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Editor of News Visits Catawba Creamery

It was a pleasure to the editor of The News to have the privilege of spending a short while in looking through the Creamery at Hickory last Friday afternoon.

We entered and went up the stairway that leads to the offices. Here we found well-equipped offices, a splendid reception room for visitors and ample office room and departments for the various phases of the business of the Creamery Company.

The superintendent and general manager, Mr. A. O. Mitchell, was away and we did not have the pleasure of meeting him, but we met in the office a clever gentleman, Mr. H. A. Fulmer, who took pleasure in giving us information concerning the management of the business, its growth, etc.

The business started five years ago with a capital of fifteen hundred dollars. The men who started this business built wiser than they knew. The plant at present is easily worth twenty-five thousand dollars.

The first year of the business amounted to \$19,811.00; the second, \$52,163.00; the third, \$57,915; fourth, \$123,067. The fifth year to June 1st, 1915 \$245,505.00.

During the month of June \$13,000.00 was paid out for cream to one thousand farmers.

During the year ending June 30th, 1915, 228,700 dozen eggs were handled by the creamery.

During the year 1914, 238,900 pounds of butter were made.

During the year 1915, ending June 1st, 572,000 pounds of butter were made.

During the month of June just past 66,000 pounds of butter were made.

We were shown over the plant by Mr. O. D. Hahn. We saw the cream pasteurized and then into a great cistern where it was cooled off. We were shown a great tank of cream that was set for the night to "ripen" for the morning churning—my, what a big churn—can make thousands of pounds of butter at one churning. We visited the room where the butter is placed in boxes to cool and hardened to be cut into cakes. We next saw where the butter was placed in the boxes of pounds, half pounds and other weights. From this place we were shown into the "cold room" where the butter is kept until shipped out.

The Creamery has a complete cold storage plant and also an ice plant for making ice.

The entire establishment is an interesting place from the office down to the great tank where you can get buttermilk for the hogs at one cent per gallon.

This business is a striking illustration of what can be done when people are willing to work together. These one thousand farmers that are receiving checks monthly can each one testify as to what this plant means to them. It means that they have cash twelve months in the year instead of once or twice a year as they used to do before they put their efforts together.

The News is proud of the Creamery and of what it is doing for those interested in it. It has meant and will mean more to us as a county than we can now realize. We have set the example that is being followed in other counties of the State. We advise our readers who have not seen the Creamery to visit it when they have an opportunity. It is worth while to do so.

LAND FOR SALE.

100 acre tract, 6 miles from Morganton, on Lenoir and Morganton road. 16 acres of bottom land, balance upland with 75,000 feet saw timber. Anyone wishing to buy, Address E. B. Hood, Morganton, N. C., Route 2.

A house hold remedy in America for 25 years—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. For cuts, sprains, burns, scalds, bruises, 25 and 50c. At all drug stores.

Co-operation Among Sweet Potato Growers

The Catawba County, North Carolina, Cooperative Sweet Potato Growers' Association, an association of farmers who market their potato crop without the aid of the middleman, has closed the season with a record of 25 cars shipped, a net price of \$2.67 the crate paid to members, and total net sales of \$10,800. The membership jumped from a handful of growers last year to 150 this year; and the cooperative idea is spreading like contagion and, another year will see in all probability most of the growers enrolled.

The association handles the crop of its members on a margin of 10 cents the crate plus 10 cents the 100 pounds and \$1 membership fee. This pays all expenses, nobody gets any rake-off and the full price obtained, less expenses, goes back to the man who raised the potatoes. The management watches the market close, sends out bulletins and quotations and ships and collects. Six cars were sent out a year ago when the idea was young, and the 25 cars this season indicates how co-operation is growing in Catawba County. Members received from 25 to 50 cents more per crate than growers selling to the middlemen.—Progressive Farmer.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. Lon S. Sherrill, who is to take the place of Mr. E. T. Harwell at the store of Mr. P. O. Carpenter, will arrive probably this week. At any rate he will begin work Monday. His family will follow as soon as arrangements can be made. Mr. Sherrill is a merchant of much experience, having served with Fields and for the past several years with Sledge at Hickory. He is welcomed to Newton. It is a matter of pleasure to many friends that Mr. and Mrs. Harwell will continue to live here, Mr. Harwell having accepted a position in the clothing and furnishing store of Yount & Schrum. He will not begin work until the first of September. Meanwhile he will enjoy the first vacation in six years, loafing around Cornelius and Charlotte and elsewhere.

