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Catherine Yoder and Her Husband

Becher a Thrifty German Who Made Money at His Blazing Forges.

Written for the Democrat.

Catherine Yoder, a daughter of Conrad Yoder, whose mother was Catharine Huffman, was born the 12th of December, 1782, and in 1797 married a Pennsylvanian from Germany at the age of 15. His name was John Becher, but after a time the English people translated his name Baker. Now there is a wide distinction between Becher and Baker. The Bechers are Pennsylvania German and the original Bechers came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. If you just will take the time to examine Ruff's immigration register you will find the name of Becher a great many times. The name of Baker just occur once among those 30,000 names and is about the year 1750. The Bechers are of English descent, and settled in the southern portion of Virginia. Then some of them migrated to North Carolina and settled in that portion now known as Edgecombe, Martin, Moore and Warren counties where there are a great many living today. The Bechers are from Pennsylvania and German descent. Virginia was settled a long time before Pennsylvania was settled.

This man John Becher, I don't know where he came from or who his father and mother were and in what locality he settled. All we know about him is that he was a German and the family consisted of four persons as far as tradition informs us. There were two boys and two girls. They were in very ordinary circumstances. We suppose that they did not own any real estate. When John Becher married Catherine Yoder he was quite a poor young man in earthly means. He had nothing but a small pony and his blacksmith trade. Then after marriage to Catherine Yoder he bought about four hundred acres of fine land which was very cheap then, at about \$20 or \$25 per acre. This body of land lay where John Hilton now lives. The land was paid for by the means he secured from his wife Catherine, which she inherited from her father, Conrad Yoder's estate.

After this land was bought he built a small, ordinary log house near where John Hilton's house now is. Here he lived several years working at his trade and soon became very popular as a blacksmith and was known far and wide by his industry and economy. He soon gained some means, so that he could build a larger and more commodious house, where James Cobb now lives, where he erected a blacksmith shop again and worked three fine places. He worked till ten o'clock at night and as soon as the clock struck four all hands were at their post in the shop. His apprentices worked at the wagon and other ordinary minor work, while he was entirely working on axes and made new ones. His axes became so popular among the people generally that they came twenty miles to buy his axes, as he always kept a supply on hand.

By his energies and industry he became a wealthy man, and bought several farms and some negroes.

He was born in or about the year 1775 and died very suddenly one night, after a hard day's fighting forest fire. After his marriage his sister lived with him then, one Susan, who died at his house. This proves that they were people of but ordinary circumstances. His brother, David Becher, went west somewhere.

They had the following children: David, John, Solomon, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catherine, Polly, Elizabeth and Hanra.

(To be continued as a general history to come.)

G. M. YODER.

A Slight Fire.

The fire ladders were called out Friday morning at 8 o'clock for a short run.

Mr. Alvin Warren, the regular driver, being at breakfast, chief C. A. Moser took the ribbons.

The Martin house on 15th street, which is now occupied by Mr. G. W. Boyd, was the centre of the excitement. It caught from sparks flying from a burning chimney; but owing to the excellent work of the fire company, the damage will not exceed five dollars.

The Week in the Women's Clubs.

The Do As You Please Club met with Effie Johnson, March 22nd, all being there except two, and enjoyed themselves in guessing the names of flowers. Kate Elliott was lucky in guessing them first, and was given a prize, after which nice refreshments were served. The meeting adjourned to meet with Hilda Field.

March the 30th, the Travelers' Club was entertained by the President, Miss Geitner. A large attendance responded to roll-call with quotations on "England." The first topic on the program "The Position of England in Egypt" was given by Mrs. Chadwick. This story of England's "Occupation" is largely the story of Lord Cromer who resigned in 1907 after forty-nine years in Government service. Twenty-four of which was in Egypt. It reads like a romance, and seems incredible that such changes could have been made in so short a time from barbarism to a modern civilized nation. Mrs. E. B. Cline read an account of "Khedive Abbas II and his Family." A poem "The Soliloquy of a Mummy" was read by Miss Geitner. "Scott's Country" was decided upon as the course for the Travellers' next year's study. Refreshments were served. The next and last meeting, April 6th will be with Mrs. Mann.

