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## BANQUET AT BUSY BEE CAFE

### Mayor Lentz Entertains Retiring Board of Aldermen and Officers of the City

#### The Mayor Receives Many Congratulations on the Good Showing Made by the Present Board During the Past Year—Good Fellowship and Well Wishes for the New Administration.

The last meeting of the old Board of Aldermen of the city was called for last Friday night, and preceding this meeting Mayor Lentz entertained the board and officers of the city at a banquet held at the Busy Bee Cafe.

The fact that there were thirteen at the table did not affect the appetite of any of the guests, as they all did ample justice to the well-selected courses arranged for their delectation. In fact the only comment on the number thirteen was that the President of the United States had pronounced that number as being a lucky one, and it was taken as a good omen for the outgoing and incoming administrations.

City Attorney A. A. Whitener, in his usual felicitous manner, congratulated the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on the unusual good record they had made during the past year; that we had but recently gone through a pretty hot fight on municipal affairs, but for his part he appreciated a good fighter and had nothing but good wishes for the incoming board; that the citizens of Hickory would be a unit in upholding the new administration in their best efforts for the good of our city. He said the "ins" that were now the "outs" had organized a mutual benefit association, without any dues, the only obligation being that in the event of any of the members not being able to make a living the other members were to contribute to their support.

Mayor Lentz responded by

thanking the members of the board and the officers of the city for their united co-operation in securing the results referred to by Mr. Whitener; that without that co-operation he could have done nothing; said he felt particularly gratified at being able to announce that the floating indebtedness had been reduced from \$3,000 to \$4,000; that the hardest task he had was the collecting of the street improvement tax, which, he said, he was happy to announce had all been now collected but about \$2,000.

City Recorder M. H. Yount followed in a happy vein, congratulating the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and officers of the city for their united loyalty to the interests of the city, stating that they should receive the fullest credit for what they had accomplished; that the incoming board should also receive the united support of all good citizens, and, in turn, receive due credit for what they should accomplish in the future—the greater the accomplishment, the greater the credit.

Mayor-elect C. H. Geitner was called upon for some remark, but stated he was not prepared to make any speech just then, and with mutual good wishes on the part of the old board to those members present who were part of the new board, the banquet dissolved, the members of the board going to the City Hall for their last meeting as the official body for the city.

## MR. J. W. CLAY GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA

### Will Manage Printing Plant of Methodist—Leaves Here in June—Family to Accompany Him.

When asked about his plans, Mr. Clay stated that he and his family expect to leave Hickory about the first of June, Mrs. Clay wishing to spend a month with her relatives at Elmwood, Iredell county. From New York they will sail on the 12th of July, by the steamer, Van Dyke, Holt and Lamport Line, flying to all South American ports. They will be in company with Bishop Lambuth and a party of other missionaries. Their destination will be Rio de Janeiro, one of the finest, indeed the principal port of South America. It has been said that the harbor of Rio is fully as beautiful as that of Naples, the Neapolitans having a proverb that means "See Naples and die." Their opinion being that anyone who had viewed their beautiful harbor was ready to depart in peace.

The first year will be spent in learning the language of the greater part of the continent, the Portuguese. It is a fact that few people realize that this tongue is spoken in our neighboring hemisphere, in every country except those speaking the tongue of the Spanish conqueror. It is hard for us to grasp, too, the truth that Brazil, alone, is larger than the United States.

Leaving here in midsummer, the travelers, after a three-weeks voyage will reach Brazil in midwinter, the country being not exactly opposite to us, but nearly enough so to make the contrast of seasons somewhat resemble that between England and Australia.

After mastering the language, a full printing outfit will be installed, and Mr. Clay will be in charge of the fine establishment

which will print church papers, Sunday school literature, books, and periodicals for the Portuguese peoples of South America. It is easy to see what a magnificent open door of opportunity this presents. And, if he does belong to us, they could never have found a better man for the place if the Southern Methodists had hunted the South over—and that is saying a good deal.

Nor is this all. At the same time, a young man goes from the Clay Printery to take charge of the printing establishment in Africa, at Luebo, where Presbyterians and Methodists will unite in the glorious work of sending out the Gospel message on the wings of the presses. This is Auburn Setzer, long with Mr. Clay in his work here. Just a year ago, dating from the time of their departure, in July of 1912, these two splendid young men of our very own were on a mountain trip, and then seeing no prospect of such openings, but longing with all the force of their natures for missionary work that they were fitted to do, opened their minds to each other and spoke of what their desires were. It pleased Him; Who so wonderfully opens paths that seemed closed to our blinded eyesight, to answer the prayers and hopes of His servants and pour them out such a blessing as they had not dreamed of. Truly, we Christians of Hickory should be humbly and devoutly thankful that from our little mountain city, he has chosen so many who shall testify of Him, by walk and conversation, by pen and tongue, in the heathen lands which He has promised to give unto His Son.

