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EARL HOLMES IS CHIEF.

Other Officers Named—Two Important Ordinances passed by the New Board.

The new board of aldermen held its first regular meeting in the court house Monday night and a number of very important matters were attended to, chief among which were the election of a chief of police and tax collector, two other officers and the passage of two very important ordinances.

Alderman Varner, who was out of town at the time of the special meeting last week, was sworn in. The mayor completed his list of committees with the appointment of the following:

Cemetery, J. H. Moyer, ex-officio chairman; H. B. Varner and T. H. Lamb.

H. B. Varner was added to the committee on streets, of which Mr. J. R. McCrary is the chairman.

The report of Alderman Harbin and Hedrick, appointed as a special committee to ascertain the standing of the finances of the city, was read and approved and the committee continued for further investigation. The report of this committee appears elsewhere in this Dispatch today.

The Mayor was authorized to execute the note of the town for \$5,000 to take up the note falling due on the 19th at the National Bank.

The salary of the "clock-fixer" was raised from \$12 to \$18 per year.

On motion of Alderman Young the offices of chief of police and tax collector were combined and the salary fixed at \$24 per month and fees and a commission of one per cent on taxes collected.

OFFICERS HIRED BY MONTH.

The salaries of the first and second officers were placed at \$30 per month and fees and a resolution was presented and adopted without opposition providing that all police and street officers be elected for terms of one month each, so that it will be easy to get rid of any officer who fails to do his duty. The sentiment of the board is for real law enforcement and the officer that falls down in the matter of discharge of duty will "get the book" immediately. He will stay on the police force until the next day of his term in the army and it will be remembered that Pat's stay was "some brief."

The following were elected: Chief of police and tax collector, Earl Holmes.

First officer, F. H. Lockbill. Second officer, J. F. Welch.

These officers are well known to the people of Lexington, with the exception of Mr. Welch, who is comparatively a new comer. He has seen police service elsewhere and is said to be a fine officer. There were about 200 applicants for places on the force and the vote was badly split up in several instances.

It was ordered that each committee have charge of the buying in its own department and that all bills be O. K'd by the committee before they become applicants for places on the force and the vote was badly split up in several instances.

The report of the superintendent of water and light was referred to the proper committee.

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

The board decided to make it torrid for delinquent tax-payers and ordered that the tax collector proceed to advertise and sell the property of all those owing taxes for 1909, first giving them fifteen days within which to pay up.

A committee on claims and litigation was appointed, consisting of Charles Young, L. L. Barbee and D. F. Conrad.

CLEAN-UP SQUARES AND SIDEWALKS.

Alderman McCrary, chairman of the street committee, offered the following ordinance, which secured immediate passage by an unanimous vote: "That from and after the 22nd day of May 1911 all persons, firms or corporations are hereby forbidden to place or keep or allow to be kept on the streets, sidewalks or public squares in the town of Lexington any wagon, buggy or other vehicle or any other article of merchandise of any description which is a nuisance or objectionable for sale or for barter. No one shall place or keep or allow to be kept any goods, boxes, barrels, trash or waste material of any kind upon said streets, sidewalks or public squares. The violation of this ordinance is hereby made a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$5.00 for each offense and \$5.00 per day thereafter for each day such articles are allowed to be kept upon said streets, sidewalks or public squares. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. The provision of this act shall also apply to all public and private stables or livery stables. Provided, that this act shall not apply to owners of street wagons that have already paid license tax."

This ordinance will clean up the squares and sidewalks in all parts of the town and afford a much needed relief. It becomes effective Monday, May 22nd, and it will be enforced to the letter. If the present set of officers will not enforce the law, the board will call for a new deal and the ordinance will be enforced.

TO KEEP WAGONS OFF THE SQUARE.

Alderman McCrary also offered another ordinance relative to the speed limit and to hitching on the public squares. It is as follows: "That Section 48 of the ordinances of Lexington be amended so as to read as follows: That any person who shall recklessly ride or drive a horse or mule along the streets of the town or who shall ride or drive a horse or mule or drive an automobile on the streets of the town at a greater rate of speed than 10 miles an hour or who shall ride or drive a horse or mule on any sidewalk or on a public square shall be fined \$10.00 for each offense."

