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Big Ditch Seeds Land Value Up

Farms on Clark's Creek are Worth More Money

THE NEWS OF NEWTON Mr. L. L. Witherspoon Candidate for Mayor—Satisfaction over Mr. Elliott's Choice as Chairman

Newton, April 13.—As the big ditch progresses, the bottom land along Clark's creek increases in value. We have in mind a prominent farmer, who at the beginning, sold a nice body of land at not an unreasonable price. A few days ago the purchaser sold it at a bonus of five dollars per acre, and since, the last purchaser has been offered a bonus of like amount; also at a public sale here recently, a lawyer of the town bid in four acres at \$28.00 per acre and it is said after the ditch and hillside of said land is deducted he will be the possessor of about one acre of bottom land.

The Democratic folk here seem to be well pleased over the selection of Mr. J. D. Elliott as chairman of the executive committee, and it is currently reported, that he is fully competent and energetic enough to handle the political reins in the coming campaign.

Mr. J. W. Erwin is building a nice residence on the lot opposite where he now lives. Mr. M. S. Sigmon, contractor and builder, with his force of hands is doing the work, which insures the best of workmanship.

Newton has a fisherman, and the waters of Clark's creek still contains some nice fish, evidenced by the fact that Mr. James Yount, recently caught between 35 and 40 nice cat and carp fish weighing from one quarter to one pound each.

At a meeting of the creditors of D. J. Carpenter, before Hon. W. C. Ervin, referee in bankruptcy, Mr. R. P. Freeze was appointed trustee.

Two candidates are already out for the election of mayor here May 1st, namely Messrs. Clapp and L. L. Witherspoon. It is presumed that they are both "dry" as the "nigh bar saloon" has been abolished.

All Kinds of News

A meteor at Aratt near Gaffney, S. C., fall with a blinding crash and buried itself in the earth in a hole 15 by 20 feet deep.

Mr. Roosevelt refused to visit the Pope in Rome because the Pope tacked a condition on to the invitation that the Ex-president should not speak in the Methodist church in Rome. Though the American traveler had no idea of speaking there, he refused to accept a conditional invitation. The incident has started a bigger row than that of Mr. Fairbanks and the Pope.

Twenty persons in Pittsburg have thus far confessed and 37 have been indicted in connection with the graft charges brought against members and former members of the Pittsburg city council. Developments show that bribery has been going on for many years.

President Taft spoke to the League of Republican Clubs of the District of Columbia Saturday night. He urged Congress to get busy and "do things." He said the insurgent Congressmen must not be "read out of the party." They alone could read themselves out. Said he again: "I look forward with philosophic temperament to the threatened invasion of the halls of Congress by the Democrats. I say, threatened—yes threatened—in the imaginations of Champ Clark, Henry Watterson and others."

Losing control of a Curtiss biplane flying machine at Memphis Sunday, 75 feet in the air, aviator J. C. Mars plunged down on

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS

Table with 2 columns: SOUTHERN RAILWAY and C. & N. W. RAILWAY. Lists train numbers and arrival times.

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top of an automobile filled with spectators. The top to the auto saved the lives of the inmates. Mars was not hurt.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision Monday held it to be "unjust and unreasonable" for the Pullman company to charge equally for the upper and lower berths in the sleeping cars. A short night's journey, the commission holds, should carry a rate of not more than \$1.50 for a lower berth and \$1.10 for an upper. From 1899 to 1908 the Pullman company declared \$60,000,000 in dividends.

Catawba's Next Door Neighbors

It is reported in Newton that Miss Grace Yount was married in Washington this week to Prof. Haendiges, who was teacher of music at Catawba College last year.—Catawba county News.

Prof. W. Banks Dove, assistant to the Secretary of State of South Carolina, has accepted the invitation to deliver the alumni address at Catawba College at the coming commencement.—Catawba County News.

Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, tells the Concord Times he will go to the Democratic congressional convention in the 8th district with Iredell and Cabarrus solid for him. He says he can reduce Cowles' majority in Wilkes several hundred and can bring Cabarrus, Stanley and "little Aleck" back into the Democratic column. He is sure of the nomination.

The Topic says that Mike Baker in jail at Lenoir charged with the killing of Dick Campbell over a game of cards "has retained Mr. M. Harshaw and Lieut. Gov. W. C. Newland to conduct his defense, and he will endeavor to prove that he did not fire the shot that killed Campbell and that he did not have a pistol on his person at the time. The deposition of the dead man and the statement of the defendant conflict."

