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A SHOOTING SCRAPE.

Will Grubb Takes a Shot at Talmadge Robbins But Misses—Grubb Pays Costs.

Thursday evening Mr. Will Grubb, who, with his brother, Larry Grubb, runs a small store on Salisbury street, near the Wennonah Cotton Mill, snapped his pistol at Talmadge Robbins and shot at him once without hitting him.

According to evidence brought out in the recorder's court next morning, Robbins entered Mr. Grubb's place of business and inquired for his pal, one Smith, using at the same time some very objectionable profanity. Mr. Grubb answered him politely and requested him not to curse. This only made Robbins worse and he was finally ordered out. He went out but came back again in a few minutes and, taking off his coat and hat, and rolling back his sleeves, he announced that he had come to whip Mr. Grubb.

Mr. Grubb again ordered him out and told him he did not want any trouble. Robbins continued to advance on Grubb, who finally drew his pistol. The first attempt to fire failed. The cartridge failed to explode. The second attempt was more successful and a bullet struck the wall over Robbins' head. He left the premises immediately.

Robbins eluded the officers and at last accounts was still "scouting" around. Warrants are out for his arrest. Mr. Grubb was given a hearing Friday morning and Judge Critcher suspended judgment on payment of costs.

Lexington's Birth Rate High.

Mr. A. L. Fletcher, registrar of vital statistics for the town of Lexington, has just completed his report for the first year of registration and sent it to Raleigh. His report shows that there have been a total of 69 deaths in Lexington for the year and that there have been 184 births. This does not include all of what Lexington people usually consider part of the town, these figures being only for that part of Lexington within the city limits. The Erlanger Mill, the Dacotah and other parts of [illegible] reported by the township registrar, Mr. G. E. Leonard. According to reports from Raleigh the ratio of births to deaths in the state is about two to one. These figures show that Lexington is far in advance, with a ratio of nearly 3 births to one death.

SHOP TALK.

Good implements serve to make farming easier and more productive. You will find the best at the Manning Hardware Co.

The motto of the Old Reliable, the J. B. Smith Co., for this good year is "Git up and Git." They are putting in a big line of typewriter supplies.

The First National Bank is starting a movement that should prove very interesting and helpful to the farmers. They will send out folders, prepared by experts from the bulletins of the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture, containing information worth money to the farmers. If you want to get on their mailing list, drop the bank a card.

If you have not started a Christmas Savings account, don't put it off. The Bank of Lexington still invites you to start one. The plan is simple and good. Try it.

If something about your plumbing breaks and you need help and need it quick, call the Home Plumbing Co. They will respond promptly.

For the best meats, kept under sanitary conditions, go to Pickett Brothers. They also carry a full line of groceries.

The Zimmerman Milling Co., of Thomasville, call attention to the improvements they have made in the Glen Anna mill and make an offer that should prove attractive to every farmer who has wheat to sell. Their big ad appears on page 8. Read it, Mr. Farmer.

Davidson's Cotton Crop.

The report of the U. S. Census Bureau as to cotton ginned in Davidson County up to Jan. 9 has been received at this office. It shows a total of 1,400 bales, as against 2,736 bales last last year at the same time. Davie shows a similar falling off, appearing with 1,358 bales as against 2,411 last year. This ratio does not hold for the entire state, however, as the total shows 814,744 bales ginned up to January 9th, out of the 1914 crop, as against 759,800 bales up to the same date of last year. This seems to bear out the contention of the state department of agriculture that farmers throughout the cotton belt of the state gathered their cotton and ginned it early so that they could make their lands ready for grass and small grain crops, indicating very much reduced acreage of cotton for next year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Walser Dead.

"The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the ways of righteousness."

This proverb was verified in the life of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Walser, of Salisbury, who died, Jan. 7, 1915. She had led a long and useful life, being above 83 years old. She became a Christian early in life and had been a member of the Baptist church for over 50 years. Her heart was rejoiced to see her children to the third generation.