This ordinance brought on some discussion and one Alderman voted against it but it passed. Mention was made of the fact that the farmers need a hitching lot and the following resolution was offered and adopted: "Resolved, That the public is respectfully invited to occupy the two acres of ground owned by the city situated at the corner of the hitching lot and that the street foreman be required to put hitching posts thereon and to keep the grounds cleaned up. It will cost exactly \$25.00 to erect a hitching post and \$25.00 to erect a hitching place elsewhere.

The pool room ordinance was amended, making it obligatory on the pool rooms to close every night at 11 o'clock. A fine of \$10 for each day of violation was placed on the proprietor of every pool room for each and every day under 18 years of age allowed in a pool room.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Place Address by Rev. Plato Durham—Interesting Exercises by the Graduating Class.

Commencement exercises were held last week and they were thoroughly enjoyed from beginning to end. They began Thursday night with exercises by the children of the Fourth Grade, consisting of songs, recitations and drills. The May Pole drill was beautifully done by about twenty of Lexington's handiwork lads and lassies. The little girls sang beautifully and the audience was duly appreciative.

Friday night Rev. Plato Durham, of Concord, one of the most eloquent speakers in the Western North Carolina Conference, delivered the annual address. He was introduced by Capt. F. C. Robbins. His subject was "The Making of a Literature," and he handled it in a masterly manner. He decried the fact that no North Carolinian had ever broken into the real literature of America. The requisites for the making of literature are many. Some authorities say that leisure is necessary and there are those who argue that the people of North Carolina are too poor and work too hard to produce a literature. He decried that.

He decried the desire to produce literature and he went on to show that North Carolina has every element of the beautiful to inspire the makers of literature; it has a glorious past history on which the imagination may feed and there are many other reasons why North Carolina should have a glorious literature.

The speaker then gave several reasons why literature is valuable to everybody. He said that literature is valuable because it made it possible for every man to possess the knowledge of all ages. Literature is man's real talent, said with bowed head and hands clasped in prayer, the great men of earth. It is the expression of the soul of God Himself.

He said that the people of this country needed to learn that they had not established a school when they had built a schoolhouse. We have no school, no matter how magnificent the equipment, until we have a faculty that can look into the souls of boys and girls and read them, develop their latent powers and make the flowers bloom in their lives.

He deplored the tendency in North Carolina to value only what can be seen and touched. He said that material and gross and to laugh at and all attempts to cater to men's higher nature.

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THE CITY TREASURY.

Big Deficit in the Water and Light Department—Bonded Indebtedness of \$168,000.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night of last week a committee of two was appointed to investigate the city's finances and make a report on their condition. This committee was composed of Mr. J. T. Hedrick and Mr. W. Lee Harbin. They made their examination of the books of the old board and have prepared the following report:

RECEIVED OF THE OLD BOARD. School fund—cash . . . \$ 260.64 1910 taxes uncollected . . . 1,691.87

Total . . . \$1,952.51 WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT. Bills now owing . . . \$ 1,612.07 Less bills due and uncollected . . . 570.26

Deficit . . . \$ 1,041.81 GENERAL FUND. Cash from treasurer . . . \$ 241.16 1910 taxes uncollected . . . 6,045.61 Macadam tax uncollected . . . 550.22

Total . . . \$ 6,836.99 BONDS, ETC. Bonded indebtedness . . . \$168,000.00 Borrowed money . . . 8,900.00

Total . . . \$176,900.00 CEMETERY FUND. Received of the treasurer . . . \$334.96

We have not checked up the old tax books prior to 1910 at this time, therefore, we cannot make any statement as to what amount is due on the same, if any, or how much is collectable. A statement will be made as to this as soon as we have time to make the investigation.