It should be noted that South America is today the darkest of all continents. Vast stretches of it have never been trodden by a white man. Where there is one Sunday school scholar in every 300 inhabitants in Africa, there is only one in every 700 in South America.

## BUILDINGS NOW IN PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION

### ERECTING OVERALL FACTORY

Improvements Being Made by The Elliott Building Company, of this City.

Talking the other morning with Mr. J. D. Elliott, we asked for a little information as to buildings now in process of construction. He told us that he is having erected for Mrs. Frank Henderson, on 13th avenue, a modern, steam-heated dwelling with all latest improvements, to cost complete about \$6,000. Then Messrs. J. D. and J. W. Elliott are constructing across the street from their office, a fire-proof garage, 50x112 feet. Such a building has long been a crying need in Hickory, automobiles being decidedly on an increase among us, and fit accommodation being lacking. West of this, on 11th Street, the same gentlemen are putting up the new Overall factory. This will be a two-story building, 35x112 feet.

The Elliott Building Company is putting up at Orangeburg, S. C., a railroad passenger shed for the summer rush of traffic. They are building the new passenger depot of the Carolina & Northwestern at Maiden. Besides these contracts they are overhauling the station at Asheville, and making additions to the Burke Tannery Company's buildings at Morganton, an important industry. They are also putting up a very handsome bungalow for Mrs. C. A. Cillev in the Happy Valley, that paradise of Tar Heels of the old regime.

## Baraca Class Notes

Last Sunday's lesson dealt with Joseph's interpretation of dreams in the Egyptian prison. This interesting character had persistently resisted the approaches of Potipher's wife who, for revenge on him because of his refusal to grant her desires, had him thrown into prison on a false accusation. Joseph's integrity and faithfulness won for him the esteem and trust, not only of Potipher, but of all the prisoners with whom he was thrown. This lesson teaches us the importance of Fidelity, Tact and Perseverance. Without these qualities, no life can be a success. These have been the characteristics of every life that has really counted for anything in the world. Joseph's early experiences had inspired him to do great things, and every act of his future life was shaped in accordance with his ambitions. At the cave of Dothan, he met the first real obstacle in the way of the realization of his dreams. From the petted and patronized son of his aged father, he was cast into slavery, where it seemed that his hopes were dashed to pieces. But Joseph never despaired. He remained true to the religion of his fathers and persevered tactfully, ever hoping and believing that God held greater things in store for him.

For the next few Sundays we will watch his rapid rise from the prison to the throne. We will learn how he always remembered his aged father, and how he rendered unto his wicked brethren good for evil in the happy consummation of his dreams. Every young man should study carefully the life of this remarkable man, and the Baraca class offers an unexcelled opportunity for this study. All will find a cordial welcome and their attendance on class will be made profitable as well as pleasant.

Mrs. Alice Phettiplace Super, who has spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Ingold, left Monday for her home in Baltimore.

Mrs. A. E. Russell left Tuesday for a week's stay in Asheville.

## ANOTHER MILKING MACHINE INSTALLED HERE

### This Time it is Mr. J. E. Huffman—Will Milk One Hundred Cows in Two Hours.

On last Friday The Democrat reporter met on the streets a representative of the Sharples Mechanical Milker Company, who was here installing one of his machines out at Mr. J. E. Huffman's. This is the second one of these machines to be installed in this county. Mr. R. L. Shuford having had one installed about six months ago, both of which were purchased through the Abernethy Hardware Company. Those who have seen the machines at work say that they are marvelous and that now one man and a boy can milk 100 cows in two hours. To a mere amateur it would appear that this is somewhat of an improvement on the days when we drove Suke and Red up from the pasture, mixed a pan of feed, and then held the calf and listened to profane language while the hired man or Pa told about how no-account cows and boys were nowadays compared with what they were when they did the chores. It now only remains for some genius to invent a mechanical cow, and halt the real suffering of farm life will be removed. As to plowing up yellow jackets' nests or getting chaff from the thresher in your off eye, The Democrat needs some suggestions.

## UNCLE SAM ASKS FOR BIDS ON HICKORY P. O.

### Sealed Proposals on New Post Office Will be Received Until 3 P. M. June 11th.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,

Washington, D. C., April 30, 1913.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received in this office until 3 o'clock p. m., on the 11th day of June, 1913, and then opened for the construction complete (including plumbing, gas piping, heating apparatus, electric conduits and wiring, interior lighting fixtures, and approaches) of the United States post office at Hickory, N. C.

