

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Interesting Services to be Held at the First Reformed church.

The following program of services for Holy Week and Easter, at the Reformed church in Lexington, has been issued:

THE SEVEN WORDS OF THE SAVIOR ON THE CROSS.

1. Sunday night April 5th. The First Word. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."—Luke 23:34.

2. Monday night April 6th. The Second Word. "Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Luke 23:43.

3. Tuesday night April 7th. The Third Word. "Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"—John 19:26-27.

4. Wednesday night April 8th. The Fourth Word. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"—Matt. 27:46.

5. Thursday night April 9th. The Fifth Word. "I thirst."—John 19:28.

6. Friday night April 10th. The Sixth Word. "It is finished."—John 19:30.

7. Saturday night April 11th. The Seventh Word. "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."—Luke 23:46.

8. Sunday morning April 12th. Easter-Sermon. The regular offering, and the Holy Communion.

9. Sunday night April 12th. "The Risen Christ," an Easter service, will be rendered by the Sunday school, together with other special music. The Easter offering will be made at this service.

The people are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Mr. Welborn Goes to Spartanburg.

A Spartanburg, S. C., special to the Charlotte Observer says:

"Mr. H. G. Welborne, of Lexington, N. C., is in the city making preparations to reside here in future. He will assume charge as superintendent of the Drayton Mills upon its completion. Mr. Welborne has been located at Laurens and Darlington mills in the capacity of designer and assistant superintendent. Before coming to South Carolina Mr. Welborne was overseer of carding and spinning in a 12,000 spindle mill in North Carolina and but recently returned from Massachusetts, where he spent several weeks looking over the fine mills at Fall River."

Mr. Welborn is a son of Mrs. A. F. Welborn, of Lexington, and a brother of Mr. W. F. Welborn, of the Lexington Drug Co. He has many friends here who will be pleased to learn of the business success with which he is meeting in our sister State.

Registration Books Are Open.

An entirely new registration is ordered for the road bond election for Lexington township, which election is to be held April 21st. The registration books have been open since March 27th and will be kept open until April 11th. The books can be found at The Dispatch office except on Saturdays, when they will be at the usual voting place in the court house. Those who have not yet attended to this very important matter are urged to call at The Dispatch office and register at their earliest convenience. Remember the books close Saturday, April 11th, and that if you do not register you can not vote.

Davidson Gets \$889.00.

Prof. P. L. Ledford, county superintendent, informs us that \$100,000 of the \$140,000 applied for has been appropriated by the State to the needy public school districts. The county treasurer has received the warrants for Davidson county's portion of this money and it amounts to \$889.00. The money will be apportioned to the needy districts of the county. It was received too late to be applied to this winter's schools and will be held in reserve to the credit of the needy districts.

The body of the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bean was buried in Lexington cemetery Monday. The death occurred Sunday.

GRADED SCHOOL CONCERT.

Enjoyable Entertainment Pleases a Large Audience.

One of the most successful and pleasing entertainments ever given in our city was the graded school concert at the opera house last Friday night. Probably the largest audience that ever assembled at any public entertainment in our town greeted the young people upon the rise of the curtain; every reserved seat being sold in advance and standing room was at a premium. The receipts of the evening were over sixty-five dollars and the proceeds will be used for furnishing the chapel of the graded schools.

One of the prettiest features of the concert was the Battle Axe Drill, directed by Miss Ada Michael and the pianist, Miss Louise Hill. Sixteen little boys and girls, in costumes of the time of George and Martha Washington, executed many beautiful and intricate figures in perfect time, reflecting great credit on their talented young teacher.

The next number on the program was the Fancy Ribbon Drill, executed by seventeen young ladies in Grecian costumes, directed by Miss Caldwell Hoyle, piano accompanist Miss Gertrude Hamner. No feature of the concert was more pleasing than this and Miss Hoyle deserves much praise for the excellent training of her pupils.

The vocal solo by Miss Ada Craven, of Concord, received many compliments, as did the violin selection by Dr. John F. Reed, of Concord. One of the hits of the evening was made by little Miss Margaret Radcliffe in a catchy coon song, entitled "You're Just a Little Nigger, but You're Mine—All Mine," and Luther Propst in his school boy speech and Propst Trice in the song and dance, "Home Ain't Nothing Like This," were heartily applauded.

