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## HICKORY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NEED OF MORE BOOKS

### Responsibility of Providing the Books Needed Rests Upon the People of the City Who are Interest- ed in Its Success.

The Hickory public library is very much in need of more books. The City Council has made an appropriation to defray the expenses of keeping the library open, but there are no funds to purchase new books and periodicals. The responsibility of providing the books needed rests upon the people of Hickory who are interested in the success of the library.

There are many persons who have good books which they have read themselves and which would prove valuable additions to the library. Will these persons not donate these books to the library, and thus enable many others to be benefited? In this way hundreds of good books could be added to the library, and others could enjoy reading these books.

The good women of Hickory are alive to everything which will benefit the city. It would not be a difficult matter for them to arrange for a reception some afternoon at the library, to which every one will be invited to come and bring some good book or books. This reception could be made a pleasant social occasion, and at the same time a direct practical benefit to the library.

All that is needed is for some one to begin the movement. And the women can be depended upon to lend their aid to every movement which make for the best interests of the city.

### Helping the Farmer.

It has become almost the "fashion" in the last few years to try to help the farmer. So many ways and plans have been devised to help him that those interested are often at a loss just where to begin. Organization, co-operation, rural credits and many other ideas are advanced with the object in view of the betterment of the farmer and his occupation. All these plans for future good are most desirable, and all of them will be in successful operation in the future. There is one thing, however, that the farmer himself must realize sooner or later, and that is the fact that all these plans for the betterment of agriculture are impossible without the co-operation of the farmer himself in them. If the farmer expects to sit still while others do the organizing, co-operating, etc., for him, little good will be accomplished. Another thing that the farmer must realize and the sooner the better, is that all other plans for farm improvement are of no value to him unless the farmer has education to enable him to make use of these plans and ideas. No organization, no matter how well it is formed, will ever be successful if the main body is composed of ignorant people. Organizations of ignorance and prejudice are very much worse than any organization at all. Education, in the full meaning of the word, is the foundation of the true prosperity of the farmer. Those farmers who talk loudly about education of the proper kind for their boys and girls and then refuse to pay more tax to provide for that same education are not prepared to organize or co-operate, nor can they be helped in any extent by anyone. As Ben Franklin said, "God helps those who help themselves."

### H. K. Foster.

#### Large Distillery Destroyed.

On last Thursday Possemen H. W. Jones and Charles Deaton accompanied by Revenue Officers D. A. Kanipe and Jolley, captured and destroyed a large illicit distillery three miles northeast of Morganton.

The 75-gallon copper still and worm, 12 large fermenters containing 2,000 gallons of beer, 18 bushels of meal, one double, one flake stand, jugs, mash sticks and other fixtures were confiscated. When the officers destroyed the still the owners were nowhere to be seen. They stayed at the place for six hours after destroying the still in the hope that the owners would show up, but had to leave without getting a clew to the owners. The guide who found the still walked 16 miles to notify the officials.

Have you heard Penny Bros. male quartette? They will be here next Friday with the land sale.

## COMMENT

### The question of County Superintendent of Education seems to be arousing considerable interest in the county.

We make the following suggestions: We understand that there are three candidates for the office of County Superintendent. As this is the most important position in the county, how would it do to have a joint canvass of the candidates, each making a speech, telling just what he would do to improve the rural schools, if elected Superintendent.

We feel sure that our people would get a better idea of the duties of the Superintendent, and of their own responsibility in regard to education. Of course, no personality should enter into a discussion of this kind, and we feel that this would not be done.

We feel sure our County Board of Education wishes to appoint a strong man for Superintendent, and being fair minded men, they should be willing that the people should hear each of the candidates.

The Newton Enterprise gives one-half of its editorial column last week to a discussion of several articles that appeared in the Hickory Democrat.

