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Co-Operation In Denmark.

How Cooperative Creameries Were Started There.

The following is a continuation of Count von Grundtvig's address:

Passing now to our cooperative organizations, we must distinguish between 3 different classes:

1. The cooperative organizations for production, such as cooperative creameries (1830), cooperative packing plants (1887), cooperative societies for the exportation of eggs (1896), cooperative bee sugar factories.

2. The cooperative societies for analysis and constant improvement of these branches of production:—hereunder I should also reckon the cooperative societies for breeding stock.

3. The cooperative societies for consumption, that is for the purchase and distribution of necessities of life, feed and fertilizers of the best possible quality and at reasonable prices. (The first of these societies was established in 1866, the movement only spread in the 80's.)

My time this evening will not allow me to go into details as to the management and financing of these various institutions. I shall only repeat that the capital for most of these undertakings is raised by a bank loan for which the members of the society are collectively responsible.

As to the plan of organization, I cite as an example the establishment of a cooperative creamery. The life of the cooperative creamery is generally fixed at 5 or 10 years, the period estimated necessary for the redemption of the loan raised for its establishment.

When such redemption is achieved, the members are free of all liabilities; those who desire can retire from active co-operation (which means the compulsory supply of all the milk they produce), but they are at liberty to remain as owners of the creamery in proportion to the shares with which they were originally credited. However, in most cases the society is dissolved after the first period of management and a new society formed by contracting a new loan on the same principle as the initial one.

The amount of this new loan is paid to the members of the original society according to the shares with which they were credited, that is, according to their supply of milk during the first term.

In order to stimulate the members of cooperative creameries to supply the best possible quality of milk, 10 to 20 cooperative creameries form amongst themselves a society for the control of the milk or so-called cow test associations. Here we have an example of the second order of cooperative societies for analysis, etc. Such societies engage at a common expense an expert, who travels from creamery to creamery to examine the milk of each member, and give each member a certificate by number showing the quality of his milk.

If his milk is defective in any way, this is indicated in the certificate with advice as to the proper remedy for the defect. Besides this, stimulus is given to high grade production of butter by explosions of samples of butter, organized by confederations of from 30 to 60 creameries.

The cooperatives for consumption are the oldest. The first of them was started (1866) by a clergyman in a small village on the main land; but their importance began 12 years later. The cooperatives for consumption formed a confederation of such societies for the whole Kingdom in 1896; and most of the purchases are made through the confederation, which on the 1st of January, 1910, owned a capital of \$1,500,000. The confederation has paid to its members an average dividend of 41.2 to 5 per cent on their purchases and, besides that, has increased its reserve fund about \$80,000. The intensity with which this organization pursues its business will be understood when it is known that it has established its own factories for several important articles of consumption, such as Coffee, Chocolate, Soap, Mustard, Chemicals, Cordage, Tobacco and Men's Clothes.

In 1909 the total purchases from the several societies for consumption aggregated \$10,540,000.

The establishment of these societies has, remarkably enough, and contrary to what is the case in other countries, taken place almost exclusively in the rural districts. Of the existing 1300 societies for consumption, we only find 50 in the cities. The chief reasons for this are the higher economical education of the rural population and the antagonism to them by the laboring classes of the cities—all now more or less imbued with socialist ideas, which have not found sympathy with the farmer and never should.

Some of Hickory's Good Points.

H. C. Caldwell in Manufacturers' Record

Another point of view from which Hickory can be studied to advantage is that where its municipal improvements are considered. The streets are of tar-macadam, and the sidewalks of cement in the business district, the extent of the work being readily appreciated when it is known that a \$75,000 bond issue was invested for those betterments during 1910 and 1911.

Another bond issue of \$50,000 will be voted on by the township, and it is intended to expend this money for roads outside of the city limits. Voting this bond issue—and the people do not doubt that the decision will be in the affirmative—will mean that there will be 50 miles of sand-clay roads constructed. Newton township nearby is also contemplating to vote for a like amount of bonds. So it is evident that the good-roads movement has ardent advocates in this part of the old North State. It may be of interest to add that the State central highway extends the entire length of Hickory.

Electricity for lighting is in general use in Hickory, and plenty of pure water is abundant. Churches and schools of the best type meet the religious and educational needs of the people.

In climate Hickory is scarcely excelled elsewhere, its location near a great chain of mountains ensuring that beautiful ozone which invigorates both mind and body. There is no irritating cold or excessive heat here.

Building construction receives the attention of the local architect and contractors, and several new propositions of this class are being considered. The First National Bank, now occupying a two-story brick structure, has purchased land for a new building, and will arrange details as soon as the site is available, the property being now occupied by the postoffice. The latter is to be replaced by the government with another larger and more modern building.

