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ALLOW NO GAMBLING OR LOW-CLASS SHOWS

State Board of Agriculture Will Give Usual Premiums to State and County Fairs.

Raleigh, June 6.—In rounding up the work of its semi-annual session the State Board of Agriculture this afternoon adopted a budget for the work and expenses of the department for the next six months amounting to \$135,000. One of the new features provided for in the budget is a division of co-operative marketing for which an appropriation of \$2,500 was made. The divisions of agronomy and bobany were consolidated under J. L. Burgess, who is to have an assistant at \$1,400 a year. Burgess is to receive \$3,000.

The board made the usual appropriations for State and county fairs, but enacted a provision that any fair that allows gambling devices or indecent features in the midway shall forfeit its right to premium money. The sum of \$100 was appropriated to be awarded \$10 each for 10 fairs as a premium for the finest baby, the State Board of Health to provide the judges and award the prize.

The board determined to continue efforts for the improvement of cattle throughout the State. Last year 13 fine bulls of the Shorthorn, Hereford and Angus breeds were distributed in different parts of the State and 850 calves are already reported. As many more bulls will be added this year.

Expecting Bryan at Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain, June 8.—Preparations are steadily going forward looking to the proper celebration of the one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain, which will be held at this place October 7, next. The committee that returned from Washington a few days ago feel sure that, unless something unforeseen happens that Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, will be present and deliver the address.

In addition to the address of Mr. Bryan there will possibly be a short address by Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge, who is a direct descendant of Colonel Campbell, one of the active participants of this famous engagement between the American patriots and British forces.

The program for the day, in addition to the address, will include music by one of the very best bands of the United States Army, a monster parade, with floats representing the 13 original States and a band concert and fireworks display at night.

Other attractions will be announced as the plans more fully mature, but of one thing the public can rest assured, the Battle of Kings Mountain Memorial Association is going to do everything within its power to make this celebration one long to be remembered.

The A. and M. College.

North Carolina has no more valuable institution than the A. & M. College at Raleigh. During the past term this college has had 639 students, 297 of whom were taking the agricultural courses, the others being divided among the civil, mechanical and electrical engineering, textile, chemistry and other courses. For the past few years the dormitory accommodations have been insufficient and the trustees have decided that for the next term temporary wooden dormitories built after the manner of railroad shanties will be erected to take care of 200 students. It is unfortunate that no better quarters can be secured at this time, but the young men who attend the A. & M. go there to work and they are not likely to be so fastidious regarding their living quarters so long as they are receiving the valuable training of which they are assured.

Hickory Township Road Commission Statement for May, 1913

Pay roll week ending May 7th	\$ 132.56
Pay roll week ending May 14th	154.67
Pay roll week ending May 21st	163.30
Pay roll week ending May 28th	114.74
Blacksmith week ending May 7th	11.50
Blacksmith week ending May 14th	10.15
Blacksmith week ending May 21st	10.72
Blacksmith week ending May 28th	7.80
City Feed Co., for corn and hay	297.92
City Feed Co., for car oats	256.00
E. D. Eckard for corn	59.15
E. D. Eckard for corn	28.15
E. D. Eckard for corn	31.95
Contract work, Abbe & Whitener, 9th avenue extension	29.98
W. S. Falls salary May	456.75
A. N. Aderholt salary May	169.00
J. L. Ciley bookkeeper	8.33
R. L. Bolch hauling corn	6.00
Kerr Brothers for horse and buggy for engineer	13.00
W. S. Falls buggy hire	5.00
Hickory Ice & Coal Company for coal	1.90
Chy Printing Company pay envelopes and vouchers	3.85
A. S. Abernethy harness, oil and feed	4.30
Hickory Manufacturing Company feed trough	4.20
C. M. Shuford drugs for mules	3.80
E. H. Whitener moving W. H. Shuford's house	150.00
L. Gaston helping engineer	1.00
Total for May	2,159.82
Previously expended	20,592.16
Total to date	22,751.98

COMMENT

We are publishing this week the statement of receipts and disbursements of the city of Hickory for the month of May, 1913. This is the first statement of this kind to be published under the new commission form of government and will be of interest to those who wish to keep in touch with the workings of our town government.

You Pay Three Prices For Phosphoric Acid.

No, we are not saying that the fertilizer companies are charging you too much for phosphoric acid. The trouble is, that you buy phosphoric acid in an expensive form instead of a cheap form. The same amount of phosphoric acid in a acid phosphate or basic slag costs you four times as much as it would in ground phosphate rock. "Do we advise you, then, to stop buying acid phosphate and buy ground phosphate rock?" Certainly not—at least, not until you have done some other things.

