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## WHOLE-TIME HEALTH OFFICER FOR CATAWBA

### Mr. P. L. Miller Writes Expressing His Views on This Important Matter.

Good health, prosperity and happiness go hand in hand. Moral training will strengthen the soul, mental training will strengthen the mind and physical training will strengthen the body. Without good health prosperity and happiness is handicapped if not entirely impossible. Catawba county should employ a whole-time health officer whose duty should be to visit all the schools, examine all the children for physical defects, give instruction in ventilation, light and sanitation; good health, and how to preserve it; the right way to handle contagious diseases, and how to avoid them; visit every community in the county; and, being invested with authority, see that his instructions are carried out in the community and in the schools.

Every person ought to be examined for physical defects at least once a year. Let it be the duty of the whole time health officer to do this as far as practical. Pay him for his work and see to it that he does his duty—the results will be far greater than the cost.

In counties where they have whole time health officers, 40 to 60 per cent of the children in schools were found to have some physical defect, and about 90 per cent of the defects removed within 12 months. I believe it to be conservative to estimate that a whole time health officer would enable the people, as a whole, to do, at least, one more day's work in a year. This alone would more than pay the salary of an efficient whole time health officer, to say nothing about the suffering and untimely deaths that would be prevented.

If we would decrease illiteracy and poverty, we must remove the physical defects so prevalent among children, practice better sanitation and give more thought to physical, mental and moral training.

We may need a county agricultural agent to help the farmers grow more and better crops on his ground and to encourage rotation and diversified farming; but with better health and sanitation, the farmer will do more and better farming; those engaged in manufacturing and commerce would do more work and better business, and the professional man will be more faithful and efficient, if in good health.

We read much about more and better stock of all kinds, more and better machinery, farming tools, pure-bred poultry, etc. Let us not have less of this but more about better health and how to preserve it. The North Carolina State Board of Health is doing a noble work. School teachers should see that the monthly state health bulletins are doing much good in enlightening the people on the laws of health, but they cannot take the place of the whole time health officer.

There are those who would obey the laws of health if they knew how, and those who know how and will not. We need the whole time health officer to teach those who would if they knew how; and, being invested with authority, compel all to obey the laws of health so far as it affects others.

There are ten or more counties in North Carolina that now have whole time health officers. Why should Catawba not be in line with these other progressive counties in the State? It will not require an act by the Legislature. The county commissioners have the power to employ a whole time health officer.

Who will volunteer to get up and circulate petitions asking the county commissioners to employ an efficient whole time health officer for Catawba County? P. L. MILLER, Hickory, N.C., Jan. 4, 1915.

### Prohibition Defeated.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for National prohibition to the State legislatures was defeated in the house tonight, 197 members voting for and 189 against, the vote falling 61 votes short of carrying.

Itch! Itch! Itch!—Scratch! Scratch! The more you scratch, the worse the itch. Try Doan's Ointment. For eczema, any skin itching. 50c a box.—adv.

## Annual Meeting.

The Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity Lutheran church met Tuesday afternoon, December 29, at the Hotel Huffry. At this meeting the regular monthly program was carried out. The subject "The Hands That Rock the Cradle" was profitably presented by various members of the Guild. At the business session which is always a pleasing feature of the Guild, the election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. H. Wannemacher; Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Moser; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Barkley; Treasurer, Mrs. K. A. Price; Chairlady of Visiting Committee, Mrs. J. H. Willis. The Treasurer, Mrs. Price read a very interesting report which showed that these noble Christian women have rendered valuable services to the church at home and abroad and for which they are becoming more and more qualified by the patient study of Christian Literature. There were present 34 members of the Guild, 9 lady visitors, 11 members of the Church Council, and the pastor of Holy Trinity.

Mr. W. P. Huffman, our host, in his address to the assembled guests, spoke words of encouragement and hopefulness and of Holy Trinity's bright future and assured the pastor of the church's loyal support.

In a few well chosen words, the pastor thanked Mr. Huffman for his encouraging words, the Ladies Guild and the officers of the church for their Christian endeavors and loyal support during the year 1914 and expressed the confident hope that the next year will out shine the former in churchly greatness and Christian progress.

