

THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE.

SNEAK THIEVES IN LEXINGTON.

Half a Dozen Homes Entered During the Past Week.

A gang of sneak thieves have been carrying on operations in Lexington for the past week or ten days. At least half a dozen residences have been entered and always at night. In each instance nothing but food could be missed from the houses. The thief or thieves usually gained access to the dining rooms by entering windows and then proceeded to appropriate all available food that could be found. The boldness of the crime is attested to by the fact that in more than one instance the robber or robbers sat down to dining room tables and ate their meals presumably as leisurely and calmly as if at home.

There is not the slightest clue to the identity of the perpetrators of the robberies, but the frequency of the thefts has caused a general feeling of uneasiness in the sections of town where the thefts have occurred. Of course the crime is a very serious one, it being nothing less than burglary pure and simple, as every residence entered contained one or more inmates.

It Headed The Last Three.

The recent Legislature exceeded either of the two previous sessions in the number of bills introduced. The Senate number at the session of 1899 reached 1,651; that of 1901 showed a total of 1,687, and the last 1,714. Of the latter 435 died in committee, on the "dead calendar" or were incorporated into omnibus bills of various character. A little more than 1,200 of the bills, which reached the Senate branch of the General Assembly this term, have been incorporated into our statute laws as distinct measures.

New Guns for the Wild Cats.

The following special, which was sent out from Raleigh one day last week, will be of interest to Lexington's military organization: "Requisition has been made by this State on the War Department for Krag-Jorgensen magazine rifles for all the infantry regiments of the North Carolina National Guard. In all there will be about 2,000. Cartridge belts and bayonet scabbards will come with rifles." The Wild Cats will come under this order and will be supplied with new guns at an early day.

A Good Man Doing a Good Work.

Rev. Henry Sheets, of Lexington, N. C., gave us a pleasant call on Monday. Mr. Sheets serves as pastor at the Baptist churches at New Friendship, Wallburg, and other points and has an article in course of preparation covering the early history of church work in this section which will in due time be printed in the columns of *The Republican*. Mr. Sheets is an earnest and faithful preacher of the word and wields a power of influence for good in this and adjoining counties.—Winston Republican.

Fatal Shooting in Montgomery.

Near Candor post-office, Montgomery county, Lane Morgan shot and instantly killed John Richardson last Saturday. The two men were at the home of Marshal Pitman, whose wife is Richardson's sister. They became involved in a quarrel and Morgan drew a revolver, at the same time crying, "you killed my brother, and I'll kill you," and shot Richardson dead. A few months previous Richardson had killed a half-brother of Morgan.

Met Horrible Deaths.

William Holt, who lived a few miles from High Point, and a negro man met a horrible death together Friday. Mr. Holt and the negro were engaged in cutting feed on a steam cutter when the fly-wheel burst, cutting off both of Mr. Holt's legs and killing the negro instantly. Mr. Holt lingered an hour or more.

A HORSE STOLEN AND RECAPTURED.

A Negro Thief Rides Off J. T. Smith's Horse--The Animal is Recaptured--Thief Escapes.

Monday morning about 2:30 o'clock a negro entered the stables of Mr. J. T. Smith, in Cotton Grove township, bridled one of Mr. Smith's horses and rode it off. The owner missed the animal a short time after it was stolen and immediately started out in pursuit of the thief. By inquiry at neighbors homes along the public roads he soon learned he was on the right track, and continued the chase with such rapidity that the thief evidently learned he was being pursued. Anyway, when in the neighborhood of Mr. Andrew Long, he turned the horse loose and took to the woods on foot. Mr. Long captured the animal and very soon after Mr. Smith arrived on the scene and his horse was restored to him. The negro escaped.

Mr. Julius Leonard, who resides near Lexington, saw the negro riding the horse in an old field about two and one-half miles north of town early Monday morning. Among several other questions Mr. Leonard inquired of the negro "Whose horse is that you are riding?" He replied "John Bailey's." Mr. Leonard thought no more about the circumstances until he came to town a few hours later and learned of the theft. He then promptly reported the above circumstances and there is no doubt but that the negro with whom he was talking is the thief. He was unknown to Mr. Leonard, but the latter will be able to identify him if captured.

Public School Closing.

