

LETTER FROM CHICAGO READER.

Rev. J. A. Downs Thinks The News Continues to Improve Each Issue.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21, 1913.
Editor Lenoir News:

We think The News gets better all the time. It has improved so much in the last few months. It is measuring up to the name. It is full of news. Its columns are like a 'big newsy' letter twice each week. Especially to a "Tar Heel," who can't rub the tar off. The North Carolinians are more clannish away from home than we are there. We have had the privilege of entertaining two in the past week. Edwin C. Hardison of Aurora College, and pastor of the DeBalk, Ill., Advent Christian church, is from Mocksville, N. C. Prof. R. C. Robbins of Aurora Advent Christian College, is a son of Mr. John Robbins of Lenoir, N. C. Roby has made good here in the study of languages, law and theology. He has built a nice modern home near the college where he is a teacher in Hebrew and Greek. The school has scholars from 21 states and Canada. He was a student here in college for 7 years working his way through. Aurora is only 23 miles from Chicago.

Oh, what a change today after such a beautiful fall no frost no need for stoves. With out warning it began to blow and snow. I shoveled snow for an hour this morning. I had to gather some vegetables, beets, carrots etc., out of the snow. We hadn't had frost, so you see it was a little sudden. We feel fine, a lot of snap and ginger about this weather. We can keep warm easier than we could keep cool last summer. Of course anthracite at \$8.50 per ton is a little more expensive than palm leaf fans.

The Burns Detective Agency has a man here they arrested two weeks ago that is a record breaking criminal. His name is Henry Spencer. He has confessed to 29 murders, arson, hundreds of burglaries and also a professional gambler. He never knew his parents or a home. He has spent 15 years in Joliet penitentiary. He dresses well, looks well and appears well. The most of his victims are women and his favorite weapon a hammer. His last victim was Mrs. Allison "Tango" dancing teacher who had two prominent husbands. He was in the act of upping with the Emanuel Baptist church when caught. The pastor says he has been known to spend 9 hours in prayer, kneeling. He refuses to have a lawyer because he hates them. He refuses to have a man on the jury who is not in favor of capital punishment because he doesn't want to return to the penitentiary. He smokes opium and drinks whiskey. He is like the dog of the alley that lives from the garbage without home or friends. This is not an isolated case. The slum conditions are appalling. Some small boys are daring criminals. One of the most peculiar cases came to my notice a few weeks ago. A young man was killed by gunmen at a gambling resort. He was brought home to his mother in a dying condition. He was a prominent and efficient clerk in the office of the county clerk, faithful and true, quiet and reserved, to his mother and the county officials, he bore his right name. To the gamblers,

PROGRESS OF DEMONSTRATIONS

Progress and Results Obtained by Our County Demonstration Agent.

Editor Lenoir News:

The following are some of the results and progress of the work of our Demonstrator, Mr. G. M. Goforth, which should prove of interest to the people of Caldwell County.

The first and most important work he did was the binding together of our farmers in a common brotherhood. Thence came co-operation which brought about the establishment of demonstration farms, which have been in operation about two years. These farms have been prepared and cultivated according to the new methods advocated by our Demonstrator. The results from grain on these farms are about double what they were under the old system, grass three times as much. A portion of this gain came through improved grain and seeds brought in and distributed by our Demonstrator free of charge.

Mr. Goforth is still awake to the people's interests. He saved the farmers of this county over \$2000 by detecting a fraudulent seedsmen and kept them from being swindled. He also saved the farmers over \$500 by ordering inoculation for clover seeds free from the Department. He did these things free and willingly, without any extra fees outside his regular salary.

We feel very grateful to Mr. E. S. Millsaps for his timely aid in setting this movement on foot. Mr. Millsaps is general field agent for Farm Demonstration Work in Western North Carolina and is doing a great work.

Now, in conclusion we want to insist that our Demonstrator be placed on full time as his business has increased to such an extent that it is highly necessary to do so. We are asking our honorable board of County Commissioners to appropriate a sufficient amount to enable him to give his full time to the work. "This can be done without increasing our taxes a single cent, as the present levy will cover it." So says one of the best lawyers in the county. We find that the best business and professional men in Caldwell County are in favor of this move. Mr. Goforth is the right man in the right place and we should hold him if possible. He is too modest a man to push himself forward so we will have to boost him a little. Hoping to hear from other farmers. Very truly,
J. C. COFFEY.
Ridlen, N. C., Oct. 25th, 1913.