The Morganton Retail Merchants Association won its suit to have the freight depot of the Southern Railway moved to the north side of the track and larger freight facilities provided. The railroad appealed.

Mrs. Whit Blackwelder, aged 44, was killed by lightning while standing on her back porch at Old Fort during an electrical storm.

The Marion Progress earnestly pleads for the renomination of Judge M. H. Justice in the 14th judicial district.

A non-partisan municipal ticket was nominated in Lenoir last Friday night with E. T. Wakefield for Mayor by acclamation and the following for commissioners: M. M. Courtney, F. H. Coffee, W. S. Miller, L. L. Munford and Dr. C. L. Robbins. The platform demands municipal economy, reduction in taxes, number officers and their salaries and for reducing the town debt.

It is said that Chas. E. Greene, of Bakersville, will give S. S. McNinch, of Charlotte, a contest for the Republican nomination for Congressman in the ninth district, with Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties backing him. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia, may also run.

Lightning struck the house of Mr. J. F. Hardin in Boone but the damage was slight.

The Lenoir News says the house of Colfax Clarke in Naoma, Caldwell county, was burned, the family barely escaping. Mrs. Clarke and a 3-days old babe were ill in bed.

Jean Fox, who lives in south Alexander county, is in jail in Jefferson charged with stealing a horse from Walter Pharr's stable near Jefferson.

Mr. C. S. Brawley, formerly of Statesville, who has been running a clothing store in Spencer for the past seven months, packed his goods last week and shipped his stock to Maiden, Catawba county, where he will go into business.—Statesville Landmark.

Dr. John F. Ruchheit, of New Bloomfield, Pa., has been elected president of Catawba college.

Mr. Clarence Clapp withdraws from the Mayoralty contest in Newton.

Big Profits in Fire Insurance

Capt. Chas. D. McNeill Gives Interesting Figures

LETTER TO MR. MOSER If Companies Doing General Business Thrive Thus, Those in Protected Towns Ought to do Well

Mr. C. A. Moser has received the following from Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president of the North Carolina State Firemen's association. Mr. Moser is local representative for Hickory of the Fireman's Insurance Co.:

Fayetteville, N. C., March 28, 1910.

Editor Observer: May I ask you to publish for the information of the subscribers to the stock of the Firemen's Insurance Company living in Fayetteville and elsewhere, the following extracts from the report of the Investigating Committee on Fire Insurance, now sitting in Albany? If companies doing a general business in unprotected, as well as protected towns and taking all sorts of risks, can make the profits that they are doing, a company doing business in protected towns and cities, with selected risks, will surely do better. Respectfully, JAS. D. McNEILL.

"The big profits in the great life insurance companies have been published, but few people know how much the fire insurance companies have made—profits increased by the trust maintained. The Fire Association of Philadelphia paid an annual dividend of 40 per cent. for twenty-five years and a \$50 share of stock is now worth \$315.50.

"The Springfield F. & M. has paid an average dividend of 10 per cent. for twenty-five years and a \$100 share of stock is now worth \$225.

"Niagara, of New York, has paid an average dividend of 11 per cent. for twenty-five years and a \$50 share of stock is now worth \$200.50.

"Girard F. & M., of Philadelphia, has paid an average dividend of 22.2 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$100 share is now worth \$200.

"Stonewall, of Mobile, has paid an average dividend of 10 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$100 share of stock is now worth \$150.

"Continental, of New York, has paid an average dividend of 21.3 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$100 share is now worth \$1500.

"Milwaukee Mechanics has paid an average dividend of 27.3 per cent. for twenty-four years, and a \$10 share of stock is now worth \$31.

"Pennsylvania, of Philadelphia, has paid an average dividend of 18.3 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$100 share of stock is now worth \$390.

"German-American, of New York has paid an average dividend of 24.1 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$100 share of stock is worth \$490.

"Glen Falls, New York, has paid an average dividend of 20 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$10 share of stock is now worth \$150.

"Home of New York, has paid an average dividend of 11 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$100 share of stock is now worth \$450.

"Williamsburg City, New York, has paid an average dividend of 21.8 per cent. for twenty-five years, and a \$50 share of stock is now worth \$225.