The Enterprise also quotes from the Democrat editorial, but does not give same in full. The Enterprise seems to doubt the figures used by Mr. Shuford, saying that either the figures dealing with Hickory illiteracy or the County's illiteracy is wrong.

These figures were taken from the "U. S. Census Bulletin; Population: North Carolina." The Enterprise can get a copy of this Bulletin by writing the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C. The Census figures are not generally disputed; and the State Superintendent of Education evidently believes they are correct, for he quotes from them in his last Biennial report, page 23, giving the illiteracy in this State, as a whole, as 12.3 per cent.

The Enterprise is evidently very much in error. It states "There are 15500 children of school age in Catawba county." According to the Biennial report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the year 1911-12, the total school population in Catawba county is 10513. This report does not give the number of illiterates, but the U. S. Census of 1910 gives the following: "Total number of persons in Catawba county between the ages of ten and twenty 7050; number of illiterate, 442."

We do not know where the editor gets his 93 illiterate in the county from, but suppose he would not mind giving us official figures quoting from official authorities. The editor of the Enterprise took the two articles of Mr. Shuford and handled them together.

## Baraca Class Notes

First Baptist Church :: By Class Reporter

Were you out Sunday? Well, if you weren't, you missed a great treat. The lesson as taught by superintendent of Sunday School Elliott, was fine, and enjoyed by every one that was present.

Boys! Wasn't it great to have so many out that they had to give over the main auditorium to us. It was a great sight to see fifty-six men, young and middle age, in a Sunday School class. Many men have gotten the idea that there is no place in the Sunday School for them, but if those that have that idea will come out to the Baraca class at the First Baptist church they will find that there is a place for them, and more than that, they will find a warm welcome awaiting them.

The lesson next Sunday will be another interesting one about Joseph and his brethren. We will see how Joseph, after testing his brethren, forgives them and receives them openly in his arms. These are interesting lessons and you should not miss a single one of them.

We had 56 out last Sunday, and we want to see more out next Sunday, there will be room and a seat for every one. The contest between our class and the Philaena class is running close and we Baraca's must hustle if we expect to be the victors in the race.

Let every member come out next Sunday and bring some one with him.

### Will Decorate Graves.

On next Sunday, June 8th, Hickory Camp No. 80 W. O. W. will decorate the graves of their deceased members at Oakwood cemetery. Hon. W. C. Feimster, of Newton, will make the principal address. The public is most cordially invited to attend these exercises.

## DESIROUS OF INVESTING IN ELECTRIC CAR LINE

### Latest Project is Proposed Line From Hickory to Henry River.

Trumansburg, N. Y., May 30. To the Editor of The Democrat:

Through several sources we have obtained information concerning your county, and city. After careful investigation we have arrived at the conclusion that your fellow citizens are enjoying a period of unparalleled prosperity and that your county is making for herself a record that is causing her sister counties to wake up and take notice. We have learned that the latest project in your city is an electric car line from Hickory to Henry River, financed by Messrs. O. M. L. Taker and Frank McComb. As we are desirous of investing in some Southern corporation, we would be highly gratified to communicate with these gentlemen.

That we may further keep in touch with the enterprises of your city, enclosed find thirty cents for which send us the Democrat for three months, and oblige.

Yours sincerely,  
THE A. F. I. R. CLUB.

### South Fork Items.

Hickory, May 31.—The only news in the South Fork vicinity is that the farmers are all very busy in their farming operations. They are about through planting corn and cotton chopping is now the order of the day. Cotton is a fine stand, so is corn and wheat; oats are fairly good. Sweet potatoe transplanting is now on hand and a great many slips have been transplanted.

The general news is rather on the slim order. Nothing new of any importance. George Mosteller has gone to Virginia with a number of horses that he intends to work at his saw mill, which he recently moved there.

There was a large crowd present at the sale of the late residence of P. A. Yoder, deceased, Hickory, Brookford and Newton being represented. Horses and cattle brought a very good price. Four aged Confederate veterans were present whose combined ages were 344, an average of 86 years each.