The assembled guests were then invited to partake of the delicious refreshments such as our kind host and hostess knew how to prepare and which has often been enjoyed by the good citizens of Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Huffman, we all thank you very much for having made the occasion such a pleasant one. May you live long to enjoy the fruits of your kind hospitality. A Member.

## MANY DISORDERS COME FROM THE LIVER

### Are You Just at Odds with Yourself? Do You Regulate Living?

Are you sometimes at odds with yourself and with the world? Do you wonder what ails you? True you may be eating regularly and sleeping well. Yet something is the matter! Constipation, Headache, Nervousness and Bilious. Spells indicate a Sluggish Liver. The tried remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Skin Eruptions.

## Personal Liberty.

### Visitor—Which of those hotels is the better?

Town guide—Wal, one of 'em has all rooms with baths, and the other believes in personal liberty—you can have a bath or not, just as you like.—Chicago News.

## Women of Sedentary Habits

Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in a constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. For sale by Lutz Drug Co. and Grimes Drug Co.—adv.

## A Sure Winner.

"Jonesby had a doctor with him all night."

"Was he very sick?"

"He was toward the last, when the doctor held all the good hands."—Birmingham Age Herald.

## THE GIST OF IT.

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. For sale by Grimes Drug Co., and Lutz Drug Co.—adv.

## Encouraging.

Professor of chemistry—If anything should go wrong in this experiment, we and the laboratory with us might be blown sky-high. Come closer, gentlemen, so that you may be better able to follow me.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Your druggist will refund any case of PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

## IMMIGRATION BILL IS PASSED

### Senate Votes Fifty to Seven, With Literacy Test Included.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The immigration bill, containing the restrictive literacy test for admission of aliens, passed the Senate late today, 50 to 7. The overwhelming majority was recorded despite indications that President Wilson would veto the measure, as did former President Taft, if it should come to him with the educational test included.

The vote indicated that the bill could be re-passed by more than the required two-thirds majority should the President reject the measure.

The bill passed the House last February 24 to 126. Although the Senate amended the House bill in several particulars, the literacy test was unaltered, save for an additional exemption to Belgian subjects, adopted today after prolonged debate. House leaders probably will ask for a conference on Senate amendment Monday, but administration leaders were confident Senate amendments would be accepted and the bill sent to the President by the middle of next week.

Among Senate amendments which House leaders have said probably would be accepted is one to exclude from the United States all persons of the African race or of negro blood. Another strengthens the phraseology of the prohibition of polygamists. Closing hours of the debate were devoted to an amendment by Senator Lodge to exempt Belgian farmers from the literacy test and from provisions which prohibit Americans from soliciting or inducing immigration. Already American organizations are endeavoring to induce Belgians to settle in this country.

## Resolutions.

Whereas under the Providence of God, grief and distress has entered into the home of one of our dear members, Mrs. H. L. Moore in the removal of her beloved son, Claude, by death: Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church bow in humble recognition to the will of our Heavenly Father who is faithful and just, and doeth all things well.

2. That the grief stricken family be referred to His never failing word for need, comfort and strength.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our sorrowing sister, be published in the city papers and spread on a page of our minutes.

Mrs. N. G. Deal  
Mrs. B. F. Campbell  
Committee.

## BUILDING ORDINANCE NOTICE

The attention of the public is called to Section 28 of the Building Ordinance of the City of Hickory, N. C.

SEC. 28. That before a building is begun the owner of the property shall apply to the City Manager for a permit to build. This permit shall be in writing and shall contain a provision that the building shall be constructed according to the requirements of the building law, a copy of which shall accompany the permit. As the building progresses the Inspector shall make as many inspections as may be necessary to satisfy him that the building is being constructed according to the provisions of this law. As soon as the building is completed the owner shall notify the Inspector, who shall proceed at once to inspect said building and determine whether or not the plans and the building are properly constructed in accordance with the building laws. If the building meets the requirements of the building law the Inspector shall then issue to the owner a certificate which shall state that he has complied with the requirements of the building law as to that particular building, giving description and locality and street number, if numbered. The Inspector shall keep his record so that it will show readily by reference all such buildings as are approved. The Inspector shall report to the Insurance Commissioner every person neglecting to secure such permit and certificate.

S. C. CORNWELL,  
City Manager.

## Whenever You Need a General Tonic

Take Groves' The Old Standard Groves' Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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There is money in advertising columns that buyers are looking for.

