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CITY BUYS FIRE TRUCK.

Horse and Wagon of No. 1 Company Sold and Hook and Ladder Company Will Disband.

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen last week Fire Company No. 1 was authorized to sell their horse and wagon and the purchase of a Studebaker fire fighting truck was authorized. The cost of the new truck will be something over twelve hundred dollars.

Gasoline Mileage Record.

Mr. Lloyd Hunt made a record for mileage with a half gallon of gasoline in his Ford roadster Saturday afternoon, when he tested out a new carburetor which he is now selling.

Chautauqua Guarantors Organize.

The guarantors of the Chautauqua, which comes to Lexington for a week beginning June 21st, met last Thursday night in the court house and formed an organization.

Laying Long Sewer Line.

The Home Plumbing Co. is now engaged in the largest job it has yet undertaken, this being the laying of a 300 feet of sewer line for the Dacotah cotton mill.

Methodist District Conference Convened in Thomsville.

The Winston District Conference of the M. E. Church will meet in Thomsville this week, May 24-26. Dr. E. K. McLarty will preach the opening sermon tonight.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

As you know, I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the legalized primaries, which will be held in the various precincts, Saturday, June 3rd.

This district, composed of thirteen counties, is so large that it will keep me busy getting acquainted with the people in the other counties; therefore, I will not have time to see my own folks personally, and to solicit their support, hence, I will be compelled to depend on my friends to look after my interest in Davidson county.

It is well known that I was born and reared in the county and have been in Lexington for twenty years, and the people know me.

If I am nominated and elected to Congress, which I feel confident will be done, I shall continue to work along the same lines as I have in the past.

I have been an ardent advocate that the Federal Government aid the states and counties in the construction and maintenance of our public roads and shall continue this fight, and I believe that with my knowledge of the road question and with my connection with the National Highway Association, and as president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, that I shall accomplish the desire of all good roads advocates in securing appropriations from the Federal Government for the construction of highways throughout the country.

I shall depend on my friends to look after my cause and to see that my interest does not suffer in the various precincts Saturday, June 3rd.

HENRY B. VARNER.

Pants Factory to Move.

The Sicheloff Mfg. Co., Lexington's pants factory, expects within about two weeks to move into new and larger quarters. The brick building just recently vacated by the Lexington Upholstering Co. is being enlarged by the addition of thirty feet, two stories and basement, which will add a third more to the size of the building.

Emmons Doctor for Young.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: I wish to endorse my friend, your townsman, Mayor Chas. Young, for the State Senate.

K. OF P. DISTRICT MEETING.

Lexington Lodge Hosts to Visitors From Twelfth District Thursday.

Lexington Knights of Pythias were hosts Thursday afternoon and night to the meeting of the Twelfth District. About forty-five Pythians from lodges in this territory were present and gave reports of an optimistic tone of the work being accomplished.

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P. O. S. OF A. TO LEXINGTON.

State Meeting Here Next Year—Four State Officers From Local Camp.

Mr. M. F. Hatcher, of Salisbury, was elected president of the North Carolina State Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America at the final session of the annual convention held in Charlotte last week.

One of the features of the concluding session was the hearty ratification of resolutions submitted by the committee, expressing the thanks by the State Camp for the hospitality extended by Washington Camp No. 57 of Charlotte, for the words of welcome by Mayor Kirkpatrick and the cordial greeting of the city generally; for the visit of Vice President William J. Heaps of Philadelphia and furthermore that "We, the North Carolina State Camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America heartily endorse the stand taken by His Excellency, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, in safeguarding our Nation and keeping it from entanglement in the great European conflict."

Cream Testing Contest.

Ten boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years are going to have an opportunity of winning valuable prizes, as well as learning much about the dairying business. A cream testing contest will be inaugurated June 1st to last for thirteen months.

Nicholson's Famous Novel Filmed by Universal.