The following will give a correct chronology of the offspring:

Living children 3, dead 2; grandchildren, 30; great-grandchildren, 41. Total 76.

Truly a good woman has gone to her reward. She will be missed by her many friends. She had been a widow for 50 years; her husband, William Henderson Walser, having died at Richmond in a hospital during the civil war. She was buried in Piney cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Floyd W. Fry.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord are the death of his saints."

D. H. MYERS.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 13, 1915.

R. L. SHARP ASSAULTED.

Aged Citizen of Boone Township Badly Hurt—One Rib Broken and Eye Injured.

News reached Lexington Friday of a serious assault committed Tuesday of last week in Boone township. The victim was Mr. R. L. Sharp, a Confederate veteran, 75 years of age, and his assailant was S. D. Barnes, familiarly known to the citizens of that section as Sam Barnes.

According to the best evidence obtainable, Mr. Sharp was on his way to visit a neighbor, when Barnes stepped out from some bushes along the road and, raising his double barreled shot-gun to his shoulder, leveled it on the old man, at the same time saying something about getting even with the old gentleman. Later, according to reports, he broke the gun down and put in two shells. The old man started to run and it is alleged that Barnes followed and struck him over the head with the gun, bruising the right side of his head and nearly knocking out his right eye. Another blow with the gun, or a fall from the first blow, broke one of the old man's ribs.

A hearing of the case is set for next Friday, before 'Squire Fitzgerald and all of the facts will doubtless be brought out at that time. The affair has created considerable talk in the community. Friends of Mr. Sharp say that the trouble rose out of a little quarrel between the two men several months ago, at which time Mr. Sharp forbade Mr. Barnes driving through his yard and that the feeling engendered then kept on growing and finally resulted in the assault of Tuesday.

MARRIED.

Wednesday night, January 13th, Mr. W. E. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Jennie Singer, of Lexington, were married at the Erlanger Mills by Dr. J. C. Leonard. This couple have many friends in Lexington and Winston-Salem who will extend to them all good wishes for a happy life. They will make their home in Lexington.

Mr. Roby Swing and Miss Louise Beck, both of Conrad Hill township, were married January 17th at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Dr. J. C. Leonard, on Center street, this city. The groom is the second son of Mrs. Louis J. Swing, and is one of the most successful young farmers of the county. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. R. Beck, and is a young woman of rare beauty and grace. Their numerous friends are extending to them heartiest congratulations.

LASSITER-DALTON.

The following account of the marriage of Miss Maggie Lassiter and Mr. J. A. Dalton, which occurred Thursday is taken from the Greensboro News:

Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pugh, on Church street, Miss Maggie Lassiter, of Bombay, and John A. Dalton, of this city, were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Melton Clark in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

Master Champ Land acted as ring bearer, carrying it in a large American Beauty rose. Miss Emma Renn played Mendelssohn's Wedding March and Englemann's "Melody of Love." The parlor was decorated with palms for the occasion. The bride in a handsome going away suit of green cloth, presented a most attractive picture with her bouquet of American Beauty roses.

The bride of last evening is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Lassiter, of Bombay, Randolph county. For the past year she has been making her home in this city and during this time has made a large number of friends. Mr. Dalton is a member of the firm of Tatum and Dalton. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton will be at home at "Blandwood."

"As Ye Sow" Saturday.

Following its established policy of giving to the people of Lexington one great motion picture play each week, The Lyric announces for next Saturday a World Film Corporation production in five reels, "As Ye Sow," with Alice Brady playing the star role. It is an intensely interesting play, full of striking situations and is worth going miles to see.

The people of Lexington and Davidson county are showing their appreciation of the Lyric service. Attendance at all of the "big" Saturday shows has been more than pleasing to the management. The Lyric has been compelled to make an extra charge for these big features but this has not kept the people away. Lexington people are more than willing to pay the price if they get the right sort of motion picture plays.