## Check Flashing in Newton.

Several Newton merchants had an experience with a check flasher on the day before Christmas. Charles Parkhurst, a farmer from Jacob's Fork township came to Newton. He bought bills of goods at E. H. Yount & Co. and C. D. Drum & Co. and paid for them with checks. At F. E. Yount he paid a bill he owed of \$3 with a check of \$60 purporting to be made to him by P. E. Ramsour of Hickory and got the balance in money. Mr. Ernest Yount got suspicious because Parkhurst left town and got the money from him in place of the check. Before Mr. Yount and Mr. Drum got on the game he had taken train No. 12 for the North. But on a telegram from chief of police Owens, Parkhurst was arrested when he stepped from the train in Salisbury and was brought back to Newton Friday. He had with him \$101 and Mr. Yount and Mr. Drum have gotten back their money. Parkhurst is in the Newton jail. He was formerly living in the county several years. We have heard that he got about \$90 on a worthless check in Conover from Isenhour Co.

Parkhurst was tried in the county court Tuesday for passing his own worthless checks here Christmas eve and was given the choice of paying \$50 fine or serving on the roads three months. For the forging charges, the placing of other men's names on one or two checks that he had cashed, he was bound over to the Superior court, the bond being fixed at \$350.—Enterprise.

## Peculiar Effects of Shell Fire on Men.

London, Dec. 31.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press). The extraordinary effects of shell fire upon those who are forced to undergo it, are being discussed at length in the British medical journals.

An English surgeon now attached to a Paris hospital reports the cases of four men who show absolutely no trace of bodily wounds, but who are now under his care. Two of them were struck deaf and dumb by shells explosion; neither of them has anything wrong with his organs of speech or hearing, but is suffering simply from shock. A third cannot see, caused by a nervous shock. There is nothing the matter with his eyes and complete recovery is promised after a period of quiet and rest.

The fourth man's experience left his mind blank. Field surgeons contribute accounts of the manner in which death comes from shell fire. In some cases men are found stiff in death in life-like attitudes, so that the stiffness characteristic of a corpse must have come on at the very moment of death, whereas under ordinary circumstances a man dies first and slowly stiffens afterwards. Some of the field surgeons have attributed this to the action of a poisonous gas given off by the new explosive, "turpenite." One of the pathologists at Guy's hospital, however, contradicts that theory.

## A TWICE-TOLD TALE.

### One of Interest to Our Readers.

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Hickory man is confirmed after three years.

H. W. Jones, revenue officer, 620 Eighth Ave., Hickory, says: "I was bothered by weak kidneys for some time. I finally got a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills at Lutz's Drug Store, and began taking them. They helped me more than any other medicine I ever tried. I was surprised and delighted with the results. They regulated the action of my kidneys and toned up my system. One of my children also took Doan's Kidney Pills with success." [Statement given Feb. 18, 1911.]

OVER THREE YEARS LATER, Mr. Jones added: "I use Doan's Kidney Pills whenever I have backache or kidney complaint and always get relief. I confirm my former endorsement." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Jones had. Foster - Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv't.

## Bryan Buys N. C. Soil.

William Jennings Bryan has purchased ten acres of land on Sunset Mountain near Asheville and will erect a summer cottage there.

## Annual Stock-Holder Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, Hickory, N. C., will be held at their office Tuesday, January 12, 1915, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and transaction of any other business that may be brought before them.

K. C. MENZIES, Cashier, 12-17-14 4c.

## HICKORY CITIZEN OF PROMINENCE DEAD

### Dr. J. T. Johnson Passes Away on the Day Before Christmas.

In the death of Dr. J. T. Johnson Thursday, December 24, Hickory loses one of its best and most highly respected citizens. His death occurred at 8 o'clock on the morning of the day before Christmas following a serious illness of only a few days, pneumonia being the direct cause of his death. He was in his 79th year and would have reached that age on the 31st of next March. He is survived by Mrs. Johnson, who was before her marriage Miss Sjae Warlick, a daughter of the late M. F. Warlick of Icard township, Burke county, and two daughters, Misses Mamie Sue and Effie.

