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POWER DAM MAY BE BUILT.

Surveys Made at Stafford's Mountain and Options Secured on River and Creek Lands.

There seems to be every probability that at no distant date a giant power dam will be built across the Yadkin at Stafford's Mountain, about a mile up the river from High Rock.

As to just what interests are promoting this, can not be positively ascertained at present. One source of information is that the Aluminum Company of America, who are developing a city at Badin and are now completing the great dam there and preparing to build another a few miles below are back of the proposed dam at Stafford's.

A problem that would confront the builders of such a dam, however, is the moving of the tracks of the Southern Railway to such location as to preserve the low grade secured on that road.

This development would mean a great deal to Davidson and especially the southern part of the county, and the citizens are hoping, most of them, that it will materialize.

At a called business meeting of the First Baptist church last Sunday night Rev. John T. Jenkins, a former pastor who had been expelled from church membership for alleged misconduct, was unanimously restored to fellowship, and granted a letter of dismission to join the First Baptist church of Kansas City, Mo.

At a business meeting of the church last Sunday morning, Bro. W. E. Anderson was elected church clerk; Brethren J. D. Redwine, S. L. Owen, W. G. Miller and B. F. Lee were chosen to serve as a Reception Committee; and the following brethren were elected to serve for one year as ushers: A. E. Sheets, P. V. Critcher, D. F. Conrad, W. W. Woodruff, P. S. Vann, L. A. Martin, L. F. Barr, R. O. Kirkman, J. J. Hitchcock, Rufus Redwine, Grady Shaw, T. S. Cross, T. L. Ward, Webster Berryman, Early Potts, and E. O. Webster.

Annual Churchland Debate. Linwood, Route 1, Dec. 16.—Friday evening, December 22nd, at 7 o'clock, in the school auditorium, the young men of Churchland High School will give their annual Christmas Debate. Query: Resolved, That the Railroad should be owned and controlled by the Federal Government. Those on the affirmative are: D. W. Swinson, A. O. Stone, W. A. Carroll, negative;

LUTHERANS CALL PASTOR.

Unanimous Call to Rev. P. J. Bame, of Augusta, Ga., Extended Sunday Morning.

The Lutheran congregation on Sunday morning unanimously and heartily extended a call to Rev. P. J. Bame, of Augusta, Ga. He has not yet accepted but the congregation is very hopeful of favorable action on his part.

"The star gazers tell us they see evidences of disturbances among the planets that foretell the second coming of Christ," stated the preacher in predicting the second coming of Christ. He pointed to the fact that never before had there been so much sorrow, death and starvation as the result of sin as there was today.

Funeral of Fred Dunwick. The body of Frederick Dunwick, only son of William H. Dunwick, Lenoir, and a former Lexington photographer, whose death occurred December 3 at Sanatorium, N. C., reached his former home at Pulaski, N. Y., the following Wednesday. Funeral services were held on Friday in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Albert P. Falmer.

"Glass Eating Negro." Friday, so the story goes as told to us, a great big burly, mean-looking, blue-gummed negro walked into a grocery store in Lexington. Quite a number of his race were gathered around the stove for it was a chilly day.

At Grace Episcopal Church. Christmas services at Grace Episcopal church will be as follows: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4 p. m., Children's Christmas service, Monday, Christmas Day at 11 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon. Everybody is cordially invited to these services.

MARRIED. The many friends here of Mr. Harvey L. Hedrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hedrick, of this city, will be interested in the following account of his marriage last week, taken from Thursday's Winston-Salem Journal.

NO ISSUE NEXT WEEK. There will be no issue of The Dispatch next week. This is done in order that some of the "boys" may be permitted to have a few days off to spend with their home folks at Christmas. The next issue will appear on January 8, 1917.

CREAMERY A FINE SUCCESS.

First Year Shows Good Profit for Local Institution—Stockholders Delighted.