Mr. Lee Yoder has taken his daughter to the Statesville hospital for treatment for appendicitis. J. E. Yoder, depot agent at Hildebran, was present at the sale.

### "Colonel."

Ephraim Perkins married Elizabeth, a daughter of David Abernethy and wife. They lived in Lincoln county about six miles southwest of Beauty's Ford. Here they had a good country home.

David Abernethy married Martha Turner. Her parents were from Virginia but originally from Aberdeen, Scotland. The marriage of Ephraim Perkins took place about the year A. D. 1800. They were married by Robert Johnson Miller, who was an Episcopal clergyman. He was a pioneer minister in the Episcopal church in western North Carolina. Ephraim Perkins settled on the farm his father gave him. Here he raised a family.

They were the parents of Nancy Adeline, who married Abel Shuford. She is buried at Mary's Grove in Caldwell county her uncle, Robert Johnson Miller is buried in the same graveyard. After her death Abel Shuford located near the present town of Claremont, Catawba county. He died and is buried in that community. His children moved to Arkansas.

Ephraim Perkins and wife were the parents of Martha, who was called Patsy. She married Hon. F. D. Reinhardt, of Lincoln, now Catawba county. They are the parents of Robert Reinhardt, who died at Newton a few years ago Rev. J. L. Murphy of Hickory married a daughter of Robert Reinhardt. There are two children of this marriage, Josephine and Joseph. J. H. SHUFORD.

Be sure and meet us at the land sale, next Friday, at 10:30 o'clock. Everybody is going, don't fail to meet me there.

## DRAWN THE FIRE OF SEVERAL SCHOOL TEACHERS

### Mr. Shuford Replies to Mrs. Watson's Article in Newton Enterprise.

My article in The Democrat seems to have drawn the fire of several teachers in Catawba county. Of course, this was to be expected as they would naturally want to defend the County Superintendent of Education. In neither article I wrote was anything said about County Superintendent of Education. One of the articles called the peoples' attention to the illiteracy of the county, another one was the advocacy of Mr. Fred R. Yoder for County Superintendent of Education.

Mrs. Watson writes in the Newton Enterprise, signing herself "A Friend To Catawba County." She also writes the same article for The Democrat. In her article she defends the County Superintendent of Education, and says: "We have fought a good fight." Did the County Superintendent of Education ever appeal to the people of Catawba county through the newspapers for a compulsory school law, or for a six months' school term?

Is he altogether responsible for the comfortable school houses that have been erected?

Do not the committeemen and the County Board of Education have something to do with this?

Has there ever been a township meeting of the school teachers?

Does Mrs. Watson know that there are 37 one-room school houses in Catawba county with only one teacher? (See Biennial report of Public Instruction, page 148.)

Of course, there has been an improvement in all lines in Catawba county, and nobody disputes the fact that there has been improvement in educational affairs. We gained 154 per cent. in the value of our agricultural products from 1900 to 1910, but reduced our illiteracy less than 10 per cent.

The article was written to call the attention of the people to the fact that there did exist in Catawba county quite a lot of illiteracy, and to see if there could not be plans made to help reduce this illiteracy.

It may not be within the scope of the County Superintendent of Education to look after the illiterates over twenty years of age, but as stated in a former letter, there is a County Superintendent of Education in the South, and at that a woman, who has reduced the illiteracy in the county in which she lives.

The physician thoroughly diagnoses his patient; the banker knows the financial condition of every depositor; the lawyer makes a special study of every case in which he appears, and consults all known authority to help him out. Is there any reason why the people of Catawba county should not know just the condition of their educational affairs, and put their finger on the tender spot, if there be any?

Mrs. Watson says Catawba county leads educationally. We admit this in some ways; in other ways Catawba county DOES NOT lead, and the writer of this article wants to see Catawba county lead in everything pertaining to the welfare of her people.