Mrs. Granville Fox entertained the Round Dozen Book Club March 29th. In the absence of the President, Mrs. W. B. Ramsey presided most gracefully. The Dragon Painter was the book for the day and the hostess read most interesting sketches of the author, "Mary Neill Fenellosa." At her request Mrs. Whitener read a short story, "Mr. Fosdick's Didoes." Election of officers resulted re-electing the present incumbents: Mrs. C. H. Geitner, president; Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, vice president; Mrs. L. R. Whitener, secretary and treasurer. The last meeting for this season will be held April 12th with Mrs. C. C. Bost. Delicious refreshments in two courses were served, little Misses Hattie and Gertrude Fox assisting their mother. Miss Grace Patrick added to the enjoyment of the occasion by playing three beautiful selections on the piano.

Mrs. Worth Elliott was the gracious hostess to the Thursday Study Club, March 30th. Quotations on Love were given at roll call. Mrs. Hart read a most interesting paper on the "Religious of India." Mrs. Bost told of Mandalay, and Mrs. Roy Abernethy read Kipling's poem Mandalay. Current events concluded the program and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Claudia Henderson. A delicious hot luncheon in four courses was served, Miss Hazel Elliott assisting the hostess.

Rev. Robt. E. Patterson pastor of the St. Mark's Lutheran church of Charlotte, exchanged pulpits with Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, of Lenoir college, who is supplying Holy Trinity church, and preached two splendid sermons here Sunday.

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A New Name For The College

If Lenoir and Mt. Pleasant Consolidate—Scrub Anniversary

The "Scrub Anniversary" was held at Lenoir College on Monday night. This event is named to distinguish it from the annual anniversary celebration of the Literary societies. In the latter event the upper classmen are the representatives. In the scrub anniversary an opportunity is given to the lower classmen to appear for the first time in a public way, and the representatives come usually from the Freshmen and under Freshmen. In this event the public gets an opportunity to forecast the strength of future performers two and three years hence. From this view-point we are fully assured that the high-water mark already made by Lenoir College debaters will still be set higher. The young men in this "scrub anniversary" showed an ability and an eagerness which betokens some keen contests later when their talents are more fully matured.

The topic for this discussion was timely, "That our United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people," and the debate was closely followed by the large audience filling the auditorium. There were eight debaters, four of them preachers sons, Paul Rhyne, L. L. Lohr, Loy Sox and Nash Yount supported the affirmative, while Leo Bolick, C. E. Fritz, R. Lake and Howard Rhyne stood for the defense of the negative. The judges decided in favor of the negative and gave the prize to Mr. Lake, though others by their work could have won a prize worthily, had it been possible for more than one to have won.

The College has had for guests this week the Base Ball team from Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute. Two games were scheduled to be played. In the first game Lenoir won on a score of 2 and 1. It is a pleasure to have these young men as our guests, since they represent the school to be co-ordinated and combined with Lenoir, if the consolidation scheme is approved. Prof. Welsh of the Mt. Pleasant Faculty is with the team, holding second base, as well as coach of his team.

Communion Services will be held in the College church next Sunday at 11 o'clock, with preparatory services on Friday night at 7:30. During Holy week services will be held every evening and on Easter Sunday morning a sun rise-service will be held at six o'clock.

The first issue of Lenoir College Bulletin has been published and is now ready for distribution. It is a quarterly and will deal with the history of the College both past and present. Its mission is to aid in building "Greater Lenoir." A copy will be sent to any one request. This issue contains 16 pages of well written matter and strongly sets forth the necessity of and plans for a greater and stronger school. It also gives a list of subscribers to the endowment campaign now being waged for "Greater Lenoir."

The Joint Commission to consolidate the educational interests of the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods held their final meeting at Salisbury last week and completed the draft for consolidation. The North Carolina Synod meets one month from this week and we anxiously await their decision as to consolidation. One item possibly which will add interest to this topic is the fact that a committee has been appointed to select a name for the consolidated College. This means that the name herein may be substituted for another if consolidation becomes a fact. Rev. W. A. Deaton is the Hickory representative on this work, and he will be glad to have suggestions as to an appropriate name to fit a church school and appropriate to fit the consolidated College.