Attractive Mountain Excursion Tuesday, August 10, 1915.

Southern Railway will operate special train consisting of both day coaches and Pullman cars from Charlotte to Asheville, via Salisbury Tuesday, August 10, making exceptionally low round trip fares as shown below:

Charlotte	.....\$3.50
Lexington	.....3.50
China Grove	.....3.50
Winston-Salem	.....3.50
Concord	.....3.25
Morganton	.....1.50
Mocksville	.....3.00
Salisbury	.....3.00
Thomasville	.....3.50
Mooreville	.....2.75
Greensboro	.....4.25
Reidsville	.....4.75
Hickory	.....1.75
Taylorsville	.....2.75
Statesville	.....2.50
Albemarle	.....3.25
Kannapolis	.....2.00
Newton	.....2.00
Asheboro	.....3.50
Conover	.....2.00

Fares from all other points on same basis.

Fares from all points to Black Mountain 50 cents less than fares as shown to Asheville.

Exceptional opportunity to spend a pleasant vacation in Asheville and surrounding mountains. Now is the time to enjoy a stay at Black Mountain and attend the meetings at Montreat.

Special train will leave Charlotte 8:30 a. m., Salisbury 10:20 a. m., arrive Black Mountain about 2:15 p. m., and Asheville 3:50 p. m.

Returning tickets will be good on all regular trains leaving Asheville and Black Mountain up to and including Friday, August 13th, except will not be good on main line train 37 and 38.

Passengers from points not covered by special train will use regular trains to Salisbury, Barber, Statesville and other junction points connecting with the special train.

For further information apply nearest ticket agent or write:
R. H. DeBUTTS, D. P. A.,
Charlotte, N. C.

Doan's Regulets are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without griping and bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

News of The South Fork Neighborhood

Nothing new in this neck of the world. All seems to be very quiet and calm. The farmers have about jogged through farm work. They have their crops all looking well and growing nicely. Corn looks well, so does cotton, though it is about two weeks late but is blooming well. The sweet potato crop is doing fine. The farmers have about all their wheat threshed. It turned out fairly well. The general health in this vicinity seems to be fairly good.

Eli Leonard, an old confederate soldier of nearly 88 years old, who was paralyzed several weeks ago, has so improved that he can begin to walk a little by two persons holding him up on either side.

Mrs. Charles Shuford of Virginia, is now on a visit to her mother, Mrs. F. A. Yoder, and Lem Shuford.

Wesley Meachum and son are putting up a large commodious barn for Henry Helton.

Enloe Yoder is out again on the surveyors path. Last week he had been all week up in Blowing Rock, laying off lots and surveying roads around the mountain for Hinkel.

C. E. Finger's father-in-law, from Gaston county, was on a visit to his house.

Everybody is looking forward for the day to the approaching of the annual reunion day of the old soldiers on the 12th of August, when they can meet each other and talk over those old war scenes, and especially the young sports when they can have a good time with their best girl. And, too, the old widowers and bachelors will leave the rear rank and turn up in the front rank to watch with a keen eye what lady or widow they can kidnap as a great boon for life.

It is so hot these days that the thermometer is dancing around the notch of 90 degrees.

The ground is getting very dry and hard to plow corn. It now has the general appearance that it would be a dry spell of weather.

Jacobs Fork township has five Confederate soldiers whose combined ages are 44, on an average of 88 years. Is there any township in Catawba County that can beat it, if so, let us hear from them.

