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NEW CHURCH FOR LUTHERANS.

They Will Erect a Handsome Building at New Pilgrim.

The contract was let last week for the erection of the New Pilgrim Lutheran church, located four miles northeast of Lexington on what is known as the Ridge road, near M. H. Cross.

Mr. W. L. Harbin, of Lexington, is the contractor. When completed the new church will be one of the handsomest and most up-to-date in the county. It will have a seating capacity of between three and four hundred and the cost will be about three thousand dollars.

The site selected is said to be a beautiful one and our Pilgrim friends are to be congratulated upon their efforts to erect a fitting house of worship thereon.

Davidson County Man Dies at Spencer.

Mr. Joe W. Davis, of Davidson county, died Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock at Spencer of typhoid fever. Mr. Davis had been sick several weeks and the certainty of approaching death was recognized by his family and physicians before his demise.

The deceased was 33 years old and had been acting as storekeeper gauger in this county for several months preceding his last illness. He leaves a wife and one child.

The remains were taken to Davidson county Tuesday morning and the funeral services held at 11 o'clock from Piney church. —Salisbury Sun.

Arcadia Commencement.

The commencement of Arcadia High School will take place May 24-26-27th. The sermon will be preached Sunday, May 24th, at eleven o'clock by J. D. Arnold, of Lexington. An entertainment will be given by the school Tuesday night at eight o'clock. Commencement exercises will be rendered by a number of students. Wednesday at two o'clock p. m. the Literary Address will be delivered Wednesday at two o'clock in the afternoon, by Mr. O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem. A social will take place Wednesday evening at half past eight. Centersville Cornet Band will furnish music for the occasion.

Benefit Festival Friday Night.

Several of the good ladies of Lexington will give a lawn festival at the residence of Mrs. Zeb V. Walsler Friday afternoon and evening. Strawberries and cream will be served. The proceeds of the evening will be used for the payment of and care of the little Holland girl, in the Charlotte Rescue Home. All the little people are invited to attend in the afternoon, while the large folk can wait until evening, if they so desire.

Small Wreck Yesterday.

A small wreck occurred yesterday evening about 7 o'clock on the railroad between here and Linwood. A box car of a freight train jumped from its trucks and was thrown across the track. A wrecking crew from Greensboro soon arrived and the debris was cleared away by 10 o'clock. The damage was slight and no one injured, but all trains were delayed several hours.

The Poultry Show.

At a meeting of the Piedmont Poultry Association, held here Saturday, November 24th, 25th, 26th and 27, 1903, were the dates decided upon for holding the poultry and pet stock show in Lexington. J. A. Harrill and R. L. Simmons were elected judges. This will be one of the largest exhibitions of fancy fowls and pet animals ever held in the State.

Haywood Wants Bail.

Ernest Haywood the slayer of Ludlow Skinner, who is now confined in the Raleigh jail, is tired of his imprisonment and yesterday had his counsel institute habeas corpus proceedings for his release from custody on bail. Judge Douglas will hear the writ on Thursday, May 21st.

MR. TAYLOR RESIGNS.

Southern Railway Must Get a New Depot Agent Here.

It's up to the Southern Railway to get a new agent for Lexington. Mr. E. B. G. Taylor, the present agent who came here from Virginia a few months ago to accept the position, has, or will in the course of a few days, tender his resignation. He is the fifth agent to resign within a year, all of them claiming insufficient assistance to handle the business at this place. Each new man that comes tackles the job with a vim and tries to do the work, but in the course of a short time finds he has more than he can do and—resigns. The resignations are always accepted (the Southern doesn't turn these down) and a new man is sent to repeat the experience of his predecessors.

Mr. Taylor is a clever gentleman and an efficient agent, but he could not do the vast amount of work as it should be done and he quits. A committee of Lexington business men went to Greensboro a few days ago, and explained the situation here, which is need of more side tracks, more help and better service. The officials heard the complaint, promised a few things and, did nothing.

Perhaps the railway people will pay some attention to our needs at some future day, but the prospects for a present remedy are not bright.

To instruct the Tax Assessors.

