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CATAWBA CREAMERY A DECIDED SUCCESS

New Plant at Hickory Opened Saturday With Appropriate Exercises—Editor Poe and Mr. J. A. Conover of the U. S. Naval Academy Make Helpful Addresses.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.)

Hickory, Aug. 31.—What proved to be the most interesting meeting, and one that will go down in the history of Catawba County as well as the State in progressive movements was the opening of the Catawba Co-operative Creamery Company, which was held in Hickory Saturday, the home of the company. That it has not only attracted universal attention, but that the farmers and their families are interested in it, was evidenced by the fact that something like a thousand or twelve hundred country men and their families attended the meeting.

The company has just now entered its new brick building on one of the principal streets of the city. Heretofore it has rented a small place in one of the suburbs. The new building is thoroughly equipped with all the modern machinery and conveniences suitable for the carrying of an up-to-date creamery. The machinery is driven by electricity and connections are made with the city sewer line for all waste material. It has a capacity of 3,000 pounds a day. At present the company is turning out 1,000 pounds daily, and has a membership amounting to nearly 200. The building was erected in three years from the original shareholders of only 38.

PLANT INSPECTED.

The day began by taking the people through the plant and showing the process which the cream undergoes when it comes in from the country until it comes out a finished product and ready for shipment. After everyone had been through the plant, the crowd assembled to the park near the railway station to hear the speaking which began about 11 o'clock.

Rev. John C. Peeler made the opening prayer followed by a short talk from Mr. John W. Robinson, president of the association. Mr. Robinson reviewed the history of the creamery since its birth, three years ago. Among some of the interesting statistics that he gave was that the value of the real estate, which was the stock behind the creamery was something like \$1,200,000, and that the value of the cattle and livestock on the farms of the members of the creamery association was \$500,000. In connection with the creamery, the company has an egg organization whereby the country people co-operate and ship their eggs to ready markets. Of these, Mr. Robinson said that there were now 400 members.

THE GOVERNMENT EXPERT SPEAKS.

Mr. J. A. Conover, who has charge of the dairy and farm department of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and who was for some time in charge of the field work of the State Agricultural Department, was the principal speaker of the morning. Conover is the man who really first started the idea of a co-operative creamery in Hickory. While in the State service several years ago, he went among the country people of the section around Hickory and interested them in better cattle raising out of which has grown the best creamery in the South.

Mr. Conover expressed his pleasure in coming back among his old friends, and also his extreme delight in seeing the progress they had made. He reviewed in part the struggles they had made in making it a success and urged them to keep going forward. He spoke of the good work which they now had over which to haul their produce when some years back when he used to travel over them they were anything but good, and he threw a bouquet at Mr. Robinson, who as Mr. Conover said, was partially responsible for much of the good work which had been done, and always had "his finger in the pie" when there was a progressive movement to be launched.

He made reference to the fact that an up-to-date dairymen was a man who started in the business some years after having taught school for some time. The first birth of the creamery occurred about five years ago, Mr. Conover said, when a short course school was held in a small tenement house in the county. It proved so successful that one was held again the next year, and that during that time the first agitation about a creamery was begun. At that time they made a census of the farms and could find only 325 cows, but the United States Department of Agriculture advised that they refrain from starting any work until 500 cows could be secured. They made another attempt and secured a few more, and today," said Mr. Conover, "you have one of the best creameries in the South, and one a great deal better than anything in the West." He also stated that there are few creameries in the United States that have made the growth that the Catawba creamery has made. He said that the creamery would be the means of making them a more progressive people, because it would place them in a higher plane of thought. "You show me an up-to-date dairymen, and I will show you a progressive farmer," said Mr. Conover.

SOIL FERTILITY.

He gave some very interesting statistics concerning the amount of soil fertility taken by many of the farm products. For 25 bushels of corn, \$1 worth of soil fertility was removed; 50 bushels of oats removed \$9.50 of soil fertility; and 25 bushels of wheat removed \$9. He gave these figures to show the need of the use of fertilizer, and went a step further to show that the best way of occupying about a month of the best paying of the statement that required 70 cents worth of soil fertility to produce one ton of butter.