Miss Winnie Leonard, daughter of Lawrence Leonard, who was a student at the last session of Lenoir College, has opened a summer school at the Yoder schoolhouse.

George Mosteller took his oldest daughter to the hospital at Statesville where she was operated upon for appendicitis. She stood the operation well and is getting along fine.

Portsmouth-Norfolk Excursion via Seaboard Tuesday August 3, 1915

The Seaboard Air Line will operate their next excursion Portsmouth-Norfolk Tuesday August 3, 1915, from Rutherfordton, Charlotte, Lumberton, Chester and all intermediate stations to Cary, fare for round trip from Charlotte \$4.50, train leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 p. m., Charlotte 7:50 p. m., arriving Portsmouth next morning at 8:30 a. m. Returning leave Portsmouth Thursday night 8:00 p. m., August 5. Pullman sleepers on this train make reservations early apply Jas. Ker, Jr., T. P. A., Charlotte, first class equipment. Special coaches for colored people. For further information see small flyers, call on your nearest Agent or write undersigned.

John T. West, Jas. Ker, Jr.,
D. P. A. T. P. A.,
Raleigh, N. C. Charlotte, N. C.

For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. & Lutz Drug Co.

Co. A Makes Good Record at Camp Glenn

The officers and men of Company A are highly elated over the record established by the men at Camp Glenn this year. In rifle practice they led the entire first regiment, twenty-seven men shooting over the record practice course, their nearest competitor being Company B of Gastonia, which sent twenty-five men out.

Out of the twenty-seven men from Company A that shot over the record course, eight qualified as expert riflemen, nine as sharpshooters, three as marksmen and seven as a second-class riflemen.

The entire company was first tried out on the range in the instruction course and were required to make 150 points out of a possible 225 in order to be eligible to take part in the record course.

In the record course Corporal W. A. Elrod led the company, his score being 227, out of a possible 250.

Those shooting the record course and their scores were as follows:

EXPERTS.	
Capt. Lively	223.
Sergt. Benfield	212.
Sergt. Bolch	211.
Cook Short	224.
Cook Douglas	214.
Corporal Dietz	223.
Corporal Elrod	227.
Private Cordell	210.

SHARPshootERS.	
Sergt. Daves	200.
Sergt. Church	200.
Corporal Herman	193.
Musician Stevenson	198.
Private McFalls	193.
Private Whisnant	202.
Private Hawn	199.
Private Henkel	204.
Private Yount	191.

MARKSMEN.	
Sergt. Gross	184.
Private Drum	161.
Private Reitzel	176.

SECOND-CLASS.	
Lieut. Cline	136.
Sergt. Rameur	149.
Corporal Huffman	127.
Private Hyder	139.
Private Day	122.
Private Wilson	123.
Private Benfield	120.

To qualify as expert they are required to make a score of 210 out of a possible 250; as sharpshooter, 190 to 210 out of 250, and as marksman, 160 to 190 out of 250. Those falling below that are rated as first and second class riflemen.

Musician Charles S. Stevenson of Company A acted as Chief Musician of the regiment and will probably receive a permanent appointment as such before camp next year. He is said to be one of the best buglers in the state and is certainly entitled to the position.

The conduct of the boys is reported as being the best in years and their drilling of the highest standard of efficiency. They had quite an exciting experience when the boat on which the first battalion on an outing to Cape Lookout was stranded on the beach when the tide went out, leaving them on the cape for the night. However, none were the worse off on account of this and were safely landed back in camp on Friday morning.

MEN WANTED—In the Men's Bible class at the Presbyterian Church every Sunday morning in the main auditorium of the church at 9:45 a. m. Dr. W. B. Ramsay, teacher. You will be greeted with a warm welcome. If you are not attending Sunday School we will be glad to have you come out and join the Men's Bible Class at the Presbyterian Church on the corner Thirteenth Avenue and Thirteenth Street.

Shoe Repair Shop Moved.

I have moved my shoe repair shop to first door below First Building & Loan Association office. Work called for and delivered. Phone 106. F. M. Thompson.