J. T. HEDRICK, W. LEE HARBIN, Special Committee.

Business News Notes. The Davidson Hardware Company this week has a full page ad telling of their spring opening of "seasonable" hardware. Their special offer is of real importance to every farmer and they are offering bargains that some will profit by. Might as well be one of his customers and get your goods real ad carefully. There are all features that should appeal to the ladies.

A. L. Smith & Co. advertise in this issue their up-to-the-minute livery business, calling attention to the fact that they have added a new line of rubber-tired buggies and good horses. If you need a team for a short drive or a long one, get it from Smith.

The Davidson Furniture Company has an ad on page two of this issue telling of its handsome line of porch furniture, Crex rug and other furniture. Hunt it up and then go take a look at the goods they are talking about.

J. B. Smith, the "Old Reliable," offers to make you feel good with one of his Specials. His ad will be found on page two of this issue. The Elgin is the queen of watches, but even an Elgin will not run well unless cleaned occasionally. A. E. Sheets, the jeweler, sells them and cleans them too. Read his ad.

Dr. McCulloch invites you to become one of his customers and have your eye trouble. See his ad. W. G. Perry, "The One Price Store," man, again calls attention to the many beauties of Strouse & Bro's. High Art Clothes. They are hard to beat.

More specials at The Fred Thompson Company. This time it is ladies' skirts, a fine lot going at a remarkably low price.

—There will be a baseball game this afternoon at four o'clock between the Bankers and the Railway Clerks. Admission is 15 cents and the receipts will go to the Citizens League batteries are: Shemwell and Hedrick for the Bankers; Hutchinson and Trice for the Clerks.

DIED. Mr. John H. Crotts, one of the best citizens of Davidson county, died Sunday at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium in Salisbury. He had been ill for some time and the immediate cause of his death is not definitely known. The physicians stated that death was caused by the rupture of a small blood vessel in the brain or by an abscess on the brain. He was carried to Salisbury Friday, but there was nothing that the physicians could do for him. Mr. Crotts was 48 years old and was a leading member of the Mt. Tabor Reformed church. He was superintendent of the Sunday school and active in every phase of church work. He stood high in his community and was a justice of the peace for many years. He leaves a widow and six children, three sons and three daughters. The funeral was held at two o'clock Monday afternoon, the interment taking place at Mt. Tabor. Rev. S. W. Beck conducted the funeral services, which were largely attended. There were many people present from Lexington and from all parts of the county.

Last week the aged mother of Rev. Clarence Woods died at her home twelve miles from Greensboro in Guilford county. She was very old, close to eighty, and had been in feeble health for some time. She leaves a husband and eleven children. It is worthy of note that here is the first death to occur in the family, all of her children growing up to manhood and womanhood without even serious sickness. After the funeral, which was held Thursday, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Woods went to Mt. Airy to spend a few weeks. Mr. Woods' health has not been of the best of late.

Friday Mr. Joseph H. Lanning, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Lanning, died at his home four miles from Lexington of appendicitis. He was buried Saturday at Reeds Baptist church of which he was a member. Rev. R. D. Swain conducted the funeral services. The deceased was just 21 years old and had been married only a few months. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Alice Farabee, four brothers and several brothers-in-law and a vast circle of friends and acquaintances.

—There will be a game of baseball Saturday afternoon at four o'clock on Ford Field between two special pick-up teams. One team will be composed of the following: Young, G.; Derrett, R.; Thompson, S.; J. Fossaka, R.; Propst, H.; Thompson, C. H.; Chesnut, C.; Little, J.; Traylor, P. This team is ready to meet all comers and will play a combination of all of the teams of the city. The game will be called at four o'clock. Admission is 15 cents. Proceeds will go to the Lexington Civic League.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hedrick spent Sunday in Salisbury with relatives. Mrs. Mary Eades, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Tussey.

Mr. John K. Hankins left Saturday night for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend several weeks. Judge C. E. Godwin, clerk of court, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to spend a few days hunting and fishing.

Mrs. J. A. Landon, of Pochontas, Va., is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. P. S. Vann and Mrs. Anna Turnley. Little Miss Mary Evelyn Dunham, of Salisbury, is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. F. L. Hedrick.

