

Painting of First Landing

Will be Seen Here at Time Mr. Busbee Lectures.

As stated last week Hickory is to have the privilege of hearing Mr. Jacques Busbee, of Raleigh, lecture on "Roanoke Island Colony" and to see an exhibit of his splendid paintings of North Carolina historical scenes. The exhibits will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons, April 21 and 22, and the lecture will be given Friday evening, every event at the Opera House.

The Civic League is arranging this treat for Hickory people and no one can afford to miss it. The admission will be 25 cents.

Mrs. Busbee, who was Miss Juliana Royster, the famous originator of ante-bellum negro post cards, will be with Mr. Busbee. She was the official photographer of the C. & N. W. Auto Mountain pike tour last May.

The Winston-Salem Journal has this to say of Mr. Busbee's lecture:

An exceptionally large crowd greeted Mr. Jacques Busbee of Raleigh when he delivered his lecture yesterday afternoon at the High School auditorium, on the subject "Roanoke Island Colony." Mr. Busbee is an artist of state-wide fame and his lecture was illustrated throughout with paintings from his own brush graphically portraying the scenes of the first attempt at colonizing America by the Sir Walter Raleigh colony in 1585.

Not only did the paintings show the work of a master artist's hand, but the lecture was written from an artist's point of view and for more than an hour Mr. Busbee made the dead, plain facts of history live vividly before his hearers both in word and artist picture. Many declared it to be an hour of the finest entertainment they had enjoyed for a long while.

The lecture consisted of the story of the lost colony, which is familiar to every school boy and girl, but Mr. Busbee, by the aid of the paintings which he made on Roanoke Island during the summers of 1907-08-09, gave the story new life, and put into it a meaning that it had never possessed for his hearers before.

It will be remembered that Mr. Busbee was sent to Roanoke Island to paint the scenes of the first colony by the North Carolina Historical Commission and it is the fruits of his arduous labors during the three summers in which he was engaged in the work, that he is now showing.

The subjects for the pictures are taken from the original letters written by the members of the lost colony to their friends in England. Perhaps the most graphic picture shown by Mr. Busbee was the landing of the nine men on Roanoke Island on the small boat. Behind them is the lashing sea while standing on the shore is the Indian queen ready to greet them. Directly behind her are many Indian braves, and it seems a daring deed for the eight men to venture into the arms of the wild savage. The background for this painting was made by Mr. Busbee on the particular spot where the landing is supposed to have been made.

Altogether the artist showed 14 pictures in the lecture, all of which gave evidence that the hand and imagination of a true artist had sketched them.

Coca-Cola Wins.

Chattanooga Dispatch. The case of the government against "forty barrels and twenty kegs of coca-cola" was decided in favor of the Atlanta beverage in the Federal court here this afternoon.

In a ruling on a motion for peremptory instructions, Judge Sanford held that caffeine is not an added or deleterious ingredient of the beverage. He overruled the motion on points leading to the misbranding feature of the allegation, but counsel for the government moved to dismiss, without prejudice, the case on these points. A verdict was returned in the defense. Federal counsel entered a motion of appeal to the United States Circuit Court at Cincinnati.

Mr. H. B. Conley, of Marion, was found dead in bed.

Lame Shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

The Week in the Women's Club.

Mrs. Raymond Abernethy was the hostess to the Embroidery Club April 6th. Fourteen members present and Misses Mattie Abernethy, Pinkie Forney and Deborah Coe were visitors. The reading of "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill" was the feature. Mrs. L. R. Whitener and Miss Huffman reading several chapters while the others were busy with fancy work. By request Misses DeWald and Huffman played several beautiful selections on the piano and the hostess sang The Holy City. At the close of this delightful afternoon a salad course was served followed by delicious cake and ice cream.

Miss Margaret Hoffman will entertain the Club at Mrs. L. R. Whitener's April 20th.

The last meeting of the Club year of the Travelers was held April 6th with Mrs. L. T. Mann, at the Methodist Parsonage.

