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NOTED WOODMEN COMING.

Biggest Class of Candidates in History of Camp for Initiation Saturday Night.

Saturday night of this week, the 18th, will be a big occasion for local Woodmen of the World, when a degree team from Spencer will come over and exemplify the work in the initiation of a class of fifty candidates.

Shirt Thieves to Jail.

Joe H. Clement, better known through this section as Joe Nading, and two companions of foreign birth were given sentence of three months each upon the public roads for stealing a shirt apiece from W. G. Perry Co. in daylight.

However, it may be some past deeds that are worrying Clement. The Progressive Farmer wants him on the charge of taking subscriptions to that paper without authorization and without thinking about turning in the money.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.

Holly Grove Congregation Celebrates Completion of \$10,000 Brick House of Worship.

Sunday was a great day for the Holly Grove community, the occasion being the celebration of the completion of the new brick house of worship erected by the Lutheran congregation there.

A great crowd was present Sunday at the services, which began in the forenoon and lasted throughout a large part of the day. The morning speaker was Dr. R. L. Fritts, president of Leaning College, who is a native of the Holly Grove community.

Work began on the church over a year and a half ago, but its completion was delayed on account of bad weather last winter and the farming season of last year also caused work to go slow.

Eliks Elect Officers.

Last Wednesday night Lexington Lodge No. 1245 B. P. O. Eliks held their annual meeting and elected officers for the coming year, their terms to begin April 1st.

Exalted Ruler, W. F. Sparger. Esteemed Leading Knight, Stokes A. Smith. Esteemed Loyal Knight, James A. Leonard.

Flag Raising at Ebenezer. Lexington P. O. E. of A. will present a handsome American flag to the school at Ebenezer Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mill Foreman Killed. The killing of Carl Freddy, foreman of the spinning room of a cotton mill in Greensboro, by Monroe Johnson, an employe discharged by Freddy, was cold-blooded, according to the reports.

Residence Burned Sunday. Sunday morning just before noon fire almost totally destroyed the residence of Mr. Jacob Tate, near the end of South Main Street.

Roller Mill Burned. Fire last Wednesday night just before midnight destroyed the roller mill near Cotton Grove, known as the Youngs mill. The mill had been in occasional operation only for a number of months.

MARRIED. Denton, March 12.—At the residence of Rev. G. L. Reynolds in Denton on last Sunday, March 12, Rev. Walter B. Surratt decided to sail out on the sea of matrimony.

Mr. Surratt is the son of Mr. Daniel Surratt, of Jackson Hill, and is one of Jackson Hill's best young men. He is a graduate, a member of Denton Methodist Protestant church and a young man of sterling worth.

Mr. Surratt has the assurance of becoming a most excellent home-maker, and loving wife. Both of these young people come from families that rank with the very best in our country.

Mr. Surratt is one of Davidson's best young men, and is to be congratulated on winning the heart and hand of such a lovely young lady.

FARMERS ARE COOPERATING.

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The car load of hogs to be shipped this winter will be of a kind as to advertise Davidson county products in a way that will be of much value. The young hogs will be grazed during the summer on such crops as rape, New Era cowpeas, soy beans and sweet potatoes.

To the People of Lexington Township. Having seen my name mentioned in the papers as probable candidate for the office of Judge of the Recorder's Court of Lexington township, and having been asked by the citizens whether I would, if elected, accept the position, I stated that I would, but also stated that I would not go into any contest and electioneering for it.

Respectfully submitted, F. C. ROBBINS. March 14th, 1916.

Paul Leonard Injured. The following item concerning a fire at Statesville last week will be of local interest.

Mr. J. Paul Leonard suffered a painful injury at the fire. He had ridden over on the fire-truck. When it reached the place Mr. Leonard was helping to take out and attach the hose. A rear wheel of the truck passed over his right foot and broke two bones in it.

TROOPS ENTER MEXICO. Villa and His Bandits Make Raid Across Border and Funston Goes to Capture the Gang.

Whether the United States will get into a general war with Mexico or whether her activities will be solely confined to catching Francisco Villa and his gang of bandits is problematical. Last Wednesday night chief and several hundred of his men dashed across the border at Columbus, N. M., killed a number of American citizens, raided the town and engaged in battle with the small force of American soldiers there.

The latest development in the situation is the demand by Carranza that if American soldiers go into Mexico after Villa that his soldiers be allowed to come into the United States. What he could expect to do by sending his men across our border has not been explained, as he has been unable to get Villa after many weeks of grace given him in which to do so.

PERSONALS

Dr. C. L. Cruise, of Statesville, spent Sunday in Lexington.

Mrs. Z. I. Walser and daughters are visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Jessie McLean, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with Misses Pearl and Lois Moffitt.

Miss Lois Williams left Monday for Montgomery, Ala., to be gone several weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. R. N. Hadley, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Hunt.