The public school taught by Miss Victoria Byerly, at Brook's school house, in Reedy Creek township, will close on Saturday, March 28th, with an exhibition. A very interesting program is being prepared by the pupils of the school and an enjoyable day is promised to all who attend. Prof. J. W. Aury, of Fayetteville, now principal of Arcadia High School, and Rev. P. E. Parker will deliver appropriate addresses for the occasion. There will be good music by a first-class string band. The public generally has a cordial invitation to be present.

Certificates for McKinley Monument Contributors.

Postmaster Walser has received a limited supply of certificates for distribution to contributors to the monument fund of the late President McKinley as souvenirs of their participation in the enterprise.

The certificate is a beautiful work of art on which is engraved an excellent likeness of Mr. McKinley, together with a picture of the McKinley home in Canton and of the White House. Each contributor to this fund receives one of these certificates. Contributions should be left at the postoffice where a copy of the certificate can be seen at any time.

Deaths.

Mrs. Jesse L. Dorsett died Monday afternoon about 6 o'clock, at her home four miles south of Lexington, after an illness of several months duration. Deceased was about thirty-nine years of age. The body was buried today at 11 o'clock in the graveyard at Sowers church. Mrs. Dorsett is survived by a husband and four children.

Mrs. Chas. R. Hedrick, of Levi, died last week. The remains were laid to rest in Hedrick's Grove graveyard. A husband and several children survive her.

Out Go Statesville Saloons.

Statesville, N. C., March 16.—Statesville votes out saloons today, by a majority of two hundred and forty. Four hundred and thirty-one for prohibition and one hundred and ninety-one against.

HOW ROADS PAY.

A Mecklenburg Farmer Tells of Results Which Follow Macadamized Roads.

The following letter was written by Mr. C. H. Wolfe, of Mecklenburg, in reply to an inquiry from a gentleman residing in another county, and shows just where and how macadamized roads pay a county and its citizens and make it expedient for them to issue bonds in order to achieve these benefits. The letter follows:

"Your letter in regard to macadam roads in Mecklenburg county to hand. I am a farmer, living in three miles of the city. Sixteen years ago I bought the place. I paid \$20 per acre and I think if I would sell I could get \$75 per acre now; but the members of my family are opposed to selling.

"A good traveling horse hitched to the buggy will go to the city in 20 minutes. And the question now is how much will the wagon hold up? I have brought out as much as 4,000 pounds with two mules weighing about 1,050 pounds each.

"I am in touch with the people of our county, and popular sentiment is in favor of more and better roads.

"We have never used any bonds but I believe people would vote \$200,000 bonds now if the question was submitted to them. We have about 120 miles of roads that have cost us about \$2,800 per mile.

"I would be glad to aid in any way that I can to encourage good roads."

Mr. Lambeth Wins Honors.

Mr. W. A. Lambeth, son of Mr. F. S. Lambeth, of Thomasville, N. C., a student of Vanderbilt University, has been honored by the Dialectic Society to represent Vanderbilt in the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical contest to be held at Seawannee on the 18th day of May. Mr. Lambeth won this honor in the contest with the brightest minds at Vanderbilt in a contest that elicited the deepest interest.

The Nashville American, writing of Mr. Lambeth's speech says: "The second speaker was W. A. Lambeth, of the Dialectic Society, who spoke on 'The Crisis.' His speech was so built that the judges had no difficulty in grasping the connected line of thought. He has an earnest delivery and his pleading tone held the ear of the audience from the start. He is from Thomasville, N. C., and a member of the Theological Department. He should stand a splendid chance to win at the final trial in May."



JOHN W. MAY,
OF EMMONS TOWNSHIP,
County Surveyor of Davidson; a capable and efficient officer. He received a majority of one hundred and seventy-six over his Republican opponent.

Jeweler Davis Sells Out.

Mr. E. P. Davis, who has been engaged in the jewelry business at this place for many years, this morning disposed of his stock of goods, good will, etc., to Messrs. A. E. Sheets & Co. The latter firm is moving the stock purchased from Mr. Davis to their store adjoining Hinkle & Brinkley and will continue the business there. Mr. Davis will retire from business, temporarily at least, and will move from Lexington.

WAS HAYWOOD MARRIED?

He and Mrs. Tucker Lived Together as Man and Wife.