The stockholders of the Davidson County Creamery were delighted and surprised Saturday in their annual meeting at the splendid showing made in the report of Manager Yoder.

Present with the enthusiastic band of stockholders were Mr. J. L. Gilbert, of the dairying department of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Mr. J. A. Arey, of the dairying division of the state agricultural department.

Table with 2 columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Balance in Bank, Accounts receivable, Building, Lot, Can account, Office fixtures, Butter on hand, etc.

\$8,560 in Pension Checks. Saturday was an especially busy day for Clerk of Court C. E. Godwin, who spent most of the day in giving out the pension checks received last week from Raleigh.

Southmont Entertainment. On next Thursday evening, Dec. 21, a public entertainment will be given by the school in the auditorium. The exercises will be a general Christmas entertainment including a Santa Claus and numerous songs and recitations.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

On account of the high cost of news print paper, and everything else that goes into the making of a newspaper, we are forced to increase the subscription price of The Dispatch from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year, effective on and after February 1st, 1917.

Our subscription rate after February 1st, will be one year \$1.50, 6 months 75c., 4 months 50c.—strictly cash in advance.

A year ago good news print could be bought for 2c; today it is selling at from 7 to 10c per pound, an increase of from three hundred to five hundred per cent.

Supplement to Walber's Digest. Messrs. Z. V. and Z. I. Walser expect to issue in the early spring of 1917 a supplement to Walser's Index-Digest of the Criminal Law of North Carolina.

Mr. G. F. Fitzgerald, one of the leading citizens of Linwood, was in Lexington Sunday.

SOCIETY.

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12, from 3 to 5:30 Mrs. W. T. Grimes was hostess at a charming meeting of the Delphine Embroidery Circle. Merry chatter and busy needles sped the hours.

Meeting Friday afternoon at the hospital home of Mrs. J. M. Harkey the Priscilla Embroidery Club spent a very delightful time in Maxy lovely flowers and ferns added to the brightness of the home.

Miss Grace Price's dancing class will give their holiday dance in the Armory Hall next Tuesday night. This is expected to be a very enjoyable affair and is looked forward to with much interest by those who trip the light fantastic.

MR. F. T. WALSER DIES.

Last of Well Known Davidson Family Dies at Statesville—Was a State Figure.

Frederick Taylor Walser, last of the sons and daughters of the lamented Henry Walser, of Yadkin College, died Sunday night at his home in Statesville, at the age of about seventy years.

The deceased was the last survivor of the four sons and three daughters of Henry Walser, Mrs. Oakes, the last of the sisters, having died several months ago. For the past fifty years he has been connected with the interest in revenue service, entering this when quite a young man.

Four children survive, these being Frederick T. Walser, Jr., of Asheville, Reed Walser, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. Hubbard, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. Prosper, wife of an Episcopal clergyman of Statesville.

Read Sentence for Davis. Judge B. F. Long, in Forsyth superior court at Winston-Salem, last week sentenced Lloyd Davis, of this county to six months on the county roads on the charge of assault. It was charged that Davis had attempted to person attempted to put him under arrest.

DEATHS.

Mr. David A. Wilson, father of Mrs. Jack Wilson, died last Tuesday at the home of his daughter here, following a long illness. The remains were carried to Candler, near Waynesville, for interment. Deceased was 63 years old.

The fifteen-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sides, of Center Hill, died on Saturday, December 9th, and was buried the following day at Center Hill church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Forrest C. Pezzer.

Christmas Holiday Round Trip Fares via Southern Railway. The Southern Railway will sell round trip Christmas Holiday tickets to and from all points between Washington, D. C., New Orleans, Memphis and Cincinnati, taking in entire Southern Railway System.

Why not spend at least part of your holiday vacation with friends and loved ones, and in so doing, travel via the Southern Railway? Fast through trains, through sleeping cars and dining cars to all principal points.