The building is to be two stories high with a basement and will have a ground area of approximately 4,800 square feet; fireproof construction to top of second floor; stone and brick facing and tin roof. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian of site at Hickory, N. C., or at this office, at the discretion of the Supervising Architect.

O. WENDEROTH, Supervising Architect.

Catawba College Notes.

Dr. Derendinger spent several days in China Grove this week to attend the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church.

Last Sunday evening President J. F. Buchheit left for Pennsylvania where he will spend several weeks in the interests of the College.

Prof. G. H. Smith preached in the Friendship Methodist Church at Friendship last Sunday afternoon. Prof. Smith's subject was "Prayer as a Preparation."

Last Wednesday a number of the students visited the Startown High School Commencement at Startown.

Mr. H. A. Fesperman left school last Saturday in order to play on the Greensboro baseball team. However, a few days later word was received that Mr. Fesperman was ill with the mumps, and had gone to his home in Rockwell.

Mr. J. K. McConnell has returned to school after having been ill with the mumps at his home for about three weeks.

In spite of our rather troublesome time here, we find that we have just the same number of students taking the regular courses now that we had two years ago at this time.

## WHAT FARMERS ARE BUYING AND DOING

### DROUGHT HAVING BAD EFFECT

Cotton Acreage Will Be as Large as That Planted Last Year—Prospects for Better Prices.

If you want to find out some things about our good friends who feed us all, step into the Abernethy Hardware Company's building and chat with our esteemed friend, Roy, if he isn't too busy. It appears that he thinks the busiest men are those who can always find time to be courteous—courtesy, by the way, being one of the main assets of the business man.

Our friend tells us that they have been selling for the spring planting work, a great many one and two horse cultivators, strong heavy deep-soil turning plows, and with them the disc and spike harrows that follow them. From the number of corn planters sold, it would seem that a large acreage will be planted in corn. The early drought is having a bad effect, but good rains through the summer and early fall will help this. Mr. Abernethy is of opinion that the cotton acreage will be as large as that planted last year with prospects for better prices. In a short time the sale of harvesting implements will begin and it keeps the firm busy filling orders, so crowded are these busy days, so much to do, so short a time for the work, so many needing the bread that must come from our fields.

## COMMENT

A unique situation presented itself to the County Board of Education at their meeting in Newton last Monday when a petition from the colored citizens of Catawba District No. 1 was presented asking for a special tax upon themselves for the extension of their school term.

The members of the board were all favorable to the petition, but upon investigation, it was found that the law would not allow such action in as much as the petitioners were not considered voters under the general election law of the State. The law as understood by the board, requires that the petitioners be qualified voters. The amendment to the constitution in 1906 debar the negro from participation in any election unless he is able to read or write any clause of the constitution satisfactory to the registrar. This provision debar practically all of the older colored citizens of the State.

It is to be regretted that these progressive people are not allowed to thus tax themselves, as they have been for several years raising by private subscription from \$40 to \$50 to lengthen the term of school.

## Death of Rev. John M. Smith.

Rev. John M. Smith died at his home in Washington, D. C., on last Friday and his remains were brought to Conover on Sunday for interment. The funeral took place at Concord a Lutheran church, Rev. C. O. Smith conducting the services. Deceased was a native of this county having lived in or near Conover all his life until about a year ago when the family moved to Washington. He was 83 years of age and is survived by a wife and four sons, also two brothers, Captain Peter and Knox Smith, who reside in Conover.

## Claremont Commencement.

Claremont Commencement begins Friday night, May 9 and closes May 13, Friday night will be class exercises. Sunday night the annual sermon before graduating class will be preached by Dr. Byron Clarke of Salisbury. Monday night will be the night of graduation. Seven young ladies will be given certificates. The prospects are that this will witness the largest number of visitors that has ever attended a Claremont Commencement.

## TO MOVE IN NEW QUARTERS

### Hickory Chamber of Commerce Rents Second Floor of Blackwelder-Riddle Building

#### Will Have Director's Room, Secretary's Office and Large Assembly Room—Will Install Permanent Exhibit of Hickory's Manufactured Products—Board of Directors and Officers.

At a meeting of the Governing Board of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday evening, the board decided to move into new quarters about the first of June, and the Secretary was instructed to lease the second floor of the Blackwelder-Riddle building. This will give this organization magnificent quarters, consisting of a fine well-lighted assembly room, a Directors' room and a Secretary's office.

Aside from being used as an assembly room, the larger room will be utilized as a place for a permanent exhibit of manufactured products as well as those of horticulture and agriculture. Groups of pictures of every manufacturing plant in this section will be placed on the walls of this room, giving exterior and interior views of these establishments. In addition, it is desired to have samples of all manufactured goods arranged here as a sample of what Hickory is making in her factories.