Mr. Dooley's Minstrels, under the management of Supt. J. B. Spilman, was the leading feature of the entertainment. Their quips and jokes and funny stunts brought forth roars of laughter and hearty encores. The up-to-date work of Mr. Dooley and his boys proves that their genial manager fully understands the task of "teaching the young idea how to shoot." There were 13 of the minstrels, the middleman being Cliff Thompson; bones, John Trice; trombo, Luther Propst, and the chorus team was composed of Masters Bain Harkey, Ralph Boring, Archie Dorsett, Baxter Peacock, Carl Green, Ruffin Redwine, Mal Grimes, Raymond Hinkle, Joe Hill and Propst Trice. The choruses, with Miss Arline Trice accompanist, were all good, especially "Coon, Coon, Coon," "She Dances Rag Time," and "My Gypsy Queen." The quartette, "Go Way Back and Sit Down," by Cliff Thompson, Bain Harkey, Mal Grimes and John Trice, was especially fine, and the song and dance, "Ham, Ham, Ham," by John Trice, provoked much applause.

Lack of space prevents us from giving a more detailed account of the concert.

Death of Mrs. Moore's Father.

Mrs. T. L. Moore received a letter Sunday informing her of the death of her father, Dr. A. C. Van Slyke, at his home in Houston, Mo., on Tuesday, the 17th. Last Wednesday she received a letter stating that he had been injured by falling from a bluff about 12 feet high, and if he grew worse would telegraph her, and as no telegram came she thought he was improving. The letter announcing his death said that he continued to improve until Tuesday morning when he was suddenly taken worse and died about 12 o'clock, hence they did not have time to telegraph so that Mrs. Moore could attend the funeral. Dr. Van Slyke was born near New York city in 1824 and moved to Missouri about 40 years ago where he practiced medicine. He was a member of the Methodist church.

THE B. & L. ASSOCIATION.

Officers Elected—Important Meeting Next Friday Night

At a meeting of the promoters of The Lexington Perpetual Building and Loan Association, held in the court house Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Directors—C. M. Thompson, G. F. Hankins, R. L. Burkhead, E. J. Buchanan, S. J. Coley, W. H. Mendenhall, H. B. Varner, Emery E. Raper.

H. B. Varner was elected president of the association, Dr. E. J. Buchanan first vice-president, B. F. Ausband second vice-president and W. H. Mendenhall secretary and treasurer.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Raper, Mendenhall and Burkhead were elected to draft a suitable constitution and by-laws for the association and to report the same at an adjourned meeting to be held in the court house next Friday evening, March 27th, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting the public is invited. The books for receiving stock will be opened, and all persons who contemplate taking stock and all friends of the movement are urged to be present.

THE VICTOR BRICK CO.

Organization of a New Company to Manufacture Repressed Brick.

Application was on Monday evening made to the secretary of the State for the chartering of the Victor Brick Co., of Lexington. The capital stock of the new company is \$10,000 with privilege to increase to \$40,000.

The incorporators are Messrs. Geo. W. Montcastle, Joe H. Thompson, G. F. Hankins, Z. I. Walsler, W. L. Harbin, D. J. Hill, S. E. Williams and Victor Humphrey.

The plant will be located at Lexington. It will be equipped with latest improved, modern machinery and will manufacture a fine quality of repressed brick.

Union Convenes To-Night.

Rev. J. H. Grey will deliver the address of welcome before the Women's Foreign Mission Union of Orange Presbytery, which convenes in the Presbyterian church of this city to-night. A number of delegates to the Union have arrived and are now being entertained at the homes of our citizens. Other delegates are expected to-night and tomorrow.

There will be two sessions tomorrow and Friday. The morning sessions will be devoted to routine work and the discussion of subjects relative to missionary work. These sessions are open to all the ladies of the community. The evening sessions are open to the public generally and rare treats are insured to those who attend. Thursday evening Rev. J. W. Moore, a missionary to Japan, will deliver an address, and on Friday evening Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., of Greensboro, will be the speaker.

Mr. Shemwell's Store Burned.

Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock the store building and general merchandise stock of goods of Mr. Odell Shemwell was destroyed by fire at Tyro Shops, this county. Mr. Shemwell had purchased the store from Mr. R. B. Thompson about one month ago.

The origin of the fire is unknown. We are unable to secure the figures at which the stock was valued, but the loss is covered by insurance.

An Aged Lady Dies.

Mrs. Eva Leonard died on Thursday of last week, at her home near Lexington, at the advanced age of eighty years. The burial took place in the cemetery at Pilgrim church on Friday. Mrs. Leonard was a highly respected Christian lady. She was the step-mother of ex-sheriff P. J. Leonard, Rev. J. C. Leonard, and Messrs. Will, Thomas and Ed. Leonard. Old age was the cause of her death.

