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FIRE THREATENS DIXIE PLANT.

Blaze Starts in Boiler Room of Plant No. 1, But is Extinguished Without Damage.

Only by the prompt arrival of the fire company and quick and accurate work by the employees of the factory was the Dixie furniture plant No. 1 saved from probable destruction Monday just before noon.

It will be recalled that eleven years ago, in May 1905, fire destroyed the entire plant of the Dixie company and much surrounding property.

Democrats Endorse Varner.

The Democratic executive committee of Davidson county in session at the court house Saturday afternoon unanimously passed resolutions heartily endorsing Mr. H. B. Varner for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh District.

The committee also set Saturday of this week, the 15th, as the date for the township primaries to select delegates to the county convention, which meets here Saturday of next week.

The county board of elections, composed of Mr. J. W. Lambeth of Thomsville, and Messrs. W. F. Thomson and C. L. Leonard, of Lexington, will meet Saturday, the 15th, for organization and will meet again on the 22nd and appoint judges and registrars for the primaries of June 3rd, the same to hold over and serve in the general election in November.

Flags Sold to Aid Belgium.

Mrs. Samuel W. Finch, regent of the General William Davidson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, last week received the following telegram from John Beaver White, of New York, director of the work in America of the Commission for Relief in Belgium:

MARRIED.

HILL-SHIELDS WEDDING. His many friends in Lexington will be interested in the following Richmond dispatch to The News and Observer of Sunday:

Miss Louisa Morris Shield, Richmond's only woman druggist, was married here tonight to Joel Rogsdale Hill, brick manufacturer of Stokes county, North Carolina, with offices in Winston-Salem, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. G. Freeland Peter of St. James Protestant Episcopal church.

Miss Shield graduated in pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia six years ago and since then has been associated with her father, H. Mercer Shield, a prominent druggist of this city.

Mr. Hill was formerly located here as draftsman for a firm of architects. His bride is a petite brunette and very pretty.

Mr. Hill is the son of the late Dr. Joel Hill, of this place, but has recently made his home in Winston-Salem, where he has gained a fine reputation as an architect.

Mr. C. R. Swing and Miss Ida Hedrick were married by Dr. J. C. Leonard Sunday morning at his residence. Mr. Swing is a prominent farmer and lumberman. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hedrick, of Conrad Hill township, and is a young woman of beauty and many graces.

Numerous friends are extending happy congratulations to the young people.

COMMENCEMENT MAY 12TH.

Lexington's Largest Graduating Class—Sermon by Dr. J. L. Murphy—Program Five Nights.

The graded and high school will close its most successful session May 12th, when the largest graduating class will receive their diplomas. Fifteen girls and fourteen boys make up the class of twenty-nine.

On Sunday evening, May 7th, the annual sermon will be delivered in First Methodist church by Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, a native of this county and for a number of years president of Claremont College.

This year there will be no literary exercises, owing to the large number of the graduating class and the length of the graduating exercises of the class. The evening of the 12th will be devoted to this feature. The exercise will consume five evenings, beside the sermon covering a period of two weeks.

The program of the musical department, while an amateur comic opera, "The Captain of Plymouth," will be given. This is a musical comedy of high class and it was necessary to pay a handsome royalty for the privilege of producing it.

The enrollment of 845 students this year sets the high water mark for Lexington, two additional teachers being necessary during the past term, making a faculty of eighteen beside Superintendent V. Woodley. This is Superintendent Woodley's fourth year with the school here, and is by far his best.

Special Lutheran Services.

Beginning next Sunday and continuing throughout the week special services will be held in the Lutheran church each evening at 7:45 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. V. Y. Boozer, announces the following subjects for the sermons:

Next Sunday at 11 a. m.—The World's King. Sunday Night—The Drawing Power of Jesus.

Monday—Gentiles Seeking Jesus. Tuesday—A Loving Service. Wednesday—The Anxious Question. Thursday—In the Hands of Enemies.