"As Ye Sow" will please all who see it.

Governor Blease Resigns.

Cole L. Blease Thursday retired as South Carolina's governor five days before his second term of two years would have ended. His resignation, sent to Secretary of State McCown, was supplemented by a brief message to the general assembly informing the members that it also was tendered to them.

Some members of the house of representatives and senate cheered the announcement of the governor's resignation. No formal action was necessary and by direction of the presiding officers in the two houses the message was received only as information.

Lieut. Gov. Charles A. Smith was immediately sworn in as the state's chief executive to serve out the unexpired term.

No previous intimation of the governor's action had been given and no reason for it was assigned. The present legislature is chiefly composed of men who are his political opponents and it was said that proposals to institute impeachment proceedings against him were made at a meeting of legislators Tuesday night, but that no action was taken.

Keep your eye on "Runaway June."

GRADED SCHOOL NOTES.

Enrollment Has Reached 802, Equally Divided Between Sexes—Average Attendance Good.

The fourth month of work in Lexington Graded School was completed last Friday. Just half the year of work is over and now plans are being formulated for the remainder of the year. In the primary grades there are found children changing their school day. Those that have been coming in the morning are now coming in the afternoon and vice versa. It is unfortunate that nearly half of the children who attend Lexington graded school get to attend school only half the day. Perhaps some day it will be better.

The enrollment so far is 802 of which number 401 are boys and 401 are girls. The average attendance has been exceptionally good and the class work has shown some improvement over previous years. Very few students come to school late. An earnest effort has been made to eliminate the tardy problem and it has almost been done.

Only the fourth and fifth grades were given tests at the close of the past month because of the nearness to the mid-term finals which were held in all grades above the higher fifth grade. The first three grades have no tests. The fourth and fifth grades have tests each month but no final examinations while the other grades have tests and finals. In the event that any student in these grades makes an average of 90 on any subject in the monthly tests he is exempted from final examination on that subject. Quite a few students make this average on one or more subjects and several make it on all.

The following students of the fourth and fifth grades are last month's honor students with averages opposite their names.

Lower fourth grade—Mildred Conrad, 88¾; Paul Welch, 85.

Higher fourth grade—Jones Hedrick, 95¾; Franklin Deaderick and Mary Noble Evans, 95.

Higher fifth grade—Walter Long, 98 2-3; Nick Hunter, 97 2-3.

Lower fifth grade—Max Morefield, 86; Bland Lanning 83.

Lexington Boys Continue to Win.

The Lexington High School first and third basket ball teams went down to Linwood last Friday afternoon to meet the first and second teams of Linwood High School and won both games after two very hard struggles by the scores of 15 to 9 and 15 to 6 respectively.

The first halves ended tied with scores of 8 to 8 and 3 to 3 respectively and it appeared that the games belonged to either side but after a short while the superior passing of the Lexington boys began to tell and the above stated scores were run up.

For Linwood, Cox starred for the first team, he having made all its points McCatchern starred for the second team. He made five of the six points scored.

For Lexington, the honors were about equally distributed. John Ripple made two field goals. Paul Grimes one, Zeb Walser two and Edmund McCrary one field goal and three free goals. Hobart Raker's guarding of Linwood's best player, Cox, during the second half was noteworthy.

Lexington's third team played rings around Linwood's second team during their second half after having been outplayed during the first half. The field work of Garland Jonas and the foul shooting of Lloyd Turnley featured the game. Ray Sechriest succeeded in getting the tip off at center most of the time. He shot two field goals. The guards, John Raker and John Trexler, playing as substitutes put up splendid games.

Lexington's next game is with Greensboro, whose team was beaten in a former contest by the close score of 15 to 14. A big crowd will be out to see these two evenly matched teams play.

Doctors and Rural Carriers Wade Through Mud.