—Have you registered?

NOAH HEDRICK, ESQ.

It affords The Dispatch much pleasure this week to present its readers with an excellent line cut of Uncle Noah Hedrick, of McKee, Davidson county.

Mr. Hedrick is a very remarkable man in many respects. He is now in the eighty-first year of his age, but is still in the possession of all his faculties and the vigor of his intellect is unabated. His step are beginning to become a little feeble and infirm, but he is yet able to visit Lexington occasionally, does his own trading and transaction of business, attends to his team and drives to his home in the county unattended.

Mr. Hedrick has chewed tobacco since a boy in his teens, but never smokes. For so many years that he can't remember he has not failed to take his morning dram, but was never drunk in his life. Several years ago he was a manufacturer of brandy—and such brandy that was! None of your present day concoction of concentrated lie, ashes and only distillers know what else, but the pure, unadulterated article that quickly gave him a reputation over Davidson and adjoining counties. But he quit this business many years



ago, though he confidentially informed us that he yet has a little brandy at home that is twenty years of age. He knows its age because he made it himself.

Mr. Hedrick has been a constant reader of The Dispatch since its first issue, May 2, 1882. He has always voted the Democratic ticket and never missed an election since he became of age. He has been a member of the Lutheran church for sixty years, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Hedrick is the oldest of a family of seven children, four of whom are dead. He has two sisters still living, Mrs. Barbara Darr and Nettie Hedrick, both of whom live in Davidson county. He has three children, twelve grand children and three great grand children.

Mr. Hedrick is a thrifty and prosperous farmer. He has always produced his supplies at home, and does his own repairing of plows, wagons, etc.

Two New Lights.

The Southern Railway and the town of Lexington have at last acceded to the popular demand of a long suffering public and will place two electric lights in the vicinity of the depot. One of the lights will be erected near the passenger waiting rooms at the depot, the other at the crossing near the steam laundry. The town will pay for the cost and maintenance of one of the lights and the Railway Company for the other. This will be a very pleasing item of news to all who ever have occasion to visit the depot at night.

Good Roads Meeting.

The friends of the bond issue for good roads in Lexington township are earnestly requested to meet in the COURT HOUSE Thursday night March 26th, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of selecting a campaign committee to organize the township for the good roads election which will be held April 21st.

This meeting is of the greatest importance. Don't fail to attend.

MANY VOTERS.

A RECORD-BREAKING MONTH.

For Mildness the Present Month Has No Equal in 35 Years.

The unusually mild weather for the past twenty-two days of March stimulated the Observer to examine into the weather bureau data at Charlotte in order to ascertain whether such weather is common. The Observer says the record is of particular interest at this juncture, for it is found that the period mentioned, compared with those of the past 25 years, breaks all records. The 25-year average for March is 50 degrees. For the first 22 days it is 49 degrees.

The warmest March on record, previous to this year, was in 1898, when an average of 55 was reached. The average for the past 22 days was 10 degrees above normal, or 59 degrees. This fact explains why fruit trees are in full bloom and foliage is starting, for it is high average that affects vegetation rather than isolated warm days among spells of cold weather which checks the bursting of buds into leaf and blossom.

A feature of the weather record that suggests itself strongly is the probability of killing frost, as indicated by past experience. The following shows the dates of the last killing frosts of springs since 1878:

1879, April 12; 1880, April 12; 1881, April 17; 1882, March 25; 1883, April 3; 1883, April 11; 1885, April 14; 1886, March 12; 1887, March 29; 1888, April 26; 1889, March 29; 1890, March 9; 1891, April 6; 1892, April 10; 1893, March 30; 1894, March 30; 1895, April 4; 1896, March 21; 1897, April 21; 1898, April 7; 1899, April 5; 1900, April 4; 1901, March 22; 1902, March 19.

The average date for destructive frosts is April 1. A careful examination of the temperature after April 1st shows that, apart from frosts, there is only a remote possibility of cold severe enough to freeze vegetation. Most fruit will bear exposure to temperature three or four degrees below freezing without serious injury. It may be safely assumed that if the mild weather continues ten days longer the imminent danger to fruit will be past.

Royal Arcanum Competing for Prize

Some time ago the State Council of the Royal Arcanum offered a \$50 medal to any sub-ordinate lodge of the State to secure twenty-one new members within a certain time. The Lexington council entered into the contest and up to this date has secured sixteen of the required number and has excellent prospects of getting the five others and winning the prize. The council here is in a prosperous condition. Five new members were initiated Friday night and there are several others who are to be introduced to Sir William Goat at the next meeting, to be held on the first Friday night in April.