Meredith Nicholson's famous novel, "The Lords of High Decision," has been adapted to the screen and will be seen at the Lyric Theatre on May 29th, 30th and 31st.

Weekly Price Report.

Durham, Corn No. 2 white 55c.; Cowspeas, \$1.25; Sweet potatoes, \$1; Lumbers, Corn No. 2 white, \$1; Cowspeas, \$1; Sweet potatoes, 60c.

Death of Dr. F. C. Frazier.

Dr. F. C. Frazier was the son of Allen M. and Nellie Frazier. He was born January 15th, 1858, at the old homestead near Trinity.

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COOLEEMEE VS. ERLANGER.

Strong Team From Davie to Meet B. V. D's. Here Saturday—A Great Game is Expected.

The only team that has defeated Erlanger this season will be in action against the B. V. D's. Saturday afternoon, when Erlanger and Cooleemee clash in the second game of a series.

Meeting of Civic League.

There will be an important meeting of the Civic League at the Rest Rooms Monday afternoon, promptly at four o'clock.

Methodist Minister Warmly Commends Candidacy of Davidson County Citizens.

There are four candidates for Congress in the Seventh district to take Mr. Page's place. Either of these men would well represent the district, so far as I know of their ability.

AS I SEE MR. VARNER.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Short Items of Interest About Lexington and Davidson County Folks.

Miss Laura Mae Helmstedt spent Sunday with friends in Winston-Salem.

Miss Annie Maide Propst left Friday for Raleigh to attend commencement at Peace Institute.

Miss Breta Noel, an attractive young lady of Roxboro, is the guest of Miss Pattie Walser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Caudie, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here and in the county, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Charles Young went to Burlington Saturday afternoon to spend a few days with Mrs. Irvin Young.

Mrs. William Gibson and little son, William, Jr., of Florence, S. C., have been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Smith.

Mrs. A. J. McDonald, of Bainbridge, Ga., is here with her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Manning, who has been quite ill for several days.

Miss Helen Earnhardt returned last Wednesday from Greensboro College for Women, where she has been a student the past season.

Misses Rose Kennedy and Josephine Harkey were among those from Lexington who attended the pageant at the State Normal, Greensboro, Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Burkhead left Thursday for Raleigh, to attend Peace Institute Commencement and be present at the graduation of her daughter, Miss Mary Noble Burkhead.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and daughter, Miss Ruth, left Friday for Concord, from which point they went to Charlotte Saturday to the 20th of May Celebration.

Misses Mary Brinkley, Louis Sink, Alma Hedrick and Lila Peacock, who have been students of the State Normal College for the past year, returned home Monday night.

Miss Grace Price went to Charlotte Friday night to spend several days with her sister, Miss Georgia, and other relatives and attend the celebration. She returned Monday.

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Mr. Manly D. Curtis, of Washington, N. C., district manager for the International Harvester Co., spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Vann. Mr. Curtis is a nephew of Mr. Vann.

Mr. Ralph Pratt, a well known traveling salesman who now has headquarters at Washington, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Pratt at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Owen.

Mrs. S. W. Finch, Miss Lois Williams, Miss Ruth Propst, Major Wade H. Phillips and Capt. J. A. Leonard were among the Lexingtonians attending the military ball in Charlotte Friday night.

Mr. Ben O. Myers, who has been principal of the school at Severn, Northampton county, returned last week to his home near Reeds. Mr. Myers is a graduate of Wake Forest College and an educator of ability.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Alec Smith, who were married last week in Ashe county, arrived here Saturday to make their home. They are at present with Dr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith. Lexington people are glad to welcome Mrs. Smith.

Messrs. Harvey and Gilmer M. Heltman, prominent young business men of Fort Myers, Fla., have been here for several days at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. L. J. Heltman, who has been very ill at the home of her sister, Miss Alice Earnhardt.

Mr. W. C. Jamieson, a student of the Union Theological Seminary, is here to take charge of the Dacotah chapel of the Presbyterian church during the summer. Each summer it is the custom of the congregation here to secure a young minister to have charge of this work.