The fact is, that on the average Southern soil acid phosphate is a cheaper source of phosphoric acid than ground rock, altho a pound of phosphoric acid costs four times as much in the former as in the latter.

It is this way: The phosphoric acid in the acid phosphate is in soluble form—the plants can use it. That in the phosphate rock is insoluble—crops cannot use it save as it is slowly made available by the decay of organic matter in the soil. The cotton crop on your thin, dry land responds at once—if the season is at all favorable—to an application of acid phosphate. It might never know you applied the ground rock. Even in the poorest soil there is enough phosphoric acid to make many bigger crops than you are likely to grow. The trouble is, it is unavailable.

But—and here is the point—you could have your soil in such condition that the insoluble phosphoric acid in the soil and in the phosphate rock would become available all the time; and then, instead of paying five or six cents a pound for this plant food in acid phosphate, you could get it for a cent and a half a pound in the treated rock. You could afford then to apply larger quantities and thus guarantee an abundant and permanent supply for all your crops. As it is, the unused portion of what you apply this year may be insoluble next year.

Wouldn't it be worth doing? Wouldn't it be good business to reduce your phosphoric acid bill—which is fully one-third your total fertilizer bill—to a third of what it now is?

Of course it would. There's literally "millions in it" for the farmers of the South, and you can have your share of it.

"But how can you do it?" There's just one way: Fill your soil full of humus by turning under green manures or applying stable manure. Then you can apply the ground phosphate rock and rest assured that your crops will be fed and your land built up. If you keep your soil poor in humus by continued cropping and neglect of the legumes, you must continue to pay high prices for phosphoric acid.—The Progressive Farmer.

Snow in Haywood County.

It is reported here that a nice snow fell in Haywood County Sunday night. Some say it snowed here Monday but we did not see it, still, we know it was cold enough. A number of overcoats were seen on the streets, and the mcke was coming out of nearly every chimney in town.

AN APPRECIATION OF "OLD HICKORY" BANKS

Washington Post Gives Attention to the Secretaries to the Secretaries.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—An appreciation of secretaries to cabinet officers and in particular to "Old Hickory" Banks appeared in Sunday's Washington Post along with the pictures of the secretaries to the secretaries. A part of the Post's comment is reproduced below:

"The eager public, grabbing its morning paper and digesting the performances of the President and his official family, rarely hears of the men behind them. They are the silent understudies who see that nothing goes wrong; who must see that the proper people get to see their chiefs, and that those who can't, will depart in a pleasant frame of mind. And they never break into print. With the exception of Joseph Patrick Tumulty, who was a politician on his own hook, it is doubtful if any of them would be recognized on the street by the average Washingtonian.

"The others are the secretaries to the secretaries of President Wilson's cabinet. Chosen because of allegiance to their chiefs and their competence to fill a position requiring a peculiar diplomacy and tact, the secretaries to the secretaries—the men behind the big guns of official life—rarely seek prominence themselves. Whenever they have a particularly bright idea for publicity or what not, the credit goes to the secretary. The casual visitor is pleased to think of them as hard working, earnest young men who in time will be able to make calls on public officials instead of answering them. The secretaries, on their part, smile quietly to themselves for they all have a sense of humor. No man could be a secretary to a cabinet officer without it.

"One of the best liked secretaries among the newspaper men is 'Old Hickory' Banks, otherwise known as Howard A. Banks of Hickory, N. C., secretary to secretary of the Navy Daniels. He was editor of the Hickory Democrat before he came to the capital. As soon as the newspaper men heard of the name of the town they christened him, and the nickname sticks.

"Having a former newspaper editor as Secretary of the Navy as his chief, and being a newspaper man himself, Banks started out in a human fashion to make everything comfortable for the correspondents. He led them to call him up. All correspondents hear that from the new secretaries, but Banks meant it. Then he put in a new workroom and arranged a system of publicity throughout every bureau of the Navy Department by which the last ounce of information is produced each day.

Senate Committee is Preparing for a Big Coal Investigation.

Washington, June 8.—Confronted by a complicated situation, constantly growing more involved, the senate subcommittee named to investigate West Virginia coal strike conditions, will leave for Charleston tomorrow night. Examination of witnesses will begin there Tuesday with the appearance of scores of miners, rounded up by the agents of the United Mine Workers, to testify in relation to charges that the workers in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek coal fields are kept in a state of virtual peonage. Senator Borah, of Idaho, who has had special charge of this branch of the investigation, will hear the first witness.

