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HICKORY MFG. CO., VISITED BY A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Entire Plant, Big Lumber Yard and Large Warehouse Go Up in Smoke Saturday Night Entailing a Loss of Nearly \$100,000. Fire Discovered Shortly After 9 O'clock and Firemen Battle for Hours With Flames.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Hickory broke out about nine o'clock Saturday night in the plant of the Hickory Manufacturing Company, completely gutted the large two-story brick structure which housed the machinery and offices, burned over the entire block, destroying a large amount of stored lumber and finished mill work before it was finally brought under control by heroic work of the Hickory Fire department and volunteers.

The damage is estimated at about \$91,000 and was insured to the amount of \$16,000, though it is stated that at present prices of lumber and building material the loss could not be restored for less than \$150,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock by Mr. James Drum, who turned in an alarm. When the firemen arrived on the scene the building was a mass of flames and in an incredibly short time the flames had spread over the entire block, endangering the big shops of the Piedmont Wagon Company and Hutton & Bourbonnais. However, hard work and favorable wind saved these immense plants from destruction.

The fire spread with amazing rapidity, the lumber being exceedingly dry and burning like

tinder: A negro in a barn on the lot, who was apparently full of whiskey, was taken out and locked up after part of the building had fallen in.

Only two small buildings, a store house and a cottage, remain standing on the block of two acres, all the rest being burned entirely over.

Donald Applegate was painfully injured when he fell in attempting to get on the fire truck, the rear wheel barely catching his left leg bruising it considerably.

When the blaze was at its highest point it looked as if several houses would go up in the smoke, several of them catching from the heat but the flames were promptly extinguished.

At first the water pressure was very weak but the pumps were finally got going in good shape and the fire-fighting equipment of the Piedmont Wagon Company was brought into service. Every piece of hose available was placed into service. The city fire department had twelve streams of water playing on the blaze besides those of the wagon company.

The Hickory Fire department remained on the job through the night, being provided with lunch and hot coffee, and it was a tired and dirty bunch, but good

natured, who greeted the dawn of Sunday morning, when bleak brick walls and smouldering ruins were all that remained of a flourishing business enterprise of the day before.

All the valuable books and papers of the company were saved from the burning building and some finished mill work was carried to safety. On the siding were a number of box cars. These were rolled out of danger by willing hands.

A score of persons kept the roofs of Hutton & Bourbonnais' plant soaked in water and although a narrow street was all that separated this plant from the scene of the conflagration, the fire was kept from spreading to it.

The fire was a most spectacular and the blaze was viewed by thousands for miles around. It was the largest fire in the history of Hickory and it seemed that the whole population of the city gathered near the seething mass of flames.

The Hickory shops was one of the oldest manufacturing enterprises in Hickory. They had a yearly output of nearly \$80,000 worth of finished lumber, sash, doors, blinds, etc., and employed about 60 workmen, who were thrown out of work by the fire. Messrs. W. B. Menzies, K. C. Menzies, J. G. Carrier, Charlie Cline and others are stockholders.

It is not known if the plant will be rebuilt at its former location or not, as a meeting of the stockholders had not been held at this writing, but it is probable that if rebuilt at all it will be at some other place.

Leg Broken When Motorcycle and Auto Collide.

Robert Bostain, aged 23, of Newton, sustained a fractured leg last Thursday night when a motorcycle on which he was coming to Hickory collided with an automobile driven by Cicero Shore, colored, at Oyama on the Newton road. Mr. Bostain was brought to the Richard Baker hospital here and his leg was plated by Dr. Shuford.

Both machines were badly wrecked and it is a wonder that Mr. Bostain was not killed outright. The accident happened in sight of the scene of a similar accident which occurred a few months ago when Rome Blanton lost his life.

Both machines met on a curve and in attempting to pass the automobile Mr. Bostain didn't get quite far enough out to clear the larger machine and struck it with terrific force.

Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. J. Sox, Pastor.
Sunday, November 14.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Chief Service at 11:00 a. m.
The sermon will be a study of the Great Loving, Pitying, Comforting Master. After the sermon the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of the Lord will be celebrated. There will be a preparatory service on Saturday, November 13, at 12:30 P. M.

Get Rid of Those Poisons in Your System!

You will find Dr. King's New Life Pills a most satisfactory laxative in releasing the poisons from your system. Accumulated waste and poisons cause manifold ailments unless released. Dizziness, spots before the eyes, blackness and a miserable feeling generally are indications that you need Dr. King's New Life Pills. Take a dose tonight and you will experience grateful relief by morning. 25c.

DR. MURPHY'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Interesting Services Rendered at the Reformed Church Sunday.

A unique service was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. J. L. Murphy, held Sunday, November 7. A congregational reception was held Friday night, November 5, and this was the most brilliant affair ever held within the history of the church.

Sunday morning Dr. Murphy preached an anniversary sermon reviewing the progress made in Hickory for the last twenty-five years and giving an outline of the work done in his congregation during this period. In the afternoon at 3:30 a special service was held conducted by the pastors of the town. Rev. J. G. Garth presided and talks were made by Rev. W. W. Rowe of Newton, Rev. J. D. Harte and Rev. A. L. Stanford of Hickory, President J. D. Andrew of Catawba College, and A. Nixon of Lincolnton.