Miss Mary Cline, of Concord, visited at the home of Capt. and Mrs. C. M. Trice Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Ferd A. Watson returned Saturday from Winston-Salem, where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vaughn.

Mr. Leonard Swain left Saturday for Statesville to attend the commencement exercises of the Statesville Graded School. Messrs. Wade H. Phillips, E. I. Bug, R. L. Reynolds and Wm. Panacke spent Sunday in Boone township and attended church at Piney.

Mr. Cleveland Brinkley, salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., with headquarters at Asheville, spent Sunday here visiting his mother. Mrs. J. C. Leonard and little son, Jacob, left Monday for Rockwell to visit relatives. They expect to be away from the city for two weeks.

Misses Olive and Kate Thomas, Belle Siceoff and Master James Siceoff, all of Spencer, have been spending a few days with Sheriff Delap and family. Riley Hairston, one of Lexington's best known colored barbers has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to get a hot water bath to be benefited by the hot water baths to be had at these springs.

Rev. J. W. Patton, of Elon College, left Saturday for home after spending a little more than a week with the local Masons. He is one of the state leaders of the order and he made a fine impression here. Miss Zula Hedrick left Friday night for Elizabeth College, Charlotte, to attend the alumnae meeting and be present at the commencement exercises. Before returning home she will spend some time with Misses Alma Oats and Margaret Willis.

Mr. O. L. Huff and Mr. H. Bently Owen, of Gibsonville, were here last Thursday, attending the Confederate reunion. These gentlemen are natives of Davidson and have many friends in the county who were pleased to see them.

Dr. J. C. Leonard, pastor of the First Reformed church, has been chosen to deliver the annual commencement address at Catawba College May 21st. The excellent school is run by the Reformed church of North Carolina and is just rounding out one of the best years in its history.

Mr. A. L. Chappuis has returned to the city after a long absence. He is much improved in health and says that Mrs. Chappuis has entirely regained her health and physical condition. He has good news to her many friends here. Mr. Chappuis left his wife at her old home in Rayne, La.

Mr. Egbert Hankins left Sunday for Indianapolis, Ind. He holds a responsible position in the Fletcher American National Bank of that city, one of the largest banking institutions of the middle west and is going up rapidly in his profession. He has been here for ten days on a vacation, visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hankins.

Dr. David J. Hill spent several days in Pennsylvania last week, returning to the city Sunday morning. He says that Mrs. Joel Hill, who has been the oldest of the family, died in Philadelphia, Pa., improving rapidly. She is in the best of spirits and will be able to return to the city in a few weeks. Her friends here are many and they will be glad to know that she is rapidly regaining her health.

Mr. A. J. Fletcher, of Wake Forest, arrived in the city Friday to visit his brother, Mr. A. L. Fletcher, of Fletcher. He is a law student at Wake Forest and will be there attending the summer school this summer. He is a member of the Wake Forest Quartet and of the Wake Forest Glee Club and was called on to help with the music at the First Baptist church Sunday night, where he sang two solos.

Lost Three Barns Since First of Year. Wednesday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock the barn owned by A. Whitener at Hickory was burned together with a nice Babcock buggy, harness, saddle, feedstuffs, etc. This is the third barn Mr. Whitener has lost since March and there is no doubt at all that the last two fires have been the work of an incendiary. The first time the barn was caught on fire which destroyed a barn on adjoining property, and even that may have been incendiary. Evertime the fire has occurred about 5 o'clock and everytime Mr. Whitener has been absent from the city. He carried no insurance and has set up over \$1,000 in all. "Never again" is his decision now; he will build no more barns.—Catawba County News.

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NEW FACTORY AT SOUTHWEST.

Col. O. H. F. Cornell Invents Cotton Picker and Will Build Factory to Manufacture It.