Dr. Johnson was reared in Burke county and at the beginning of the Civil war entered the service of the South, being elected 2nd lieutenant of Company K, 35th N. C. Regiment, which was made up of volunteers from Catawba and Burke county. At Raleigh when the company was formed into the regiment, Dr. J. R. Ellis, who was elected captain of the company at its organization, was elected assistant surgeon of the regiment and Dr. Johnson was elected to fill the captain's place made vacant by Dr. Ellis' promotion.

Promotions followed in rapid succession and before the war came to a close he held colonel's position and was in command of a regiment until he was captured at the battle of Five Forks, Va., April 1, 1865, and carried to Johnson's Island, Ohio. He was here released and returned home in June, 1865.

All during the war he conducted himself in a creditable and christian-like manner. While captain it is said that he never had to wade a river because some of his men were sure to say "Captain, jump on my back and ride over." He was greatly loved by all his men.

Since the war he has made his home in this city and practiced medicine. He was a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church and was for a long time superintendent of the Sunday School. He was an active church worker and one of the best known and best loved men in the city.

The funeral was held from the First Methodist church on Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, assisted by the pastors of all the churches of the city. The interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Truly a great and good man has gone to his reward and Hickory feels the loss with regret. To the bereaved wife and children we tender the sympathy of a host of friends.

## Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S Knight, Wilmington, N. C. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Lutz Drug Co.—adv.

## Perfectly Happy.

Newrich—So she now looks forward to a perfectly happy life?

Mrs. Newrich—Yes. She has snubbed the last of the old friends who knew her in the early days when she was poor.—Town Topics.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man an unhappy slave. For impure blood and sluggish liver, use Burdock Blood Bitters. On the market 35 years. \$1.00 a bottle.

## He Knew Better.

Peckham—My wife talks, talks, talks all the time. Underthum—You're mistaken. She must listen part of the time or my wife wouldn't be with her so much.—Boston Transcript.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

## Allies Make Gains.

The French official statement issued Friday indicated that the allies had made fresh gains in the Argonne region and hold the trenches taken in the region of Perthes.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulents operate easily 25c a box at all stores.—adv.

## Holy Trinity Church Notes.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Communion Service, 11 a. m. Evening Service, 7 p. m. Preparatory communion Saturday at 2 p. m.

To all these services all the members are especially urged to be present and all others are cordially invited.

The Luther League, Circle 1, meets next Tuesday in the basement of the church. This will be the annual meeting and every member is solemnly urged to be present.

Circle 2 of the Luther League met at the parsonage on New Year's eve and watched the old year out and new year in. Very few members were absent. At this meeting three new members were added. The following officers were elected: LeRoy Deaton, president; Harold Deal, vice-president; Miss Maude Maynard, secretary; Grover Huffman, treasurer, and Miss Margaret Wannemacher, organist. Delicious refreshments were served.

On New Year's night a large representation of the congregation assembled at the parsonage to remind the pastor and his family of his large congregation. Many valuable gifts and tokens of love were given. The address of presentation was delivered by Mr. A. M. Huffman in a way which touched the heart of the pastor and almost rendered him speechless in his reply.

We thank the members of Holy Trinity very much for this loyalty and love and for the many gifts left behind them.

Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, Pastor.

## Rudisill-Carpenter.

On Thursday afternoon, December 24, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Rudisill, in Jacob's Fork township, this county, Miss Georgia Rudisill and Mr. Odus C. Carpenter were united in marriage, Rev. L. L. Lohr, of Lincoln, performing the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The bride is a very attractive and accomplished young lady and was a teacher in the Startown high school. The groom is a successful young farmer and is a son of Mr. W. T. Carpenter of Lincoln, R-2.

## Sherrill-Parlier.

Mr. Wiley J. Sherrill and Miss Effie Parlier were united in matrimony at the covered bridge on December 24, Rev. B. A. Yorke, of this city, officiating. The groom is the son of Mr. Babel Sherrill and the bride is the daughter of Mr. D. M. Parlier, all of Caldwell county. We extend many good wishes for a happy life.

## Lineberger-Houser.

Mr. Andie Houser, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Houser of this county, and Miss Lucy Lineberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lineberger of Lincoln county, were united in marriage December 20 at the home of the bride's parents.

## Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of James M. Edwards, deceased, late of Catawba County, N. C., all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present said claims duly verified, to the undersigned administrator for payment, at his office No. 1030 14th Street City of Hickory, N. C., on or before the 15th day of December, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of payment. All persons indebted to said estate are urged to make immediate payment to the administrator. This the 10th day of December, 1914.

