

# THE HICKORY DEMOCRAT

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## CANTATA AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Chorus of Twenty Trained Voices Under the Direction of Miss Schultz to Sing the Incarnation by Adam Geibel.

All lovers of music are looking forward with much interest to a cantata to be given by a trained choir of twenty select voices under the direction of Miss Esther V. Schultz, on Sunday evening, December 21, at the First Methodist church.

The choir will sing the Incarnation by Adam Geibel, which includes solos, duets and choruses of rare beauty.

The program begins at 7:30 o'clock and is in two parts as follows:

### PART I.

Introduction—Organ

Mrs. A. M. West

"God Will Arise"

Mrs. Albert Abernethy, Misses Estler

V. Schultz and Clara Bowie

Beritone Solo—"Behold the Days"

Mr. Owen Sigmum

Duet—"That Scepter had not Depart"

Mrs. Albert Abernethy and Miss Estler

Stulitz

Chorus—"As the Mountains"

Soprano Solo—"From Heavenly Heights"

Miss Clara Bowles

Mens Chorus—"The Glory of God"

Soprano Solo—"A Radiant Star"

Mrs. J. H. Shuford

### PART II.

Chorus—"Through Starry Pathways"

Duet—"Call Him Jesus"

Mrs. J. H. Shuford and Miss Clara

Bowles

Chorus—"Let us go unto Bethlehem"

Mr. C. M. Sherill, Chorus.

Also Solo With Chorus—"Number Sweetly"

Miss Estler V. Schultz, Chorus.

Quartet—"Bethlehem"

Misses Bowles and Schultz.

Messrs. Huffman and Sherill.

Full Chorus—"Crown Him"

The public is invited to attend this song service. A silver offering will be taken.

### Charlotte Gets Horner School.

Charlotte Observer.

Colonel J. C. Horner, president of Horner Military Institute, last night accepted a proposition made by the citizens of this city and the historic school will in the future be conducted here instead of at Oxford, where for the past 70 years it has been in successful operation.

The proposition as accepted calls for a cash bonus of \$25,000 and a site of 25 acres of land thereon to locate the buildings, athletic grounds, etc. The school will in all probability open next September for the reception of students and it is confidently believed that the institution will commence with at least 250 students.

### A Letter to the Children From Santa Clause.

I have been to Knox 5 & 10; Store and left some of all kinds of Christmas presents. You can go there and let the presents you want for your friends very cheap, and some of the prettiest you ever saw. You know I always remember you at Xmas and you never forget me and look forward to my coming. Now do not forget your little friends, and go to Knox 5 & 10; Store, the place to get your presents.

Yours very truly,

Santa Clause.

Schedule of Closing Mails at the Local Post Office for the Various Disparities:

VA. SOUTHERN RAILWAY  
Train No. 11, West 10:30 A. M.  
Train No. 12, East 10:30 P. M.  
Train No. 13, West 9:30 P. M.  
Train No. 14, East 9:30 A. M.

CLARKE'S DIRECT DISPATCH TO: Asheville, N. C. including Asheville connections and all points north, east and south.  
Train No. 15, West 4:30 P. M.  
Train No. 16, East 4:30 P. M.  
Train No. 17, West 4:30 P. M.  
Train No. 18, East 4:30 P. M.

NOTE: Mail quantities should be delivered in the post office at least ten minutes before the time of closing.

All mail, when possible, should be dispatched through the post office. It is intended that persons should mail their mail at the privilege of mailing letters on trains only when necessary to mail a few late letters.

Respectfully,  
A. C. LINK, Postmaster

### Death of Small Child.

The eighteen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Price died Saturday morning after an extended illness.

## MINERVA UNIVERSITY AT CLAREMONT

### State Library Comp

The anniversary of the Minervian Literary Society of Claremont College was given Monday night December eighth. The first number on the program was a play, "Young Doctor Devine," Miss Emma Sandel, as the doctor surprised the girls of the seminary. They were expecting a man and had all planned how they would catch him. Miss Viola Leonard who always "wanted to know" played her part especially well.

The second part of the program opened with a piano duet by Misses De Grange and Bost. Miss Emma Bonner pleased the audience with her quaint little song, "Grandma".