Without Flinch Becker Met Death Friday

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker paid the death penalty by electrocution here early today for having instigated the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, three years ago. With wonderful composure and maintaining his innocence to the last the former New York police lieutenant led the way to the execution chamber. A photograph of his wife was pinned on his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physician pronounced life extinct at 5:55 o'clock. With two priests at his side chanting a litany, Becker joining in and repeating "have mercy on us" the condemned man walked steadily to the death chair. He had sat up all night on the edge of his cot, talking to Deputy Warden Charles H. Johnson.

"I have got to face it and I am going to meet it quietly and without trouble to any one."

The deputy warden left Becker about an hour before the time for the execution. When Father Cashin, prison priest, and Father Curry of New York came, they found Becker with his face resting on his hand gazing at the prison floor. They remained with him to the end. To Father Curry he gave his last message, which was:

"I am not guilty by deed, or conspiracy, or in any other way of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends. Bear this message to the world and my friends. Amen."

He hesitated a moment as he entered the execution room. He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor, then suddenly walked over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair.

Three shocks were given before the condemned man was pronounced dead. He was put to death by the State executioner whose name is unknown to the public. He said that in his opinion Becker had died instantly at the first contact.

POSITIVE PROOF

Should Convince the Greatest Skeptic in Hickory.

Because it's the evidence of a Hickory citizen,
Testimony easily investigated,
The strongest endorsement of merit.

The best proof read it:

Mrs. C. E. Hoffman, 601 Chestnut Ave., Hickory, says: "I suffered a lot from my back and kidneys. I was in such bad shape that I could not straighten up after stooping. The pain in my back could not have been more severe if someone had run a knife into me. I couldn't sleep and felt miserable. A friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and I got a supply at Lutz's Drug Store. They removed the pains in my back and made me feel like a new person."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Hoffman had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv't

Refuses To Tell Way To Ward Off Torpedoes.

New Bern, July 20.—Since the announcement was made that Will Dixon of Oriental, Pamlico county, had invented an appliance that would prevent torpedoes fired at a ship from striking the vessel, considerable interest has been manifested in the affair. Mr. Dixon, who has gone to Washington, D. C., to confer with the naval board in regard to his invention, has given out no information to the public as to what it consists of.

The Clerk Guaranteed It.

"A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything to cure diarrhoea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and said to him, 'if this does not cure you, I will not charge you a cent for it.' So he took it home and came back in a day or two and said he was cured," writes J. H. Berry & Co., Salt Creek, Va. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. & Lutz Drug Co.

New County Agent in Farm Demonstration

The Democrat.

Through the columns of your paper I wish to introduce to the farmers of Catawba county Mr. Homer H. B. Mask, the new County Agent in Farm Demonstration. Mr. Mask is a graduate of the Agricultural College at Auburn, Ala., and a native of Alabama. His experience has been with Southern conditions. He has had experience in the Alabama Experiment Station, and he ought to be a very efficient man. Prof. Dan. T. Gray, of our own Experiment Station, speaks very highly of the work Mr. Mask did at Auburn when he was there, that is, when Gray had charge of the work there.

I want to say at the beginning of the work in Catawba that no matter how efficient Mr. Mask may be he will not be able to accomplish much without the co-operation of the farmers and other citizens of the county. Putting one man out to bring about all the good things that all of us want, is a very poor way of getting them. Mr. Mask has not been placed on this work for the purpose of giving "advice", or "preaching" about how to get better things, but he is expected to assist the farmers to accomplish better things. He is there to help in any movement that may be for the betterment of the county, but he is not expected to do all that should be done.