G. R. WOOTTEN,  
Adm'r of J. M. Edwards, Dec'd.

## Predicts Business Revival.

President Fairfax Harrison declared Friday that the war's effect on the business of the South was only temporary, the demand for cotton was growing and predicted a general business revival.

## How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRLINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2 ounce original package. The name FEBRLINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

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## CHRISTMAS WEATHER FOR THE PAST 46 YEARS

### Col. Gives Extracts From His Diary—Other South Fork News Items.

Hickory, R. F. D. 1, Jan. 4.—The following is an extract taken from the writer's diary since 1868 giving the state and condition of the weather on every Christmas day each year for the past 46 years:

In 1869, clear; 1869, rainy; 1870 very cold; 1871, cloudy; 1872, rain; 1873, clear and cold; 1874, clear; 1875, clear; 1876, clear; 1877, rainy; 1878, sleeting; 1879, rainy and cold; 1880, rainy and snow; 1881, cloudy and cold; 1882, clear and warm; 1883, cloudy; 1884, clear and cold; 1885, clear; 1886, clear; 1887, rainy; 1888, clear; 1889, clear; 1890, rainy; 1891, clear and warm; 1892, clear and warm; 1893, clear and warm; 1894, clear; 1895, clear; 1896, clear; 1897, cloudy; 1898, cloudy; 1899, clear and warm; 1900, clear and warm; 1901, rainy; 1902, clear; 1903, cloudy; 1904, clear; 1905, clear; 1906, clear; 1907, cloudy; 1908, thunder showers with hail; 1909, snow; 1910, cloudy; 1911, cloudy; 1912, clear; 1913, cold and rainy; 1914, rainy all day.

This has been the coldest and wettest December month the writer can recollect. I have passed through 88 December months in my life. I know it has been the worst in 46 years according to my diary.

The children of A. A. Yoder of Hickory can say what other children cannot say. They have three living uncles whose combined ages is 264 years. Cany Hunsucker, aged 88 years and six months; Col. G. M. Yoder, aged 88 years, 4 months and 9 days, and Eli Leonard, aged 87 years and two months. We don't think this record can be beaten in the United States.

The farmers have been housed up by this inclement weather, and all they have to do is to sit in their room by a warm fire and enjoy the rest from their labors.

The general health of this vicinity seems to be very good. The marriage boom broke loose in Jacobs Fork township a few days before Christmas. Mr. Tolly Whitener of Jacobs Fork and Miss Ida Pitts of Hickory township were the first to put the ball into motion and were made man and wife by Squire J. R. Weaver. The next to follow suit was a Mr. Moody of Spencer and Miss Hettie Yoder, daughter of A. B. Yoder. This marriage to place on the day before Christmas. They will make their home in Spencer. The last were Miss Georgia Rudisill and Mr. Carpenter. We wish them all much success in life.

Miss Mamie Williams of Boone spent her Christmas vacation at the home of L. S. Ritchie. The Oak Grove school and the Yoder school had a great Christmas tree at the Yoder school house on Thursday before Christmas which was well loaded with gifts.

Mrs. Shuford Helton died on December 29 of child's bed fever. She leaves a little child about 8 days old.

Fred R. Yoder, a student at the University at Chapel Hill, spent Christmas at home with his parents. He has returned to resume his studies.

There were 22 cloudy and rainy days during the month of December. COL.

## NOTICE

### Annual Stock-Holders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Building & Loan Association of Hickory, will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 1915, at 8 P. M., at the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, for voting upon an amendment to the constitution, notice having been filed with the Secretary and Treasurer as required by Article VIII of the constitution; and for the transaction of any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

On account of the stamp tax NO PROXIES WILL BE SOLICITED and it will be necessary for all shareholders to be present in person.

G. R. WOOTTEN,  
Sec. and Treas.

## Squire Adams Spices Two Couples.

Married at the home of H. A. Adams in Icard township, Burke county, on the evening of December 19, 1914, Mr. Julius Icard to Miss Mertyle Page. Also at the same residence Mr. Frank Wade to Miss Lillian Ballew. These couples seemingly enjoyed themselves and after the ceremony they went on their way rejoicing.

H. A. Adams was the officiating magistrate at both these marriages.