Lexington's physicians, all of whom are armed with Ford cars, have been forced to go back to the ancient way of travelling through Davidson's red mud and many are the stories of broken buggies, worn out horses, stripped harness, etc., that they have to tell. The rural carriers have fared rough. Mr. Will Tate, one of the local force of rural carriers, takes issue with the old gentleman who said that the roads are worse this year than since some time in the early eighties. Mr. Tate says that the roads were worse in 1912 than they are today.

Oak Grove News.

Linwood, Jan. 16.—The school here re-opened Wednesday after being suspended several days on account of the death of our teacher's mother, Mrs. Henry Monsees, whom God saw fit to call to her home above Saturday, Jan. 9, after a long illness of paralysis. She is survived by a husband, four sons, Elder W. M. Monsees, of Smithfield, N. C., Elder J. A. Monsees, of Macon, Ga., Messrs. D. F. of Bradley, Ga., and L. J. of this place, one step son, J. E. Monsees, of Danville, Va., and one daughter, Miss Florence Monsees of this place.

Mr. S. A. Sharpe's children are being kept from school tussling with whooping cough. Also Mr. R. J. Tate's children have it. We hope, however, they will soon be back in school again.

Messrs. D. F. and J. A. Moonsees left last Thursday for their homes in Georgia, after attending their mother's funeral. Also Messrs. J. E. and N. M. Monsees returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Monsees is spending some time with his son N. W. Monsees at Smithfield, N. C.

Miss Leonk Lopp, of Lexington, visited friends in this community last week.

Raymond, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Monsees has been right sick, but is now better, we are glad to say.

Mr. J. S. Penninger, who has been suffering with rheumatism, is improving. We are glad to know [illegible]

ROBERT EDWARD LEE.

When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and must lift his eyes high toward heaven to catch its summit.

He possessed every virtue of other great comanders without their vices.

He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without oppression, and a victim without murmuring.

He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile.

He was Cæsar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward.

He was obedient to authority as a servant, and royal in authority as a true king.

He was gentle as a woman in life, modest and pure as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles.

—Benjamin Harvey Hill.

MAKES AVERAGE PROGRESS.

Legislature Is Not Breaking Any Speed Limits—Important Hearing Friday.

With 10 days of the 60 days constitutional limit for the sitting of the General Assembly behind them the law makers find that they have made only about average progress in the work of the session compared with previous sessions in spite of the high resolves of members to make a record for dispatch and declared purpose of Speaker Wooten and other officials to make this session especially distinguished for rapid work and freeness from congested conditions of the calendar especially in the latter days of the session. However, there is still time to make good the purpose to make these records since the committees are now all fully organized and working smoothly and bills are coming in with steadily increased volume, and with indications, according to those best in position to judge, that there will not be anything like as much of a flood of purely local bills to clog the legislative mill this time as formerly.

The House calendar shows 216 bills introduced to date, [illegible] including those measures that have been introduced in the senate and sent over to the House for concurrence as well as those that have as yet only been offered in the House. This shows about an average volume of bills introduced to date compared with the corresponding periods of former sessions.

The first really important committee hearings scheduled as yet are those announced by the joint committees on penal institutions for January 22 to hear argument for and against the Page bills to repeal the acts under which convicts are now being worked on railroads construction for stock in the roads as compensation to the state for the construction work.

This has come to be one of the most absorbing topics among legislators and sentiment is much divided. However, effort of opponents of this class of state aid to make capital out of the condition of the state's interest in the Wilkesboro-Jefferson Turnpike, which is about to be sacrificed under judgment, unless the state takes care of a $7,000 judgment to save her $68,000 stock, is re-acting under the realization that this case has nothing whatever to do with the railroad enterprises being aided at this time. It is being pointed out that this turnpike has been grossly neglected both by the state and by the other factors connected with its construction.

Churchland News.

