawba

Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist of North Carolina. in "Southern Good Roads."

The roads of the eastern counties of the southern Appalachian states are deep sand and distressing in summer; in the middle and western sections of these states they have an excess of clay, and often become impassable in winter. We are confronted, therefore, by the two extremes—deep sand and deep mud and the name of either signifies death to agricultural development to social and intellectual life; to education and religion. While naturally, such a condition exists things are pretty evenly balanced after all. In nearly all sections where sand predominates, deposits of clay can be found, and if this be hauled upon the deep sand and thoroughly mixed with it, you have a sand-clay road which cannot make deep sand in summer; and if the sand is sharp and clean, sufficiently mixed with the clay so as to overcome the tendency to mix mud in wet weather, you have a good road winter and summer. From a close study and observation of this phase of road improvement, combined with some experience. I am prepared to make the assertion in full confidence, that there is no section in the eastern part of the southern Appalachian states were really good practical country roads may not be built by this process, if only perseverance be the watch word. Many fail for want of patient, persistent effort and fail when well toward the goal of success. Reflect a moment, and you will see that a sand-clay road is not in its perfected state until each grain of sand is driven and wedged tightly between other grains of sand, and they in turn, between others, and so on through the entire body of the road, with only the small interstices filled with clay for the purpose of binding and to prevent slipping. Bear in mind, clean, sharp sand is needed, and avoid sand which has been rounded off by the action of the wheels in the roadbed. Always get sand if possible, from the side of the road where it has not been so ground off.

If then, in the eastern part of these states, the mixing of sand and clay is a success, why will it not be equally so in the mid-west sections? I can confidently assert that it is not only equally satisfactory, but more so, from the fact that we have more and better drainage because of the undulation. And for the further reason that we have coarser and sharper sand.

But in the middle and Piedmont sections of these southern Appalachian states we are not confined to sand clay exclusively. This section is rich in gravel, which may be had for the hauling.

We may often combine these three types of road, dirt, gravel and sand clay in one system of good roads and have stretches of all three; but do not have mixtures of all three, that is, do not have part of the width of the road of dirt and part of gravel or sand-clay unless you are making the center of the road nine feet wide of one or the other and crowning and sloping it evenly to the ditches. Don't fill mud holes with rock or even gravel, but with dirt.

The Home Cannery Co. of this city has recently filled a special order for a cannery outfit, for the Lee County Cannery, at Fort Myers, Fla. This outfit was an extra large size and will be used for making marmalades and jellies out of oranges.

### ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.

#### SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No. 21 going West	4:45 p. m.
" 11 "	11:30 a. m.
" 35 "	11:21 p. m.
" 12 "	5:30 p. m.
" 22 "	10:57 a. m.
" 36 "	9:54 a. m.

#### C. & N. W. RAILWAY

No. 10 going North	11:55 a. m.
" 9 "	South, 2:55 p. m.
Mixed train going North	8:35 p. m.
" " "	South, 8:40 a. m.