Miss Elizabeth Holbrook played a piano solo and Miss De Grange's solo "When the Day Breaks" were enjoyed very much. The Japanese Love Song was one of the best numbers on the program. This was followed by a piano duet by Misses Janie and Viola Leonard.

The program closed with the Christmas entertainment given by Misses Kale, Darr, Bost, Sellers, Livengood.

The Christmas concert will be given Thursday night December eighteenth, to which every one is cordially invited.

### Christmas at the Reformed Church.

The Christmas services at the Reformed church this year promise to be of unusual interest.

On Sunday night, December 21, the Primary and Junior departments of the Sunday School will give an entertainment in the church. The service promises to be of more than ordinary interest. The "little tots" in their childish simplicity and purity will tell the Christmas story, while the larger ones carefully trained will praise God for his unspeakable gift. Mrs. Dr. Menzies with faithful assistance has charge of this service.

The Great Service held in this church is at six o'clock Christmas morning. For more than twenty-five years this service has been regularly held at six o'clock. It is grown until now the entire town takes an interest. It is the most appropriate of all services. It is preeminently a praise service. Great care is taken in the preparation of the program which is always done by the pastor. In addition to the large choir which sing regularly in this church, Miss Schultz and Prof. and Mrs. Patterson will assist in the service this year.

### Treat for County Home.

When you read this, it will be less than two weeks till Christmas. As I've been taking a treat to the County Home, annually, for many years, it is my purpose to do again this year, on Christmas day.

All who want to help me make up this treat, and thereby claim the blessing named in Psalm 41-1, will please send me your contribution, (by mail or hand to me,) before Wednesday the 24th. I shall have to buy and fix up the treat, on that day, in order to have it ready for delivery on the 25th.

Read the words of Jesus, in Matthew, 25-45. "Verily I say unto you, In-as-much as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

M. A. Abernethy,  
Newton, N. C. (Box 107.)

### Debate at Lenoir College.

A large and appreciative audience gathered at Lenoir College on Monday night, December 8, to witness the debate. The subject was R solved; that the United States Government should own and control the railroads. The subject was well handled, and the young men who took part in this debate elicited much applause in their presentation of the subject. Both sides did remarkably well, and after much discussion the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

### Christmas Concert at Claremont.

The annual Christmas concert will be held at Claremont College on Thursday night December 18, at 8 o'clock. A program of more than ordinary interest will be rendered and the public is most cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

### Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Pairs.

Our register of deeds has done a good business in the marriage line. He has enabled "264 pairs" to launch out on the sea of matrimony for the year ending December 1.—Catawba County News.

## HICKORY TO HAVE A PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREE

A 35 Foot Tree in the Public Park on Christmas Eve Will be Decorated and Illuminated.—Poor to be Provided For.

Hickory is going to have a public Christmas tree this year. Scouts have been scouring the surrounding country for some time, looking for the best and biggest holly tree that could be found, and one about 35 feet high, beautiful with its green leaves and crimson berries, has been found to grace the occasion. A special committee will decorate the tree, and the Southern Public Utilities Company will supply innumerable lights not only on the tree itself, but additional lights throughout the park. Everything will be in readiness by 8:30 Christmas Eve at which time the lights will be turned on by Santa Claus himself.

The Southern Symphony Band, Hickory's fine musical organization, will be on hand to furnish some choice selections while a chorus of about 200 school children will render some Christmas Carols. In addition, the band will play "Nearer My God to Thee" and the National Hymn, "America," and all are expected to join in singing these well-known hymns to the accompaniment of the band.

A committee of two from each church has been appointed to secure the names of all those in need, so that their wants can be provided for. There will be no publicity of those applying for help, nor will they be required to come after the supplies allotted to them. These will be delivered on Christmas Eve or early Christmas morning to all the addresses furnished by the various members of the Committee. Every provision has been made to avoid overlooking any one, and a personal visit to, or communication with, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce or the City Manager will be treated in a confidential manner, by this means supplementing the work of the regular committee.