The following special was printed in Saturday morning's Charlotte Observer:

Halifax, N. S., March 13.—Ernest Haywood, a lawyer under arrest at Raleigh, N. C., on the charge of murdering Ludlow Skinner, spent last summer in Halifax with a handsome woman whom he said was his wife. The party also included a colored servant and two children. While in Halifax the woman gave birth to a child. Dr. Slayter was in attendance. One day a letter came to the house addressed to Mrs. Tucker and the woman explained to the owner of the house who happened to be present that her first husband was named Tucker. Haywood apparently was very jealous of the woman. They spent lots of money, and checks were always drawn in the name of Mrs. Tucker. The latter stated that she met Haywood through his being a lawyer engaged to settle the estate of her deceased husband. She and Haywood and the two children came to Halifax apparently from Raleigh.

During periodical visits to Raleigh, Haywood represented to Mrs. Tucker's sister that he did not marry Mrs. Tucker and knew nothing of her. They nevertheless rented a furnished room in Halifax and lived as man and wife, as Mr. and Mrs. Haywood. They did not leave Halifax until fall. They took the infant with them, but it is understood it disappeared before Haywood returned to Raleigh. Haywood stated while in Halifax that he and Mrs. Tucker were married in Montreal.

W. F. M. Union of Orange Presbytery.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Union of Orange Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian church March 25-27. Delegates are expected from the Ladies' Missionary societies in the various churches of the Presbytery, including Durham, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Winston, High Point, Reidsville, and other points. An excellent program has been prepared which provides for an opening service Wednesday night and three sessions Thursday and Friday, each. The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to transaction of routine business and discussion of subjects related to missionary work, and these sessions are open to all the ladies of the community. Thursday night there will be an address by Rev. J. W. Moore, a missionary to Japan, and Friday night an address by Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., of Greensboro. All the night sessions are open to the public and everybody is given a cordial invitation to attend.

Cause of the Delay.

The Dispatch is late in making its appearance this week. The cause of the delay is solely on account of the antics of our gasoline engine. It's a new piece of machinery and hasn't got down to steady work yet. The deficiencies are being remedied and we trust no farther trouble will arise from the engine.

New Subscriptions and Renewals.

Since our last issue we have received remittances from the following persons for subscriptions to *The Dispatch*:

Dr. J. F. Beall, C. C. Williams, J. P. Younts, Rev. Wm. L. Darr, Mrs. Clay Dorsett, C. A. Hayworth, L. A. Johnson, Ed. L. Darr, H. J. Harris, G. H. Ragan, G. W. Edwards, A. C. Cecil, B. E. Payne, I. W. Burton, W. H. Alexander, C. E. Hilton, A. A. Burton, J. S. Hege, G. F. Fitzgerald, J. S. Phillips, J. R. Beck, Geo. Young, P. J. Leonard, Anthony Avery, J. A. Everhart, W. H. Bowers, Mrs. M. C. Bailey, G. W. Everhart, A. L. Black, Henry Warner, P. J. Leonard, W. R. Michael, W. E. Conrad, W. E. Rhine, Dr. Joel Hill.

—If you don't register you can not vote on the bond issue.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Application for Charter Made Yesterday.

Application was made yesterday to the Secretary of State for the chartering of "The Lexington Perpetual Building and Loan Association." The necessary papers were sent off last night and it is expected the charter will be forthcoming in a few days.

The application states that the capital stock of the association shall not exceed five thousand shares, of the par value of one hundred dollars each. The incorporators are Messrs. Jno. D. Grimes, S. J. Coley, T. S. F. Dorsett, W. E. Conrad, W. H. Mendenhall, C. C. Burkhardt, H. B. Varner, Thos. H. Lamb, O. E. Mendenhall, E. A. Rothrock, R. L. Burkhead, Emery E. Raper, B. G. Robbins, C. M. Thompson, G. F. Hankins and others.

As a town-builder and maker of good and prosperous citizens and for retaining such citizens there is nothing that equals a good, ably managed building and loan association. The organization referred to above will start out under very favorable auspices and the prospects are excellent that it will meet with great success.

IN MEMORIAM.

Correspondence of *The Dispatch*.

The sad death by drowning of young Archie Hill on Sunday, March 8th, cast a gloom over the community in which he resided and where he was so well known. Archie, in company with Cicero Kindley and Early Wood, was out boat-riding above the dam at Pierce's mill, on the Uwharrie river. The river was up and the water very swift and their boat became unmanageable. The rushing waters began to draw them rapidly over the dam. Two men standing on the bank saw their dangerous predicament and called to the young men to jump from the boat. Messrs. Kindley and Wood did so, but Mr. Hill remained and tried to keep the boat from going over the dam. He failed; and as the craft went over he jumped and caught to the dam. He held there for a few seconds, with the water pouring over him, calling loudly for help. Then the rushing waters caused him to lose his hold and he was swept over and drowned.