Supt. O. V. Wooley of the city schools went to Greensboro on business Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Brown, of Asheville, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Hackney, has returned home.

Rev. G. F. Smith, of Rockingham, visited relatives at his old home in Jackson Hill township last week.

Mr. J. W. Davis, travelling salesman for Fletcher Bros., spent Sunday and Monday with his family here.

Miss Margaret Willis, of Statesville, spent Sunday in Lexington with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Willis.

Mrs. G. C. Sink, of the Happy Hill community, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Leonard.

Mrs. N. C. Carter and children, of Tyro, spent Monday in town shopping at visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Evans.

Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr., who has spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. E. I. Bugg, at Durham, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Irvin Young, of Burlington, arrived Monday for a visit to Mrs. Charles Young and other relatives in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoffman spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Hoffman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ell Link, on Route 4.

Mr. W. B. Yarborough was kept in several days last week on account of duty again.

Mrs. R. F. Humphreys and son, Elmer, of Greensboro, are visiting the families of Mrs. W. H. Raker and Henry Koons.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thayer and little daughter, Helen, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday here visiting their cousin, Mr. Minnie Larkin.

Mr. Merritt Peacock, who has a position in Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Peacock.

Mr. John Delap, who is in school at Trinity College, spent the past week end here with his parents, Es-Sheriff and Mrs. A. T. Delap.

Mr. H. U. Oakes, of High Point, spent Sunday in town visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Oakes, and the family of Mr. J. D. Davis.

Mr. Titus A. Fluck, who has been visiting his friends and relatives in Lexington for the past several weeks, has returned to his home at Telford, Pa.

Mrs. Madison Fritts, of Reeds, passed through Lexington Sunday en route to High Point, where she spent a couple days visiting her son, Mr. John Fritts.

Mrs. Lizzie Cole, of Charlotte, formerly Miss Snider of this county and a grand daughter of Mr. J. A. Myers, of Reeds, has named her baby boy James Myers Cole, after the champion corn grower of the world.

Rev. V. Y. Boozer, pastor of Lexington Lutheran church, is in Roanoke, Va., this week attending the great convention of Lutheran laymen and ministers in the interest of missions. Roanoke College is at Salem, just eight miles away.

Large crowds heard Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, both at Pilgrim and Beulah last Sunday. Dr. Holshouser was the popular pastor of these churches for 7 years about 12 years ago, and the people were glad to have an opportunity of hearing their former pastor.

Mr. J. F. Perdue, a good farmer of Emmons township, was here yesterday. Mr. Perdue's son has just recently returned from the Mexican border, where he spent two years with the army. He says it has been a big job to guard border ranches against Mexican thieves.

Prof. Chas. W. Briles, president of the East Central State Normal, at Ada, Oklahoma, writes: "I enclose herewith, check for \$1.50 for renewal of my subscription to The Dispatch. I have read The Dispatch regularly since I left North Carolina twenty years ago and I cannot afford to be without it. I wish to congratulate you upon your success in giving to the people of North Carolina one of the best weeklies in the nation."

Davis to Rebuild at Once. The Davis county commissioners met last Thursday and issued bonds to the extent of \$15,000 to rebuild the courthouse burned February 25. The bonds were purchased by the Washington Bank and Trust Co. of Winston-Salem. They will mature in eight years, beginning in 1918 with \$2,000, and a like amount each succeeding year until taken up.

GET BUSY RIGHT NOW.

Splendid Opportunity for Farmers Who Wish to Win Bull, Separator or Trip With Ease.

While a number of progressive farmers have become active to take advantage of the unparalleled offer The Dispatch is making to the farmers of Davidson county in its Big Live Stock Campaign, there still remains a wonderful opportunity for those who have not yet begun to enter and by a few weeks activity walk off with a good prize.

We are not able to get around and personally see every farmer and point out to him the benefit that would accrue to him by doing active work right now, so we are again calling attention through this medium. A glance at the standing of contestants will show that there yet remains much good working territory in the county that has hardly been touched.

Do not wait another day but notify us at once and we will supply you with receipt books so that you can get out and reap the harvest while the fields are just bending with grain. You will never find a better time to work than just now. The proposition we are making you is the best we could conceive. Have you not read the many letters and editorials of commendation from men you know are leaders in farm activities and from editors who are anxious to see the farmers do just bending with grain?

Our farmers in Davidson are of the true blue sort. But right now they need to get more active in their own behalf. We have certainly met you half way, and with a proposition from which you will be the chief beneficiaries. Now, let's all get together and show the farmers of other counties just how we can do things in Davidson. Let's send a delegation up to Catawba county that will make those folks set up and take notice. You are already convinced that the blood of these fine animals means much to your community now and for generations to come. If you get one you will not only enrich yourself but will be a public benefactor.