After quotations on "The Desert," Miss Geitner read for Mrs. E. B. Cline her topic: "Port Said and the story of the Suez Canal," an interwoven tale of good and evil, with good at last predominant and showing the supremacy of the British intellect. Miss Seagle then told how delightful is "Egypt as a Health Resort," thus closing the journey of the year in Egypt. Mrs. Royster was gladly welcomed back after her travels in Europe—and the pictures as souvenirs she brought to her friends were much appreciated. Also was present Mrs. Drew, the sister of Mrs. Dr. Burtless, one of the founders of the Club, twenty-one years ago.

Officers for next year were elected, all unanimously: Miss Geitner, President; Mrs. Royster, Vice-President; Mrs. Chadwick, Secretary. Refreshments in courses were served by the genial hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Blanche. Adjournment till next fall was then in order with regrets for the passing of so pleasant as well as profitable a year.

The Wednesday Afternoon Book Club was delightfully entertained on April 5th by Mrs. W. A. Hall. After the regular routine of roll call quotations, etc., the hostess read several articles on her book—"Marriage Under the Terror" by Patricia Wentworth. A personal letter from her disclosed the fact that her real name is Mrs. Dillon. Her book deals with much history during the reign of Terror in France, and won the Melrose prize over two-hundred other novels.

A letter from Mrs. Beard, one absent member, full of interesting news of London, was read by Mrs. E. B. Jones. The guests were then asked into the dining room. The table was aglow with candles, and beautiful pink and white carnations. Each found marking her place, a card from some interesting place in London, sent by Mrs. Beard. The delicious luncheon was served in three courses. The desert bearing a miniature French flag as a souvenir for the afternoon. The next and last meeting will be with Mrs. E. Bryan Jones on April 19th.

The State Hospital

Statesville Landmark. The report of Dr. John McCampbell, the superintendent, showed that for the quarter ending February 28th there were in the Hospital 1,290 patients—527 men and 763 women. From that date to April 1st 15 men and 16 women were admitted, two patients—one man and one woman—were discharged as cured and one man and four women died, leaving a population of 1,311.

One patient, Mrs. Julia A. Boone, of Madison county, committed suicide March 10th by hanging herself to a hinge of a window guard by means of shoe strings and torn bedding. She was known to have suicidal tendencies and had been closely watched, but took advantage of a brief opportunity.

Mr. A. A. Shuford, of Hickory, attended the board meeting.

Kicked by a Mad Horse.

Samuel Birch, of Beetown, Wis., had a most narrow escape from losing his leg, as no doctor could heal the frightful sore that developed, but at last Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it completely. Its greatest healer of ulcers, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, corns, cold-sores, bruises and piles on earth. Try it. 25c at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Walter S. Martin.

How Starnes Won The Corn Contest

The Freshet Came and for 28 Days He Could Not Work His Acre.

Earnest Starnes, the Catawba county boy, who beat the State last year, has an ad in the Democrat now offering for seed corn the grain he raised on his prolific acre. Earnest is in the race for the record again this year. He is cultivating the same acre, which he has had in crimson clover. He tells as follows how he raised the crop last year:

When I first became interested in the corn club it was in 1909. I selected an acre and only made 63 bu. In 1910 I joined the club and selected an acre that had been in rye the year before. It was bottom land and is what we call black sandy loam. It was not the best land we had but it was very good land.

I put two two-horse loads of stable manure on it and disced it under with a disc harrow. Then I put three loads of manure and 15 loads of woods mulch or rather the rich dirt that accumulates in the woods. When this was done I plowed it with a two horse Oliver plow and broke it about 8 inches deep. I then harrowed it with a drag harrow and a disc harrow and when I had done this I went over it with a drag or rather a scrub we call it and smoothed it down level. Immediately after this I took a drill and drilled broadcast 400 lbs. of commercial lime and 400 lbs. of 16 per cent. acid phosphate.

On the 30th of April I planted the corn (the variety being the White Majestic) with a double row corn planter putting 200 lbs. of 16 per cent. acid phosphate in the row and running the rows about 42 inches apart. I used the ensilage plates and put six gallons of corn on the acre. I did this because the bud worms were bad in that part of the land.

I went over the acre about every ten days or a week with a weeder until the corn was two high. Then I plowed the corn for the first time, it being about knee high. I plowed it again in five days, then thinned it out to one stalk about every 12 inches and then the freshet came and I did not get to work it for 28 days. The creek overflowed its banks and washed down more than half of it and washed some of the top soil away. I had to go in it and pinch out the hearts of more than half of it.