Around Hickory farming flourishes. The soil is a sandy loam, with a red clay subsoil. Maize, wheat, oats, grasses, truck and clovers are the principal crops. All the legumes thrive, thus providing for the live-stock. Sweet potatoes, strawberries, grapes, pears, plums, cherries, apples, etc., are also given the attention of agriculturists.

The Southern Railway besets the city and provides transportation facilities for passengers and freight. It is augmented by the Carolina and Northwestern system, some time ago changed to the standard gauge.

Mr. A. J. Bruner Dead
Mr. Albert Jefferson Bruner died at his father's home on the Newton road on Sunday, Nov. 5, after a lingering illness. Mr. Bruner was for a long time a mechanic at the Hickory Mfg. Co. He married, in 1904, Miss Nettie Susana Brown, and leaves a wife and three children. Mr. Bruner was a member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Garth at St. Stephen's church.

HANDSOME SCARF PIN FREE
A Phenomenal Offer Made by a New York Firm

Thousands all over the United States are taking advantage of a generous offer of the Gotham Company 1165 Broadway, N. Y. City, making request for a beautiful gold plated scarf pin for lady or gentleman, which is mailed to any one sending name and address free of charge.

This offer is made to introduce their catalogue of general merchandise, household goods, jewelry, novelties, &c. Readers of this paper are requested to send name and address immediately, enclosing five two-cent stamps to cover postage and packing.

Send today and receive without cost, postoffice of jewelry that you will be a proud.

COMMENT.

WE HAVE THE SAND FOR ROADS.

It is with great delight that the Democrat announces that Mr. Eddleman, the enthusiastic road builder of Cleveland county, after examining the land close around Hickory, states that we have exactly the same sand, and plenty of it, which Cleveland is using in her fine new roads. Mr. Eddleman made a trip with Messrs. John W. Robinson and W. J. Shuford, and said we had the top soil needed in greatest abundance.

In addition we are fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Henry J. Langlois, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who will not only be with us during the fair but will remain until after the Hickory-Brookford road is completed. The prospects for Catawba having sand clay roads which will outlast macadam and which can be built at \$250 or \$300 a mile (apart from the grading) are excellent, provided the county is willing to go down after them, Hickory and Newton townships are going to issue bonds to get them. Do the other townships wish to stay out in the cold—and stick in the mud?

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS.

Thanksgiving comes late this month, the 30th. It is the time to remember the orphan. In Georgia a plan has been inaugurated to get all friends of the work to give one day's salary or wages to aid this cause. The result was an offering of \$150,000. Will not each of our readers follow this example and give their income for one day out of 365 and thus help the homeless children of our State? The Democrat will publish a list of those who will make this contribution. Send us the amount, state what orphanage you desire it sent to, and we will forward the contribution and credit same in the published list, unless you prefer to send it direct.

CUT IT OUT.

Says the Statesville Landmark: In order to get along with the business and relieve the congested docket, the United States Supreme Court has cut down the time allowed for argument. This should be done in the Superior Courts. The average lawyer uses 25 to 75 per cent. More time and more words than are

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Nov. 1, the Hickory Book Club held its first meeting at 8:30 with the vice-president, Miss Wheeler in the absence of the president Mrs. Royster. Her absence was greatly regretted by all the members. Those present were Mrs. H. D. Abernethy, Mrs. G. H. Gettner, Miss Gettner, Mrs. Green, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mrs. H. C. Menzies, Mrs. J. A. Ramsay, Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Miss Schenck and Mrs. Chadwick. The books chosen were: The Red Lantern, Wherry; Marie Cline, Andour; The Broken Road, Mason; The Ember Light, Gibson; The Old Wives' Tale, Bennett; Kennedy Square, Smith; The Ne'er Do Well Beach; Measure of a Man; Duncan; Secret Garden, Burnett; Land of the Midnight Sun, Woods; End of a Song, Marks; Prodigal Judge, Kester; Weaver Dreams, Reid; Broad Highway, Farnol; Queed, Harrison. The hostess interested all in her book, The Red Lantern, the scene which is laid in China which gave the key note to the table decorations and favors at the luncheon. Chrysanthemums, Chinese paper pictures, Chinese bowls with bon bons chopsticks, joss-sticks, Chinese epigrams all conspired to transport the guests to the other side of the globe. The next meeting will be with Miss Gettner, Nov. 15.

