

The Death of Mr. Wm. Gaston Shell

Passed Away After a Brief Illness Monday Night

Mr. William Gaston Shell died at his home near this city Monday night after a brief illness. He was born in Caldwell county 62 years ago.

He came to Hickory as a boy in his teens and after serving his apprenticeship he worked at the carpenter's trade and eventually became a contractor.

His first wife was Miss Emma Abernethy and their living children are Messrs. S. Lafayette, W. C., K. B., Ed. N., and Perry H. Shell and Mrs. J. A. Southerland.

A year ago last August Mr. Shell was married to Miss Mattie Hanna, who survives him.

Mr. Shell had been a consistent member of the Methodist church from his youth up. The funeral was held from the home Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

On election day Mr. Shell began to complain of grip but even when he took his bed Wednesday a week ago it was not thought that there was any serious trouble.

But an old kidney trouble began to assert itself and he grew rapidly worse.

On Wednesday evening he was unconscious, not even recognizing members of the family. The beautiful delirium of life's sunset lifted, however, on the day before his death when his little grandchild was brought into the death chamber.

Then he smiled, murmured the child's name, "Rebecca," and motioned for her to be put upon the bed near him.

Not many hours afterward, in painless sleep, he himself as a little child entered the Kingdom.

Mr. Mann Succeeds Dr. Weaver

The Western North Carolina Conference just adjourned at Winston-Salem appointed Dr. J. H. Weaver, pastor in this city, to the Monroe church and assigned Rev. L. F. Mann to succeed him.

Hickory Station—L. F. Mann. Iredell Circuit—J. P. Davis. Lenoir Circuit—J. M. Pritch.

West Statesville Circuit—E. E. Yates. Statesville, Broad Street—Harold Turner.

Race Street—B. F. Hargett. Troutman—J. J. Edwards. Conference missionary evangelist—D. H. Coman. President Davenport College—J. B. Craven.

Work of Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Nicholson Becomes Secretary Treasurer for Ivey & Rice

An important event in the business life of the city was the announcement by President W. H. Nicholson, of the Chamber of Commerce to the directors last week that he has accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Ivey & Rice Manufacturing Co., until lately held by Mr. Adrian Shuford.

Dr. Nicholson has been acting secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and his new duties will necessitate at least his being given an assistant.

The past year the Chamber has raised about \$10,000 in an effort to secure the C. and N. W. shops; has secured the \$10,000 bridge now being built across the Catawba river in to Alexander county;

has pulled off the most enthusiastic good roads meeting ever held in North Carolina; has issued a splendidly illustrated pamphlet of Hickory;

has kept the city's name before the public; has distributed a great deal of literature in regard to the city and county; and has aided in making the Fair a success.

There are present Elder G. M. Brown, President of the Conference, and Elder M. H. Brown Secretary, both from Greensboro. Other delegates present are: G. W. Wells, Asheville; R. T. Nash, and J. H. Nash, B. J. Pike, Greensboro; W. L. Killen and Mrs. B. A. Rodgers, Archdale.

Wm. Saunders and J. P. Burton, Maple Grove; Prof. Brounberger Naples; M. H. Johnston, Baker's Mountain; J. O. Johnston, Eufoia.

Dr. Murphy's Dream Visit from Tolstoi

"A man of wonderfully strong countenance knocked at my door the other night, and I let him in," said Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy, president of Claremont College and pastor of the Corinth German Reformed church of this city, relating a vivid dream.

"The visitor was simply garbed but I knew he could be no ordinary man. I said to him after a glance: 'You are Count Tolstoi.'"

"He did not want to admit his identity at first but soon made the admission and I had a delightful conversation with him. In the midst of the dream I awoke. I was wonderfully impressed with it. I have had a number of dreams which came true. I called Mrs. Murphy's attention to the fact that I had had this unusual, impressive vision.

"A few days after I read of Count Tolstoi's illness, and as well as I can make out my dream occurred on the night he ran away from home.

"I have long been an admirer of Tolstoi, although not agreeing always with everything he taught. To my knowledge I never saw a picture of him."

HICKORY MARKETS

Hens, per lb. 10c. Spring Chickens, per lb. 12-15c. Turkeys, per lb. 15c. Eggs, per doz. 28c. Butter per lb. 18 to 20c. Creamery Butter, 33c. Apples, eating, \$1.00 per bu. Sweet Potatoes, 40c per bu. Irish Potatoes, 60c to 75c a bu. Cabbage, per lb. .10. Dried Beans, per bushel, \$2.50.

HIDES AND TALLOW

Prices Paid by Hickory Tannery. Green Salted Hides, per lb 9c. Green Hides, per lb 8c. Sound Dry Salted Hides, per lb 14c. Sound Dry Flat Hides, per lb 16c. Prime Tallow, per lb 5c. Rye Straw, 100 lbs 40c.