After this delay of 28 days the corn looked yellow and seemed very discouraging to me. But I kept in good hope and put 200 lbs. of 16 per cent. acid and three loads of manure on it for a top dressing. I then plowed it under with a cultivator, this time making the third time. I plowed it every five days until I had plowed it six times and the last time that I plowed it I sowed crimson clover in it. The corn was in tassels and the silks were dying on the ears when this was done and I would stress the late cultivation for I think that it was what led me to success.

Yours respectfully,
W. ERNEST STARNES,
Hickory, N. C.

BEST EAR OF CORN.

Took the Prize Cup Offered by Mr. W. K. Kellogg.

R. A. James, of Charleston, Ill., has the proud distinction of having grown the best ear of corn in all the 3,125,713,601 bushels of last year's bumper crop. At the National Corn Show just held at Columbus, Ohio, this gentleman was awarded the W. K. Kellogg National Corn Trophy, donated in 1906 by W. K. Kellogg, president of the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Co., of Battle Creek, Mich.



The W. K. Kellogg National Corn Trophy

Thousands of ears of corn from all parts of the country and of all varieties were entered in the competition. The selection of the grand champion Sweepstakes and the award of the Kellogg trophy were made on general points of superiority.

The ear of corn grown by Mr. James is of Reid's Yellow Dent



R. A. James, Winner of W. K. Kellogg National Corn Trophy for 1910

variety. It is 10 inches long, 7 1/2 inches in circumference, and has 20 rows of kernels, 6 to the inch in the row, average 5-8 of an inch in depth, and 5 1/6 of an inch in width. It is indeed a very correct type of yellow dent

Old Fields of Toe County Seat

Likely to Get Avery's Court House—Maple Sugar Making.

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Boone, April 8th.—Maple sugar makers have had good success this spring. Your correspondent talked with Mr. Jackson Wilson, of Silverstone, in regard to the sugar business in his section. On his land about 500 pounds have been made. There are several smaller orchards in the neighborhood. All told there has been more than 2000 pounds made this season, in his neighborhood. The sugar finds ready sale at 15 cents per pound. When the sap is boiled for a time an excellent quality of syrup is made which sells for one dollar per gallon.

Judge Long has just closed a two weeks term of court. Eight years ago Judge Long forced the county authorities to build a new court house at a cost of \$20,000. He now through the grand jury wants water works and steam heat in the building. His order was that the commissioners

should be held responsible at the next term of court if they did not obey the jury. Mr. J. M. May, the chairman of the Board, has offered his resignation. The only section of Watauga that the government desires to purchase land in for the Appalachian Park is the East side of the Blue Ridge on the waters of the Yadkin river. Mr. Ed Norris died at the home of his father, Mr. John Norris, last Friday evening. Mr. Norris was a young married man whose home was in Hickory. He leaves a wife and a small child. The opinion is that the townships of Beech Mountain and Shawneehaw will vote to go to the new county of Avery. The county seat will be, it is believed, at the "Old Fields of Toe" and be named in honor of Lieutenant Governor Newland. A. M.

Catawba Co's. Fair Praised

Rural Life, the well-known farm stock journal of Rochester, N. Y., has the following to say of Catawba's Fair and Creamery:

Southern farmers may be conservative in many respects; but when they once get started on the highway of progress they are pretty sure to outdistance their Northern and Western brethren. They do things not only as well, but frequently better. Hickory is a progressive town in the North Carolina Piedmont. It is in the midst of a region of good farms and thrifty farmers. At Hickory is held the Catawba county fair which is unique in the history of fairs. No other fair that has ever been held is like it. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. There are no fees of any kind. No fairs nor side shows are allowed. It is a purely educational exhibition and is attended by many thousands of rural folk. The judging of all exhibits is in the open, and the judges are expected to tell why they award the prizes as they do. They have a cow testing competition, weighing the milk and testing for butter fat. Butter is made on the grounds and the process explained. At the last fair, held in November, a professor from the state agricultural college had sixteen boys engaged in a judging contest with dairy cattle, hogs, horses, poultry and corn; the speakers were men who had something to say along practical lines—the politician was politely invited to stay away. The "Progressive Farmer" of Raleigh, N. C., from which we glean this information, says they do things in Catawba county. They have built up a big dairy industry and decided that they wanted a creamery, so they went down into Georgia where the farmers had paid some creamery promoters \$5,000 for an outfit—forgetting that it takes cows to run a creamery—bought the machinery, almost new, for \$1,000, engaged a Danish buttermaker, and started in. The farmers are getting 31 1-2 cents a pound for their butter fat, and the demand for butter cannot be supplied. Then these thrifty folk got hold of the idea of selling eggs in connection with their butter. The eggs are gathered every other day, stamped on the end with a number to indicate who furnishes them, packed in neat boxes of a dozen each, and sold at a considerable advance over the market price. When any patron has three bad eggs charged up against him, he must sell elsewhere. This is only one of many instances we could give which are indicative of the agricultural awakening that is taking place in the South.

Mr. Conover to Go to Annapolis. Raleigh News & Observer.

Mr. J. A. Conover, dairyman of the Department of Agriculture, who also represents the United States Department of Agriculture in the dairy work has resigned his position.

Mr. Conover has been with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for the past three years, and he resigns to go to Annapolis to take charge of dairy department work for the Naval Academy. The department in its dairy work has shown much advance under Mr. Conover administration.

General News.

Hon. W. J. Bryan refuses the request of Memphis to make his home in that city on the ground that he is not needed in the South.

Forty Southern cotton yarn mills met at Washington to consider merging but came to no definite conclusion.

Craig Lippincott, head of the big Philadelphia publishing house, killed himself.

School Fund Trouble.

Charlotte Chronicle. The report printed in yesterday's Chronicle from The Catawba County News, to the effect that the two per cent. school tax levy made by the Legislature, is unconstitutional, confirmed. The matter was so decided by Judge Daniels, in Raleigh. The reasons for the unconstitutionality of the act is that through inadvertence, the Legislature "failed to maintain the constitutional equation as between ad valorem and the poll tax." The bill neglected to provide for an increase of six cents in the poll tax. The case will go to the Supreme Court for final decision. From present appearances, the cause of education in the State is in danger of being embarrassed, though some way will be found out of the trouble, no doubt. The withholding of \$400,000 from the public school fund would be a calamity.

Alexander Gold Standard. Last year's prize winner is the most perfectly formed ear of the two, though it requires a careful judge to distinguish the points of superiority. The trophy awarded to Mr. James was made by Tiffany, of New York, for Mr. W. K. Kellogg, at a cost of \$1,000. It is made of Sterling silver, bronze and enamels, and is a truly artistic creation. It stands 30 inches in height. Mr. Kellogg's interest in corn growing can be understood when it is stated that the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Co., of which he is president, has an output requiring 10,000 bushels of corn a day, raw product, for its manufacture. A peculiar feature is that while the Kellogg product is made exclusively from selected white corn, the Kellogg trophy has been won each time by a yellow corn exhibit. The trophy is offered for annual competition until won twice by the same grower. The National Corn show at which the award was made, was an event of tremendous magnitude. At one of the sessions President Taft was present and delivered an address.

Dr. J. C. Biddix will spend Sunday and Monday with his baby boy in Baltimore.

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

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Minish celebrated their golden wedding at their hospitable home, Honey-suckle Lodge, in Yadkin Valley on March 27.

No Slavery to Work

Deskins, Va.—Mrs. Mary A. Vandye, in a letter from Deskins, says: "I had serious female troubles, lasting 40 days at a time. I was so weak I could hardly walk, so I tried Cardui. Soon I was better. Now, I am well." If you suffer from any form of womanly pain or weakness, take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui will lift you out of the misery and weariness, caused by womanly weakness, and help you to see the bright side of life. Try it. Your druggist sells it.

Democrat Ads DO THE WORK.

"I sold a cream Separator to a Caldwell county man the other day," said Mr. W. J. Shuford, of the Hickory Seed Co.

"I asked him how he came to buy a De Laval Separator and he said he saw the ad in the Democrat, and in his neighbor's paper, at that."

"It Pays to Advertise," said Mr. Shuford, "and to keep everlastingly at it."