Friday—The Finished Life. Easter Sunday at 11 a. m.—The Empty Tomb. Easter Sunday at 3:30 p. m.—A Sacred Concert.

To all these services the people of Lexington and surrounding community are cordially invited.

Commencement at Southmont.

The commencement of Southmont High School will be held April 16th to 21st. The program of exercises follows:

Sunday, April 16, 1916, 3 p. m., Annual Sermon by Dr. J. C. Leonard, D. D., of the Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C.

Tuesday night, April 18th, 8 p. m., recital by music department. Wednesday night, April 19th, 8 p. m., exercises by primary department.

Friday, April 21st, commencement 10:30 a. m. Recitation and declamation contests for medals, 2 p. m., concert and address by Dr. Fred D. Hale, D. D., Lexington, N. C.

Friday night, 8 p. m., a play by the high school. Commencement Marshals are John G. York, Chief, Frank Surratt, Helen Surratt, Pearl Stoner, Essie Lookabill, Leota Wall.

Mr. W. A. Young is principal. The commencement exercises exercises of Arnold High School will be held April 19-21. On the night of the 19th, the primary and intermediate students will entertain.

On the night of the 20th, there will be a public debate on the question—"Is it good government for the United States to maintain a standing army greater than is actually necessary to enforce the laws of the country?" Elmer Everhart and Howard Black will uphold the affirmative, while the negative will be defended by Homer Sink and Gray Sowers. Some plays will be given after the debate. These exercises will begin at 8 p. m.

Friday, the 21st, will be commencement day. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock. In the morning, there will be recitation and declamation contests for medals at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the literary address will be delivered by Rev. J. D. Andrew, President of Catawba College.

The Reeds Cornet Band will furnish music. Everybody is invited to all of these exercises.

Enterprise Commencement.

The closing exercises at Enterprise will be on Saturday, April 15th. Everybody is invited to attend. The grounds will be open to any that may wish to sell refreshments. Come and enjoy the day.

R. M. RUSSELL, Principal.

Epidemic at Twin City.

Mayor O. B. Eaton has ordered the schools and churches of Winston-Salem closed for two weeks on account of an epidemic of measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria which has been raging in that city. Dr. Rondthaler announced that the order will not affect Salem College. None of the students there are said to be ill with either of these diseases, and it is hoped that the epidemic can be kept from spreading there. The Journal objected to the mayor's action, saying that closing the schools would not prevent the spread.

Miss Marguerite Fries, daughter of Mr. H. E. Fries, died Friday of scarlet fever.

Resolutions Adopted by Davidson County Democratic Executive Committee Endorsing H. B. Varner For Congress.

WHEREAS, Davidson, the leading county of the Seventh Congressional District, has not furnished a member of Congress since the year 1872, and

Whereas, Hon. Henry B. Varner, a faithful Democrat, has for years used his utmost endeavor to promote the interests of his county and state, and is now a candidate to succeed Hon. R. N. Page, and

Whereas, the democracy of Davidson county is deeply interested in the success of Mr. Varner's candidacy, with the view of placing him at Washington so he may better serve his county and district;

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved by the Democratic County Executive Committee of Davidson County in meeting assembled at Lexington, N. C., that this committee heartily endorses the candidacy of Mr. Varner and commends him to the voters of the district, as one worthy and capable to serve as Congressman, and who by his untiring labor and zeal will be a great asset to the people of the district and State as a Representative at the National Capitol. This April 8, 1916.

SOCIETY.

Friday afternoon Mrs. D. L. Brinkley entertained the Priscilla Embroidery club. The home was prettily decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. After spending an hour or two in crocheting and chatting, the hostess served a delicious salad course. The invited guests present were Mesdames A. L. Sink, J. C. Leonard, J. T. Hedrick, C. D. Hunt, H. H. Kooze, E. H. Goez, and Misses Esther Berrier and Mayne Fountain.