W. J. SHUFORD.

### Wilson Boy Badly Hurt.

Wilson, May 29.—Little Thomas Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hobbs, was painfully injured this morning when he fell and striking on the face bit almost entirely through his tongue. Physicians gave him immediate treatment and several stitches were necessary to hold the end of the tongue in place. The little fellow is doing nicely, but suffering considerable pain.

### Unveiling Last Sunday.

Brookford Camp No. 515 W. O. W. unveiled a monument to a deceased brother, E. C. Couch, in the cemetery at Mountain Grove Church on last Sunday. A large crowd attended the exercises among which were members of Morganton and Hudson Camps, besides about fifteen from Hickory camp No. 80. Hon. A. A. Whittener, of this city, made an able address and excellent music was furnished by the Brookford band.

### Miss Yoder Dead.

Miss Bonnie Yoder, daughter of Mr. Lee Yoder, of the South Fork section of the county, died last week at Long's Sanatorium in Statesville, following an operation for appendicitis. Her body was brought here Monday morning on train No. 15 and carried to the home of her parents. The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon.

Miss Yoder was an estimable young lady and her death, coming as it did in the prime of life, makes it doubly sad.

Say! Are you going out next Friday? Sure! I want to see the Twins work.

## GANDER AND RAM ATTACK WOMAN

### Mid the Screams and Flip Flops of Gander Ram "Butted In."

Mr. Editor of the Democrat:

Here is a goose story. Not like mother geese that went up in the basket seventy times as high as the moon, or a hide-didle Jack and the fiddle etc. But this happened not more than a days' journey from Hickory. Let me introduce my heroine. Leaving out her age, she is the mother of nine children, would be classed lightweight, never weighing more than one hundred pounds. Can trace her ancestry back to prominent heroes of the revolutionary war. Blue stocking Presbyterian. But believes in using the means, is a regular light bread artist. A class that you must always compliment by saying "your bread is light and your beds are heavy." Never on your life vice versa. Her fondness for feather beds led her into this trouble. She and her old husband have made good. He is a veteran, gave four years to the lost cause. They came up from penury. Her baby boy rides in a touring car. He sped his motor way down in the tide water section, and chanced upon a fancy flock of geese. A cross between the large Hong Gong and wild goose. He bought a pair and carried them home to his mother. The birds did well and soon they were brooding. Everybody knows how fierce the gander is while goose sets. They keep a herd of marina sheep, with the lot is a big old ram. As the saying is "butts in" where he is not wanted. My heroine in her practical way open the gate, went alone, down by the gin house, into the pasture looking especially for the geese. The gander charged upon her. Remembering her popularity and her many admirers when a young lady, she ignored his overture and unceremoniously kicked him with her left foot. The bird resented her coquetry grasping the shoe top with his powerful bill he made battle with both wings counting fifty strokes to the minute. The ram seeing the mix up "butted in". Contrary to usual custom my heroine screamed in the midst of the fray and fell prone upon the ground. At this juncture her eight year old grandson came to the rescue and vanquished her assailant with a corn stalk, and with the aid of a colored woman like the Red Cross Association they administered to her relief by carrying her to the dwelling and putting her to bed. The family doctor was rushed in, and her foot and ankle up to her knee were set in ichtal. The gander had bruised and bled all these parts. After several days of anxiety for fear of blood poison she was able to walk around on crutches. She is subject to spells of palpitation of the heart and is not positive as to whether it was pain, fright, or heart trouble that caused her collapse. She promises never again to venture into that pasture lot without that grand boy and his corn stalk as a protector. There is no scar about her person to indicate that the ram got in a single one of his deadly thrusts.

Oh! were you ne'er a school boy, and did you never train?  
Or feel the swelling of the heart young-er can feel again  
And did you never meet far down the street with plumes and banners gay?  
While the kettle for the kettle drum played march, march away.