Churchland, Jan. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickens, Jr., of Silver Hill are the welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Williams and others. This popular young couple have a host of friends here, having both been students. Mr. Dickens graduated with the class of 14.

The new school building is nearing completion. Contractor, Mr. Broad, thinks he will have it finished within six weeks. This when completed will be a handsome building, and with its many conveniences will be greatly appreciated by Prof. Hasty and others of the faculty, as they are very crowded now in the old one. The enrollment of the spring term has been extremely large.

"The Only Girl" made a decided hit with the enthusiastic audience which saw it. From the very beginning it held the crowd within its grasp and with each scene tightened its grip upon them. It displays a picture of real life, giving a beautiful moral lesson in the end.

Ripp.

Terrible Earthquake in Italy.

Demolished or partly demolished towns dot Italy from Naples northward to Ferrara and crosswise the peninsula from the Tyrrhenian to the Adriatic Seas, over which Wednesday's earthquake passed.

Thousands of dead lie beneath the debris of dwellings, churches and public institutions which crumbled under the earthquake's vibrations.

Not even an estimate of the aggregate fatalities is obtainable as numerous places are still isolated owing to the severance of telegraphic, telephonic and railroad communication. It is known, however, that Avezzano is a necropolis and that also in Sora, some 25 miles to the southeast, a large number of lives were lost. In Avezzano, and vicinity, it is estimated that 15,000 perished and that the dead in Sora will total 1,000. Conservative estimates place the dead and injured at 50,000.

So far as known about 30 towns have been completely levelled [illegible]

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Methodists Open Interesting Meeting Here Tomorrow—Bishop Atkins Coming.

The Methodists of the city and church-going people in general are looking forward with pleasant anticipations to the opening of the annual missionary institute of the Winston district at the First Methodist church in this city tomorrow at 3 p. m.

These missionary institutes are held every year, one in each district and they are always worth while. The institute will hold through Friday, closing with an address Friday night by Bishop J. Atkins, of Waynesville, on the missionary situation in China and Japan. Bishop Atkins went to the orient last fall to hold the annual conferences in Japan and China and he will have something interesting to say about the work in these countries.

Rev. Frank Siler, missionary secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, will speak Thursday night and will have much to do with directing the work of the institute. Dr. H. K. Boyer, presiding elder, will preside at all of the meetings.

On Friday there will be an address by Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Charlotte, one of the leading preachers of the Western conference.

Those who will attend the institute are the pastors of all of the charges in the district and the lay leaders in each charge. If all attended there would be about 40 here, but on account of the bad weather of the past few days, not more than 30 are expected.

The public is invited to attend all sessions of the institute and everybody is urged to hear the addresses by Bishop Atkins, Dr. McLarty and Rev. Frank Siler. They will be well worth while.

Pilgrim Notes.

Lexington, Route 1, Jan. 18.—Owing to the rough weather we are having there is not any work being done in this community, except cut wood and build fires.

Mr. Essick had the misfortune to lose a good horse the past week on the road toward Lexington, cause not known by the writer at this time of writing. We sympathize with Mr. Essick in his loss.

The following students of Pilgrim school lead their grades, the month as follows: First grade, Walter Everhart, 94½; Second grade, Edna Everhart, 97; Third grade, Alma Clodfelter, 95; Fourth grade, Foil Essick, 95 3-5; Fifth grade, Nona Leonard, 93 4-5; Sixth grade, Hazle Clodfelter, 97; Seventh grade, Beulah Leonard, 96. The school at this place is progressing nicely at this writing.

Rev. J. A. Palmer, will preach at Pilgrim Reformed church on the 4th Sunday in this month at eleven o'clock.