Paul J. Paulson, of the United Mine Workers, has been in West Virginia for a week collecting the witnesses and it is expected he will be on hand with about 100 men to give their experiences in the West Virginia coal mines. They will be followed by witnesses testifying as to alleged interference with the postal service by mine guards, violations of the immigration laws, the shipment of arms and ammunition into the strike territory and the arrest, trial and conviction of citizens in violation of the constitution or laws.

Daniels' Policy Approved.

Secretary Daniels has found favor with the New York World which holds that the secretary in arguing for a progressive navy and against the dryrot of conservatism has struck a popular chord. Commenting upon Mr. Daniels' policies the World says: "His declared intent of emphasizing the educational phase of navy life should help to draw to the service ambitious and intelligent young men. These are the men who are wanted. Great ships are of little worth without brains and skill between-decks."

The Catawba County Way.

There are inspirational men in North Carolina and one of these is W. J. Shuford, of the county of Catawba. He is what the old folks call "a farmright," and carries with him a gospel which it would do every man in North Carolina good to hear. Catawba is one county in North Carolina and in this country where the farmers have learned their strength, have learned what the real get together spirit means, and the power of it, socially, financially, and in every other way. During the month of May the farmers of Hickory organized in the most thorough way, shipped 15,000 pounds of butter, every pound faultlessly packed and guaranteed. Three years ago they started this business and the increase in the sales since that time amounts to 3,000 per cent. One can go to the best resorts and he will find the Hickory butter, likewise the Hickory eggs and other products, accepted always as being the real thing, none better in their class. Now let's see one result. That same association of farmers with headquarters at Hickory, is now completing one of the finest creameries in the United States, built under government supervision, and it is to be dedicated July 15, with as much ceremony as if it were a great public building. Those good folks know it is a public building in the finest sense. In another way the county of Catawba is keeping at the head of the table, for it has a county commissioner of agriculture, highly trained, well paid, and Mr. Shuford says he is doing splendid work. Every county in North Carolina will have to come to this system of having its own commissioner to look after this line of work, and the county which fails to do this is sure to lose in efficiency. Mr. Shuford declares with the utmost positiveness. No county is going forward more rapidly than Catawba, and this summer it would richly repay thoughtful Wake farmers to get there and see with their own eyes exactly what those thrifty folks are doing.

Raleigh dairymen and persons living near this city who have dairy opportunities, people who want to really know what there is in poultry raising, and those who desire to study co-operative work would find this a profitable visit, indeed.—Raleigh Times.

The Proper Use of Lime.

By some farmers the use of lime is misunderstood. The principal elements necessary to the best growth of plants obtained from the soil, are: Iron, Sulphur, Potash, Magnesium, Lime, Phosphorus and Nitrogen. Of these elements the most necessary are: Phosphorous, Potash, Nitrogen and Lime. No plant will make its greatest growth unless all the elements necessary to that growth are present in the soil. Alfalfa, for instance, requires a large amount for its growth. Wheat, cotton and corn not nearly so much. If a farmer were to sow a field in wheat, using lime only, expecting an increase in yield he would be very much disappointed in the results. If he added phosphorous the yield would be much greater. If he had turned under a crop of cow peas or clover before sowing the wheat the results would be still better, as nitrogen would be added to the soil by the cowpeas or clover. No one element or fertilizer will make a profitable growth of crops unless the others are present in the soil also. Lime is not a direct fertilizer such as acid phosphate, for instance, lime is necessary for its power to help make other elements in the soil available, as for example, the use of lime to aid in the growth of clover, which turned under, not only adds nitrogen, but in soils containing potash such as the soils in this county, makes that element available for the use of plants. Farmers should bear in mind all the time that while lime is absolutely necessary to successful crop production. Phosphorous, potash and nitrogen are also absolutely required for maximum yields.

H. K. FOSTER.

London Suffragette Approaches End. London June 7.—Relatives of Miss Emily Wilding Davison were at her hospital bedside through tonight and this afternoon, fearing the mementary death of the Northumberland suffragette who spectacularly threw King George's horse rider in the Epsom Downs derby. Physicians warned the family early in the day that the end might come at any minute to Miss Davison, and they were at her side immediately. The woman is sinking rapidly and the physicians have said that she has no chance for recovery. Miss Davison has been unconscious almost all the time since she was operated upon yesterday and her heart is failing.

Mr. R. G. Mace and family are on a visit to their old home at Hendersonville.

PASSENGER TRAIN IS WRECKED AT MAIDEN

Mail Clerk Witherspoon Suffered Mashed Foot—Several Others Hurt.