For several days rumors have been going the rounds to the effect that Southwest was to have a new factory of some sort, but the nature of the industry was kept in the background. The Winston-Salem Journal heard some of the same sort of stories and put one of its sleuths on the scent. His findings are admirably set forth in the following:

Tolling in the shadows, an hour at a time, and sometimes these hours coming at long intervals apart, just whenever the master mechanic could catch the time in his great work of building railroads, Col. Oliver H. F. Cornell, who is chief engineer of the Southbound railroad, has completed the details of a machine which he is absolutely certain will solve the problem of picking cotton with as much efficiency as did the cotton gin of Whitney forever settle the question of ginning the slender fiber, thus placing it upon the kindly throne which it now occupies among the world's productions. Not only has Col. Cornell worked out his machine with perfection to the minutest detail, so that he is sure that it will stand the test, and do what all other machines have failed to accomplish successfully, but he has shown such confidence in the invention that he has actually practically organized a company to build the machine.

In the very early future this company will erect a large factory at Southwest, near the little town on the Southbound railroad, some 32 miles from Winston-Salem. When this factory is completed it will be the only enterprise of its kind in the state, if not in the entire south.

Col. Cornell, who is famous throughout the south as an engineer and builder of railroads, which work he has been engaged constantly for 40 or more years, has at the same time been experimenting with the cotton picker for even a longer time than that. But never before has he been able to put together a satisfactory machine which even he himself has confidence in. On this one pattern he has been at work for a number of years. Many times he has had good offers to let it go to the manufacturer as it was, but each time he refused on the ground that if you consider the thing done well you must do it yourself, knowing that no other mechanic would take the pains to finish the details as he himself would have them completed.

Since 1905 Col. Cornell has been here as chief engineer of the Southbound road, and busy with the work he has had little time to devote to the completion of his invention. But since the completion of the road, he has put many hours on the machine and now it is entirely ready in every detail to go to the manufacturer. A company which will build the factory at Southwest was formed only recently and not an inkling of its formation has leaked out to the public hitherto. But it is now an assured fact that the factory will be built within a short time.

Then follows an extended description of the machine. It is built to straddle a row and two horses are all that is necessary to draw the machine. It picks one row at a time and can be built and sold to the farmer for \$250.

The Burning of St. John's Mill. St. John's Mill, an ancient landmark known to nearly everybody in Davidson and Rowan counties, was burned to the ground Thursday night of last week and the Salisbury Post tells of the burning as follows: "St. John's mill—and who in this whole section has not on some occasion enjoyed an outing there—situated on the banks of the Tuckahoe river a mile or more below the railroad bridge, was burned to the ground last night about eight o'clock. With the building was destroyed \$8,000 or \$10,000 worth of the latest improved machinery. The mill, which was one of the oldest in the county, was the property of Mr. H. Clay Grubb and his total loss will be from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

How the fire originated is not learned. The blaze was spectacular and was plainly visible to passengers on the north and southbound early trains, and the light made by the burning of this four and a half story frame structure could be observed from Salisbury.

The mill was situated at the foot of the old Govers' Heights, made famous in verse by the late Dr. L. W. Jones and on a hillside which was a spot where General Green met Cornwallis in a skirmish only two days previous to the battle of Guilford court house.

Thousands have picnicked at this famous old mill. It was the mecca for Easter Monday parties and the terminus of many moonlight drives. In other days dances were held in the building, barbecues had a place of pleasure and it has been pictured and sent broadcast on thousands of post cards.

For many years this place was operated by the late Major Windsor, who for a period the property of the late P. P. Meroney and later was operated by Mayor-elect F. M. Thompson.

A number of parties drove down to the river today to take a look at the ruins. There was \$6,000 insurance on the building and machinery, carried through the agency of the Salisbury Realty & Insurance Co.

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A great deal of building is being planned for Durham. The Enterprise has a number of reports that a new hotel is being purchased at a cost of \$45,000 for the new \$250,000 court house and a new hotel is being built which will cost \$125,000. At Trinity College more than \$100,000 is to be spent in new buildings.

FARMERS HOLD MEETING.

Good Speech on Farm Life School by Prof. Vann—Other Items of Interest.

The Davidson county agricultural association met Saturday at 1 o'clock in the court house. The attendance was not large but those present were deeply interested in the association and in its work and the proceedings were worth while.