"These figures show that there is no reason whatever for the talk about increasing rates, but they speak trumpet-tongued for lower rates."

Williams-Mangum

The Democrat has received the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Levier Williams request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Estelle Sophronia to Rev. Pearl Damon Mangum Monday Evening, April the Eighteenth Nineteen Hundred and Ten eight o'clock Broadway Baptist Church Knoxville, Tenn.

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COMMENT

If Democrats expect to participate in the precinct primaries, they must remember that the poll tax must be paid before May 1st. This is important.

The Democrat is glad to welcome to its exchange list the Black Mountain Record, edited by Mr. Ronald B. Wilson, a former Charlotte newspaper man. Mr. Wilson is turning out a sprightly paper.

The Democrat inadvertently omitted the fact in its account of the Democratic county executive committee meeting here, that Mr. W. B. Gaither, of Newton, was chosen vice-chairman of the committee when Mr. J. D. Elliott was made chairman. Mr. Gaither is a splendid worker and Mr. Elliott and himself and Secretary Frank A. Clinard, will make a trio who could not be improved upon.

Pythian District Meeting

A delightful gathering was that of the District meeting of the Knights of Pythias in this city last Friday. After the district meeting, at which addresses were made by Past Grand Chancellor, Geo. D. Hackney, of Asheville; Rev. Dr. J. S. Murphy, of Hickory; C. D. Beaver, of Statesville; A. A. Whitener, of Hickory, and others, a delightful banquet was spread by Proprietors Huffman and Fry at the Huffry, and the hundred or more delegates to the convention enjoyed the evening greatly.

Mr. A. A. Whitener was toastmaster, and was as usual the life of the occasion. Knight A. Walworth, of Whitman, Mass., who happened to be present, was called upon and made a response. Though an adopted son of Massachusetts he was a native of Kentucky and therefore felt at home in such a representative southern gathering.

Mr. Beaver, of Statesville, made a very neat speech, replying to the toast, "Experiences with Roosevelt in Africa." Mr. Geo. L. Hackney spoke of the work and principles of Pythianism, and Mr. Howard A. Banks, of the Democrat, was called on to speak a word of greeting to these visitors to the city.

Capt. G. W. Payne, of Co. A

First Lieutenant G. W. Payne was elected captain of Company A, First Regiment State Guard at the last meeting to succeed Capt. Eubert Lyerly, resigned. Capt. Payne is a true soldier and well qualified to take command of the company, which is improving all the time in its soldierly qualities. Col. Gardner, of Shelby, during the recent inspection here said he had never seen Co. A drill so well.

Second Lieutenant W. C. Keever was promoted by being elected to the first lieutenantcy, and Quartermaster Huffman to be second lieutenant. The quarter master is yet to be appointed. Hickory may well be proud of her military company. Its presence here ought to give the community a sense of security.

Who Saw the Comet Before?

The Statesville Landmark has found a man in the person of Mr. Isaac Long, of Hamptonville, who saw the comet on its last visit 75 years ago. He was 9 years old at the time.

If any of the Democrat's readers saw the comet at that time, we hope you will drop us a line telling us about it. Col. Yoder, do you recollect it in your boyhood days down on the South Fork? Did you see it when you rose before day to feed the stock?

A specific for pain—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil, strongest, cheapest, liniment ever devised. A household remedy in America for 25 years

Taking the Census

The 13th census will begin to be taken tomorrow, the 15th inst. An army of 70,000 interrogators will begin their work at daybreak. It is believed the census will reveal the fact that the population of the United States is 90,000,000. The enumeration must be finished in one month, and in the cities in 15 days. Director E. Dana Durand hopes the tendency toward "race suicide" manifested from 1870 to 1900 will prove to be on the decline.

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Appropriation For Hickory.

Congressman Webb Writes Enthusiastically of Prospects.

A LETTER TO MR. SELF. Has Every Reason to Believe That This City Will Get a Showing in Omnibus Bill.

It will be good news to Hickory people to hear that the city is likely to get an appropriation for a public building. Representative Webb under date of April 8th wrote as follows to Mr. W. A. Self: "I am happy to tell you that I have every reason to believe that I shall secure an appropriation for Hickory in the forthcoming omnibus bill soon. In case I find that help will be necessary from your end of the line, I shall wire you in ample time. I cannot, however, anticipate any breakers, a sit looks like easy sailing now."