Mrs. Cliff Thompson delightfully entertained at a large rook party Thursday afternoon. Eight tables of ladies were present and engaged in the game. A lavish supply of jonnolis and roses furnished the decorations. The tables were filled with confections constituted the table prizes. A salad course was served. Thursday night Mrs. Thompson was again hostess, this occasion being the gathering of the Afternoon Bridge Club. The hostess was assisted in receiving and serving by Mesdames C. C. Hargrave, C. M. Thompson and W. H. Mendenhall and her sisters, Mrs. J. H. Thompson and Miss Pattie Sue Smith.

Lee's Junior Reserve Chapter C. O. C. will take "Lee as a Cavalry officer" for the subject of study at the meetings April the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth.

Information on the subject can be obtained from the third chapter of Williamson's life of Lee. The questions as given at the conclusion of the chapter are: What do you know about "Cavalrymen? Colonel Lee's Life in Texas? Catmehse? The Comanche Indians? The Negroes? John Brown? The Wish of Lee? What he Deemed His Duty? The Great Civil War?" Life of Robt. E. Lee is on sale at the book stores.

The following ladies have been appointed on the standing committees of the Civic League for the year, by the new president, Mrs. John T. Lowe, the first named on each committee being chairman and the second named vice chairman: Membership—Miss Camille Hunt, Mrs. J. R. McCarty, Mrs. J. V. Moffitt and Mrs. Z. V. Waiser. School Cooperation—Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall, Mrs. W. O. Harris, Miss Laura Ehlrd and Mrs. O. Bursin. Sanitary—Mrs. James Adderton, Mrs. Victor Humphreys, Mrs. C. W. Trice and Mrs. J. R. Terry. Rest Rooms—Mrs. J. F. Ward, Mrs. C. C. Hargrave, Mrs. C. M. Clodfelter and Mrs. Ferdinand Watson.

Social—Mrs. J. C. Leonard, Mrs. Geo. L. Hackney, Mrs. T. E. McCarty and Mrs. A. T. Delap. Publicity—Mrs. S. W. Finch, Mrs. P. S. Vann, Mrs. Dermot Shemwell and Mrs. H. B. Varner.

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. W. G. Penny Thursday at four o'clock. The program follows: "The Aristocracy of the Old South"—Mrs. T. E. McCarty. Music—Mrs. Turnley and Mrs. Main. Reading—"The Bivouac of the Dead"—Miss Louise Beeson. Anecdotes of War Times. Round table discussion will embrace the following topics:

- 1. What is meant by reconstruction in the South? 2. How long did it last? 3. What was the condition South at the close the war? Contrast it with North. 4. Tell of Dan Voorhees and his memorable speech. 5. What did Dan Voorhees say of Georgia and South Carolina? 6. What did Walter Cook say of Reconstruction Grant? 7. What did Charles Frances Adams say of the Reconstruction period of History. 8. Give the origin of the Ku Klux Klan. Hostesses Mrs. C. C. Hargrave, Mrs. W. G. Penny, Mrs. Dell Watson, Miss Maude Grimes, Mrs. P. Pratt.

The Library Committee of the Lexington Civic League met with Miss Gertrude Hamner the chairman of the committee Monday afternoon and outlined a plan of immediate action. The small front room of the Civic League Rest Rooms will be used for filing periodicals and valuable papers. The committee are working with

the idea in mind that some day Lexington will have a public library, and therefore solicit current literature worth while to preserve for reference work. Even now at times this material may be used by study clubs in research work. Any one who will contribute a volume beginning now or of a previous year please notify one of the committee.

The committee realize many house keepers in their spring changes will be relieved to get rid of some of their magazines, and some are worth while preserving. Duplicates and those of momentary value can also be used. Report at once to one of the committee what you can do. When back numbers of magazines get in your way send them to the Reading Room to be placed on file of the volume you have begun. MISS GERTRUDE HAMNER, Chair. MRS. J. F. DEADERICK, V. Chair. MRS. G. W. MOUNTCASTLE, MRS. H. C. DWELLER.