Kind neighbors searched for the body until Monday about 10 o'clock, when they found it several hundred yards down the river. He was sadly carried home and the interment took place Tuesday at 1 o'clock in the old Tabernacle graveyard.

Archie Hill was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill. He was about 20 years of age, was bright and intelligent and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

A kind father, an adoring mother, three brothers and a loving little sister are left to mourn the sad and sudden death of one so dear. We commend them to Him who doeth all things well.
M. L. B.

Hoover Hill, N. C.,
March 14, 1903.

Residence Burned.

The residence of Mr. Roby Garner, of Jackson Creek, Randolph county, was destroyed by fire one night last week. The origin of the fire is unknown and the loss is something like \$800, with no insurance. Mr. Garner is a brother-in-law of Rev. Henry Sheets, of Lexington.

Mrs. T. L. Moore received a telegram this morning from Houston, Missouri, announcing the critical illness of her father, Dr. A. C. Van Slyke, of that place. The message stated that he was badly injured by a recent fall and, being a very old man, is not expected to recover.

Professional safe crackers entered the postoffice at Lincolnton Sunday night, blew the safe open and took therefrom \$700 in cash and stamps.

Blasts from Bagdad.

Bagdad, March 16.—Miss Ida Hedrick, who has been teaching school at Burlington, is visiting at home.

Mr. J. H. Michael has sold his farm to Frank Hill, of Arnold.

Mr. J. E. Williamson, of Arnold, has moved to his farm here, the J. L. Micheal place. We are glad to have Mr. Williamson and his family with us.

The Salem road is almost impassable. O, the mud, the mud! We hope the people will vote in favor of a bond issue to make better roads.

The small pox scare at Arnold is about over. If it was small pox at all it was very mild.

Miss Hallie Rea Headrick, who has been going to school at Burlington, is at home for awhile.

Mr. Payne Whirlow, of Salisbury, has been here on a visit to relatives and old friends.
BILL PANE.

Bagdad, March 16.—On account of bad weather the farmers are very much behind with their work.

W. E. Micheal and family, of Spencer, visited friends and relatives in this community last week.

Mr. J. H. Micheal, who recently sold his farm to Mr. Frank Hill, of Arnold, will probably move to Lexington in the near future.

A large number of our people attended the exhibition at Happy Hill Saturday. All report a nice time.

Miss Maggie Michael closed her school at Ebenezer school house last Friday.

Lee Sowers will leave next Monday for Springfield, Illinois, where he will make his future home.

Miss Ella Hinkle has been very sick with pneumonia for the past week, but is now improving.

Robert Everhart has erected a handsome new residence on his place.

Arthur Yokely, who has been confined to his bed by illness for several weeks, is improving.
JACK.

Wheatmore Items.

Wheatmore, March 16.—Sheriff Thos. J. Finch and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Brown at Hopewell.

Some of our young people attended the closing exercises of Prof. Rothrock's school at Whitehart's school house Saturday.

Messrs. James G. Dorsett and C. Crouse gave the young people a dance Saturday evening which was very much enjoyed by those present.

Misses Birdie and Laura Royals are visiting their sister, Mrs. Arthur Jones, of High Point.

Mr. John Q. Finch is preparing his school for an exhibition at Wheatmore. The date will be given later.

Mrs. Bell Welborn can boast of beating neighbors in raising young chickens so far. She has seventy-five up to this writing.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. John Myers, who has been sick for some time, improves but very slowly.

Mrs. Thos. J. Finch received a box of nice strawberries last week. They were sent to her by a friend in Florida and were very nice.
E. B.

Friedburg Items.

Friedburg, March 14.—Mr. Lee Barnard has gone back to Winston to engage in business.

Muddy roads is the order of the day.

The public school at Eagle Hill closed yesterday. Several of the young people around here attended the exhibition at Oak Grove.

There will be a public entertainment given by the Enterprise school on the night of March 21st, beginning at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

There will be a public exhibition at Brooks Saturday, March 28th.

Miss Ollie Anderson is suffering with a severe attack of la grippe. We hope she will soon recover.
TEDDY.