Miss Grace Clodfelter, has been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Reformed Church Standard published in the interest of the church and Sunday schools in this state. We hope that Miss Clodfelter may secure many new names for the list soon. We would like to see the paper go in every home in the state of the Reformed people especially, then we would get a much better paper than we are now getting, which would mean so much for the church at large, remembering that the noblest life is the life of service—the life spent in behalf of others; the life filled with gracious ministries and kindly deeds done for Christ's sake. Service in this case is a privilege, to work for Christ is not drudgery but a blessed opportunity, and by subscribing for the Standard you come in closer contact with each other in the Christian work.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Green, spent last Sunday a week with Mr. Green's mother.

1915 greetings to The Dispatch and readers is our new year's wish.

Cotton Grove Items.

Cotton Grove, Jan. 18.—We are glad to say that Mr. Stephen Everhart continues to improve. He is able to be up a part of the time.

Mr. H. A. Trantham is spending sometime visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. F. Weaver, of Warrington, N. C.

Misses Maytie and Lena Myers, of Woodleaf are spending sometime in Salisbury with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Sowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Smith and children, of Southmont, spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Trantham.

Mrs. B. D. Myers, of Salisbury, spent a few days recently visiting her sister, Mrs. E. J. Sink. She was on her way home after spending eight days with her grand daughter, Mrs. W. G. Dillon in Danville, Va.

Mrs. Frank Younts spent last Saturday and Sunday in High Point visiting her son, Mr. Rastus Younts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinshaw, of Lexington, spent the week end visiting at the home of Mrs. E. J. Sink.

Misses Gertie and Claudie Sink gave a sociable at their home last Saturday night in honor of their guests, Misses Myrtle and Lena Myers. The evening was spent very pleasantly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Trantham have moved to their home near his father's, Mr. A. N. Trantham.

School opened at Cotton Grove on Monday, Jan. 4. Miss Laura Niblock of Statesville, has charge of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Maley, of Lexington, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ross Billings. She accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Chandler Items.

Chandler, Jan. 18.—Mr. W. E. Morris made a flying trip to Norwood Saturday on business.

Miss Addie Woodell and Miss Mary Sills went to Lexington Saturday and report a nice time.

Mrs. R. R. Taylor is visiting her mother Mrs. N. J. Chandler, Sunday.

Mr. Ramie Russel who has had the mumps is out again.

Mr. A. J. Taylor went to Richfield Saturday on business.

Mr. Ramie Russell visited Mr. Alvin Jackson Sunday evening.

Mr. A. L. Cranford was the guest of James Russell Sunday.

Mr. Grady Sills was the guest of Mr. Tom Pool's Saturday night.

Brown Eyes.

SOCIETY.

The Lyric Orchestra are giving a dance Thursday night to theirs and the Lyric's friends. Admittance cards can be gotten from the Box office. Ask for yours.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jonas entertained a few friends Thursday night at rook. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crawford, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Clodfelter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCrary, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Goelz, Mrs. Greenwald and Miss Greenwald.

Mrs. Clarence Grimes delightfully entertained the Round Dozen Club and a large number of friends, last Friday afternoon. There were eight tables of six handed rook. The out of town guests were Misses Louise Mountcastle, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Annie Sloan of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Will Grimes, of Cumberland, Md. In serving the hosts was assisted by Mesdames W. L. Cripliver, Will Grimes and W. O. Burgin.

The Gen. William Davidson Chapter, D. A. R., met with Mrs. Richard Bragaw on Monday afternoon, of last week. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a goodly number of the members were present. The regent, Mrs. S. W. Finch, presided and interesting historical events were given in response to the roll-call. After disposing of the regular routine work and the transacting of business of importance, Miss Lois Williams read an interesting paper on "Whigs and Tories," followed by several beautiful selections on the piano by Miss Pat Walser. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. James Adderton, served coffee and wafers at the close of the program. The members present were: Mesdames Richard Bragaw, James Adderton, R. L. Burkhead, Zeb V. Walser, H. S. Radcliffe, A. F. Welborn, W. E. Holt, Jr., C. A. Hunt, Jr., S. W. Finch, Misses Lois Williams and Pat Walser.