Mr. G. W. N. Brown, of Erwin, Tenn., who is now in charge of the government fisheries at Orangeburg, S. C., spent Sunday here with his son, Engineer R. T. Brown, of the road commission. Mr. Brown was returning from Greensboro, where he had gone to take a carload of fish for stocking streams.

Among those from Lexington attending the pageant at the State Normal Saturday were, Mrs. Geo. W. Mountcastle, Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr., Mrs. John T. Lowe, Miss Camille Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCrary, Mrs. Tatum, Mrs. T. E. McCrary and Misses Pearl Hege, Mary and Alice Virginia Trice and Christine McCrary.

Miss Katharine Lorraine Barr, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Barr left Sunday for Pittsylvania county, Va., to spend several weeks with her grandfather, Mr. James R. Carver. From there she will go to Chatham, Va., to visit Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Barr. Her mother accompanied her as far as Danville.

Misses Mary Noble Burkhead, Mary Reid Buchanan and Lucille Buchanan are home for the vacation from Peace Institute, Raleigh. Miss Burkhead graduated at the commencement there. Friends of this institution are pleased that Miss Mary O. Graham, of Charlotte, sister of President E. K. Graham of the University, has accepted their presidency.

Mr. C. A. Hunt, Sr., has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where he attended the Confederate veterans' reunion. Mr. Hunt says that Birmingham is one of the best arranged cities he has ever seen, and says that it has been built according to plan, with due regard for the convenience of visitors.

Mr. Hunt also visited a number of the big iron works and other interesting plants.

Endorses Mayor Young.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Please permit me to express my hearty commendation of the candidacy of Mayor Chas. Young for the State Senate, on behalf of the neighbors of his boyhood days.

ARTHUR M. GALLIMORE.

Denton, N. C.

Miss Pearl Hege, Dr. R. L. Reynolds and Judge C. E. Godwin motored over to Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Godwin, who had been visiting Mrs. A. F. Sams, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hairston and small son, of near Advance, Davidson county, were here one day last week on business.

Mrs. Richard Brasag and attractive daughters, Martha and Stephanie left Wednesday for their home in Asheville, where they will spend the summer.

EDITOR, BOOSTER AND CANDIDATE.

We have to hand it to Editor H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, for being all sorts of a constructive man. Incidentally he is a candidate for Congress in the Seventh district, but his "main works" is being a live newspaper man, a promoter of good roads building and a self starter for developing the livestock and creamery industries in his county.

This refers to Editor Varner because he has devoted more time to progress than he has to being a candidate. He has been a booster and promoter of development for years without ever thinking about the day that his district might send him to Congress. He has been a candidate only a few months, but has been a constructive man all the time.

For three months he has been carrying on a livestock and dairy campaign. He is a whole chamber of commerce by himself and when he pulls off a campaign it knows that it has been pulled off. His livestock prize-winning campaign closed last Monday and it scored a success. He awarded seven pure-bred bulls and eight cream separators to Davidson county farmers who won them as prizes.

Every farmer in the county who did work either received a young bull or a cream separator. On the 26th of May the prize winners and a number of other leading farmers will be taken by Colonel Varner on a trip to Catawba county to study creamery and dairy methods and to catch on to the Catawba system of cooperative marketing of farm products. This is part of the campaign to establish the success of Davidson county's cooperative creamery by enlarging its supply of butter fat.

A husky leader in a city or county means everything, and Lexington and Davidson are fortunate in having such a live promoter as Editor Varner. He is his own publicity agent and has a paper of his own to do thousands of dollars' worth of free boosting for his city and county.

The Seventh district will look out after its own congressional campaign and it could not make a mistake in choosing for Congress any of the candidates in the field.—Wilmington Star, May 17th.

Trinity College Program.