Nov. 2, The Travellers' Club met at Mrs. F. A. Abernethy's beautiful suburban home enjoying on the way out the crisp air of Autumn and its glories spread over hill and dale and bounded by the distant blue of mountains. Quotations at roll-call, were from The Lay of the Last Minstrel the work for the day's discussion. Mrs. J. A. Martin gave an interesting outline of this romantic poem dream from the legends of Border war and "put into the mouth of an ancient minstrel, the last of his race." Miss Gettner read for Mrs. Royster the topic "Melrose Abbey" to which the account of her visit gave an additional interest. It adds much to the year's study that five out of the twenty-five members have visited Scotland within a year. Mrs. Royster sent pictures of Melrose and Abbotsford to each member as souvenir. Miss Ramsay, Mrs. W. L. Abernethy and Mrs. J. L. Ciley sang two trios unaccompanied that old favorite "Coming thro' the rye," and "Kelvin Grove" the latter in its sweet, old-world grace especially adapted to this manner of singing. Mrs. F. A. Abernethy read the closing scene in "The Lay," the penitential procession. Then modern times claimed attention in current events. Refreshments closed a delightful evening. The next meeting will be Nov. 16 with Mrs. W. L. Abernethy.

The Round Dozen Book Club met Nov. 1 with Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, twelve members in attendance. Quotations from the books were given at roll call. After the usual criticisms and comments, Mrs. Ramsay read most interesting criticisms of the "The Long Roll," by Mary Johnson, together with a sketch of the gifted young author. Discussion of current events followed and the club adjourned to meet next with Mrs. J. W. Blackwelder. The doors leading into the dining room were then thrown open and the guests were seated around the beautiful decorated table. Brilliant autumn leaves, scarlet sage, Confederate flags and red-shaded candles were used with much effect. A most delicious supper in courses was served and Confederate flags were given as souvenirs of a delightful meeting.

Mrs. Adrian Shuford charmingly entertained the Embroidery Club Nov. 2. A dozen members present, and Misses Margaret Bost and Helen Graham as visitors. While all were busy with fancy work, Mrs. L. R. Whitener, by request of the hostess, read an amusing story, "Other People's Children." Dainty refreshments were much enjoyed. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bourbonnais.

Mrs. Roy Abernethy entertained the Thursday Study Club Nov. 6. Quotations on Home were given at roll-call. Mrs. Worth Elliott gave an interesting account of the Food, Dress and Daily Life of the Ancient Irish. Mrs. L. R. Whitener read "the Lazy Beauty and her Aunts," and Mrs. C. C. Bost read "Pat Cronen." Discussion of current events concluded the program and the club adjourned to meet Nov. 23 with Mrs. R. A. Grimes. A delicious salad course was served, followed by ice cream and cake. The hostess was assisted by Miss Helen Graham.

Ivey Dots.
Correspondence of the Democrat.
West Hickory, Oct. 5.—All is very quiet in our town at present. We notice since the cold wave has struck us that Charlie Kale, who attends to selling the coal at the Ivey Mill, has been kept busy weighing it for customers.

We notice that Capt. C. E. Cole's automobile has been kept busy during the past week hauling passengers from Ivey to Hickory and has also made several trips carrying people to Newton.

Roby Hamby and Loy Propst, of West Hickory, were attending Newton Court several days as witnesses.
Joe Blackburn, from Lenoir, was here one day last week taking pictures.
Rev. Hawkins, from Gastonia, preached here at the Wesleyan

Mr. Parker Is Fined \$200.00.

Put Under Bond to Appear Monthly for Two Years.

Appealing from a sentence of 12 months on the chaingang imposed by Recorder Russell on the charge of running a blind tiger in Hickory, Mr. A. H. Parker was fined \$200 by Judge Howard A. Foushee at Newton court last week. He was also put under a \$400 bond to appear at court every term for two years, and in case of another conviction for violation of the law he is to go to the roads for the full time of 12 months. The bond was later reduced to \$200.

Judge Foushee was led to change the sentence by reason of a petition from a number of Hickory's best citizens, including the Mayor and part of the board of aldermen and the chief of police who arrested him; and he was also largely influenced by a certificate from Mr. Parker's physician, Dr. Henry Abernethy, to the effect that he was not physically able to stand a chaingang sentence, as he is a sufferer from Bright's disease. He was ably represented by Judge W. B. Council and Mr. Clarence Whitener. City Attorney A. A. Whitener refused to join in the plea for lenience, but the solicitor, under the circumstances, did not resist the effort to change the sentence.

Methodist church Saturday evening.
W. K. Pierce has recently opened a beef market here in the store building of Mrs. Goodman.

Mr. Waits Abree, from Morganton, was here one day last week shaking hands with his many friends.

P. K. Baker, one of our leading merchants, went over to Watauga county last week and brought back a load of apples and cabbage for sale.

Guss Hefner and wife, who have been here working in the Ivey Mill for several months, moved to Greensboro to work in the mill there.

Dillon Wilson and wife from Brookford, were here Saturday night visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson.