Prof. W. H. Little bore the greetings of Lenoir College to Dr. Murphy and his congregation. Many letters of congratulations were announced and some read. Two which were highly prized, were letters from Mr. Holbrook of Brookford, expressing the warm congratulations of the people of that community, and the other was a letter from the Zion (colored) congregation of Hickory.

Rev. Messrs. J. D. Andrew, W. W. Rowe, W. H. McNairy, J. C. Peeler, A. S. Peeler, J. A. Koons and M. A. Huffman of the Reformed church were present and Revs. A. L. Stanford, J. D. Harte, W. H. Little and J. G. Garth of the Hickory ministers were present.

Sunday night a Brotherhood meeting was held and this was largely attended. The meeting was in the hands of the men of the congregation and the different talks were most interesting. There were many out of town visitors.

The occasion was a memorable one in many ways in the history of the Reformed church of Hickory.

Will Not Countenance British Interference.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The United States in its latest note to Great Britain, made public here today, covering exhaustively British interference with American trade since the beginning of the European war, declares that the so-called blockade instituted by the allies against enemy countries on March 11 is "ineffective, illegal and indefensible." Notice is served that the American government "cannot submit to the curtailment of its neutral rights," and it cannot "with complacency suffer further subordination of its rights and interests."

Orders for Southern-Built Pumps.

Recent contracts received by the Latta-Martin Pump Co., Hickory, N. C., include the displacement pumping equipment for the United States War Department to use on certain improvements at dam No. 11 on the Ohio River and several foreign orders. The latter include pumps for use in connection with filter presses for handling cane juice in the Sandwich Islands and pumps to be operated from a central power station and deliver water from considerable distances for irrigation purposes in the Canary Islands in Africa.—Manufacturers Record.

To Drive Out Malaria and Build Up The System Take The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

Any fool of a man can die, but it takes a smart man to live.

Pretty Home Wedding At Albemarle Last Thursday

The wedding of Mr. Joseph F. Hoffman of this city and Miss Lilly Carter of Albemarle, occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, in Albemarle Thursday afternoon. Concerning the wedding, which is of state-wide interest, the Albemarle correspondent of the Greensboro News, under date of November 4, has the following to say:

"This afternoon at 4:30 the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Carter was the scene of one of the most beautiful home weddings solemnized in this section for many years, when her daughter, Miss Lilly Carter, became the bride of Joseph Filson Hoffman, of Hickory.

"Mrs. J. R. Price in her usual sweet voice sang 'At Dawning' just before the bridal party entered the parlor.

"At the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Mrs. R. E. Brooks, niece of the bride, little Miss Johnnie Mabry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mabry, Jr., entered bearing the wedding ring on a silver tray on which was engraved the wedding invitation. From the dining room came the groom with his brother, P. S. Hoffman, of High Point. The bride entered from the reception hall on the arm of her sister, Mrs. John H. Hawley of Goldsboro. They were met at the altar by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of Central Methodist church, who performed the ceremony.

"During the ceremony Mrs. Brooks softly played 'To a Wild Rose,' by McDowell. Lohengrin's wedding march was used as the recessional.

"The bride never looked more charming. She wore a traveling suit of midnight blue with hat and gloves to match and carried bride's roses.

"Mr. Hoffman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hoffman, of High Point, and is now associated as pharmacist for the Lutz's drug store, of Hickory. He was educated at the state university and while there was captain of the 'varsity' track team. The bride is the accomplished daughter of the late Capt. Robert Carter and Mrs. Elizabeth Carter.

"The wedding gifts were numerous and beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman left immediately after the ceremony on No. 22 for an extended trip south and will be at home in Hickory after November 20.

"The out-of-town guests present to witness the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hoffman, High Point; Mr. Dewey, Miss Frances and P. S. Hoffman, of High Point; J. F. Hoffman, Sr., of Thomasville; Mr. S. R. Morrison, of Hickory; C. C. Freeman, of Hickory; Mrs. John H. Hawley and son, John Hawley, Jr., of Goldsboro; Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, of Whitney; Miss Essie Hahn, of Mt. Pleasant."

Superior Court Cases.

The following criminal cases were disposed of at Newton court last week:

Bud Lippard, retailing; mistrial.
Eugene Burns, forgery; guilty.
Marshall Dellinger, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.
Lon Archer, retailing; guilty.
Jim Lail, retailing; called and failed.

Santord Buff; called and failed, judgment nisi, sci fa and capias.

James Marlowe plead guilty to failing to list for taxation; fined \$5 and costs.

Will Morrison and Everett Horton, false pretense; nol pro. Mack Setzer, larceny; plead guilty.

Pat Thornbury and Frank Travis, breaking into Farmers' Union warehouse; not guilty.
Hub Corpening, speecing; mistrial.

The case of State vs. Douglas McDuffy, the negro preacher, resulted in a mistrial.