Newton, June 7.—Southbound passenger train No. 9 on the Carolina and Northwestern railroad was wrecked this afternoon one mile north of Maiden. The baggage and mail car and the tender to the engine were dinged. The train was 30 minutes late, was running at no more than the usual speed. A spreading rail is given as the cause of the cars leaving the track. The engine had passed over and just as the tender struck a joint in the rail it spread, with the results stated.

Mail Clerk Clyde Witherspoon, of Newton, suffered a badly mashed foot, he being bound in the wreckage for more than an hour before he could be loosed. Doctors were called from Maiden and carried Witherspoon back to town and dressed his wounds. Several others suffered bruises, but were not seriously hurt. The baggage and mail car was almost totally demolished. It will be some time tonight before the wreck will be cleared away and trains can pass. This road has been very fortunate in the matter of wrecks. Only one serious wreck has occurred in many years, and that happened within one mile of this afternoon's wreck. This former wreck was caused by the trestle over Smyre's creek giving away. Seven persons were killed, among them a student of Catawba college, who suffered injuries from which he died later. Another Catawba county man was killed.

Some Thoughts on Character.

What is character? To say "I will do a thing," and then do it—That is character. To undertake an accomplishment and then follow it day after day, early and late to the bitter end to success—That is character. To listen carefully to others, weighing opinions, accepting new truths, listening to advice, and then deciding for yourself—that is character. To map out your own line and follow it, and yet be ever ready to profit by the experience of those that have gone the path before you—That is character.

Energy, persistency, honesty, moral courage, consistency, and above all Justice—those are stones in the well of character. Character is that which we engrave upon ourselves and that life engrave upon us. The softer we are the more easy it is to engrave us with all kinds of impressions. And the softer we are, the less valuable we are when it comes to stamping upon the world the particular character that we possess.

It is hard to engrave a piece of steel, but when you have once engraved it you can print from it indefinitely.

It is easy to engrave what you choose upon a piece of butter, but you can't print well with butter.

We must not only get for ourselves the right kind of engraving, but we must build up with in ourselves the right sort of material for the engraving process.

That is hard, painful, and discouraging work, but it can be done.

To make your character better—Work harder.

Don't let the weak, soft spots discourage you. Harden them, by fighting to conquer weakness.—Sel.

The Trained Nurse.

The progress made by medical science in the years as they pass has been notable in the better prepared class of physicians who by year increase the ranks of the practitioners, for it is not to be doubted that the physicians of the present age are rendering a service of increased efficiency to that of those of preceding years.

The physician of today is also blessed in what may well be termed the strong right arm of the profession, the trained nurses who are rendering a most important service in the healing of the sick. Time has been when the best skill of the physician has been of no avail, because of the failure to correctly execute his directions, and out of a matter of vital need there has come into existence this new branch of medical attention, which is proving a most important and needed adjunct of the physician.—News and Observer.

P. O. Grist of Lenoir was in the city Monday on business.

Oil Inspectors Elected.

Raleigh, June 6.—The state board of agriculture has elected five oil inspectors whose duty it will be to do this work for the entire state, there being only five instead of ten, the number first put in the field when the law went into effect. The inspectors just elected are: Levi Harper, Pamlico county; Jacob Thompson, Chatham county; C. J. Taylor, Alleghany county; N. W. Clark Hickory, and C. S. Copening, Henderson.

Twice as Many Dogs as Cows.

In the city of Greensboro there are twice as many dogs, lacking two, as cows, according to the compilation made from the recent police census of Greensboro. The total number of dogs is 828, and of the cows there are 415. Not a single hog is reported in this company of animals.—Greensboro Daily News.

The following item was sent from Mooresville Saturday to the Charlotte Observer: T. F. Connor, a well known and successful business man of Terrell, Catawba County, telephoned in today that during an electrical storm in that vicinity lightning struck a tree, and after running along the ground for some distance struck a chain, which was attached to a cow, tearing it into 17 pieces, the cow escaping without injury in any way. The cow belonged to John Lockman, a neighbor.

NEW ROUTE TO BE SELECTED TO HICKORY

County Commissioners of Caldwell Have Appropriated \$1,000 To be Paid Out of Automobile Tax.