"Thing that is needed most now," said Mr. Conover, "is a herd-testing association so that the cow that is not giving the proper amount of butter fat can be weeded out." One of the most interesting features of his talk was a chart, exhibit showing the decrease in sickness at the United States Naval Academy since the institution has begun using milk from cows that have been tested. The year previous to the tested cows there were 1,500 sick days against 276 for the past year.

THE DINNER.

The crowd then assembled to the creamery building where tables were provided and a basket dinner spread for the people, and about twenty-five hundred or three thousand people were fed. Buttermilk from the creamery was served like water. After dinner ice cream was served.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

An afternoon meeting was held in the opera house, where Mr. Clarence H. Poe editor of the Progressive Farmer was the principal speaker. Just before Mr. Poe was announced, Mrs. John W. Robinson made a short talk on "Advantage of the Creamery to the Farmer's Wife." She received applause and interest in her remarks. The next thing for the ladies was a cooperative laundry. This, she said would give to the ladies more time to read and an opportunity to pay more attention to their homes.

MR. POE'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Poe then took the floor and held the crowd of interested men and women for about an hour in a talk about the upbuilding of rural districts of North Carolina. He touched upon many of the interesting improvements for the farmer and upbuilding plans for Catawba County farmers are inaugurating. He said that within the next six months he expected to see many of them joining together to purchase up-to-date machinery when one alone could not afford to buy it.

"I want to see people all over the whole United States and a number abroad coming down to North Carolina to see what you people in Catawba County are doing, and that is what they will do if you keep up the work as you have begun it," said Mr. Poe. He stated that one of their next best steps was to follow the suggestion of Mrs. Robinson and establish a co-operative laundry.

Mr. Poe expressed his pleasure at the steps taken toward a rural credit association which has just been formed among the dairymen by Mr. W. J. Shuford, and he said there was a worldwide awakening about rural credit associations, and that within a short time he expected to see the State lending aid to the farmer to help him purchase a farm of his own.

RURAL EDUCATION.

He then branched upon the topic of education for the country boy and girl and gave many interesting ideas about rural education. Among other things, he said that what the country boy and girl needed was to study things that would acquaint them with things concerning country life and the making of better farmers. "Many a boy or girl goes off to school," he said, "and learns all about Latin roots and Greek roots, and knows nothing about crotok roots, and corn roots." The line of study should be carried on by young as well as old was one of his addresses. While traveling in Holland some time ago, he said that he saw men 70 years old and over attending the short course schools. While abroad he was not able to find but two countries in Europe that did not have compulsory education, and those two were Belgium and Russia.

SELLING AGENCY ADVOCATED.

He then told the people that one of the things they needed was a sort of selling agency in every town where the farmers could leave their produce for local markets and not have to lose a day in trying to dispose of their farm products. A man could be secured who would keep up with the market prices and be able to sell the articles for him.

After Mr. Poe had finished, Mr. H. P. Lutz, vice president of the creamery company made a short talk on the "Duty of the Patron."

PAINT BETTER.

Better isn't enough; paint best. A man bought "cheap" paint; saved 20c or 30 or 40 or 50c a gallon, didn't he? Yes, and bought 40 or 50 or 60 or 80 percent more gallons; how much did he make on his paint? And he paid for painting those gallons—a fair day's work is a gallon—how much did he make on the labor part of his job? He lost a quarter or third of his money. How long will it last? net his money, the paint? Perhaps half as long as Devco. How long will his money last, if he buys other stuff as he bought that paint? Better buy the best paint; it makes the least bill and least-often. DEVOE, F. B. Ingold sells it. adv.

FINE OPENING AT LENOIR COLLEGE

The fall term of Lenoir College opened Tuesday morning. Over two hundred students were present the first day. This breaks all past records. Such loads of trunks and grips and troops of boys and girls have not been seen in Hickory on any previous opening day.