Opportunity is yours right now, seize it.

ABBOTTS CREEK. Will Mosinger 400. David Hedgecock 800. C. H. Hedgcock 400.

ARCADIA. J. L. Zimmerman 800. C. A. Kimmel 400. W. M. Zimmerman 400. W. M. Zimmerman 400.

ALLEGHANY. W. M. C. Surratt 400. F. Reed Steed 400. S. T. Nance 400. E. S. Morris 200. Harris Brewer 200. A. H. Michael 400. A. L. Newson 400.

BOONE. C. H. Snider 7,145. Zeb Grubb 400. Adam Darr 400. T. N. Russell 400. J. B. Bailey 400. R. K. Williams 400.

COTTON GROVE. Walter York 400. S. A. Sharpe 800. Reed Dorsett 200. Chas. S. Palmer 13,745. J. D. Lookbill 1,310. Lee Palmer 400. J. N. Penninger 400. Henry E. Smith 200. Albert Taylor 400. Chas. Hunter 200.

CONRAD HILL. H. P. May 2,130. A. S. Miller 800. Lacy Hepler 200. A. L. Curry 400. M. M. Swing 1,200. Curtis Lohr 200. P. D. Finch 400.

EMMONS. R. L. Ward 400. J. L. Lanier 400. Clifford Plummer 400. Claude Hepler 200. W. T. Harris 400. Otha Gallimore 400.

MIDWAY. G. S. Rothrock 400. Carl Nifong 2,200. Reed Dorsett 400. C. W. Rothrock 400. P. E. Whicker 400.

REEDY CREEK. J. S. Hege 400. P. J. Hill 800. W. M. Byerly 1,145. R. L. Perry 400. J. Ferrell 400.

HAMPTON. John Hampton 400. W. L. Dax 400.

HEALING SPRINGS. C. L. Daniel 1,600. W. B. Cross 400. Mose L. Smith 400. Julius Floyd 400.

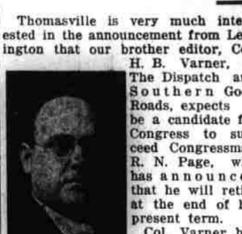
JACKSON HILL. S. A. Lanier 200. J. L. Thompson 2,645. Dewey Surratt 6,545. James Smith 800. A. B. Loftin 400. W. A. Frank 400. Van Wood 400. Garney Surratt 600. Sam L. Surratt 600.

LEXINGTON. M. P. Reid 7,455. C. E. McCann 200.

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NEWSPAPER MEN ENDORSING CANDIDACY OF MR. VARNER

Next Congressman Should Be One Who Has a Record of Doing Things for the People and for Democracy—Would Aid the Cause of Good Roads in the National Law-Making Body—Davidson Has Just Claim for Recognition



Thomasville is very much interested in the announcement from Lexington that our brother editor, Col. H. B. Varner, of The Dispatch and Southern Good Roads, expects to be a candidate for Congress to succeed Congressman R. N. Page, who has announced that he will retire at the end of his present term.

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be that he owns a newspaper. One announced candidate the folks in his district who want to defeat him will search through all The Dispatches than can find and locate things Varner has said, or find some one else in his paper, and by twisting and misinterpreting, they will be able to appeal to some voters that Varner is an anarchist, a scoundrel and a fool.

But he has worked while others knocked. And when he is dead and gone the folks who are left behind will rise up and call him blessed for the good he started and the good he fought through. If he wants to go to Congress his district ought to send him. But he will have to carry to the convention a lot of enemies—enemies who have clung to his neck and sought to sink him and who would fight him to the finish.

If his friends in the district want to send a plain representative of the people to Congress, one who does things and will continue to serve the state honestly and to his own hurt, if they are looking for such a one, Varner is that one.—Salisbury Post.

Colonel Varner, editor of The Lexington Dispatch, is reported as a probable candidate for Congress to succeed Mr. Page, who makes it known that he will not stand for re-election. The colonel will make a strong contender, and he will have the good wishes of his fellow editors throughout the State.—Kinston Free Press.

The papers say Henry Branson Varner of Lexington has a willing mind as a successor to Congressman Page who has announced that he will not stand for re-election. If Mr. Varner is willing, we believe the people of the seventh district are willing for him to have the place.—Cleveland Star.

Hall's Chapel News. Thomasville, Route 4, March 13.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Underwood and daughter, Mrs. W. H. Underwood, spent Sunday at Mr. A. E. Watford's.

Rev. Mr. E. N. Crowder visited at Mr. W. H. Underwood's Saturday night. Mrs. W. L. Hepler and children visited at Mr. J. T. Hall's Sunday.

Mr. U. G. Sexton and Marcus East-ter went to High Point last Wednesday. Mr. Frank Fuller and family and Miss Betty Ferguson, sister of Mr. Underwood's last Sunday.