The committee has secured the use of a vacant room on the second floor over the City Manager's office to store all supplies and all persons are requested to leave their baskets and packages at the City Manager's office, from which place they can conveniently be transferred to the storage room above.

All cash donations will be used in preparing baskets of provisions, and it is reasonably certain that every person in the Hickory district will be well provided for on Christmas Day, 1913.

### Some Feet.

Gold'sboro, Dec. 13.—A pair of No. 18 shoes, is being built by M. Feinstein, a shoemaker of this city. They are being made for Jim Graham, a negro of the Calypso section, who is seven feet in height and somewhat of a physical giant. He wears such an immensely big shoe that he had to have moulds made of his feet and special lasts made for them upon which to have his shoes made. The pair being made here is creating great attraction and wonderment. With the construction of good roads from a recent bond issue in the Clypsco section to reduce the wear-and-tear and the tariff reduced on leather, Jim can have his shoes made a little larger to reduce corns and bunions to a minimum and have an extra pair to wear to needing Sunday.

Our hogs fail to maintain their size, first, because they do not get enough feed, and second, because they do not get the right kinds of feeds. If the hogs get enough of the feeds they like, and among these are feeds rich in protein, like the legumes, milk and tankage—and they are properly cared for, they will maintain their size, or will grow as large as their parents; or more accurately, as large as the average of their parents and grand-parents or ancestors.—The Progressive Farmer.

### Large Barn Burns.

The large feed barn of Mr. Jno. W. Robinson, five miles south of Hickory was totally destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. They were shredding corn at the barn and a spark from the engine set the feed on fire. The fire was not discovered until part of the structure was falling in and they had barely time to pull the shredding machine away. Only a few pair of harness was saved out of the barn and the feed was entirely burned up.

## Automobile Wreck.

Last Saturday evening just after dark an automobile driven by Mr. C. A. Mosler, of this city, who was returning from Charlotte with a party of friends, ran off a bank in a curve of the road three miles east of the city. The car was badly damaged but the occupants escaped injury.

## ORGANIZES RURAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION

At the Creamery meeting Saturday the Catawba Rural Credit Association was organized and a charter applied for. The business will be conducted on the Building & Loan plan and will open for business January 1 with 250 shares of stock. The organization is not complete as yet but will be perfected by the time they open for business. The business will be conducted from the office of the First Building & Loan Association in this city.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM WEST HICKORY

(Cor. of The Democrat.)

West Hickory, Dec. 15.—The merchants of West Hickory have bought a nice lot of Christmas goods and toys which please the children and they will have plenty of customers from now on until the holidays are over.

The work at the Ivey Mill is running fine and all the departments are crowded with hands. Dan McKenzie, of Rockingham was here several days last week visiting his brother, Mack McKenzie.

At the home of the bride's parents last Saturday evening Miss Nina Melton and Mr. S. E. Murphy were united in marriage, Rev. W. N. Cook officiating. There were a number of the bride's friends present at the ceremony. Mr. Murphy's home is in Georgia.

The West Hickory and Longview base ball teams played a game at the graded school house in Longview Saturday. The score at the close of the game was 7 and 8 in favor of West Hickory.

Miss Mary Childers, of Burke county, was here one day last week visiting friends.

There was a large crowd present at the lot sale conducted by Campbell & Buchanan in Longview last Saturday. The lots all brought a fine price. The nice dwelling was purchased by Mr. Walter Goodnight, of Plateau, for \$3661.00.

Mr. Malcolm McKenzie went to Rock Hill yesterday to visit his mother.

Mrs. A. F. Sweesy, who has been visiting her parents at Lawndale for several weeks, returned home last Wednesday.

Mayor G. T. Barger went to Newton Saturday on business.

Mrs. W. A. Isenhorn has been suffering several days, from a stroke of paralysis but we are glad to say she is improving.

Miss Etta Smith and Mr. Roy Lowman were married here Sunday. Rev. W. N. Cook performed the ceremony. The young couple are employees of the mill and have the best wishes of their many friends.

