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A DARING BURGLARY.

Home of Mr. P. D. Finch Entered and Sum of Money Stolen—No Clue to the Bold Thief.

Monday evening, shortly after dark, the home of Mr. P. D. Finch, a prominent farmer of Lexington township was entered and a considerable sum of money stolen.

The burglar must have been in hiding near the house and must have picked his chance to get in, for when he entered there was no one in the house but Mr. Finch's small son, a boy of 6 or 8 years of age.

The officers were notified at once and immediately began a search. As they did not know where the man was white or black, it is hardly probable that the criminal will be located.

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A Popular Lexington Pastor. That Rev. W. T. Thompson, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, made a hit with the people of Winston-Salem on the occasion of his visit to that city last week.

Had Fire at Spencer. In the big blacksmith shop of the Southern Railway at Spencer fire broke out Friday morning caused by the bursting of an oil pipe.

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Slippery Schofield Skips.

Schofield Peck, colored and crippled, the champion sprinter of Davidson county, more slippery than an eel and more elusive than the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, is again adrift in the wide, wide world and Chief Davis mourns and will not be comforted.

Mr. Propst Goes to Town. Luther Propst, the "cotton top" first sacker of the Lexington baseball team, a trusted employee of the Southern Railway Company, bugler of Company A, Third Regiment and one of the city's most popular young-men-around-town, has departed and he executed the maneuver so unostentatiously that many knew not whether he had flown for several days.

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GETTING READY FOR THE FAIR.

Every Committee Hard at Work—Success in the Air—Handsome Premium List Arranged.

No one who has watched the activity that is going on around Lexington can doubt that the Davidson County Fair will be a success. Every committee is hard at work and everybody in Lexington is interested in the event and anxious to make it the biggest success ever heard of in this part of the country.

AS announced last week, there will be but two days of the Fair. This will add to the interest of the fair and make the two days a great deal bigger than would have been possible if the attractions had been spread out over three days.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO BE HERE.

This year there will be no long and tiresome speech-making. In all there will be four speeches. Two of these will come on the first day and two on the second.

Attractive Premium List. The premium list this year is very attractive. It is published on page two of this issue of the Dispatch and every farmer, and every farmer's wife, should look it over.

Bands to Furnish Music. The Union Cornet Band, of Southmont, and the Enterprise Cornet Band, of Enterprise, will furnish music November 8 and 9.

RAILROADS TO GIVE REDUCED RATES.

If you have friends or relatives in distant states that you would like to see come home during fair week, write to them now. The railroads are offering special reduced rates from all points.

Fire in High Point.

Monday night about eight o'clock fire broke out at the plant of the Globe Furniture Co. in High Point. Owing to the inflammable nature of the material the fire made rapid headway, and the plant was destroyed, together with the stables and warehouses of the North Carolina Cotton Oil Co.

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O. H. P. CORNELL DEAD.

Noted Builder of the Southbound Railroad Passes—Was Member of a Noted Family.

Col. Oliver Hazard Perry Cornell, son of the founder of Cornell University and partner of Morse of telegraph fame, and himself a distinguished engineer, died at Winston-Salem Friday, in his apartments at the Hotel Frances, after an illness of only two days. He was 69 years old.

Colonel Cornell's last great work was the building of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway, linking the Norfolk & Western and Atlantic Coast Line systems. He had been living at Winston-Salem for several years with his family.

Colonel and Mrs. Cornell were making plans for celebrating their golden wedding anniversary next December and both often spoke of this happy event which they were anticipating with much pleasure.

Mrs. Bruce Craven Accidentally Shot.

The following news dispatch from Winston-Salem appearing in the Greensboro News Saturday, will be of interest to many friends of the family here:

"News was received here today that Mrs. Bruce Craven, of North Wilkesboro, accidentally shot herself Wednesday with a pistol and that, while the wound is regarded as quite serious, her condition this morning was reported to be favorable.

Little Negro Breaks Into Store.

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IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

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

Dr. J. R. Terry spent Sunday in Greensboro.