The members of the corporation commission, whose duty it is to look after the proper assessment of property for taxation, are now making a tour of the State for the purpose of instructing assessors. The three members of the commission have divided the State into districts and will visit all the county seats at dates named, there to meet all the assessors and list takers of the county, to explain to them the law and make clear their duty.

Commissioner McNeil will visit Lexington for the purpose of instructing the assessors of Davidson on next Tuesday, May 26th. It is necessary and important that all the assessors be present.

A Telephone Deal.

A deal was made last week between the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Lexington Telephone Company whereby the local telephone subscribers will have direct connection with the long distance toll lines of the American Company. It is said that Bell telephones and metallic circuit will be installed at an early date. The booth formerly in The Lexington Drug Company's store has been moved to Central office and all business is being transacted at the station at present.

Money in Poultry Raising.

Miss Roxie Sheets, of this place, who has been engaged in the fancy poultry business for a few years, has shipped this Spring one hundred and twenty-two settings of eggs, to be used for hatching purposes. She has netted over one hundred dollars from these sales and the eggs were shipped to different States—from Virginia to Texas. Miss Sheets says she cannot supply the demand and is contemplating enlarging her plant so as to accommodate her constantly increasing trade.

Junior Order Sermon.

Next Sunday, May 17th, being the fiftieth anniversary of the Jr. O. U. A. M., the National Council has requested the local councils throughout the Union to attend divine services in the churches. Lexington council No. 21 has requested Rev. J. C. Leonard to preach a special sermon for the occasion in the reformed church. This he will do at the morning service, and the Juniors will attend in a body. The people are cordially invited to attend the service.

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WILL GO TO GEORGIA.

Supt. J. B. Spilman Elected Assistant Secretary of Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

Prof. J. B. Spilman, who for the past two years has been superintendent of Lexington Graded Schools, has been tendered and accepted the position as assistant secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board. Mr. Spilman will leave here in June for Atlanta, which city is headquarters for the board, to enter upon the duties of his new position.

During the two years he has



PROF. J. B. SPILMAN.

been in Lexington there is no one who has done more for schools and school work than Prof. Spilman. He is a capable superintendent and an inflexible worker and to his efforts is due the present excellent condition of our graded schools. His departure will be a distinct loss to the town and community.

He would have unquestionably been re-elected superintendent by the school commissioners, but his new position offers him greater opportunities and pays a better salary than is allowed here.

Prof. Spilman's successor has not yet been selected.

School Commencements.

Fork Academy, at Fork church, Davie county, closes its spring term of school on Thursday, May 21st. The annual literary address will be delivered by Rev. W. A. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church, Lexington.

Trinity High School commencement takes place May 17th to 20th, at Trinity, Randolph county.

Dr. L. W. Crawford, of Greensboro, will deliver the literary address on Wednesday, 20th.

The closing exercises of Yadkin Valley Institute, at Boonville, N. C., take place May 21st and 22nd. The declaimers contest and literary address will be on Friday, the 22nd.

Reduced Rates to Charlotte.

On account of the 20th of May celebration the Southern Railway will sell reduced rate tickets to Charlotte from all points along its lines. The round trip from Lexington will be \$2.25. Tickets on sale May 18th, 19th and 20th, limited to return May 21st.

\$16.40 to New Orleans.

The round trip fare to New Orleans on account of the Confederate Veterans Reunion, will be \$16.40. Tickets will be placed on sale next Saturday, 16. Several old veterans from Davidson county will probably attend the reunion.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. H. L. Propst went to Spenser Monday.

Mr. W. H. Moffitt was in Thomasville Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Sheets was in Thomasville Thursday.

Mr. J. F. Ward was in Thomasville Thursday.

Mr. G. F. Hankins spent Thursday in High Point.

Geo. W. Garland, Esq., was in Salisbury Monday.

Mr. R. L. Burkhead spent Friday in Thomasville.

Mr. Arthur Gallimore was in High Point Monday.

Mr. Raymond Dorsett was in Thomasville Saturday.

Mr. Harold Shemwell was in Greensboro Thursday.