Mr. D. E. Conrad, ex-postmaster of Lexington, arrived home Monday to spend a few days with his family here. Mr. Conrad's headquarters are at Gainesville, Fla., but more recently he has been spending some time on business on the east coast. He says that near Miami there is 475 miles of public highway that is finer than any streets he has seen in cities in this section. The road is constructed of marl, bound with cement and coated with oil.

The school this winter has been well attended and entire satisfaction seems to have been given by the teacher, Mr. F. S. Feezor. He taught here two years ago, and made such a good impression, so much so, that the trustees employed him again for this winter. Not only is he a very efficient teacher, but with it, a fine christian gentleman. As he leaves us now, we bid him God-speed in what ever he may take up as his work for the summer.

One of the last things on the program was the presentation of two copies of the New Testament and a medal as prizes; a Testament each to Ellen Leonard and her sister Pearl for receiving the most bookmarks in their spelling classes; and the medal to Myrtle Sink for the most improvement in the second grammar class.

Dr. J. E. Cathell and Mr. W. J. Giles, of Tyro, were here on business Monday. Mr. Moyer Sink, of Greensboro, spent Friday afternoon here on business. Clerk of Court C. E. Godwin returned last week from Washington, D. C., where he spent several days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas and family. The Girl and the Game, Chapter 5 at Lyric Tuesday. A new, two act chapter of this great railroad film novel will appear each week at the Lyric Theatre.

GEN. WALSER OFFERED PLACE.

Republican Executive Committee Asks Lexington Man to Run for Attorney General.

Former attorney general Zebulon Vance Walsler, of Lexington, was placed on the Republican ticket for attorney general of North Carolina by the executive committee, in session at the Greensboro Saturday. It is understood that this action is in the nature of a tender of the nomination and it is left open for ten days or more for his formal consent for his name to go on the ticket to be voted upon in the statewide primary of June 3rd. Mr. Walsler stated to The Dispatch that he would be pleased to accept the nomination of the republicans if he could run as a Progressive, and he is studying the primary law to see if this could be done. General Walsler had previously been mentioned repeatedly as a candidate for governor on the Republican-Progressive ticket, but he is understood to have been more desirous of the attorney general nomination, as he had previously filled the position under the fusion regime.

It seems that the Republican leaders of the state are desirous of giving recognition of the Roosevelt sentiment, and anticipating that he will probably be the nominee at Chicago have offered an important place on the state ticket to the manager of the colonel in this state. General Walsler expects to go this week to Oyster Bay for a political conference with Colonel Roosevelt, and upon his return his mind will probably be fully made up as to what he will do in regard to the proffered nomination. In speaking of the nomination of General Walsler, the Greensboro News had the following to say in Sunday's paper, in its report of the meeting of the committee: "The offer of the candidacy for attorney general to Mr. Walsler was one of the evidences of the presence of the olive branch. Mr. Walsler is with a few others bearing the heaviest part of the Progressive machinery in the state, according to all indications. It was interesting, too, that in the meeting here yesterday was the secretary of the Progressive committee, of which Walsler is head. This was R. H. Biecker, who is not only a Bull Moose but a member of the Republican committee."

State Chairman Frank Linney was nominated for governor and L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, a prominent banker was named as the candidate to be voted upon for lieutenant governor.

School Closing at Pilgrim.

The closing exercises of the school at Pilgrim were held on Monday of this week. The day was beautiful and a large crowd assembled to enjoy the program. The assembly was typical of such as you may see at gatherings of this kind—fine, well behaved, refined country people. The order was splendid. There seemed to be no drinking, and very little profanity.

The program was made up of recitations, monologs and plays, together with music and an address. All the young people who took part in the exercises showed that great care had been exercised in training, and every one performed his or her part in a most pleasing way. In fact the whole program seemed above the ordinary school closings.