Election for West Hickory Called

Correspondence of the Democrat

Ivey Mill, April 13.—The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of West Hickory held a call meeting last week and ordered a primary to be held in the Graded School house on Saturday, the 16th day of April, for the purpose of nominating a mayor and alderman and three school trustees to be voted for at the regular May election.

Mr. Peter Buff is building a nice house on a lot that he bought near the Ivey Mill.

Mr. Malcolm McKenzie and wife went to Connelly Springs Saturday to visit the family of Mr. J. H. Coffey. They returned Monday.

The Graded School closed Wednesday, April 6 with a public entertainment. The exercises consisted of songs, speeches, recitations and dialogues by the children and all of the children delivered their speeches and recitations well, showing that they had been well trained by their teachers.

The Ivey base ball team crossed bats here with the Newton team Saturday evening. After a hard played game the score stood 12 to 21 in favor of the Ivey boys.

Mr. Jake Deal and family of East Hickory were here Sunday visiting the family of Mr. John Raby.

Mr. Alf. Havner and wife of Jacobs Fork were here last week, visiting Mrs. Havner's father, Prof. N. M. Cordell. IOTA.

There's no better Spring tonic than Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The standard for thirty years. Tea or Tablets, 35c. Get a package today, and you'll thank us for the advice. Moser & Lutz.

In Memoriam—Ethel M. Hight

Ethel M. Hight passed out of this earthly life on April 5th, 1910. She was born and brought up in a Christian home and from her childhood had been a Christian. She joined the Methodist church in her early girlhood and from that time till her departure to Heaven, she was a faithful, consistent and devoted member of the church of her choice. She was an affectionate and obedient daughter, always showing great respect, and love for her parents. She was also a most gentle and loving sister, ready to do all in her power for the comfort and help of all the members of the household. She was a sweet, pure, cultured, young woman, just such a one as at once gains the confidence and love of all who came in touch with her life: She had a long painful affliction and realized from the beginning its seriousness, and almost certain termination. She calmly and without any complaint or

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murmering accepted the situation and without fear awaited results. She would have been glad to live, could she have had health but was not afraid to die. She has just passed on before and entered the home prepared, and there will await, and welcome, the other members of the family as they shall follow her.

"She is not dead, but sleepeth." She has finished her life's work and laid aside all care, toil, and pain, and now rests, sweetly in the beautiful home of the soul. DR. J. H. WEAVER, Hickory, N. C., April 10, 1910.

The Week in the Women's Clubs.

MRS. SHUFORD GUEST OF HONOR IN LAWTON.

Mrs. E. L. Shuford, of this city, was the guest of honor at a U. D. C. social gathering in Lawton, Okla., of which the Lawton Constitution-Democrat tells in its issue of April 4. It says: "The U. D. C.'s of Lawton, spent a delightful afternoon Saturday, with Mrs. J. T. Johnson, 1004 E. Avenue, who entertained them in honor of Mrs. E. L. Shuford of North Carolina, who is visiting her husband in Lawton. The house presented the scene of Southern war time hospitality, being decorated with evergreen. Flowers and pictures of Robert E. Lee, Jef Davis and other Southern generals, were in conspicuous places."

After a musical program, the hostess for diversion, gave a talk on telegraphy, and then ladies tried to see who could write a telegram the quickest.

"Mrs. Shuford, the guest of honor received the bouquet of carnations as she wrote her telegram in 1-4 of a minute.

"Refreshments were served in crystal cups and tin plates, as everything of value was put away in the 60s.

"Miss Herron of Lawton, and Miss Hastings of Frederick, presided at the punch bowl.

"Mesdames Jessie and Caldwell assisted in serving also. A unique toast was the sipping of sugared oranges and as they sipped each lady gave a toast to Mrs. Shuford. Many nice words of greeting and welcome were given her. She thanked them graciously and hopes to join our chapter when she comes to make Lawton her home.

"The merriment reached its zenith when the hostess appeared with an army canteen of water and a glass a hundred years old, in her hand, and asked all to drink of Lawton mountain water. The canteen went through the Philippine war, and the tumbler was made in Edinburg, Scotland. Other relics of 'ye old time' days were displayed, among the number was pair of cuff-buttons worn by Mrs. Shuford, engraved with the peace flags and the battle flags upon them. The guests on leaving, assured the hostess that she had left nothing undone for their pleasure."

