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HICKORY, N. C., MAY 9, 1912.

ABEL A. SHUFORD.

In a speech in the court house at Newton some years ago, the late Romulus Z. Linney said: "Eliminate the influence of A. A. Shuford, and you darken every door in Hickory and Catawba county." What Mr. Linney meant was the personal, directing force of the man, for influence, of course, cannot be eliminated, and lives on after death. But the shadow he referred to has fallen, and is lengthening every day across the thresholds, into the homes of the people of the Piedmont.

In one of the crookedest ages of the world's history, Abel Shuford was as straight as an arrow. The secrets of his success were in his economy, his industry, his thrift and his keen business acumen. Every wobbling cotton mill or other enterprise that took refuge under the shelter of his business judgment began to make money right away. It was amazing how he could hold the reins of so many industries, and he could not have done so had he not possessed the rare genius of discovering business ability in young men, who could take their cue from him. In a day of multi-millionaires he built up an honest fortune of several hundred thousand dollars, a striking example of what a man can clearly do in business in the South, apart from the artificial, hot house stimulus of protection, rebates, etc.

The sincere modesty of the man covered up his thousands of benevolences and kindnesses. He put \$50 every month in the hands of a certain business man here to be used where most needed among the poor. His power to inspire confidence was remarkable, and it lay not in profession but in the life he lived and the scrupulous keeping of his word.

It was as an earnest Christian, however, that his life counted most, for "a man's life consists not in the things that he possesseth." He was not too busy to teach a Sunday school class nor to serve his church as a deacon during his whole life. There is little doubt that the morality of this little city was ballasted by A. A. Shuford's unflinching attitude for the right more than by any other agency. The Democrat has always rejoiced in the assurance of his approval in every effort it has made for morality and right in the community.

His influence will live on, especially in the lives of others whom he touched. We may be pardoned for a personal reference, Mr. C. E. Graham, now of South Carolina, was one of the young men in whom Mr. Shuford invested, and but for the help of Mr. Graham, at a time of need, the editor of this paper would not have been able to secure a college education. In similar ways will his life flow on through various human channels, till it empties widely and grandly into Eternity's ocean.

This I learned from the shadow of a tree
 That to and fro swayed on a garden wall,
 Our shadow selves, our influence, may fall
 Where we can never be.

KINDERGARTEN.

The value of Kindergarten is not generally realized. Mrs. Abernethy's Kindergarten entertainment tomorrow evening will afford an opportunity which all parents in Hickory ought to witness. Our little boy, not yet 5, goes to that school, and is going to be a green grass-hopper in

the play. He came home one day and said: "Daddy, how many flat sides has a cube got?" Why, we didn't know what a cube was till we were twelve years old. Did you? At the Kindergarten he learned to sing, and it is alone worth all the tuition to see him look out of the window at bed time in his nightie and hear him recite: "Twinkle twinkle, little star." And that the school developed the genuine poetry in his soul (which he inherits from his father) was shown when he picked out the beautifullest lassie there for his sweetheart.

Two Tickets in West Hickory.

West Hickory, May 6.—A second primary was held in West Hickory last Monday night and Q. A. Hedrick was nominated for mayor and L. R. Fry, Ed Hahn and John Pierce for town aldermen. We now have too full tickets out for town officers and I suppose we will have rather a hot time at our election next Tuesday.

J. E. Lovelace and family from Stony Point moved to the Ivey one day last week and are working in the mill.
 J. P. Burch bought a vacant lot from L. R. Fry in Long View a few days ago. He intends on building a dwelling house on the lot in the near future.

J. W. Marshall recently bought Calvin Abe's storehouse and stock of goods in Long View. Mr. Marshall is going to move the store building off of Mr. Abe's land and put it up on a vacant lot that he bought a few weeks ago from G. L. Bolick.

At a meeting held last Thursday night by the citizens of the town J. P. Downum was nominated for one of the school trustees for the graded school here. Mr. Downum is overseer of spinning at the Ivey and will make a good trustee.

Quite a number of young people from the Ivey attended the carnival in Hickory last week. Capt. Cole says he was kept busy every evening during the week running his car carrying passengers to and from the show. While he had to lose considerable sleep by running his car at night, he says he made a nice sum of money.

J. W. Church has been down a week or two with rheumatism but we are glad to see he is able to walk around again.

There is a number of cases of whooping cough in West Hickory at present but so far as I have heard the children who have it are getting along all right.