A St. Louis man is applying for a divorce because his wife telephoned him so often at his office, which caused him to lose his job. The moral is—but what's the use.

the police and a girl he had married he bore another name. His wife was not known to his mother until his death. He was said to have been the most daring and dangerous of them all. He was killed by a conspiracy of fellow gunmen. This is surely a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

I am enclosing under separate cover a copy of a little paper we get out for our congregation here.

Yours as ever,
J. A. DOWNS.

WITH THE CORRESPONDENTS.

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

LITTLE RIVER.

We have been having a good lot of rain here of late and it is disagreeable for the farmers to sow wheat. Some have sown but the most have not.

Mr. H. M. Crouch had his sale the 28th, and will move to Virginia soon. We are sorry to lose him as he is a good citizen but hope he will be pleased.

We are proud to have Rev. J. M. Shaver to take Mr. Crouch's place, as he is a good man and that is the kind we want in this county. He is a good farmer and also in the dairy business and will help to increase the amount of cream that comes from Hickory to Oak Hill Academy.

Mr. J. C. Sherrill has moved his family to Yadkin County where he has charge of a graded school.

Mr. Spencer Tolbert and Miss Jessie Sherrill were married while back, they are prominent people and are liked by all.

The Oak Hill school is getting along as well as can be expected.

The farmer's union met last Saturday night and went through the general routine of business. The union has taken on new life in this part of the county. After general business was over the members made some interesting talks on the road question and how to work them.

It seems like Mr. John Payne is improving slow from a spell of typhoid fever.

Mr. Ben Saterwhite had a nice bunch of corn to shuck last week. If every farmer could make as good and as nice corn as this in Caldwell County there would be no use of having any shipped in from the West.

The Oak Hill Junior Council met in regular session last night and after the special committee made their report, it was decided to present a Bible and a flag to the Oak Hill School on November 27th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be special speaking on behalf of the Order and every body is invited.

The Junior members here at their last meeting decided to all go in together and work the roads on the days set apart by Governor Craig, and for the road overseers to turn out all their hands on these days.

Mr. J. G. Williams of Love-lady, was at Mr. L. S. Starns' Thursday. He has been sick all summer with typhoid fever.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Messrs. Bush and Hartley Lenoir's real estate men, report real estate in this section still on the boom and the demand on a good safe substantial basis. They have made the following sales during the past week:

They sold the Belk Bush farm located about 2 miles from Hudson to a Mr. Gray of Tennessee, who will move his family there and become a citizen of Caldwell County.

Mrs. J. M. Powell bought from this firm a lot near the old tobacco factory in West Lenoir.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Mr. Robert Atkinson returned Friday from Kings Mountain.

Miss Namie Steele returned Friday from a pleasant visit in Charlotte.

Mrs. S. A. Davis of Greenville S. C., is the guest of Miss Grace Tuttle in Lenoir.

Mrs. J. G. Hall returned Friday from a few weeks visit to her son, Mr. W. A. Hall of Hickory.

The heavy rain Friday morning broke the cold spell that has held this section in its grasp since last Monday.

Fire wood is certainly a scarce article in Lenoir these times and the prospects for wood this winter are not very bright looking.

Mr. J. W. Pope manager of the Gorge Rock Crushing plant at the Gorge on Wilson Creek, was in Lenoir Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Puette returned Thursday from a motor tour by Brevard, Hendersonville and other points in that section of the state.

When you have a friend or relative visiting you or some of your family go away on a visit phone the facts to this office or drop us a note in the postoffice.

Lenoir is a town of many amusements and last week was one with a heavy programme. No one need complain of not having anything to go to here.

Messrs. Squires & Whisman moved their office Friday from the Kent building to the Steele-Cottrell building, occupying the room over the Lenoir Feed Store.

The second sale given by the ladies of the Reformed Church in Lenoir Drug Store Friday was another successful affair of its kind which netted a neat and tidy sum from the sale of the articles on display.

Another new business enterprise for Lenoir is the feed store opened last week in the Seaboch building by G. H. Burgess and Sons. This firm also expects to carry a full line of seeds in the spring. They have an ad in this issue of The News.

The News appreciates the interest taken in the paper by its different correspondents over the county and we ask them to send in their communications as regularly as possible. This feature makes a paper more interesting over the entire county and we would like to have all our correspondents write at least once each week if possible.

The Live Stock Show which has been frequently spoken of in connection with the poultry show to be held here in December, should be definitely decided upon and arrangements perfected to hold it. Some place will have to be secured for this purpose and as there are many of the stock owners of the county who would like to participate in such an affair it should have the attention of those who wish to see the project carried through.

A pretty young bride who follows the recipes for cooking that appear in the papers has had such success that she has already married her second husband.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Mr. L. F. Propst who moved from Adako to this place about a year ago, went into voluntary bankruptcy the latter part of last week. His liabilities are estimated at \$1800 while his assets are \$600. The first meeting of the creditors will be held in this place next Tuesday, 28th—Morganton Messenger.