Prof. P. S. Vann, superintendent of public instruction, appeared before the association and made a speech on the farm life school project, explaining the project thoroughly and urging the farmers present to push the movement along. He described the school as a "A. M. College" in miniature. He said that it would be handled by an expert and experts will be employed in every branch of the school's work. It will be the duty of these experts to go about over the county, answering every call for help from every farmer and giving advice free of charge. If a blight overtakes an orchard anywhere, or if cholera strikes a herd of pigs, or if any one of the thousand and one things that worry and harass the farmer, appears anywhere in the county, these experts will be ready to offer their hands and brain, ready to offer advice and advice. Such a school would be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Davidson county every year.

He showed that it would do other things. It would teach girls all that they should know about domestic sciences and the art of home-making. It will teach the boys how to make farming pleasant and profitable and will keep them at work on the farm. Too many boys are flocking to the factories and stores of the town and the farm life school will stop this movement.

He then outlined the method of securing one of the schools, showing the comparatively small cost. His speech was much enjoyed and will do much good. It was followed by Prof. Blesiecker, who also advocated strongly the farm-life school and showed the great need of it in Davidson county. He said that he was vitally interested in the schools of Davidson county and in farmers and farming and he is planning to employ in the following day work along the line. He said that he stood ready to carry petitions and do any part however small and humble in the fight for the farm life school. Mr. P. D. Finch, Mr. A. L. Leonard and others, also pledged themselves to push the movement along. President Wilson here told that the Farmers' Union had appointed a committee to look into the matter and confer with Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent about the school and that there would be started a campaign for the school next week. He also mentioned from Midway to Allegheny.

The association then took up routine business and notice was given that all entries for the men's corn contest must be sent in soon. A definite date for closing the entries was not set but some were warned to be in time to get in. It was the opinion that they should close early next month, certainly not later than the 15th.

President Wilson made a short speech telling how his demonstrators and co-operators are getting along with their work. He said that more than 1,000 men employed in Davidson county this year than have been used in the county in the last 20 years all put together—and this is a significant statement. He has about 200 demonstrators and co-operators working hand in hand with him under the direction of the state department of Agriculture and this work is bound to tell on the future of Davidson county.

Reference was also made to Home Coming Week and the big county fair that will be pulled off next fall and all of the farmers were warned to be watching and preparing for it. It will be the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted in this part of the state.

President Wilson then paid his compliments to certain folks that have been going around the county, declaring that they were doing a good work and the corn contests are designed to secure a higher taxable value on the land of the county. He characterized the individual that is doing such talking as either a hopeless fool or a malicious liar, or words to that effect, and said that it was a miserable rot of the very worst kind. He attributed it mainly to ignorance.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month and every farmer who is planning to be in the corn contest should be present.

Cotton Mill Man Commits Suicide. Carbolic acid, self administered, ended the life of J. D. Donahue at his home, 1124 North Davidson street, this morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. He was almost 23 years old and had for five years been overseer in the card room of the Highland Park mill. He resigned last week and went to Columbia for a few days. Returning last night about 9 o'clock he was assisted upon a street car by John S. Owens.

After this the suicide was seen upon the streets of the city until about 11 o'clock when he presumably went to his home. From which drug store he bought the poison with which he killed himself is not known.

Walking into the dining room of his home shortly after 6 o'clock this morning he remarked to Mrs. Donahue and his children: "I'm tired of life and have ended it all." They were not prepared for the startling declaration, and did not go to his room for several minutes afterwards, when they found him writing in pain. He was then unconscious, the carbolic acid having eaten its way through his intestines. Death resulted before a physician arrived.—Charlotte News.

The Standard Oil Co. Loses. The supreme court of the United States has at last handed down a decision in the celebrated suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company. The court sustains the government in every particular and gives the Standard Oil Company six months within which to dissolve.

The Sunday School Picnic at Southwest. Plans for the Methodist picnic at Southwest on Thursday, May 25th, are about completed. The reduced rates will be 3