Sunday, June 4, 8:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate Address—Bishop John Carlisle Kilgo, Charlotte, N. C. Thursday, June 6, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon—The Reverend John Herman Randall, D. D., New York City Tuesday, June 6, 1 p. m.—Alumni Dinner, Address, Fred Farmer, Esq., Lynchburg, Va. Tuesday, June 6, 8:30 p. m.—Graduating Oration—W. D. H. Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a. m.—Commencement Address—The Honorable Joseph Wingate Polk, of Missouri. Conferring of Degrees.

A. & M. Commencement.

The finals at the A. & M. college begin this year with a sermon on Sunday, May 28, by the Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler, followed Monday with the commencement address by Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho. There are 91 graduates, the largest number being in the bachelor of science course in agriculture, 31 taking this course, and the smallest number, graduating as bachelors of science in chemistry, only three taking this degree.

Misses Mabel and Mary Noble Evans are spending this week in High Point visiting their uncle, Mr. W. V. Evans and family.

Mrs. J. H. Wood and Mrs. Chas. Sechrist, of High Point, spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting Mrs. E. L. Leonard, Jr.

Miss Velva Craver left last Sunday for Greensboro where she has accepted a position.

MR. GRIFFITH ANNOUNCES.

Ex-Sheriff Gives Platform for Legislature—Favors More Sundays and Pay Days.

The Dispatch is in receipt of the following interesting announcement: To the Voters of Davidson County: After a great many restless and sleepless nights I have determined to announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Davidson county, and in so doing I wish to get rid of some thoughts that have been rummaging around in my stomach, like compressed air after a hearty meal of cow peas and sweet potatoes.

2nd. After a careful study of the situation I am firmly convinced that the laws governing weights and measures should be revised. Watching the crowds, from an unbiased standpoint, that gather around the express office in Thomsville between the first and fifteenth of each month and noting the longing, lonesome, dried out look of despair and misery depicted on their countenances, I have been thoroughly convinced that the quart cup should be at least as big as an ordinary milk bucket. Ever since the legislature of 1915 passed a law restricting each citizen to a single quart every fifteen days it has been palpably apparent to every refined, well meaning and well regulated voter of the county that the quart pot should be enlarged; Therefore I shall use my best efforts for its accomplishment.

3rd. I am conscientiously opposed to woman suffrage, but am strongly in favor of every man having wages enough to support him. With my frugal way of living, simple and modest desires, my wife has been able to supply all my necessities and most of my desires and luxuries with comparative ease. But I know thousands of ambitious young men with extravagant ideas and desires who have their eyes continually set on the upper strata of higher life who need two and some three to insure safety. Now since I have denied woman her franchise, I feel that I should do something to relieve her burdens and increase her happiness. I shall urge the legislature to pass a law to furnish every married woman with a wash-board, free and have the county chain gang to build her an ash hopper so she can make her own soap.

4th. I am for low taxes and big crops every year.

5th. I have always thought and still think that there should be one other day besides Sunday as a day for recreation. I shall, if elected, do all in my power to have the legislature declare Wednesday of each week a universal day for recreation and allow each and every man to have his own play cards according to the dictates of his own conscience or other valuable consideration. I am in favor of making all days except Wednesdays and Sundays pay days. I am also in favor of higher wages and lighter work. In fact, fellow voters, I am for everything and anything that is conducive to ease, comfort and contentment and "agin" anything and everything that is liable to produce indigestion or colic.

Of course there are other numerous and minor thoughts for a legislator to consider, such as the tax problem, preparedness, child labor, rural credits, the wants and needs of the farmers union, regulation of railroads and public corporations in all of their ramifications, public schools, segregation, the inlative, referendum and recall, but fellow citizens, I consider the first five planks in the platform as PARAMOUNT and on them I stand with both feet.

Now my fellow citizens, I most earnestly and sincerely call on you all who believe and stand as I do to rally to my support and determine vim and vigor of by-gone days.

Your humble servant, C. M. GRIFFITH.