It is the simple truth to state that Lenoir College opens under the most encouraging circumstances in her history; the largest and ablest faculty, elegant four-story science building just completed with genuine, ample and up-to-date equipment and apparatus, other buildings repaired, repainted and supplied with new seating, new wiring and steam heat—in short the entire campus and college plant put in a more attractive and serviceable condition.

We invite the people of Hickory to visit the college. Visit the class rooms and see what is going on right here at home.

The Yoder Memorial Science Building and other college buildings are to be dedicated October 2. Dr. Simon P. Long of Mansfield, Ohio, Dr. W. P. Cline of White Rock, S. C., and Rev. E. J. Sox of Chapin, S. C., are to be the chief speakers.

R. L. FRITZ.

EGG ASSOCIATION.

The creamery company has also organized among the cream patrons an egg association. Boxes that will hold one dozen eggs are given to the farmers and these are filled with eggs sold under a guarantee to be fresh from the nest. Each box carries the patron's number. A man goes around each day to make a collection of the eggs and cash is paid for them. The company expects to handle something like \$50,000 worth of eggs during the coming year. During the past year one woman sold to the association \$164 worth of eggs. Within a short time the company expects to organize a chicken association to handle them in like manner for the cream patrons.

RURAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. J. Shuford, the organizer of the creamery, and the man who is responsible for the present prosperity of the institution, has just organized a rural credit association among the cream patrons, and they will be ready to begin business by the first of October. The association will lend money to the farmers to purchase land, or add improvements to their farms.

HERD-TESTING ASSOCIATION FORMED.

Mr. Reed, of the field work of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, was the speaker Saturday, and while there organized a herd-testing association. This association is formed for the purpose of employing one man to make monthly tests of every cow that furnishes milk to the creamery to see that she is producing the proper amount of butter fat within a nominal cost. In this way, only the best of cows, and those in the most perfect condition will be kept by the patrons. Five temporary directors were appointed among the Catawba county farmers and the others will be selected from the Shelby and Mooreboro districts. Each patron pays a certain amount each month for the maintenance of the herd-testing man. By co-operating with the other dairies, they will be able to employ a man for the work who will devote his entire time to giving tests in the three dairies.

County Commissioners Meet.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session at Newton Monday with all the members present. The regular routine of business was transacted and the jurors drawn for the October term of court. They are as follows:

Hickory township—R. M. Yoder, T. Bowman, Lathan Barger, Arthur L. Pope, C. E. Harold, E. Zerden, A. S. Abernethy, A. Yount, A. Boy, S. G. Bolick, T. A. Wilson, W. P. Pitts and D. C. Hoke.

Newton township—Ed Beard, Elmore Herman, R. R. Coulter, P. C. Deal, G. L. Shuford, H. J. Clark, M. R. Burt, J. E. Burns, J. W. Erwin, E. V. Little, P. L. Barringer, Ed Lee, A. C. Hildebrand, W. A. Rhyne, J. A. Gaither, J. M. Bost, M. D. Williams, and H. C. Brown.

Clines township—Philo Isenhour, Hosea E. Hunsucker, David Turner, Frank E. Baker, Baxter A. Carpenter, Jacob's Fork township—R. Lee, Ford, L. M. Reinhardt, G. L. Shuford, J. S. Wilfong, H. M. Hilton, A. D. Whitener, E. R. Lutz, J. H. Shuford.

Caldwell township—S. M. Abernethy, T. L. Bandy, J. L. Hult, J. F. Hoss, J. L. Campbell.

Bandy's township—A. M. Jones, T. S. Abe, Moses Erwin.

Mountain Creek township—A. L. Robinson, A. L. Hicks.

Statesville Porch Party.

(Special to News & Observer.) Statesville, Sept. 1.—A porch party was given Tuesday evening by Mrs. Flora Lewis in honor of her guests, Misses Kate Elliott and Adelaide Johnson, of Hickory, and Miss Jessie Williford, of Concord, who is visiting at Mayor Caldwell's. Hearts was played at a number of tables and Miss Rebecca Miller won the prize, a box of toilet powder. Each of the guests of honor was presented with a Harrison Fisher picture. A salad course was served at the conclusion of the game. Miss Martin, of Leaksville, Miss Bell, of New Bern, and the Nisses Lee, of Raleigh, were special guests.