Some unknown party visited Mr. J. M. Patton's Wednesday night and took his mule from the stable, carried it off about one-fourth of a mile and cut its throat. We trust that the sheriff will make a diligent search for such characters and put them where they belong.—Valda Notes in Morganton Messenger.

Asheville, Oct. 24.—Speaker Champ Clarke has accepted the invitation of the Christian church to deliver an address at the approaching convention of the members of that denomination in North Carolina, which is to be held in this city November 3, 4 and 5th. The various churches of the state are expected to send delegates to the coming meeting, which promises to be one of unusual interest.

Salisbury, Oct. 24.—Sheriff J. H. McKenzie is today the possessor of about 30 gallons of liquor which he seized late Wednesday night upon the arrival of passenger train No. 35 from Richmond. The Sheriff was advised in some unknown manner from "higher up" that two trunks containing a lot of whiskey had been checked to Salisbury. Having secured the baggage numbers of the trunks wanted, he proceeded to seize the trunks wanted, which were well filled with whiskey. The railroad company demanded a receipt from the Sheriff which was given and the goods are held by the Sheriff waiting a call by the owner. It is said to be a very fine article.

The farm animals are being given at last their true positions. When one sees the stock at the State Fair this idea will at once be set in their minds. There are in the districts where the range is open and where the Legislature unfortunately failed to give the sweeping, Statewide benefit of the no-fence or stock law, some people who put a very small value upon cattle; such as the group of Wayne farmers, fighting the law, who came here and said the cattle did not amount to anything, but that their only desire was that their hogs should run at large. These sort of people are passing out, however, and a Statewide stock law in 1915 will hang up before all the world the sign that North Carolina recognizes the tremendous value of cattle. We are learning something in this direction as in others and revolutions never go backward.

The seven year old son of Mr. Allen Bentley who lives in South east Lenoir, drank a part of some solution containing carbonic acid yesterday about noon, and Dr. C. L. Wilson who was called in to attend the child states that there was just sufficient acid in the solution to make it poisonous, but that there is some hopes for the recovery of the little boy. This is a most regrettable accident and people should be very careful of what they leave within the reach of an innocent child.

ACCIDENT ON HIBRITEN ROAD.

Horses and Surry Back off Steep Mountain Side—One Painfully Injured.

An unfortunate accident happened on the road leading up on Hibriten Sunday afternoon, just above the spring where the road makes a turn to go on the mountain.

A surrey driven by Mr. L. V. Petrie with his wife on the front seat, the back seat being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Petrie of High Point, was backed off the road in order to let another team pass. All in the surrey jumped out with the exception of Mr. L. C. Petrie who was thrown out when the vehicle turned over down the steep slope, which is about 20 feet below the road, the team being stopped in the road just below the point where the team first started to back. Mr. L. C. Petrie was cut a severe gash on the heel which severed the bone and he was taken to the Foot-hills Hospital by Mr. T. H. Broyhill who happened to be near with his machine, and the bone taken out and the wound dressed and sewed up. Mr. Broyhill remained with the hurt man until the operation was over and states that he was resting nicely, although the wound was a bad one. The relatives of the wounded man are very much distressed over the accident which with the horses backing as they were seemed to be unavoidable, and the entire party were very much frightened over the affair, which had not the three others made a jump for safety might have had a very different and more serious ending.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Petrie moved here, last week from Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Petrie are from High Point, the two gentlemen being brothers. The latter just arrived Sunday for a short visit here.

Herman-Winkler.

Last Sunday at the home of Frank A. Clinard Esq. the officiating justice, Mr. Quince E. Herman of Hickory was married to Miss Fanny Winkler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. P. Winkler of the Happy Valley. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few close friends. Mr. Herman will be remembered by Lenoir people as the architect of the Lenoir Drug Store building and spent much of his time here last summer while the building was being erected. Miss Winkler is the daughter of a former citizen of Lenoir and has many relatives here.

Death of Mrs. Wade Laxton.

Mrs. Effie Beach Laxton, wife of Mr. Wade Laxton, died at her home on Kings Creek Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at about 4 o'clock p. m., after a lingering illness the cause of which was tuberculosis. The burial services were held at Kings Creek Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. I. W. Thomas officiating.

Mrs. Laxton was about 35 years of age and was the daughter of Mr. J. L. Beach. She leaves her husband, four children and many other relatives to mourn her sad death. The News joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

It is easier to depend on the enmity of your enemies than on the friendship of your friends.