Terrible Picture of Suffering

Clinton, Ky.—Mrs. M. C. McElroy, in a letter from Clinton, writes: "For six years, I was a sufferer from female troubles. I could not eat, and could not stand on my feet, without suffering great pain. I had lost hope. After using Cardui a week, I began to improve. Now I feel better than in six years." Fifty years of success in actual practice, is positive proof, furnished by those who have tried it, that Cardui can always be relied on for relieving female weakness and disease.

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Boone's Chimney Top Pipe Organ.

The story in the Democrat last week about Stewart Coffey's chimney top pipe organ has created a sensation in the state press.

Jimmie Caine, of the Asheville News and Observer, and died in the Democrat be awarded the memento medal which the State Press Association awards.

Joe Patton, of the Charlotte News, finds his faith staggered by the tale but we are sure Mr. None Cilley would not have vouched for it were it not true. Says the News:

WE PASS.

When a Mecklenburg county mule ate a copy of the Raleigh News and Observer, and died in agonies, we marvelled. Not because the demise of the mule was quick and terrible so much, as that any Mecklenburg mule could show such poor lack of sound judgment.

Then came a Spartanburg calf which according to the report, ate a \$25 wad of greenbacks. The marvellous part of this story was that any South Carolinian could gather together so much money. However we accepted the facts as true, even tho it was hard.

Then came Bob Deal with a tale about the manner in which Wilkes county foxes were wont to climb trees; not to mention a yarn from Eastern Carolina to the effect that a three months old baby was able to converse on any topic readily.

These and various other stories have come to us from time to time, and in the endeavor to avoid a general feeling of cynicism we have accepted all of them as gospel truth.

Here is one, however, which goes just a little beyond the bounds of our credulity. The marvellous part of it is that it comes from Howard Banks, a gentleman upon whose word we would bet our last sou. It must be so, but it is hard to believe. Not that we are doubting of the story, but just in order to quit the incredulous we are going to ask the Watauga Democrat to interview a few of the oldest inhabitants and get affidavits to the effect that this Watauga pipe organ pipes, just as Banks says it does. If possible get us a record for the office phonograph, and a picture of the instrument as the Boreal waves flirt with its magic strings.

Sunday School Convention

The greatest Sunday School meeting of the year will take place in High Point, April 26-28.

The music will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler and Mrs. Butler has been for several years past with Dr. R. A. Torrey in his evangelistic tours. He is well known as a leader of evangelistic singing and as a soloist of unusual ability. His wife has a very sweet soprano voice.

The railroads have granted reduced rates from all parts of the State. The tickets will be sold on the Certificate Plan and will be one and one-half fare, plus 50 cents for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale from April 22-26, with final limit May 2nd.

Each county is entitled to as many delegates as there are townships in the county. This does not mean that every township must be represented, but that the basis of delegation shall be the number of townships in the county.

All delegates will pay a registration fee of \$1.00. This will be paid at High Point when assignment to homes is made. All delegates will receive: Entertainment during the Convention, a seat in the Convention with County delegation, a souvenir badge, a Convention program. A right to voice and vote in all the deliberations of the body. Helpful literature of various kinds.

Entertainment will be provided all delegates by the citizens of High Point, during the three days of the Convention.

Mr. Marion Lawrance, General Secretary and Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, Chairman Executive Committee, will be the representatives of the International Sunday School Association.

This Convention is interdenominational. Those desiring to attend should send their names to their County Association Secretary or to J. Van Carter, General Secretary, Raleigh, and receive appointment as a delegate.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Kasaca, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for coughs, colds and croup. For sale by all dealers."

Million Dollar Deal in Rowan

Oliver Buys Public Utilities—Big Timber Deal—State News

Lees-McRae Institute at Banner Elk will open April 20th.

Mr. J. W. Lineberger, of Shelby died last week.

Judge J. S. Adams, of Asheville, died suddenly in Warrenton Sunday where he was holding court.