Mr. R. L. Lambeth was a Lexington visitor Saturday.

Capt. W. O. Burgin, of Thomasville, was in town Thursday night.

Mr. A. E. Sheets went to Greensboro last week on business.

Mr. D. R. Parker, of High Point, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Hunt, Jr., made a business trip to Greensboro Thursday.

Miss Lena Grimes visited friends in Greensboro during Fair week.

Mrs. R. P. Murphy, of Thomasville, was in the city one day last week.

Mr. B. W. Parham, of Thomasville, spent Friday here on legal business.

Mr. John T. Lowe spent Sunday with his brother in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. C. D. Hunt and Miss Annie Fitzgerald spent Sunday in Salisbury.

Miss Alice Earnhardt, of Mt. Airy, was in the city last week visiting relatives.

Miss Gertrude Hamner spent several days in Winston-Salem last week.

Mr. John C. Bower left Monday morning to attend Yadkin county court.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Koons spent Sunday in the country visiting relatives.

Miss Maude Kendall, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boger.

Mr. A. L. Couch attended the Central Carolina Fair at Greensboro Thursday.

Miss Evelyn Walker, of Winston-Salem, is the guest of Miss Nona Thompson.

Mr. Dewitt Conrad, of Spencer, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Clodfelter.

Mr. L. A. Martin of Thomasville, spent a couple of hours in town Friday afternoon.

Mr. H. H. Hedrick, after a few days' absence is back on the job at the National Bank.

Mr. Jack Wilson, of Thomas' Cafe, was laid up several days last week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Coraella Lindsay, of Bethany, has been visiting relatives in Lexington for several days.

Mr. G. W. Miller, register of deeds, spent Sunday with Mr. J. C. Coffin at Fullers, Randolph county.

Mrs. W. T. Thompson, Jr., who has been visiting her father in Petersburg, has returned to the city.

Mr. Dermot Shemwell was unable to be at his desk Monday on account of a slight attack of fever.

J. W. Messie and children returned Wednesday from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Virginia.

Miss Grace Woods, who has been visiting Miss Zella Surratt for the past month, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Conrad, of Spencer, spent Friday here visiting her brother, Mr. J. W. Earnhardt, and other relatives.

Messrs. A. J. Beck, H. S. Morris, Ben Gallimore and Frank Lanier, of Cid, were here Monday on business.

REGULATIONS OF CORN CONTEST.

Davidson County Agricultural Association in Session—42 Men in the Contest.

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After considerable discussion it was decided that the rules of last year were good enough, having given almost perfect satisfaction, and they were adopted without dissenting vote. As stated by the secretary last year, the regulations are as follows:

"It was decided by the Davidson County Agricultural Association assembled in the county court house Saturday, Sept. 24, 1910, that one man should be selected in every township to measure corn and ground for that township. He shall measure the corn by filling one vessel, shelling the corn and then weighing it, and then measuring the remainder of the corn with the same vessel, multiplying the weight of the shelled corn contained in the vessel, by the total number of ears.

It was also decided that reports from all of the contestants must be in on or before Monday, November 6th, so that the winning contestants may have a chance to pick out their prizes before the time of formal presentation, Home Coming Week. At one o'clock, November 6th, there will be a meeting of the association in the courthouse, and every contestant must be ready to report at that time.

As to dividing the prizes, it was decided that the contestants would be allowed to select their prize, choosing in the order of their yield of corn. The man who makes the most corn on one acre will have first choice, the man standing second, second choice and so on down the list. The prize list is a fine one and under this regulation, a larger per centage of the contestants will win prizes. Last year too much was offered to the man who led the county and there was considerable dissatisfaction.

This will not affect the township prizes, offered by the county commissioners, as there is a separate and distinct contest in every township, with prizes of \$10 for first yield and \$5 for second.

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Mr. Varner also urged the farmers present to do all in their power to secure an attractive line of exhibits for the fair. He urged those in attendance to make exhibits themselves and induce their neighbors to do likewise.

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