Yadkin College Notes.

Yadkin College, March 23.—After an absence of nearly four months, the reporter has returned and will try to take up the work that has been neglected so long.

The public school closed Friday, without an entertainment.

Mr. J. H. Taylor has moved from Mr. Koonts' house into Mrs. Chas. J. Taylor's house. We are glad to have Mr. Taylor and his family in our village.

Messrs. Jas. Leonard and Jesse Evans entered school here a few days ago. The boys like to go to this good old school.

Rev. Mr. Moton preached in the M. P. church yesterday afternoon. He also administered the Lord's supper. He will preach at 11 o'clock on the next fourth Sunday. Come to hear him; he is an able minister, and always gives you something good to think about.

Albert, son of Mr. Ed. Owen, is right sick. We hope he will soon be well again. AMICUS.

The grand jury returned a true bill against Haywood, at Raleigh, Monday. His trial is postponed until July 15th.

STRONG PLEA FOR GOOD ROADS.

Hon. Zeb V. Walsler Gives Excellent Reasons for Their Necessity.

To the Editor:

Let me say a word for good roads. The State is growing rapidly. We must keep up with the procession. Bonds are the thing. Let those who come up after us help build our roads. They will use them. They will use them more than we will. It is cheapest, too. Every voter should vote for bonds. Every main public road in the county should be macadamized. Public improvements will be worth to each voter two dollars where it will cost him one dollar. Every county with good roads would not think of giving them up. Then it is a necessity. We are a hundred years behind the time. Good roads will come, sooner or later. Let us have them now. Now is the time. Better roads mean a rise in the value of all kinds of property. Extend the town limits, pave the streets, beautify the town, have magnificent schools, let all the public roads be improved, and people will flock here from every part of the Union.

The Panama canal will soon be built and the South will become the garden spot of the earth. The entire South is now all afire with progress. North Carolina is almost at the head of the procession. Let Davidson county be at the head of the counties. All hands together. We must not stand across the pathway of greater things. It means prosperity all along the line. Any other policy will be "penny-wise and pound foolish."

Let us march to the music of a gloriously. Forward, march!

Yours truly,

ZEB V. WALSLER.

OUR ROLL OF HONOR.

Weekly List of New Subscriptions and Renewals.

Within the past two weeks the names of at least one hundred, paid-in-advance subscribers have been placed upon the subscription books of The Dispatch. We are thankful to these friends, and also to our old patrons who have favored us with renewals. We now have the largest circulation of any local weekly in North Carolina, and believe that ere long we shall lead every weekly of any description in the State. To this end we are striving and hereby return thanks to all who are aiding us in the undertaking. Below will be found the subscriptions received since our last issue:

F J Albertson, G F Starr, Hiram Wood, Sam Johnson, R O Lindsay, B Auman, T N Russell, T W Mitchell, I J Fuller, Dr. W J Moore, Brantley Lambeth, T H Fuller, J T Redding, T J Hoover, E M Reeves, J P Burroughs, W K Teague, E M Armfield, E E Teague, J M Varner, R R Ross, W E Justice, E S Shoaf, G L Cope, J L Pounds, W W Brady, J R Beeson, W T Forschee, J M Hix, J M Walker, H P Baldwin, M L J Monroe, H B Aldred, E B Jordan, E A Ledwell, S M Rike, W G Patterson, J H Burrow, Ross Coble, Solomon Luther, J Q Robbins, J T Millikan, L C Kimery, Central Hotel, B M Aldred, W R Michael, W E Conrad, W E Rhyne, Dr. Joel Hill, Frank Lore, A B Willis, J Walter Warner, O L Stoner, G M Pugh, W A Warren, J M Luther, E N Ellis, W L Hall, H H Dougan, C T Kirkman, J C Sumner, B L Ruth, C R Crofts, R C Hoover, S A Woodell, D C Staley, J T Williams, G W Farlow, W T Steele, P D Luther, J A Hopkins, A C Stout, Geo. Berry, A R Auman, Chas. Shaw, Daniel McCloud, H. B. Crozier, T. B. Harris, B. W. Watts, E. T. Kearns, J. T. Skinnell, E. B. Fitzgerald, W. E. Justice, E. S. Shoaf, G. L. Cope, R. H. Honeycutt, J. W. Miller.

The Legislature appointed H. W. Douglass a member of the board of education for Yadkin county. Douglass has been dead a year or more. How the error was made is not stated. The State board of education will supply the vacancy.