BACK TO THE OLD HOMESTEAD

George Ethelbert Walsh

At the foot of the hill where the turnpike swerved sharply to the left to avoid climbing the abrupt elevation and close by the brook, which, finding its source somewhere among the hills,

she peered into the streams and the dark pools of the river for information about the silvery pike and speckled trout for the sixth son was of the Ivesak Walton school.

They sat down at the table. She was a wise mother and did not expect a reply to every effusion of her own.

They fell in love and married in time. They brought their brides in hurried visits to the old home.

But the rush of life in the cities made the farm seem a long way off. Letter writing was oftentimes irksome, and the seven sons had duties that absorbed their time and strength.

In due time the seven sons forgot to write or delegated the work to their wives. They were too occupied to waste their time in epistolary composition.

And nothing unusual happened to them—that is, nothing that would interest the aged couple living on the old homestead.

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The man gently pressed the hand that had penned the daily letters. "Rest, then, mother, rest! They will not!"

"That is what I am afraid of," she replied slowly. "They will not miss them, and that is what—hurts."

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Dotted Catawba with New Bridges

Retiring board of Commissioners have Done Excellent Work

Now that the present board of county commissioners is retiring, the Democrat wishes to say what is only fair, it believes, that the board has done some good work for the county.

Another thing for which the retiring board is to be greatly praised is the fact that the State having required 4 months school to be taught during the year,

The board has doubtless made some mistakes. It would probably admit this much itself.

Mr. J. W. Shuford, of Hickory, as chairman of the board has been just as careful of the people's business as he has been of his own.

Fighting Flies: Not after Damages

In a late reference to the case of Self vs. Campbell, you call it an action for damages, leaving it to be inferred that money is the only relief sought.

It is freely admitted that I am created a little lower than that order of over-scrupulous persons who are "agin" all damage suits; but, in this case, the chief object aimed at is not the recovery of damages.

Hickory, N. C., November 19, 1910.

Mr. Yoder at Augusta Fair

His Orpingtons Took Two Ribbons—His Hickory Winners

I notice in last week's Democrat some correction in the poultry premiums. I also want to say I received 3rd pullet in class 14, White Orpingtons, which I was not credited with.

My entire winnings were 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerel; 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet and 1st pen. I only showed one pen and only young birds, as my old birds were not through molting.

I had hoped to show my hen which won at Cleveland, Ohio as a pullet but she was not through her molt enough.

I feel very proud of my winnings as this was my first showing in White Orpingtons, and these birds were very young and not developed as they should have been.

Since our fair here, I had the pleasure of attending the Augusta, Ga., Poultry Show, the "Premier Show" of the South, and there won 4th and 5th pullet, in the hottest class of Orpingtons shown in the South.

Mr. Wm. Cook and son, of New Jersey, the originators of all Orpingtons, were there with a string of 49 beautiful birds as well as about a dozen other Orpington breeders from all over the South.

Last year at this show there was only one exhibitor of White Orpingtons and this year the strongest class was Orpingtons. I was delighted that the judge even noticed my birds in such hot competition, and when the 4th and 5th ribbons were given to me, words failed to express my feelings.

There were 3000 or more birds in this show and the Rhode Island Reds, Barred and White Rocks, White Leghorns and all kinds of Wyandottes were there in great abundance and plenty of quality, too.

White this was a much larger show than our poultry show, yet in regard to quality our show compared very favorably with this one and in a short while I know Hickory will be the "Premier Show" of the South. As she has some true "Fanciers" among her young men.

EDGAR D. YODER.

Rev. A. W. Setzer's Appointments

Rev. A. W. Setzer asks us to announce that on account of sickness he was unable to meet his appointments at Catawba Springs and Maple Grove on the second Sunday in this month, and that he will preach at these points on next Sunday at the usual hours instead.

Hildebrand-Young

Married at the residence of H. A. Adams on Sunday evening, Nov. 20, Mr. Brantley Young to Miss Pearl Hildebrand, both of Icard township. Quite a number were present. H. A. Adams performed the ceremony in his usual impressive style.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Hickory Banking & Trust Co.,

at Hickory, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 10th 1910.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various assets and liabilities with their respective amounts.

State of North Carolina, County of Catawba, ss: I, W. X. Reid, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. X. REID, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of Nov. 1910. C. A. MOSEK, Notary Public. My com. expires June 10, 1911.

Saves an Iowa Man's Life.

The very grave seemed to yawn before Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Iowa, when, after seven weeks in the hospital, four of the best physicians gave him up. Then was shown the marvelous curative power of Electric Bitters.

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