Our muskets were of cedar wood with ramrods bright and new  
With bayonets forever set, and painted barrels too  
We charged upon a flock of geese and set them all to flight  
Except one sturdy gander that thought to show us fight.

But Ah! we knew a thing or two, our captain wheeled the van  
We routed them nor lost a single man.

### Secret Marriage Made Known.

Mr. Leon A. Cline and Miss Belle Carpenter were married on the evening of the 11th of May, at the Lutheran parsonage, by the Rev. J. D. Mauney. This news was kept a secret at the young couple's request.

Mr. Cline is a son of Mr. Frank Cline, deceased. Miss Carpenter is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carpenter. Both are from this county, and are well known. The best wishes of their many friends go with them on the beginning of their journey through life together.

### Longview Items.

Mrs. Hattie Ross, of Stony Point, who has been spending a few weeks in West Hickory the guest of Mrs. Joe Ross, spent a few days in Longview, the guest of her cousin, Miss Grace Jones.

Miss Almer Flowers spent a few days this week in Granite Falls visiting friends.

Mr. John Fry went to the hospital in Hickory last Monday, for a cancer of the eye. He was reported Wednesday as doing well.

Married in Longview Wednesday night at nine o'clock by Rev. Fink, Mr. Waller Abbe and Miss Estelle Earney.

Mr. Larry Whittener is all smiles, it's a girl.

The ladies of Earney's church gave a box supper at the Longview schoolhouse last Saturday night. About ten dollars was raised. They all report a pleasant time.

Miss Arabella Johnson leaves Sunday for Boone, where she enters school.

Little Miss Mary Hermon of Hudson, is spending the summer in Longview the guest of her uncle, H. E. Hermon.

## The Original Idiot.

By Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta, formerly of North Carolina.

We are on the trail of the Original Idiot and we will get him not far from where you live.

Once upon a time, in their beautiful language, the Greeks needed a designation for a particular type of citizen, who unwillingly attracted attention to himself in the city of Athens. To describe him and insulate him in the public mind they coined a contemptuous word which has come down to us with an increasing ugly meaning. It is the word "Idiot."

So high was their ideal of public duty and so exacting the Grecian conscience of public service, that when certain of their citizens were discovered more concerned with their private interests than the common welfare of Athens, they were characterized—"Idiots." By this word a citizen absorbed entirely in his private affairs became an object of public contempt. He was considered a civic defaulter. His reproach was in all noble eyes that looked upon him. His name was a hissing on all noble lips. The wrath of the Athenians knew small mercy for the man among them who engaged chiefly after Number One. The Greek "idiot" was not necessarily a fool nor a bad man. His crime was his selfish withdrawal from public responsibility.

The "Modern Idiot" may likewise be isolated. He lives in Atlanta though thanks be, his name is not legion here. Indeed the ancient Athens and the modern Atlanta are not unlike in contempt of him. But the few there are among us may not object to the performance of one public service. Let them serve as a warning.

Do you know a man who boasts that he attends strictly to his own business and wishes everybody else would do the same? In ancient Athens that man have been called "Idiot."

Do you know a man who tracks the path from his residence to his business wrapped in the solitude of his own concerns and shrunk to the limit of short-sighted interest in the welfare of common humanity? The Greeks would have pointed him out as one of their "idiots."

Do you know a man who has no time for the general welfare and the big problems of society? The schools, the hospitals, the libraries are not his business. The institutions of social service and the organizations for the amelioration of social sorrow are in no wise his personal obligation. Good government—of course; moral reforms—of course; the conservation of health—of course; the Sabbath day for a sound religious civilization—of course; but let those aggressive individuals who like prominence and fighting attend to such thankless tasks and public services.

This is the "Modern Idiot." He gets as much out of the competitive world as he can sequester for himself and his folks and lets the world swing along as it pleases. When he dies you have to go to the cemetery and peep through the doors of the little tight vault to discover that he ever lived. There reposes the remains of "The Original Idiot."