Mr. George Dorsett was in Thomasville Thursday.

Mr. Joe Thompson was in Thomasville Thursday.

Mr. J. L. Woodson spent Sunday here with his family.

Mr. J. C. Harrill, of Forest City, spent Sunday here.

Mr. W. A. Anthony was in Salisbury Friday on business.

Mr. J. T. Hedrick spent Thursday in Ashboro on business.

Mr. Chas. M. Griffith, of Thomasville, spent Sunday here.

Mr. J. F. Hargrave was in Greensboro Friday on business.

Mr. Chas. E. McCrary was in Concord Thursday on business.

Mr. R. H. Besiecker left Monday for Marion on a business trip.

Mr. Z. I. Walsler went to Salisbury Monday to attend Superior court.

We received a pleasant call from Mr. A. J. Beck, of Cid, last Saturday.

W. A. Watson, Esq., of Greensboro, was a visitor here the first of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Moffitt and daughter, Miss Rosa, spent Friday in Thomasville.

Baxter Shemwell and children, of Asheville, spent a few days here this week.

Mr. D. L. Crowell went to Jackson Hill Monday on business for the Yadkin Lumber Co.

Mr. Oscar Moffitt and Miss Debbie Tomlinson, of High Point, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle, who has been visiting in Charlotte, returned home Thursday.

Miss Lois Holt, of Charlotte, is here on a visit to Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle and other relatives.

Mrs. T. H. Fuller, of Farmer, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her son-in-law, Mr. J. L. Peacock.

Miss Mollie Hill, of German-ton, arrived Monday afternoon and will spend a week or more visiting at the Drs. Hill.

Mr. F. R. Loftin went to Thomasville Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother, whose death was announced last week.

Mesdames J. G. Walsler and W. M. Koons, accompanied by Postmaster Walsler, spent Saturday and Sunday in Morganton visiting friends.

W. P. Redwine, Esq., of Healing Springs, was here Monday and Tuesday. He has been suffering with rheumatism for some time, but is recovering now.

Mr. T. L. Moore left Monday morning for Wilmington to be present at the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, which convenes in that city this week. Mr. Moore is the representative of his home lodge.

Mr. W. L. Harkey arrived home last week from a business trip to Florida. Will says he made a trade for a farm during this trip and that it is one of the greatest places to hunt and fish in the country.

Rev. W. H. Rich, for several years pastor of the Baptist church of Lexington, was here Friday. Mr. Rich was en route to Newbern, where he has accepted a call to the pastorate of a church at that place. He has many friends here who wish him well with his labors in his new field.

CHANGES IN ROAD TRUSTEES.

County Commissioners Name Three New Men.

At their regular monthly session last week the county commissioners appointed the following gentlemen to constitute a board of road trustees for Lexington township: Emery E. Raper, G. D. Sink, Z. F. Hinkle, E. A. Rothrock and James Smith. Three of the gentlemen named are new men, the other two having served heretofore on the board.

The commissioners appointed Dr. Joel Hill the present incumbent, county physician for the ensuing term of one year. D. L. Trexler was re-appointed standard keeper of weights, scales, etc., for the county.

A contract was made with the Cornell Company for steel furniture for the new vaults, which are now about completed.

A Monument for a Living Man.

Mr. J. E. Eford went over in Stanly last week and sold a nice large monument to a man who is not yet dead—old, Uncle Andrew Honeycutt, well known by all the old people of the surrounding country. The old gentleman is now in his 95th year, but has been confined to his bed for four years. He bought the monument for himself, his first wife and his present wife, who yet lives and is about 40 years old. The old man says that he has caught wild horses in Stanly in his youth, shot buffalo and killed deer innumerable at the big salt lick, now the city of Big Lick.

Guilford Votes for Good Roads.

By a majority of from 300 to 500 Guilford county yesterday voted to issue \$300,000 of bonds to carry on the work of macadamizing her good roads. Only thirty four votes were cast against the measure in High Point.

Troy News.

Rev. K. C. Horner returned from Johns Hopkins at Baltimore Saturday. He has not fully recovered, but is improving, and it is hoped that he will soon be able to resume his work.