James H. Tillman, the slayer of editor N. G. Gonzales, died at Asheville Saturday of tuberculosis.

The Baptist Young People's Union meets at Statesville April 18-20.

Gastonia expects work on her new Southern Railway depot to begin in a few days.

Mr. J. M. Hawkins, of New York City, has purchased a 40 acre tract of 400 apple trees near Lenoir. He will plant many more trees.

Mr. John Shrum died at his home near Lincolnton, March 27 at the age of 84 years. He leaves 8 children, 38 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Mr. Ed. Norris, of Hickory, N. C., is very sick at the home of his father, Mr. John Norris, in East Boone.—Boone Democrat.

Mr. W. T. Calton and a number of Shelby people have bought 1036 acres of fine timber lands in Person county and will found a town called Caltonia.

W. J. Oliver, the Knoxville contractor and others, have bought the Salisbury-Spencer and Concord street railway systems, electric lights and water plants for \$1,000,000.

Asheville is going after wood-working factories with a vengeance. Being in the heart of the great forests, she considers herself a logical situation.

Ex-Sheriff J. K. Cline is soon to erect a three-story brick building on the south-east corner of the court house square in Lincolnton.

Three big steel bridges are being erected in Cleveland county over Buffalo and White Oak Creeks near Mr. Ambrose Cline's plantation.

Miss Lizzie Shepherd, of Lenoir, died in a Chicago hospital March 29. She was a teacher of domestic science in the Illinois school for young women.

Engineer Jones and Fireman W. R. Harrison were badly hurt in a head-on collision between two freights near Old Fort on March 29th.

The Democrat congratulates Lenoir on landing the State Press Association convention, June 20-23. A side trip to Linville, Blowing Rock and Boone will be arranged.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, is being considered for the presidency of Princeton University, to succeed Dr. Woodrow Wilson, now governor of New Jersey. Dr. Smith is one of the leading educators of the south.

Isaac M. Banner, son of Mr. Sam Banner, of Banner Elk, who left his home only a few days ago for the West is dead in Oregon. A telegram received by his family Tuesday tells of his death but we have no particulars.—Watauga Democrat.

W. J. Oliver & Co., who have the contract for building the Interurban Trolley Line in South Carolina, broke the first ground last week between Greenville and Spartanburg. The line will be extended to Charlotte.

The Corporation Commission of North Carolina has appointed Attorney J. C. Fletcher Tax Assessor for Watauga county, and our opinion is, that if the township assessors will assist him, there will be much done toward equalizing the taxes in Watauga. Watauga should not be in the "pauper list," and if we can get anything like a fair assessment of our property, she will no longer be.—Democrat.

The sale of the property of the late Col. W. H. H. Cowles took place last week in Wilkes. The proceeds of the sale aggregated \$15,582. The upper river farm, of 152 acres, was bought by C. Call for \$5,100. The middle river farm of 170 acres, by J. F. Allen & Co., for \$4,100. The lower river farm is reserved as a part of the widow's dower. It is probable that a ten per cent bid will be put upon some of the

GENERAL NEWS.

Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, the National Department of Agriculture's foremost expert, died in Washington Sunday. He introduced Japanese rice into the South, in which section he was deeply interested.

The Guggenheim-Morgan Copper River and Northwestern R. R. from Cordova, Alaska, to the Bonanza copper mines, 197 miles long, has been finished at a cost of \$20,000,000. It is one of the greatest engineering feats in America.

The New York capitol at Albany burned last week causing a loss of over \$6,000,000. The legislature was in a deadlock over the election of a senator. The insurgent Democrats would not stand for Wm. F. Sheehan, a Tammany healer. The deadlock was broken Friday by the election of Supreme Court Justice J. A. O'Gorman, Democrat, and a Tammany man. He is said to be a good man.

The people of Catawba Springs township in Lincoln county, which voted two years ago in favor of a bond issue for a railroad, are now negotiating with the Interurban Railroad people to run their road from Mt. Holly to Denver, and the Lincolnton people are planning to extend it to Lincolnton and on through Reepsville to Plateau in this county. Newton must hitch on somewhere. Our Booster Club last year had a plan to bring the road from Denver to Newton, and the favorite route was by way of Terrell, Sherrill's Ford and Shuford's Gold Mine.—Enterprise.