It now seems to be a settled fact that a new route will be selected for the road leading to Hickory on that part of it just beyond the town limits of Lenoir and thus the heavy grade beyond Lower Creek will be avoided. The County Commissioners have appropriated \$1,000 to be paid out of the automobile tax for the construction of this new route extending from the corporate limits of the town to the top of the hill near the old Cloyd place. This amount is only to be allowed when \$300 is raised by private subscription, but we understand that this amount is assured beyond any doubt. The petitioners asking for the change must raise this amount, and also they will have to pay the interest on the \$1,000 allowed by the county, till this amount is available from the automobile tax. The selection of the route and the construction of the road-bed are to be under the supervision of the commissioners and a committee of citizens consisting of Messrs. J. L. Nelson, Edmund Jones, Jr., and J. H. Beall.—Lenoir News.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS CITY OF HICKORY For the Month of May, 1913

RECEIPTS		
May 1, 1913	Cash on hand	\$ 360.59
	P. P. Jones 1912 taxes	1,000.00
	Street taxes collected	76.00
	Special license	20.00
	Cemetery lots sold	40.00
	Court fines	83.00
	Water rents and taps	309.06
	Sale of manure	10.00
	Police Justice Court cost	16.30
	Street improvement account	56.00
	Sidewalk account 13th avenue	27.78
	Borrowed from First National Bank for general expenses	1,000.00
	Total	2,992.73
DISBURSEMENTS		
P. P. Jones commission 1912 taxes	\$ 30.00	
P. P. Jones commission and horse hire on special license	1.10	
WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT		
May 3, J. C. Williams pay roll at plant	\$ 51.49	
" 10, J. C. Williams pay roll at plant	20.47	
H. H. Miller, agent, freight on meters	3.47	
Pay roll week ending 17th	33.32	
" " " " 24th	3.18	
" " " " 31st	3.75	
Salary T. S. Price for May	56.00	
Salary J. C. Williams for May	60.00	
S. M. Hamrick, postmaster, stamped envelopes	1.59	
	223.27	
CHARITY		
Part burial Louis Bockman	8.50	
GENERAL EXPENSE		
Express on Auditors' report	.30	
First National Bank, interest on note	103.33	
" " " " " "	30.00	
Monthly appropriation Hickory free library	12.50	
	146.13	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		
Pay roll week ending May 3rd	13.12	
" " " " 10th	12.00	
" " " " 17th	9.25	
" " " " 24th	13.80	
" " " " 31st	8.62	
	55.39	
SALARIES ACCOUNT		
O. E. Signon, police	9.00	
C. H. Geitner, mayor	5.00	
J. L. Ciley, councilman	5.00	
C. C. Bost, councilman	5.00	
J. W. Shuford, councilman	5.00	
J. L. Abernethy, councilman	5.00	
G. R. Wootten, city manager	5.00	
M. H. Young, police justice	16.67	
B. B. Blackwelder, police justice	25.00	
W. S. Newton, chief police	57.74	
E. W. Lentz, night police	38.71	
P. P. Jones, extra police	7.00	
	79.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
J. H. Hatcher, feed	22.50	
J. M. Burns, driver salary	40.00	
Telephone service	10.00	
Pay to firemen attending fire alarm	7.00	
	79.50	
STREET IMPROVEMENT		
Pay roll lowering Water main on 22nd Street, week ending May 3rd	38.14	
Pay roll West street, May 3rd	1.50	
John D. Fry, 13th avenue	30.37	
Pay roll lowering Water main on 22nd street week ending May 10th	.70	
Pay roll lowering Water main on 9th avenue week ending May 10th	30.60	
Pay roll lowering Water main on 22nd Street week ending May 10th	14.95	
Pay roll lowering Water main on 22nd Street week ending May 31st	29.27	
	144.53	
PERMANENT STREET IMPROVEMENT.		
L. F. Abernethy, sidewalk 13th avenue	48.61	
First Nat. Bank, interest on (note) street imp. bonds acct.	64.65	
	112.66	
GRADING AND SIDEWALK ON 10TH AVENUE		
Kerr Brothers, grading on contract	23.97	
Deal & Deal, sidewalk	340.60	
Kerr Brothers, grading	139.93	
Pay roll lowering Water main week May 17th	50.51	
Pay roll lowering Water main week May 24th	23.10	
Deal & Deal, sidewalk	51.84	
Kerr Brothers, grading	76.50	
	705.55	
9TH AVENUE EXTENSION CONTRACT		
H. H. Abbe & Company	548.10	
	2,308.85	
Cash on hand June 1st, 1913	683.88	
Total disbursements and cash on hand	2,992.73	
HICKORY GRADED SCHOOL		
April 30th, 1913, cash on hand	4,308.27	
W. J. Kennedy	2.50	
Moser & Bumgardner on contract	2,324.00	
Bost & Newton	1.00	
Clay Printing Company	9.50	
J. B. Rockett (sawing wood)	2.00	
First Building & Loan Association	275.00	
Moser & Bumgardner on contract	1,400.00	
Chas. M. Staley	100.00	
	4,114.00	
Balance on hand June 1st	194.27	
	4,308.27	
	4,308.27	

Respectfully submitted, G. R. WOOTTEN, Acting City Manager.