L. E. Simms from King's Mountain was here last Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of Miss Mary Arney.

Mr. H. Coffey from Morganton was here last week visited the family of P. Berry. IOTA.

IMPORTANT

We want it distinctly understood that there will be no change in the voting on subscriptions. You can get just as much for your money today as you can throughout the life of the contest. Turn in your subscriptions, get the paper started, and take out a SPECIAL receipt.—The Hickory Democrat.

Send a Picture of Your Baby to the Democrat.

Would you like to see your little baby sweetheart peering at you from the columns of this paper? If you have a good picture of your baby, one that is satisfactory to you, just send it in to the contest office and we will reproduce it in the paper. We will return the photo to you in as good condition as we receive it. It will be best to get in as soon as possible as it is to be a case of "first come, first served" in this matter.

If you haven't a picture of your baby that is satisfactory, come to the office and get an order to have one made—without cost to you.
 Mr. C. M. Hardin, Hickory's able photographer, has been appointed official photographer of The Democrat Baby contest and will take pictures of all the contestants free of charge. Come to the contest office and get an order.

REMEMBER

That the Pink Slips must be returned to the contest office the last week of the contest. Please do not lose them. This is important!

A SPRING POEM IN LIVING VERSE

An Hour's Exemplification of a Year of Delsarte and Froebel.

The idea of making the Delsarte system, commonly known as physical culture, the vehicle of presenting and explaining the great problems of existence to children is a beautiful one; and if in the presentation, a deeper meaning is not discovered, for the adult as well as for the child, either the poet has failed in his work, or the adult mind has become dulled to the beauties of life.
 To illustrate how well such lessons have been learned by the Kindergarten class of Mrs. H. D. Abernethy, they will present a little play in the Academy of Music on the evening of May 10, to which admittance is free. The children, dressed as fairies, butterflies, etc., will impersonate the budding life, joy and beauty of the spring.

How the Vote Stands.

DISTRICT NO. 1.
 (Including all territory within the corporate limits of Hickory.)

Mary Helen Flowers	40,000
Ruth Lanier	31,850
John F. Price	1,950
George Killian Bost	1,000
Henry R. Elliott	1,000
Ruby Elizabeth Smith	1,000
Harry Gwin	1,050
Robert Lee Harris	33,750
Mary Belle Gwin	1,950
Bernice Morton	11,300
Andrew Rudesill	29,700
Thomas Stricker Shuford	1,000
James Stanley Crouch	34,000
James Oliver Mosteller	33,200
Amelia Stirewalt	10,100
Ella Marguerite Self	29,350
Prentiss L. Ketchie	1,100
Barrie Blackwelder	1,000
Irene Eckart	1,000
Katherine B. Whitener	1,000
Donald A. Cilley	1,000
Thomas L. Cilley	1,000
Jack Hatcher	1,000
Katherine Harper	1,000
Bobby Grimes	1,000
Leonard Moretz	1,000
Gwendoline Buchanan	1,500
Adrian Shuford	1,700

DISTRICT NO. 2.

(Including all territory outside of Hickory in Catawba and adjoining counties.)

Newton,	
Fred L. Sites R. 1.	40,000
Lallie Summerow	26,850
Vivian Drum.	1,050
Nell Wilkinson	12,000
Christine Sherrill	1,000
Martha Elizabeth Huitt	1,000
Frances Lutz	1,000

Conover.

Celia Margaret Isenhower	1,000
Claude Hubert Cline	1,000
Helen Smith, R.	1,000
McDewey Hunsucker, R.	1,000
Myrtle Smith	1,000

Claremont.

Mary Rose Moser	10,250
Crage Miller Setzer	1,000

Catawba.

Frances Sherrill	1,000
Edwina Carpenter	1,000
Evelyn Little	10,000
Helen Davis Long	1,000

Granite Falls.

Sherrill twins	1,000
George Wiley Sherrill	3,300
Margaret Rebecca Coon	10,100
Sue Warlick	1,000
Edward Roy Sherrill	10,000

Hickory R. R.

Luther Huffman R. 2	40,000
Clyde Yount R. 1.	1,050
Margaret Campbell R. 1	37,050
Frankie Houston R. 2	1,000
Conrad Lee Britain R. 5	1,000
Virginia Lee Hefner R. 2	40,000
Thelma Bowman,	14,300
Nathan Harrison	1,000

West Hickory.