Miss Mail Bloxor, of Virginia, is visiting Mrs. Dr. Blair.

Mr. Martin Deaton came home Saturday from Ruby, S. C., where he will move his family the last of this week. We are sorry to lose these good people.

Mr. J. W. Lemons has moved in his new residence in northeast part of Troy.

Miss Mamie Hearne spent a few days last week with friends at Mt. Gilead.

Miss Stella Dickens is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. McGehee, at Cid.

Mr. Fred Wade, of Rocky Creek, spent Sunday in Troy.

Mr. Ed. Dickens, of Pekin, is in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. E. Capel and Miss Jessie Smitherman spent a few days with relatives at Ramseur last week.

Miss Maggie Wright, who has been in school at Buie's Creek, has returned home.

The closing exercises of Troy High School will be on Thursday the 21st of May, 1903. The distinguished editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, Hon. Josephus Daniels, will deliver the literary address.

ROSE AND PANSY.

Industrial education seems to appeal to all classes of people. Of the families that patronize the A. and M. College a majority are engaged in agriculture, next most numerous are the merchants. According to figures last given out there are 258 farmers, 40 merchants, 20 manufacturers, 20 salesmen, 17 doctors, 10 book-keepers, 10 insurance agents, 9 engineers, and 9 lumber dealers. In all thirty-two trades, occupations and professions are represented by the students of the A. and M. College. North Carolina is rapidly becoming a great industrial State.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The County Board of Education of Davidson county will meet in Lexington the first Monday in July. Important business will engage the attention of the Board at that time. In accordance with requirements of the school law, committees will be appointed for the ensuing two years for the various school districts of the county. It is the desire of the Board to appoint good, moral, competent men who are interested in the education of the children of the county, and are willing to make some sacrifice for the benefit of the schools in their respective districts.

It is reasonable to assume that the members of the Board do not know the needs and wants of the 110 districts of the county, neither are they well enough acquainted to make judicious selections for committees without some assistance. I am therefore instructed to request the citizens of each district to meet together, or in some way confer with each other, get an expression of opinion and make suitable recommendations.

Committees now in office must not employ teachers for the scholastic year beginning July 1st, 1903. The responsibility of employing teachers will be entrusted to committees appointed at the July meeting.

The consolidation of districts will receive attention. The Board is in harmony with the movement now successfully progressing in different parts of the state for large districts, better school houses and better schools. There is no disposition to interfere with the location of the school house in any district that a change will not give improved school facilities, but there are in different townships dilapidated old school houses, poorly furnished, one or two miles apart in districts containing from 30 to 45 children on census reports, and in these houses are huddled together an average of not more than 15 or twenty scholars, and teachers laboring under disadvantages trying to teach these children. Progressive citizens in these communities are not satisfied with such a state of affairs, and are moving for the consolidation of districts and building good houses. We invite all who desire to educate their children at home to fall in line, join the procession, and work for the promotion of mutual school interests.

The Board has now under consideration the consolidation of districts No. 4, 10 and 13, Lexington township; No. 4, 6 and 8, Thomasville township; a readjustment of some of the districts in Tyro, Silver Hill and Conrad Hill, and a complete re-arranging of districts wherever the number of children on census reports does not justify the continuance of small schools. The board, actuated by a sense of duty, will be compelled to make some changes in the location of school houses in different parts of the county, but will not do so without carefully considering the rights and interests of all concerned. Parties having the misfortune to live in these small districts should agitate the idea of a change unless there are natural obstructions in the way.

The board carefully guarding the interests of the children will be compelled to place a maximum salary upon the teachers teaching the several schools. The number of children on census reports will be considered in arranging the salary paid the teachers. Parties persisting in retaining small districts that can be enlarged by fair consolidation will have to employ teachers at a small salary. The inability of officers to subscribe to affidavits that have to accompany the application will preclude many of these small districts from receiving state aid. The board will conscientiously deal with this problem, and respectfully invites the co-operation of all who are in sympathy with a movement calculated to give the children of the county better school facilities.

P. L. LEDFORD.