A pretty affair of the week was the party given Monuday afternoon by Mrs. Z. I. Walser in the parlor of the Hotel March. The guests were greeted in the hall by the hostess and her guest, Mrs. R. B. Terry, of High Point. The color scheme of lavender was perfectly carried out in the decorations. The table covers, markers and score cards were in violets. Mrs. J. V. Moffitt, in lavender crepe de chine, served frozen grape punch. The table was unusually pretty with vases of white and lavender sweet peas, mints and bonbon baskets also in lavender. Parma violets, white roses and ferns were used in the parlor. There were seven tables of rook and bridge. Mrs. Wood Dorsett making the highest score at bridge was presented with a pair of lavender silk hose. Miss Gertrude Hamner won the rook prize, a bottle of violet toilet water. A delicious frozen course was served in which the color scheme of violet was further carried out. The souvenirs were lavender baskets filled with mints.

Monday evening Mrs. Walser entertained at three tables of bridge in honor of Misses Louise Mountcastle, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Annie Sloan, of Winston-Salem. There were three tables of bridge. The attractive score cards were in violets. The gentlemen were given boutonieres of violets, and the ladies corsage bouquets of lavender sweet peas tied with white tulle. Ices and cakes were served.

In honor of her guest, Miss Louise Mountcastle, of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. G. W. Mountcastle was "At Home" last Thursday afternoon. During the receiving hours from three until six a large number called. The guests were cordially greeted at the door by Mrs. Richard Bragaw and the cards were taken by little Miss Stephanie Bragaw. Mrs. J. H. Thompson directed the guests to the parlor. Those receiving with the hostess and honoree were Mesdames C. H. Thompson, T. C. Hinkle, C. A. Hunt, Sr., H. C. Dwelle, Theodore Andrews and Misses Mary McCorkle, of Salisbury, and Annie Sloan, of Winston-Salem. White roses, ferns and candelabra were used in the parlor with charming effect. Mesdames J. M. Gamewell and James Adderton invited the guests to the dining room. At the beautifully appointed table Mesdames Z. I. Walser and W. O. Burgin poured tea and coffee. The color scheme of pink, white and green was charmingly carried out. Vases of pink roses, pink sweet peas, valley lillies and smilax were the flowers used. Suspended from the chandelier was a wreath of smilax, from which hung small bouquets of lillies of the valley, tied with tulle. The delicious salad course was served by Mesdames J. V. Moffitt, W. H. Mendenhall and Brantley Finch, assisted by Misses Nona Thompson, Maude Grimes and Camille Hunt. Miss Pearl Moffitt extended the invitation to the punch room. Here the color scheme was white and green, roses and ferns being used. Delicious Malaga grape punch was served by Mrs. Clarence Grimes and Miss Pat Walser. In the rear hall a delightful musical program was rendered during the afternoon.

DEATHS.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snider, of Welcome, age one month and fourteen days, died Thursday and was laid to rest Friday at Beulah church.

Mrs. Crissie Davis, wife of Mr. John Davis, died at the residence here last Friday morning after a lingering illness of several weeks' duration caused by paralysis and other complications. Mrs. Davis had reached the age of 75 years. She was the daughter of the late John Hill, of the Reedy Creek section. Besides her husband she leaves two sisters and many friends to mourn her departure. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. J. C. Leonard Saturday morning and the body was laid to rest in the Lexington cemetery.

"Runaway June"—She is a charming young lady. Keep your eye out!

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

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

Mr. Albert Feezor, of Southmont, was in town yesterday.

Mr. H. B. Varner spent Monday in Washington on business.

Mr. Sidney Perryman, of Arcadia, was in Lexington Saturday.

Mrs. R. B. Terry, of High Point, is the guest of Mrs. Z. I. Walser.

Mr. O. E. Stoner, the Southmont merchant, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. A. Smith, Route 5, Winston-Salem, was in town Monday on business.