Marsell Talbert	1,000
Beulah Eckart	1,700
Ruth Griffin	1,000

Highland.

Virginia Wilson Clark	1,000
Valdry Adeline Fox	1,000

Connelly Springs.

Coit Wilson, R. 2	21,550
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Hudson.

Jessie May Herman	28,550
Claude Greer	1,000

Brookford.

Elizabeth Pitts	1,000
Carl Shuford	1,000

Reepsville

Yates Warlick Havnaer	1,000
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Rhodhiss

Mary Teague	1,000
Paul Duray Poovey	1,000

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For fresh fish call on E. C. Johnson.

See our new parasols and umbrellas at J. A. Bowles.

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TOMATO plants for sale in any quantity by Mrs. E. L. Springs.

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FOR SALE—Two large desirable building lots, plot 166 2-3 x 200; or would exchange for out-of-town land. Phone 37 or address Drawer G, Hickory, N. C.

Piano Tuner: Mr. W. F. Senn of Charlotte, N. C., one of the best piano tuners in the State will be in Hickory in about 10 days. If your piano needs tuning leave your order by phone or otherwise at Hotel-Huffry. W. P. Huffman.

WANTED—Some young white girls for service in dining room. Hotel Huffry.

Trunks and suit cases at J. A. Bowles.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Berkshire and grade pigs. A. L. Baker, Dutch Dairy Farm, Newton, Route 4. 5, 9, 2t.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

The pastor will preach next Sunday morning to the children on the subject "Lent to the Lord." There will be no service at night as we give way to Claremont Commencement exercises at the the Reformed church.

The officers of the church are planning for an every member canvas for one night next week with Tuesday or Wednesday from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. G. Garth will be absent at the General Assembly on May 19, and will probably be in Morganton on May 26. On May 26, Rev. E. M. Monroe of Milford, Texas, will probably preach. Mr. Monroe, is a brother of Rev. C. A. Monroe, and will attend the General Assembly at Bristol and come by to visit his brother here.

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Favors Killian for Treasurer.

To the Editor of the Democrat: Don't fail to go to the Democratic Primary May the 18th, 1912, and vote for S. E. Killian for Treasurer. He is truly worthy of your support. He is an old Confederate soldier and served his country in many ways and any person going to him for advice or favors he never turns them away and always has been a true Democrat and a friend to the poor. Hickory township pays one-third of the taxes of the county and is certainly entitled to one full County office. A Democrat.

April, 29, 1912.

BON MARCHE ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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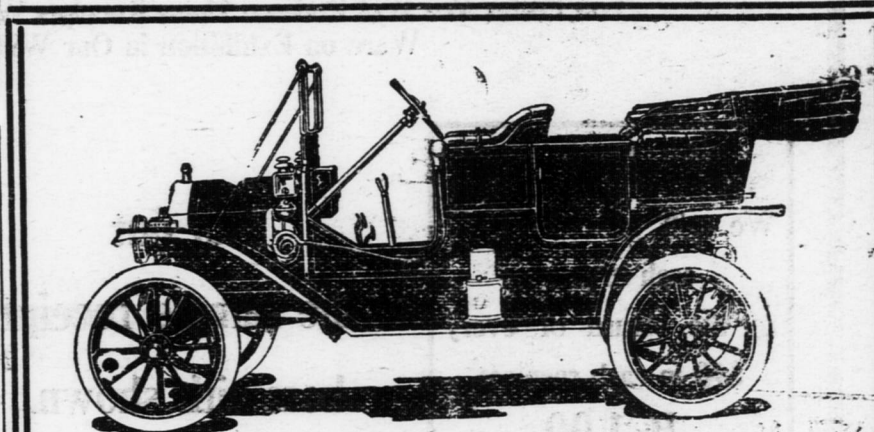
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Whereas, on the 17th day of June, 1908, B. L. Marlow and Beatrice L. Marlow, his wife, executed that certain deed of trust to C. M. Sherrill registered in Book 77 of Deeds, on page 354, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Catawba County, to secure the payment of the principal and interest of a certain note that day given to the First Building and Loan Association of Hickory; And whereas, on the 22d day of November, 1909, B. L. Marlow and Beatrice L. Marlow, his wife, executed that certain deed of trust to G. R. Wooten registered in Book 77 of deeds, on page 582, in the office of Register of deeds for Catawba County, to secure the payment of the principal and interest of a certain note that day given to the First Building and Loan Association of Hickory;



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