The Enterprise says there will be only one tax assessor in each township this year instead of three as heretofore. There will be one also for the county at large.

Tile Drainage.

The Democrat has received a letter from Mr. H. P. Odum, of Monroeville, Ind., who recently visited the Holler family and other relatives in this county.

Mr. Holler left this county 30 years ago and has had great success as a farmer. He says: "We had a good time while with the kind people and enjoyed the trip fine; as well as the good things to eat. There has been great improvements all over the country since we left there 30 years ago, in farming and building factories. The roads are bad and are not up with the other improvements of your fine country.

Well now I want to say something about tile draining, which would be a great improvement in a good many ways. First, it would stop so much washing, would drain your land during wet spells, and will give moisture during dry spells, and will gather nitrogen at all times, and will put it in the ground deep enough that the sun and air will not take it out. But the plants will draw moisture and nitrogen just as it is needed for their good and the plant life of your country.

I will close now. If anyone wants to know how this is done, I will write later and explain how and why.

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Dr. J. W. Lynch, a talented Baptist minister, for many years chaplain at Wake Forest College, but of recent years pastor of the First Baptist church of Durham, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Athens, Ga.

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tracts which will necessitate their resale.

The Patriot, figuring on the returns of the two years ago in a comment on the gerrymander which dumped Wilkes with its 1500 Republican majority into the 7th district, says that a change of 120 votes would make the Eight district Republican and a change of 519 in the Seventh district would put it in the same class. It adds: "The Republicans of either district need not feel discouraged at the shift, for the Democrats will have no walk-over, two years from now; and the Bobbies—Page and Dough-ton—will not slide into Congress on political sleds equipped with greased runners."

Editor Miller Says "Go It."

Progressive Farmer Approves Our Effort to Get Farm Life School.

The Democrat has received the following letter from Mr. E. E. Miller, managing editor of the Progressive Farmer, and is glad to have his enthusiastic endorsement in the effort to secure a farm life school for Catawba. Says he:

"I noticed in the last issue of The Democrat that some of the progressive farmers of Catawba County are planning for one of the new rural life schools and that the Hickory Democrat with its usual interest in the welfare of the country is encouraging them in their efforts.

"I am just writing this to say that I think this is a splendid thing for Catawba County to do and that I trust all sections of the County will join in and get the school and make it a great success. The building of such a school as this will be one of the best investments any community can make and I am sure that those who contribute to it will never regret their action. This is as true of individuals as of counties.

"Catawba is already such a progressive county that I feel sure this good work will be carried through."

Cleveland and Mecklenburg are hot on the trail, and Catawba must look alive. Only ten of these schools may be established, and two many will hardly be allowed in the same section of the State. We would like to have the farmers of the county write us what they think of the plan to get of these schools.

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A band saw mill is to be built by Chicago paper mill interests, and it will have a capacity for handling 75,000 feet of lumber daily, employing 150 hands. A deal has been closed for 8000 acres of timber lands on the east side of the Black Mountains in Yancey, including one side of Mt. Mitchell. It further means the building of a railroad from a point near Black Mountain to within a mile of the summit of Mt. Mitchell. The preliminary survey for a narrow gauge logging railroad from Terrell station on the Southern railway, through Toe River Gap, at the lower end of the spruce growth, has been made and the route approved by an engineer in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

Paint Lick Sick Lady

Paint Lick, Ky.—Mrs. May Freeman, of this place, says: "Before I commenced to take Cardui, I suffered so much from womanly trouble, I was so weak that I was down on my back nearly all the time. Cardui has done me more good than any medicine I ever took in my life." You need not be afraid to take Cardui. It is no new experiment Composed of gentle-acting herb ingredients it has been found to relieve headache, backache and similar female troubles. Try it for your trouble.

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Rev. J. D. Harte held a meeting in the Gastonia Baptist church this week and Rev. Mr. Bradshaw preached a splendid sermon for him here last Sunday.