Board of Education Meets.

The county board of education met in regular session at Newton Monday morning. All the members of the board were present as follows: Messrs. George E. Long, County Superintendent, G. E. Bisaner, of Hickory, J. F. DeLinger, of Conover, and P. A. Hoyle, of Newton. The census of the county was received. It was ordered that an addition be built to the Danner schoolhouse, near Catawba. The building of a schoolhouse near Henry River Cotton Mill was also discussed but nothing definite was done in regard to this. A number of minor matters came up and were disposed of. Many of the schools in the county have employed their teachers for the coming school year.

Mr. Beard's School to Open.

The fall term of Mrs. James B. Beard's school will open on Monday, Sept. 1, 1913. adv.

NEWS BRIEVITIES

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Sherbrooke, Sept. 1.—Having failed in his latest attempt to obtain immediate release of Harry Thaw, William Travers Jerome went to Ottawa, where it is declared he is working on a new plan to place Thaw in the hands of the immigration authorities. Nothing can be done, however, until Thaw is given a hearing on the habeas corpus writ, issued at the request of the Coaticook chief of police, tomorrow.

Gastonia, Sept. 1.—Dr. Enos Franklin Glenn, one of the most prominent dentists of this section of the State and one of the best-known citizens of this city, died at his home here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, following an illness of about six weeks of paralysis.

Miss J. E. Keith of the Creedmoor section of Granville county was killed in the elevator of the Trust building at Durham Friday morning. Mrs. Keith and her daughter had been to the fourth floor of the building to consult a physician. Coming down the elevator stopped at the second floor to take on a passenger. Mrs. Keith thought the first floor had been reached and started out. The boy running the elevator didn't see her and started the car. Mrs. Keith was caught and crushed to death, dying almost instantly. Mrs. Keith was 61 years old.

The last remaining barrier at the Pacific end of the Panama Canal was blown out by dynamite Sunday morning. In a few days the channel will be practically completed at the Pacific end. The dredges will begin today to remove the last barrier of the Atlantic channel. When this work is accomplished ships may navigate to the lock ends.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels will probably name the new battleship, which is now being built at the New York navy yard, the North Carolina. At present there is a cruiser North Carolina but its name will be changed to one of the cities in the State.

George A. Parker, a negro employe of Col Theodore Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, was placed in jail Sunday night charged with having stolen \$1,000 worth of jewelry from the Roosevelt home Saturday. All the jewelry was recovered.

Granite Falls Items.

Granite Falls, Sept. 1.—The worst storm of the season visited this section last Friday. The wind did some damage to growing crops. Lightning struck George Hice's dwelling in the west part of town, damaging it considerably. The family, Johnston's, who were living in it had a very narrow escape. It also killed a "porker" for I. A. Starnes.

Messrs D. H. Warlick and Henry McCall made a trip to Charlotte and Greensboro last week, each of them returned with a nice automobile.

Walter Berry and family, of Asheville, visited friends and relatives in town last week.

Rev. L. B. Hayes of Elk Park, is spending a few days in town and go to Bessemer City and Charlotte before returning.

Mrs. A. E. Wolty of Gastonia, is visiting her father, H. C. Mackie.

The town authorities have placed a concrete culvert across the "billy branch" leading out towards Dudley Shoals that is quite an improvement over the old ford.

L. T. Sharp has a nice new automobile.

C. W. Rosenberger is in Foot-Hills Sanatorium for a slight operation.

The new Lutheran church will be dedicated next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Wannamacher of Hickory, will preach the sermon at 10-30 a. m. There will be services at 2:30 p. m.

W. A. Warlick of Gilkey, was in town yesterday and today.

Don't Let Baby Suffer With Eczema And Skin Eruptions.