### Warning as to Christmas Decorations.

By way of practical suggestion we submit the following as to the dangers of the Christmas tree, all of which are easily followed:

- Don't leave an illuminated tree unwatched.
- Don't use festoons of tissue paper or cotton batting on a tree.
- Don't use any ornaments of celluloid.
- Don't let the children touch the tree.
- Don't permit a draft of air to sway the branches of a tree while it is illuminated.
- Don't put cotton beneath a tree to make the carpet look like snow covered ground.
- Don't remove a thing from the tree until the candles on it are blown out.
- If the appearance of snow is desired for any purpose, use "mineral wool," or asbestos. It will not burn and gives a better effect than cotton.
- Finally, let the safety of your children and your property be your first consideration, and Christmas will then be a season of happiness, undisturbed by accident.

Mr. William Hamrick returned home last Friday night after spending a year in Tennessee, Ohio and other middle western States.

## THE MAN WHO KNEW SANTA CLAUS BEST



## VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced through their heads; And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap; When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I fled like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash; The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When what to my wondering eyes should appear But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the housetop the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys and Saint Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof— As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack; His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up in a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."



## SOLID CAR OF EGGS TO NEW YORK CITY

Catawba Creamery Ships Car of Eggs Valued at \$1800.—Business in a Prosperous Condition.

The first solid car of eggs to New York City was shipped by the Catawba Creamery Tuesday. The car is valued at \$1800.00. The creamery is shipping about two cars of eggs weekly but this is the first solid car to be shipped to one city.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders Saturday plans were discussed for enlarging the business. It was found that the business for the last six months from June 1 equalled the total amount for the previous year. Eighty-nine thousand pounds of butter was produced.

Five new cream routes were established in the past month. Two in this county and three in Iredell. One of the new routes goes by Finger bridge on Jacob's Fork river on to Dr. F. T. Poard's store and back to Hickory.

Plans were made for the establishment of an automobile route over the new sand clay road through Newton and Maiden to Lincolnton and returning by Startown. When this is established the creamery will be able to handle all the farmers' produce of any kind.

The business is expanding rapidly and has proven to be a success in every way.

### Wilson Well Enough to Take up Work Sunday.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson today was out of bed after several days' confinement with a bad cold. He sat in his room reading before a cozy fireplace, but did not leave the White House and saw no callers.

To give the President a further rest, Doctor Grayson, his physician, ordered cancelled all engagements for tomorrow. The physician intends that the President shall be entirely rid of his cold before he again goes to the Executive offices. The Doctor said the President tonight was well enough to take up his work tomorrow, but he would keep to his room as Doctor Grayson believed he should stay in an even temperature until he is entirely recovered. It may be a few days therefore until the President is permitted to get back to his routine, but Doctor Grayson said he was merely taking extra precautions to prevent him from taking cold anew. The President's temperature was normal tonight and he spent the evening chatting with members of his family.

### AN ARTISTIC JOB.

Safecrackers of Hillsboro Get \$21. Carried Back to Asylum.

Hillsboro, Dec. 11.—Hillsboro last night was visited by safecrackers. The Southern depot was the point of attack. It was a very artistic job and the getaway seems complete. The only saving circumstance was that the safe contained only \$21.

The entry is supposed to have been made about 1 o'clock this morning. This much is learned from the Watchman at the Eno Cotton Mills, who was awake and on his rounds the time of the explosion. It was supposed that nitroglycerine was the agent used. The explosion did not disturb the people living within 50 yards of the building.

The safe was completely demolished. The papers were scattered over the room and the \$21 gone.

Agent E. H. Dew, stated that he had not gone over the papers, but that one or two drawers containing valuable records were gone. Everything was left exactly in the condition in which it was found this morning, the arrival of certain railroad officials who came in at 11 today to inspect the scene.

Nothing which could be called a clue has as yet been discovered, though, of course, certain citizens recall having seen yesterday suspicious characters on the street.

### Mr. Robinson to Leave.

Mr. W. A. Robinson of Hickory, R-2, has an ad in this issue, for the sale of personal property Mr. Robinson is preparing to move to Arizona sometime after the first of the year. We regret to see him leave Catawba and wish him much success in his new home.

Mrs. N. W. Clarke, and daughter, Miss Virginia have returned from a visit to relatives in Raleigh.