The need of a larger room for public meetings has long been felt, and the Chamber of Commerce will meet this need at the new quarters. Newspapers, periodicals, magazines, etc., will always be found on the tables for

the pleasure of the members of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the many tourists and visitors who call Hickory their second home. It is conservatively estimated that at least 150 Northern and Western people spent last winter here, and the Chamber of Commerce rooms were their headquarters. We know they will be delighted to learn of this movement that will add to their comfort and pleasure the coming winter.

While the record of past achievements of Hickory's Chamber of Commerce is most excellent, it is the aim of the Governing Board to put on high speed this year in its efforts for the upbuilding of Hickory, and the Democrat wishes them God speed in their efforts, as do all good citizens of Hickory. The Governing Board this year consists of the following officers and directors:

President, Dr. W. H. Nicholson; first Vice President, J. W. Shuford; second Vice President, W. J. Shuford; Secretary, A. K. Joy; Treasurer, W. X. Reid. Directors, J. L. Riddle, K. C. Menzies, C. H. Geitner, Dr. W. B. Ramsay, A. A. Shuford, C. W. Bagby, J. A. Bowles, S. L. Whitener, Roy Abernethy.

## THE SPLENDID SHOWING MADE BY STATE BANKS

### Increase of \$12,558,115.29 Over the Year 1912—Large Deposits Subject to Check.

The showing made by the State banks during the past year should be highly gratifying to the business people of the State. According to a statement issued by the corporation commission last week, the resources of North Carolina State banks at the close of business April 4th amounted to \$83,889,183.09, this being an increase of \$12,558,115.29 over the year 1912. The average deposits of these banks totaled the large sum of \$12,950,774.28, an increase of \$8,546,590.09.

In every department of the business an increase is shown and at the present rate of increase the next few years will see the resources totalling up to \$100,000,000. Deposits subject to check reached the high water mark of \$33,174,322.34, this being an increase of \$1,874,297.71.

## In Social Circles

### Miss Bencini Entertains.

Miss Margaret Bost, of Hickory, was prettily complimented Saturday afternoon April 26th, by her hostess, Miss Bencini, with an enjoyable Rook party to which the members of the embroidery Club and about as many more young ladies and matrons were asked. The club's color—white and pink—was prettily effected by pink shaded lights and daisies. In the hall where Mrs. Will Snow received, and Miss Margaret Bencini directed the way to the cloak room, ferns and snow balls gave the color tone. Tall beautiful Easter lilies graced the library where guests were received by the lovely young hostess, Miss Robah Bencini, in Nel rose satin, spangled draped, Miss Margaret Bost, the honoree gowned in blue dew drop over blue messaline and Miss Grace Snow of Hillsboro, in blue ratine and embroidery. The tables for the spirited game of Rook were placed throughout the several reception rooms and the cards brought especial luck to Mrs. Al-

bert Hart, who won the first prize—a pair of silk hose—to Miss Kathleen Petty, who was presented with a silver thimble for making highest score among the club girls, and to Mrs. Chas. Ingram, who won the consolation, a handpainted puff box. The hostess presented a souvenir spoon of High Point to the guest of honor. The delicious collation consisted of two courses, salads, variety sandwiches, olives and ice cream, wafers and salted almonds. The favors were the loveliest miniature corsage bouquets of daisies and fern. It was decidedly one of the most classic parties of the season.—High Point Enterprise.

The Round Dozen Book Club held the final meeting for the year, April 30th with Mrs. F. B. Ingold, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Bost. Thirteen members present, and Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Super visitors. After the usual discussion of books a vote was taken as to their merits and demerits. A small majority was given to "The Promised Land" as the best book; "The Sanctuary" and "The Man in Lonely Land" received the same number of votes for the most interesting book, and for the book liked least of all "The Moth" won by a large majority. The hostess told of her book, "The Street Called Straight" and its author, Rev. Basil King, and she read two chapters from "Susan Clegg and The Man in the House." Master F. B. P. Ingold was introduced to the club members. A delicious luncheon in three courses was served, Mrs. Bost and Miss Constance Bost assisting the hostess. The business meeting will be with Mrs. Worth Elliott Sept. 3rd.

Mrs. A. A. Whitener entertained the Embroidery Club May 1st, with fifteen members and a number of visitors in attendance. During work hour Mrs. Post read selections from "Aunt Jane of Kentucky" and Miss Crews sang two solos most delightfully. Dainty refreshments were served by Misses Miriam and Marjorie Whitener. The last meeting for the season will be May 15th with Mrs. L. R. Whitener,