Mr. W. M. Goss, of Route 2, Lexington, was in town Saturday on business.

Mr. C. G. Bedford has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Mr. G. F. Hankins.

Mr. C. A. Owen, of Cotton Grove township, was in town last Friday on business.

Mr. A. E. Sheets returned home Friday night, after spending a few days in Raleigh.

Mrs. M. Smith, of Linwood, was the guest of Mrs. C. W. Trice, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Kepley, of Thomasville township, was in Lexington Monday on business.

Messrs. E. W. Cates and Ex-Sheriff Griffith of Thomasville, were in town Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pratt left Sunday night for Norfolk, Va., where they will make their home.

Messrs. L. J. Peacock and G. F. Hankins attended the Masonic Grand Lodge in Raleigh, Tuesday.

Mrs. James Adderton was called to Matthews Saturday on account of the serious illness of her aunt.

Mr. Propst Trice leaves today for Winston-Salem, where he has a position in the new Plaza Hotel.

Mr. J. E. Skeen, a progressive young farmer of Healing Springs township, gave us a pleasant call last week.

Rev. J. W. Ingle attended the state meeting of the North Carolina Anti-Salon League at Raleigh last week.

Mrs. Percy Grimes and children, of Salisbury, visited at the home of Mr. J. D. Grimes Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Annie Sloan, of Winston-Salem, and Mary McCorkle, of Salisbury, are the guests of Mrs. G. W. Mountcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dew, of Hillsboro, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Dew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker.

Mrs. R. M. Hadley, of Greensboro, who has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Hunt, went home today.

Mr. James F. Leonard, of Tyro township, was here Saturday on business. He says the roads are "fierce" in his section.

Mr. W. F. Sparger, secretary and treasurer of the Peacock Furniture Co., went to New York last week to attend the big furniture exposition.

Mr. J. Clarence Grimes, proprietor of the Lexington Coca Cola Bottling Co., is in Atlanta this week attending the national convention of Coca Cola bottlers.

Mr. John A. M. Sowers, of Route 1, Lexington, was a pleasant caller in The Dispatch office Friday and renewed his subscription to The Dispatch and Progressive Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Koonts, of Spencer, were here last week. Their many friend will be glad to learn that they will rebuild their home here this spring and return to Lexington to live.

Mr. Richard H. Smith, vice-president and cashier of the Planters National Bank, of Richmond, and his son, are expected here Friday to spend two days with his friend, Mr. Dermot Shemwell.

Dr. Hooper, of Goldsboro, one of the leading Baptist laymen of his part of the state, spent Sunday in the city and taught the Baraca class at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. He also made a short talk to the Sunday school. Dr. Hooper comes here regularly and is a great favorite with the Baptists of the town.

Mr. Alex Garner, of Denton, who sells engines and farm machinery of all sorts, was in town Saturday. Mr. Garner says that business is improving rapidly. He has returned only recently from a trip to Washington, Pittsburg, Waynesboro, Pa., and other points in the north and reports great improvement along all lines in the north.

Mr. C. F. Koonts, of Tyro township, who was in town Saturday, says that people in his section are becoming interested in the road proposition. Many of them who opposed bonds, are now strong for bonds, and he believes that a bond issue would carry. Similar reports come from all parts of the county. Davidson county folks are getting tired of killing their horses pulling through mud and they are going to find a way out. They may be some time finding the way but they will find it in the end.

Teachers Meeting Jan. 23rd.

As formerly announced the Teachers' Association will meet in the court house at Lexington, Saturday, Jan. 23, at 11 a. m. Let us make this meeting the largest in attendance of any previous meeting.

Programs are being mailed directly to the teachers. Do not stay away because you don't feel disposed to take part in the discussions. We want your presence. It is your meeting and the success of it depends upon you. I hope every teacher in the county will be present.

C. L. Feezor.

Look out for "Runaway June."