Also see Prof. Freeman in his famous Buck Dance.

Freight Rate Discriminations.

Examples from Wilson, N. C.

The Boykin Grocery Co., recently received a car of fruit jars from Sand Springs, Okla., to Berkeley, Va. . . . . \$66.06  
From Berkeley to Wilson. . . . . \$105.60  
The C. Woodard Company received a car of flour, the freight from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Norfolk, Va. . . . . \$55.21  
From Norfolk to Wilson. . . . . \$83.66  
Hackney Bros. received a car of Gear Wood, the freight from Zanesville, Ohio, to Norfolk, Va. . . . . \$72.00  
From Norfolk to Wilson. . . . . \$75.60  
Dildy & Arnow received a car of Building Material, the freight from Chicago, Ill., to Norfolk, Va. . . . . \$69.00  
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Clark Bros. & Pettus received a car of Sewer Pipe, the freight from Lancaster, Ohio, to Norfolk, Va. . . . . \$30.47  
From Norfolk to Wilson. . . . . \$43.32  
Mr. P. B. Deans, Broker, sells feed stuffs from Buffalo, N. Y., and Pittsburg, Pa., the freight to Wilson being \$4.80 per ton; \$3.30 of this rate applies from Petersburg, Va. (or other Virginia points) to Wilson, the \$1 per ton rate covering the long haul from Buffalo and Pittsburg to Virginia points.

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H. D. BROWN,  
Secretary the Chamber of Commerce, Wilson, N. C.

### Another Instance.

And here is still another instance of unjust freight rate discrimination, cited by the News and Observer.

"Freight discrimination—Sample from Sanford, N. C.

"Freight on car load of Gypsum Plaster from Saltville, Va., to Sanford, N. C., per ton, \$3.00; from Saltville, Va., through Sanford to Atlanta, Ga., per ton, \$2.00."

The story is the same the Stat over.—Charlotte News.

## Catawba Items.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hudson of Spencer, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller of Salisbury, came up Sunday in Mr. Hudson's machine to spend the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pitts.

Miss Helen Long of Newton is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. J. U. Long.

Mrs. Jack Cook of Spencer spent last week with Mrs. J. H. Pitts. Mr. Cook joined her Monday and they went from here to Davis Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. F. Y. Long spent last week in Statesville, the guest of her mother.

Miss Margaret Bost of Hickory was the guest of Miss Emma Pitts for a few days last week.

Mr. Cate Sherrill is home from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Mr. M. F. Winecock spent Monday in Asheville.

The Catawba Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. sent out invitations last week to the twelve nearby councils requesting them to join in a Junior rally at Catawba, July Fourth. There will be three prominent speakers, including the State Councillor. The public is cordially invited.

Parties wishing to sell refreshments should see Mr. R. R. Boggs in regard to stands.

Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Troutman Tuesday night and claimed for its victim, Garland, their only child. He had been sick for ten days and everything that loving hands could do was done, but in vain. He was a bright little fellow and won friends wherever he went, but God in his wisdom saw fit to take Garland from us at the early age of two years. His parents have the sincere sympathy of the entire town. His body was carried to Concord Wednesday afternoon and laid to rest under a profusion of flowers. Rev. B. Wilson conducted the funeral service.

### A Card of Thanks.

We take this as a method of thanking our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our little son.

### Mr. and Mrs. Troutman.

### Reception to be Given Pastor Harte.

On tomorrow evening, (Friday) from 7.30 to 9.30 an informal reception will be tendered Rev. J. D. Harte and family by the members of the First Baptist Church in commemoration of Rev. Harte's fifth year as pastor of that church. The entire membership of the church as well as other churches are invited to attend.

The work of Rev. Harte here during his five years as pastor is well known to many of our readers and there will doubtless be a large concourse of friends out tomorrow night to bid him God speed in his work.

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