The Abel A. Shuford chapter of the U. D. C. will hold its regular meeting on Monday, April 18th at half past three o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. Chadwick. Mrs. James A. Martin, Sec.

The last meeting of the Travelers' Club for the year 1909-1910 was held with Mrs. J. H. Patrick Friday April 8. Fifteen members responded to roll with Mrs. D'Anna and Miss Camp, of Lenoir College as guests. Quotations on "Fulfillment" and other suitable subjects preceded the article, "The end of Shakespear's Life" which Mrs. E. B. Cline gave in a masterly way bringing the important points into noteworthy prominence. Two part songs were sung "Anil's Song" from "The Tempest" and Orpheus with his Lute" from Henry VII. Mrs. Chadwick gave a talk on Shakespeare's Contemporaries: Sidney, Raleigh, Spenser, Bacon, Ben Jonson and a few others.

Mrs. J. H. Shuford sang with grace and expression "O Mistress Mine" from Twelfth Night. Egypt was decided as next year's study. Miss Geitner was elected president, Mrs. Royster vice president, Miss McComb Sec and Treas, all unanimously. Current events and refreshments were enjoyed before the parting for the year for which all felt an affectionate regret.

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Cleaning-up Day April 22 and 23

Civic League Makes an Appeal To Hickory People

THE CITY WILL HFLP Opportunity to clean up front and back yards—The Merchants requested to Cooperate also

The Civic League at its meeting Monday set Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, as Cleaning-up day. Everybody in Hickory on that day is asked to clean up his front and back yards, and the merchants are requested to clean up in front of their stores. Mayor Bisanar has been interviewed and has promised to see if he cannot have the trash hauled away in wagons.

Other cities have these annual cleaning up days, and they help both to beautify and make more sanitary a city. It is to be hoped, by the way, that the Civic League either on this day or at some other time will take steps to have the old cemetery in South Hickory repaired. It has fallen into a sad state of dilapidation.

State News.

The University won the debate from Washington & Lee at Greensboro April 6. Her representatives were H. E. Stacy and W. R. Edmonds who had the negative of the query: "Resolved that all corporations doing inter-State commerce business should be required to take out a Federal charter on such terms as Congress may prescribe, constitutionally granted." The Virginians were Cozart and Dunn. The same night at Chapel Hill the University's team, Cox and McIntosh defeated Georgia University's team, Lanham and Tarpin, defending the negative of the same query.

Ex-Representative Settle, of Asheville, according to the Washington correspondence of the Greensboro News, will be appointed by President Taft as judge of the court of commerce provided by the pending bill amending the inter-State commerce commission act.

Mr. John B. Sherrill, of the Concord Times has bought the Concord Tribune from Mr. Hurley, consolidating the weekly with the Times and continuing the daily. Mr. Sherrill now controls the newspaper field in Cabarrus county.

Debate at Rutherford College

At the debate of the Newtonian Literary society at Rutherford College on April 8, Mr. E. T. Gordon, of Guilford county got the declaimers medal, and Mr. Elkins, of Winston-Salem won the debator's medal. The medals were awarded by Prof. Creel, of the faculty. Mr. Gordon's subject was, "The Same Old South."

The affirmative side won in the debate; the query being: "Resolved, that the Protestant Denominations should establish and maintain universities." On the affirmative were Messrs. W. B. Elkins and Chas. M. Byers and on the negative Conley L. Bunn and William G. Lowe.

The officers were: Baxter W. Davis, president; J. E. B. Houser, vice president; and J. W. Bennett, secretary.

Rutherford commencement celebration place May 11th. "The Power of Eloquence" was the subject of Mr. Roy Reep's declamation and "The Pyramids not All Egyptian" that of Mr. Crisp. The speakers and officers were presented with beautiful bouquets.

The query judges were Messrs. J. E. Coulter, Prof. M. T. Hinchshaw and Rev. W. F. Womble; the medal judges, Mr. H. R. Jones and Rev. Messrs. N. M. Medlin and E. K. Creel.

Mr. J. W. Vestal was president and Mr. J. W. Bennett secretary. The Platonic society will hold its debate Friday, April 15th.

HICKORY PRODUCE MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods like Hens, Spring Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, Butter, Apples, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, and Cabbage.