Seventh Annual Fair Draws Record-Breaking Crowds; Best Fair Ever Held Here

The seventh annual Catawba County Fair held here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week was one of the best in the history of the association. The weather was ideal for a fair and record-breaking crowds attended, the attendance on the second day being estimated at from 15,000 to 20,000.

The parade the first day was mentioned in last week's issue of The Democrat. In this Mr. Clyde Lutz was awarded first prize of \$10 for the best decorated country auto, and Miss Adele Kirkpatrick the \$10 prize for the best decorated city auto. The Hickory fire department won the second prize for Hickory. Mr. L. B. Deaton, of this city, won the saddle for the best mount in the parade and Mr. J. W. Hawn captured the bride for the second best mount. The prize of \$5 offered by Mr. James Villas for the best clown went to Mr. Albert Lutz and Miss Doris Hutton was awarded a prize of \$10, offered by Mr. Robert Ransom, for the prettiest girl in the parade.

The second day of the fair was by far the best of all. Fifteen hundred school children and students of Lenoir College took part in a great educational parade. Schools represented were Grand View, Windy City, Highland, West Hickory, the two city graded schools and Lenoir College. The girls of the first grade of the North school drew much favorable comment. They were wearing Hallowe'en caps. The girl students of Lenoir College also were beautiful, ribbons of the college colors being pinned from shoulder to shoulder. The educational parade formed at the First Baptist Church and disbanded at the post office.

The live-stock parade scheduled for the last day was called off by mutual consent, as there were so many entries it would have been a hard matter to find enough men and boys to lead them through the streets.

Two flights were made each day by an aviator in a Curtiss biplane. This with free motion pictures at the Hub daily and the

ferris wheel, merry-go-round and trip to Mars at the fair grounds, furnished plenty of amusement for the immense crowds. The crowds this year were exceptionally good natured, very little drinking and very few arrests.

It is hoped by everybody that the fair association will be able to hold the fair next year upon its own grounds, the management this year using the St. Paul's seminary property for this purpose.

The departments of school work, fancy work, pantry supplies, horticulture, field and garden crops and manufacturers' and dealers' displays were housed in the seminary building, while two large tents housed the live stock and poultry. The exhibits of the schools were of an exceptionally high order, the work of the school children eliciting much praise. All other exhibits were splendid.

The cattle show was pronounced by many to be the best they ever saw, surpassing many state fairs. Nearly a hundred head were on exhibition, most of them being fine jerseys, but beef cattle were not lacking. In the horse department were many fine roadsters, draft horses and young stock of the very best to be found anywhere.

The poultry show was very gratifying to the fair management, birds of every breed and the very finest specimens being shown.

With an attendance of 93 in the parade Thursday Windy City won first prize for having the largest number in the procession of any rural school. Grand View came second with 43 in the parade. The sixth and second grades of the North city school and the second and third grades of the South school were awarded prizes for having the largest percentage of enrollment in the parade. Out of 48 enrolled the sixth grade of the North school had 48 in the parade; second grade North school, 37 enrolled, 36 present; second grade South school, 44 enrolled, 43 in line; third grade South school, 43 enrolled, 42 in line.

Nine Thousand Dollars Damages

The case in which parents of Messrs. J. W. Biggs and E. C. Bridges, the two young men who were fatally injured at Conover last summer when their auto was struck by a Southern Railway engine, were suing the railroad for damages, was compromised in Newton court last week, the railroad company agreeing to pay the sum of \$4,500 to each of the families.

Ships Two Calves.

Friday Mr. H. P. Lutz shipped two fine Jersey calves to Mr. A. H. Litaker at Concord. They had been sold previous to the fair but Mr. Lutz wished to enter them at the fair before shipping. One of them won second prize in calf class and also second in young herd class.

Feimster-Abernethy.

Mr. Mark Feimster of Rutherford College, and Miss Erma Abernethy were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage at Granite Falls last Wednesday afternoon. The wedding was attended by only a few friends and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. V. Honeycutt.

Rev. Biles' Last Year.

Rev. W. M. Biles, for four years pastor of the Methodist church at Newton, is closing his final year, as a rule of the Methodist Church limits a pastor to four years with any one church,

Hickory Social

Approaching Marriage.

The following invitation has been received:

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mosteller invites you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Ethel May

to Mr. Robert Lee Coons Wednesday morning, the twenty-fourth of November at eleven o'clock St. Andrews Lutheran Church Hickory, North Carolina

At Home after December the first. Lexington, North Carolina.

The bride is one of Hickory's most attractive and popular young ladies and has many friends who will be interested in the approaching wedding. Mr. Coons is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Coons of this city and is a rising young business man. He is manager of the new creamery at Lexington and has a promising career before him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cline of Thomasville, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cline, near the county home. Mr. Cline is editor of The Thomasville Davidsonian.

The Travellers' Club met with Miss Amelia McComb October 23. Quotations from Lamartine, poet, historian and statesman answered roll-call. The subject of the day's study was the Cathedral of Notre Dame, which Hugo has described as a "symphony in stone." Mrs. N. W. Clark gave the thrilling history of the edifice and Miss Geitner told of its architecture and decoration with