Mrs. W. L. Walker has been sick for several days, but is now improving.

Rev. J. G. Garth, of Hickory, was here one day last week visiting the Graded school, and he also went through the mill, speaking to his many friends.

IOTA.
Mr. Wade Run Down
Down at Hasty, N. C., lives a well known planter, Mr. J. D. Wade. Says he: "I was run down almost to the point of giving up. I took two bottles of King's Iron Tonic Bitters and now am as good as ever. I took other tonics but found nothing to compare with Ring's Sold and guaranteed by

Mrs. M. C. D. Owen returned Saturday from the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hall near Yorkville, S. C. She will go back in a few days, as her mother is very ill.

Starts Much Trouble.
If all people knew that neglect of constipation would result in severe indigestion, yellow jaundice or virulent liver trouble they would soon take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end it. It's the only safe way. Best for Biliousness, headache, dyspepsia, chills and debility. 25c at C. M. Shuford's, Moser & Lutz and Grimes Drug Co.

In the District Court of the United States.
For the Western District of North Carolina.
IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of)
T. E. Field,) In Bankruptcy.
Bankrupt.)

To the creditors of the above, of Hickory, in the county of Catawba, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of Oct., A. D. 1911, the said T. E. Field was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at A. A. Whitener's office in Hickory, N. C., on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1911, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

W. C. ERVIN,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Morganton, N. C., Nov. 2, 1911.

Thursday, November 9th.
(Educational Day.)
School children will assemble at Graded School, ready to march at 10:30 a. m., over the following route: From Graded School to 11th avenue; along 11th avenue; to square; along square to 10th avenue; East on 10th avenue to 12th street; South on 12th street to 9th avenue; West on 9th avenue to South Park Place.

Order of Procession:
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Automobiles filled with children under school age.
Chief Marshal and Outriders.
Hickory Brass Band.
Rural Schools
Hickory Graded Schools
College Students.

11:30 a. m.—Educational address by Hon. Locke Craig.
2:00 to 3:00 p. m.—Baby Show in Park, if weather is favorable, if weather is unfavorable it will be at Hotel Huffry.
8:00 p. m.—Addresses to Stock Breeders by Mr. W. Gettys, of Athens, Tenn., and others.

Friday, November 10th.
11:00 a. m.—Parade of Live Stock.
1:00 p. m.—Auction Sale of Live Stock.
3:15 p. m.—Awarding of premiums at Chamber of Commerce Rooms.
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Catawba College Notes.

Correspondence of the Democrat.

The friends of Mr. N. H. Travel will be sorry to learn that he has typhoid fever and has been removed to the sanatorium of Dr. C. B. McNairy at Lenoir. Messrs. G. Ermine Plott and Robert Bowers accompanied Mr. Travel.

Everybody is glad to learn that Dr. J. A. Foil is improving. Mr. B. W. Ingram has gone to Shelby to accept a position as coach of the foot ball team at the high schools there.

Last week N. H. Travel, J. K. McConnell, and H. A. Feesperman were at the Bible study conference for college Y. M. C. A. men; the conference was held at Newberry, S. C.

Rev. I. N. Peightel of Greencastle, Pa., and Mr. Woods of Chambersburg, Pa., have agreed to award two gold crosses, one to the boy and one to the girl, who shall exert the best influence in the school, the faculty being judges.

The honor roll for the month of October is as follows: Grace Gaiser and Gracella Shank, 92; Marguerite Albred, Martha Thornburg, John F. Carpenter, Lillian Gaddy and Sam J. McNairy, 91; Fanny Clapp, Hubert Ingle, H. M. Wagoner, and G. C. Peeler, 90.

On Saturday night in the college chapel the Idahian Literary Society gave their annual Halloween party for the student body, very few outside guests being invited. The chapel was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and jack-o-lanterns and everything looked very spooky. The girls were all dressed as ghosts or witches and wandered around the chapel, going in and out among the boys, but not saying a word until after they were auctioned off for peanuts by Prof. Weaver. After they were unmasked the program for the evening was carried out, and they had their fortunes told by various methods. When the games were over the refreshments were served, which consisted of sandwiches, marguerites, candy, apples, and lemonade, the latter being served by the witches from their pot. The evening was very much enjoyed by all present.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

Catawba County Street Fair in Full Blast.

As the Democrat goes to press the fair is on in full blast. All entries closed yesterday and judging began in all departments: The poultry men had a rally in the opera house at 8 p. m., with some good speeches. Mr. Langlois and others spoke on good roads.

Two changes have been made in location of displays: Dairy products to Stroup's Hall from the fire department's shed, and educational from city hall to J. W. Shuford's store next to Field's store. The program is as follows:

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