Babies need a perfect skin-covering. Skin eruptions cause them not only intense suffering, but hinder their growth. DR. HOBSON'S ECZEMA OINTMENT can be relied on for relief and permanent cure of suffering babies whose skin eruptions have made their life miserable. "Our baby was afflicted with breaking out of the skin all over the face and scalp. Doctors and skin specialists failed to help. We tried Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment and were overjoyed to see baby completely cured before one box was used" writes Mrs. Strubler, Dubuque, Iowa. All druggists, or by mail, 50c. Moser & Lutz, adv. PFEIFFER CHEMICAL COMPANY St. Louis, Mo. Philadelphia, Pa.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Miss Adelaide Johnson has returned from a visit to Statesville.

Wesley's Chapel Campmeeting this year will be held on the second Sunday in this month.

Miss Laura Magill, of Kershaw, S. C., is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. J. R. Magill, on 13th avenue.

There will be no service in the Reformed church next Sunday morning, but Dr. Murphy will fill his appointment at night.

Miss Margurite Porter of Rarion went to Hickory yesterday to resume her studies at Lenoir College.—Statesville Landmark, 2nd.

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Miss Mary Barringer passed through Concord this morning for Claremont College at Hickory, where she has the position of art teacher.—Concord Times, Sept. 1st.

Mr. Macy Hight left Sunday for Thomasville, where he has accepted a position with the Harville Drug Company. He has been with the Grimes Drug Company here for some time.

Miss Myrtle Pickard of Lexington, who was the guest of Miss Leonard, returned home yesterday. Miss Leonard goes to Hickory today to enter Claremont College.—Statesville Landmark, 2nd.

Rev. J. H. Wannamacher attended the Thornburg reunion near High Shoals, last Saturday and delivered the address. About 300 were present. The High Shoals brass band enlivened the occasion with excellent music.

Mr. C. A. Sims and family of Catawba have moved to Statesville to live and will occupy a cottage on Race street. Mr. Sims has a position with the Harness, Vehicle & Supply Co. He sells his livery business in Catawba to Mr. J. H. Booth.—Statesville Landmark, 2nd.

The annual meeting at St. Matthews Reformed church will be held next Sunday. This church is located near Maiden, and hundreds of people assemble on the first Sunday of each September to engage in this service. Dr. Murphy has attended every year for twenty-seven years.

Died in Arkansas.

A telegram was received by relatives here last Saturday telling of the sudden death of Mr. H. L. Harris, a native of this county, which occurred at his home in Texarkana, Ark., on the 29th.

Mr. Harris was a son of Mr. S. A. Harris living near this city, and in a letter to his father a few days past stated that he intended paying him a visit some time this month. He was general superintendent of a street car company in Texarkana and was about 41 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children.

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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

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In honor of Mrs. H. H. Hambleton, who with her husband, left last week for their future home in Denver, Col., Mrs. D. M. L. Laker entertained the officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church last Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock. After the guests had assembled dainty and painted cards, suggestive of travel, with their decorations of suit cases, hat boxes, locomotives, etc., were passed around. On these the guests were bidden to write a message of parting cheer to Mrs. Hambleton. When this was done all were invited into the dining room where refreshments in courses were served, after which each one read aloud her message and the cards were presented to Mrs. Hambleton as souvenirs of the occasion. Twelve of the fourteen officers of the society were present. Mrs. Laker was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Miss Lucie Laker.

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Mother of Eighteen Children.

"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 168 pounds. I can eat anything I want to, and as much as I want and feel better than I have at any time in ten years. I refer to any one in Boone Mill or vicinity and they will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by Moser & Lutz and Grimes Drug Co.

Speaking at Pleasant Grove.

An entertainment and speaking will be held at Pleasant Grove schoolhouse Saturday, Sept. 6th, from 2 to 10 p. m. After 6 o'clock short talks will be made by following men: Messrs. H. K. Foster, Rev. Geo. E. Long, Fred Yoder, Lemuel Shuford, W. J. Shuford and others. Recitations and short talks will be made in the afternoon. Refreshments and supper will be served at cost.

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