We hope to encourage organization for the accomplishment of definite and particular objects. It is not expected that Mr. Mask shall do all the organizing, quite the contrary. When the farmers organize for the purpose of bettering their condition, no matter in what way it may be, then Mr. Mask is expected to assist them. Farmers are busy people, or at least they ought to be, and all the good ones or busy, and cannot get around among their neighbors, or over the county. Mr. Mask can serve them in this respect. There are now two organizations in the county that are very helpful, the creamery and potato growers' association. There might be others. There should be a swine breeders' association, not so much for the breeding of swine, but to encourage the feeding and marketing of hogs in car lots. For instance, if fifty farmers should agree to fatten and have ready for the market a car load of hogs on a certain date, arrangements could be made to handle them. This would create a market for finished hogs that farmers could depend upon. Such a dependable market would encourage the production of hogs. There might be a poultry fattening plant, or a number of other business organizations.

It is not expected that Mask go around and "get up" all these things. He is expected to help with any proposition that the farmers are interested in. The Government expects him to teach some of the fundamental principles of agriculture by the demonstration, and he will do this, but even in this he will have to have the cooperation of the farmers. We would like to see in every community a betterment association, and this association should try to make the community better in everything that it possibly can. The first thing that such an organization should undertake to do would be to make the school what it ought to be. See that the teacher is what is wanted, that the school building is what it should be, that the school grounds are decent, that the building is well lighted and well ventilated, and that the subjects taught in the school are what the children should learn in order to make them what they should be when they become men and women. Every rural school should give a course in agriculture and home economics, and every school should have a school garden.

These community clubs should have the good of the whole neighborhood at heart, and work to bring about improvement in every line. The school, public roads, the churches, the homes of the people, home grounds, the amusements, and the social life should all be considered. From time to time the County Agent could meet with the club, tell them how some other club is improving their neighborhood, and carry the good work from club to club in this way.

The main thing that we want to impress on the farmers of the county is to urge them to make a larger use of the County Agent. He will have some definite things that he will want to do, but the main thing is to be of service to farmers who want assistance. This I all we want to see many hundreds of acres sown in grass and clover, or clover along. Then a few farmers will be asked to sow some alfalfa. Catawba is well adapted to the growing of alfalfa, and it is too valuable a crop to neglect. The main thing that is needed is lime, and it is not so expensive to use lime now. Last year we induced a number of farmers to sow alfalfa, and the crop is attracting a great deal of attention. Three farmers near Statesville were encouraged to sow alfalfa last Fall, and now it is hard to keep too many from going into alfalfa growing. I do not mean too many if all would do what we want done, or what is necessary to do to bring success, but some farmers are too careless to grow alfalfa. We want only farmers who will follow directions.

There needs to be many hundreds of acres of grasses and clovers sown in every county of Piedmont Carolina. There are too many acres of bare land for the heavy rains to wash away. Land in sod never washes and leaches away, and when it is plowed up it always makes good crops of grain. The forage produced in this way makes the best of feed for the livestock on the farm.

Mr. Mask will live at the Farm Life school and will have charge of the school farm. He will be the representative of the school over the county. He will be the representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, the State Department, the Experiment Station, and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Mask does not know everything, but he will be able to put any farmer in the county in touch with the man or the agency that will be of the greatest service to him. None of these agencies is infallible, or claims to know it all, but they know what is to be known at this time about any matter that is of interest to the farmer.

E. S. MILLSAPS,
District Agent.

"Hit Him Again."

In the early days of Methodism in Scotland a certain congregation where there was but one rich man desired to build a new chapel. A church meeting was held. The rich old Scotchman rose and said:

"Bretheren we dinna need a new chapel; I'll give five pounds for repairs."

Just then a bit of plastering falling from the ceiling hit him on the head. Looking up and seeing how bad it was, he said:

"Bretheren, it's worse than I thought, I'll make it fifty pound."

"O Lord," exclaimed a devout brother on a back seat "Hit him again!"—Exchange.

For dyspepsia, our national ailment, use Burdock Blood Bitters. Recommended for strengthening digestion, purifying the blood. At all drug stores. \$1.00 a bottle.

Any skin itches is a temper tester. The more you scratch the worse it itches. Doan's Ointment is for piles, eczema—any skin itching. 50c. at all drug stores.

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Ever druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Piles, Hemorrhoids, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. The first application gives ease and Rest, 60c.