The last on the program before the noon hour was the address of Mr. Forrest C. Pezor of Wake Forest College. Mr. Pezor is a native of this county, and now a student at Wake Forest. He is a young man of attractive appearance, winning personality, and a speaker that holds the attention of his audience with his splendid manner of speaking. His theme was, "The Child in the Midst." He said the problem of the child is the greatest problem we have, that when we have solved this problem we will have solved the problem of state and nation. To show the greatness of the responsibility that rests upon parents as to the right training of their children and properly preparing them to become useful citizens, he pointed out that children are imitative; they imitate parents; and to remind us of the trend of the times he told us that sometimes we expend more money and care in improving and caring for stock than for the improving of the human race. The whole address was enjoyed and many nice things were said by the people in complimenting Mr. Pezor.

The instrumental music was furnished by the Union Cornet Band of Southmont. This, too, was enjoyed by everybody.

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BIG VOTE OFFER

600 Votes Per Dollar From Now Until April 29th

From today, April 12th, until Saturday, April 29th, at six o'clock p. m., every dollar turned in by those working in The Dispatch's Better Live Stock Campaign will count 600 votes. Instead of the regular schedule of 400, an increase of 200 votes on every dollar. This is positively the most votes that will be given for a dollar during the Campaign, and gives you an opportunity to boost your standing by active work at this period. Get busy today and realize on the opportunity offered.

EVERY MAN WORKING IN THE CAMPAIGN HAS A CHANCE TO WIN AND EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING MAY NOW ENTER AND CAPTURE A PRIZE—THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL SOON BE PAST—A LITTLE WORK WILL PAY YOU HANDSOMELY.

The offer made above should appeal to every man who has taken interest in the Campaign and bestir him to greater activity. The farmer who has as yet done little work now has a chance to climb right up among the leaders, by calling upon his neighbors and securing their renewals, or if they should not be taking the paper setting them to subscribe. No family in the county should be without The Dispatch. There are many good reasons for this statement. For instance a few days ago there was an article of the highest importance to farmers and we had a request for a large number of extra copies from a man who wished to distribute them among farmers who would receive benefit thereby. Unfortunately a shortage of paper limited the number of extra copies on hand and some who would have received the article never saw it. If all these men had been taking The Dispatch they might have received more benefit from that one article than the paper would cost them for several years.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WIN.

You have read what dozens of prominent men and leading papers of the state and nation have said about the Live Stock Campaign and know that it is a wonderful offer. The time for active work, the time for winning a fine bull or a cream separator is less than it once was, but THERE IS TIME ENOUGH LEFT FOR YOU TO GET IN AND WIN. The Catawba county trip will be worth many dollars to you, in the valuable things you will learn first hand and in the good entertainment you will be given. Those Catawba folks are clever people and they are going to help entertain you royally. Many of the folks you will meet up there are of the flower of North Carolina farmers and business men. We are going shortly to tell you more about the good things in store for you who win this trip.

EASY TO GET THE TRIP.

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Prospects Please Varner.

Says the Winston-Salem Journal of Saturday morning: "Col. H. B. Varner of Lexington, editor of The Lexington Dispatch and the Good Roads Magazine, and a candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress in the Seventh district, spent last night in the city and will leave this morning for Yadkin county. Col. Varner is greatly pleased with the prospects of victory in the Seventh. He is known far and wide as a good roads advocate and has probably done more for the great cause of good roads in the state and South than any other man in the last decade. He is also a strong supporter of President Wilson in his fight for preparedness and in all other causes which the President has championed since he has been in the White House. Col. Varner has long been an earnest advocate of rural credits legislation and federal aid for road construction and says if he goes to Congress he expects to fight for these reforms."

Messrs. H. Clay Michael, T. C. Beck and the Tobin Construction Co. are among those who purchased Ford cars here this week from Foy & Shemwell. Another list of recent purchasers appears in the local column.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Short Items of Interest About Lexington and Davidson County Folks.

Principal W. A. Young, of the Southmont high school, was here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Lee V. Phillips and family spent Sunday afternoon in Concord.

Miss Jessie Wheeler left yesterday for her home in Asheville, after spending several days here. Mr. H. B. Varner left Monday evening for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the State Prison Board.

