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CENTRAL HIGHWAY DAY.

Scouts Were Handsoemly Entertained - A Number of Good Speeches Made by Scouts.

Lexington had the honor of entertaining Thursday the members of the Central Highway Scout party...

All of the machines were quickly loaded with representative tickets and at nine o'clock the first car started for Welcome.

Chairman Sprull, unable to secure a band, had called to his aid the good women of Lexington and these, to the number of fifty, clad in white...

DR. PRATT SPEAKS. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State geologist, was the first man to speak and he confined his speech to good roads for Davidson county.

He said that it is a fact that tourists on the national highway dread Davidson county. They are afraid that if they are caught here by a rain they will have to take a train to get out and there is no reason why such conditions should be allowed to exist.

DR. PRATT WENT ON TO DESCRIBE GOOD dirt roads and how they may be obtained and the manner in which the terms of the system of free labor now prevailing in this county, showed its ineffectiveness and outlined the needs of the present generation in the way of roads.

MUST BUILD ROADS. He was followed by Mr. J. A. Welton, of Smithfield, who in a general way characterized as a "steam engine in breeches."

CAPTURES THE CROWD. Captain F. C. Robbins introduced Mr. A. G. Batchelder, the American Automobile Association man, who made the brightest speech of the occasion.

Sudden Death of Mr. Wilbur Jones. A special from Asheville Friday afternoon told of the death of a prominent citizen of High Point in the following manner:

THE ALDERMEN IN SESSION.

The Officers Get an Unmerciful Prodding - Laws Must be Enforced - Details of Meeting.

The board of aldermen met Monday night. Alderman Barbee alone was absent and he was probably kept away by the heavy rain that came up just as the board assembled.

The value of the rural school property of the county is \$22,135, of this amount, \$30,087 is invested in school buildings for whites and \$2,998 in colored school-houses.

Alderman Lamb, who has the distinction of once having been a "cop" himself, put in a word in defense of the policemen and said that the people of Lexington would not support the law.

Alderman McCrary said that he saw five drunk men on the streets Saturday night. Alderman Young told of cursing and obscene language easily heard along Main street and especially at the corner of Main and Depot streets every Saturday night.

The matter of covering the reservoir at the pumping station was taken up and Superintendent Couch was instructed to make estimates as to the cost of screening the top, so as to keep out birds, leaves, clods, etc.

Four Convicts Killed. A news dispatch from Newport, Tenn., tells of a tragic happening Sunday in the mountains near the Tennessee-North Carolina line.

Baptist Deacon Rans Amuck. An associated press dispatch from Savannah, Ga., tells of the following unusual disturbance:

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SUPT. VANN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Shows Many Interesting Features - One New School House Every Month in the Year.

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A fine showing has been made in the matter of length of school term, the length of term being 89.2 days, or about four and a half months.

The number of illiterates for the county, between the ages of 10 and 21, was 114 males and 69 females.

The board of education has built during the past year 12 new school houses, 1 every month, and 6 others have been ordered.

The men killed were: Albert Wynn of Goldsboro, serving sentence of 10 years for receiving stolen goods; Will Green of Raleigh, serving sentence of 2 years for larceny; Henry Paul of Newbern, serving sentence of 3 years for larceny; Clarence Walker of western North Carolina, serving sentence of 7 years for larceny.

A Strike at Spencer. Spencer dispatch, 20th. Because a demand for an increase of twenty-five cents a day in wages was refused, about one hundred truckmen employed by the Southern Railway Company went out on a strike today.

The ten-room residence of Rev. A. L. Justice, two miles from Hendersonville, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon.

Lieutenant Governor Newland, acting governor in the absence of Governor Kitchin in Virginia, signed a commission Thursday for Walter E. Page as second lieutenant company in Third Regiment Durham.

IN THE BOYS' CORN CONTEST.

Sixty-One Boys Have Enrolled Their Names for the Contest - Double the Number of Last Year.

The boys of Davidson county are not going to be left behind in the march of progress this year. They are entering the corn contest in a way that gladdens the heart of everybody interested in the great profession of farming.

The names of the contestants are given below. It will be noted that many of the contestants this year were in the fight last year.

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ILLITERATE DAVIDSON.

The Davidsonians Perform an Important Service - Many Davidson Boys and Girls in College.

The Dispatch has several times called attention to the fact that the boys of Davidson county have made a fine showing at the state colleges this year.

More than once we have been compelled to hear Davidson county called ignorant and backward, and lacking the figures to back our statement were forced to swallow it in silence.

Total 39. This leaves Trinity, Salem and Guilford, from none of which answers were received, out of the reckoning, nor does it count several schools outside the state where Davidson county is represented.

So the next time you hear it referred to as "illiterate Davidson" you may console yourself with the fact that if she is ignorant now, Davidson county is educating herself more than twice as fast as the average county of North Carolina.

Heavy Storm at Danville Sunday Afternoon.

Danville dispatch 18th. A cyclonic wind, rain and electrical storm swept over the city this afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock inflicting damage estimated at \$100,000 to \$125,000.

The heaviest damage to buildings was in the business section. The storm came suddenly from west-northwest. Main street, noted for its heavy shade of old oaks, elms and maples, some of them of gigantic dimensions, was a scene of desolation.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association in its Convention at Winston-Salem last week elected the following officers for the ensuing year: H. B. Varner, President, Lexington, N. C.; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Sec. & Treas. Chapel Hill, N. C.; Joseph G. Brown, Treas. Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. J. R. Patterson, of Concord, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Patterson and Mr. Chas. Patterson.

CENTRAL HIGHWAY TOUR ENDS.

Raleigh Gave Scouts a Big Reception - How the People Along the Line Feel About It.

The Central Highway scouts reached Raleigh Friday night and on Saturday Davidson county made a fine showing at the state colleges this year.

"We have organized every foot of the territory along the entire line, a distance of four hundred and sixty miles. We have been on the road for three weeks. We held from one to six meetings every day. We have had large, enthusiastic crowds at all the places we have met, ranging in number from one hundred to five thousand people.

"On July 4th we are going to have rallies and good roads mass meetings as near as possible every ten miles along the entire line, and on that day we expect to write a new declaration of independence in North Carolina, a declaration of independence from mud and sand. We intended to have mud and sand on account of the lateness of the crops we have postponed it until the week beginning August 7th.

Mr. W. F. Welborn, Mr. H. S. Radcliffe, and others, went to Winston-Salem Friday afternoon in Mr. Welborn's Buick and while there took in the Winston-Greensboro game. The score was 7 to 1 in favor of the Twin City.

Mr. C. K. Holmes, who is well known in this county, and who has been living at Rocky Mount, Va., has returned to the city and will make his home here with his children. Mr. Earl Holmes and Mrs. J. E. Crowell.

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IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

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

Captain Wade H. Phillips spent Saturday and Sunday in Albemarle.

Mr. L. L. Mendenhall, one of Forsyth county's good farmers, was in Lexington Monday and called on The Dispatch.

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