Miss Lois Williams has returned from Montgomery, Ala., where she spent several weeks visiting friends. Mrs. M. L. Coggins and Miss Gene Galloway visited Mrs. John A. Holmes several days last week at High Point, N. C.

Mrs. A. J. Macdonald, who has been spending the winter with her father at Albany, Ga., has returned home. Mrs. C. E. Godwin will return home this afternoon from Micanopy, Fla., where she has been spending several months.

Mr. D. A. Leach, a well known farmer who lives in Emmons township spent Saturday night and Sunday in Lexington. Mayor Chas. Young was among those from Lexington who attended the school closing exercises at Pilgrim Monday.

Mr. S. J. Frazier, a magistrate and good farmer and citizen of Abbott's Creek township, was in Lexington on business Monday. Mrs. Geo. W. Green, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. John T. Green, of Mocksville, spent the week end with Mrs. S. E. Swain.

Solicitor John C. Bower spent last week at Danbury, representing the state at the criminal term of superior court for Stokes county. Miss Bruce Long, of Rockingham, a student of Greensboro College for Women, spent Sunday and Monday here with Miss Grace Price.

Major Wade H. Phillips and Captain James A. Leonard left Monday for Washington, D. C., on business connected with the National Guard. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Martin spent last Wednesday in Charlotte.

Misses Lucille and Mary Reid Buchanan and Mary Noble Burkhead, students of Peace Institute, Raleigh, spent the week end here with home folks. Attorneys E. E. Raper, J. F. Sprull and Z. I. Waiser went to Raleigh Monday to attend Supreme Court this week in the interest of Davidson county clients.

Mr. Victor Humphreys, who has business interests in Florida, with headquarters at Gainesville, is here spending some time with his family, having arrived Monday. Mrs. M. L. Horney returned Thursday to High Point, after spending several weeks here and attending the wedding of her daughter, Miss Ola Harris, to Dr. C. L. Cruise.

Dr. W. L. Kibler left Friday morning for his old home at Newberry, S. C., to spend a few days with his parents. He made the trip through the country in his Dodge roadster. Misses Mary Brinkley, Alma Hedrick and Louise Sink, students of the State Normal, Greensboro, spent Saturday and Sunday here with their parents, returning to Greensboro Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr., returned Sunday from Durham, where she had been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. I. Bugz, at the Hotel Malbourne. Mrs. Bugz and two children arrived Tuesday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

Mr. Roscoe Sireloff, of Winston-Salem, was here Monday and secured license to wed Miss Esta Spough, a popular young lady of Friedburg. The wedding will take place in the Moravian church at Friedburg next Wednesday evening.

Among those in the county recently purchasing Fords from Foy & Shemwell are Dr. R. V. Yokley, Messrs. R. M. Fritts, Leroy Miller, I. L. Sink, S. Owen, H. L. Lopp, J. O. Grimes, J. W. Waiser, Roy Hedrick, C. L. White and E. M. Burkhead.

Mr. W. E. Holt went to Charlotte Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. H. S. Caldwell, brother of Mrs. Holt, who died in New York Thursday. Mrs. Holt was at the bedside of her brother when death came. A full account of his death is to be found in another column.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller and family were called to light Sunday to the bedside of Mrs. Miller's father, Mr. Henderson Hepler, who is critically ill. They returned Monday evening. Mr. Hepler's condition having shown slight improvement. He has been paralyzed for about eight months.

The many friends of Mrs. J. L. Michael will regret to learn that her condition is reported as unsatisfactory. Until recently she has been at the home of her father in Davis county, but Mr. Michael took her back to the Long Sanatorium at Statesville, where she is now undergoing treatment.

Mr. E. E. Witherspoon, of The Dispatch, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Raleigh. He was informed there that friends of E. L. Deasbridge would make a strong effort to carry Wake county. Indications are, however, that they have cut out for themselves a man's job, as Mr. Deasbridge is strong with the folks of the Capital city.