AT THE LYRIC. On Thursday, Dec. 21st, the Lyric Theatre will show H. B. Warner playing the trio part of an English newspaper correspondent, a German officer and an English Lieutenant, who in reality is an internal Secret Service Spy in the employ of the British Government in the 5 act Triangle Drama "SHELL FORTY-THREE".

Her many friends will be pleased to know that Miss Rose Kennedy has been chosen as court reporter for the judicial district composed of the counties of Gaston and Mecklenburg, and she will go to Gastonia at an early date, where she will do special stenographic work in addition to her duties with the courts.

Messrs. Ivan V. Yonce and S. H. Floyd, who have been here for the past month in the interest of the Lexington Mercantile Co., expect to leave today or tomorrow for their respective homes at Salem and Roanoke, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Empty Stocking Club, Elks Club, Friday, Dec. 22nd, 7 p. m. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

ACTING FOR SOUTHERN PAPERS.

Publishers Praise Work of Chairman Varner to Relieve Paper Situation.

The Washington bureau of the Greensboro News sent out the following story on Sunday. Many of the Metropolitan dailies carried similar stories: "Something has been started towards securing a supply of print paper at a little better price than the prospect was a short while ago.

"Since that time things have assumed a different shape. Publishers have been conferring almost hourly since Tuesday. There is a most clearly defined sentiment that there is a controlled market. Today representatives of the biggest group of papers in the United States came to Washington preparing to lay before the department of justice every available bit of information with reference to the alleged trust.

"A high official of one of the largest and most influential newspapers in New York city said today that Mr. Varner's action was along the right line and heartily congratulated him for having the courage to go into the open and fight the alleged trust.

Christmas Exercise at Pilgrim. The Christmas exercise at Pilgrim Lutheran church will be held on Christmas day, beginning at one o'clock. There will be a Christmas tree and carols of music, recitations, etc. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend.

War Pictures at Lyric, Dec. 26. The greatest of them all without exaggeration is Wilbur H. Durborough's motion war pictures "On the Firing Line With the Germans," which will be shown here at the Lyric, Dec. 26th.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. R. E. Everhart, of the staff of monthly business trip to Columbia, Ala., where this firm has interests in a power plant that furnishes light for the industries and streets of that town.

Mr. Stafford Foose, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Foose, who formerly lived here but moved to Roanoke, Va., several months ago, was here yesterday on his way to Augusta, Ga., to spend Christmas with his grandfather, Mr. J. D. Foose. Stafford is now in the circulation department of the Roanoke Daily Times.

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DEL GUERNEY HEARD HERE.

Gifted Presbyterian Minister May Accept Call Extended by the Local Congregation.

Lexington folks heard Dr. H. R. Guernsey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Monroe, in two most wonderful sermons in the Presbyterian church here last Sunday. The local congregation, at a meeting several weeks ago heartily extended a most flattering call to Dr. Guernsey, and Sunday he came up to preach and meet the people of this church before making his definite decision as to whether he will cast his lot with us.

His morning sermon was heard by a full house Sunday and those who heard him declare that it was one of the greatest sermons ever preached in this town. His theme was the power of the Holy Spirit, the God in man, and he brought tears to the eyes of strong men as he described the ever-present Comforter. At evening he preached on the good old fashioned story of the redemption of man through faith in the redeeming blood. In simple language, but with compelling force, he told the simple story of the plan given to the earth by the Man of Sorrows, bought and paid for at the price of His crucifixion on the cross at Mount Calvary. A splendid congregation heard Dr. Guernsey at the evening service also.

PERSONAL.

Miss Montisue Clodfelter expects to leave Saturday for Virginia points to spend Christmas.

Miss Annie Luck, of Rutherford College, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Epps.

Miss Rose Kennedy left Saturday night for a visit of several days to Kannapolis and Gastonia.

Mr. W. J. Younts, of Rowan county, spent a few days last week visiting his father, Mr. Rufus Younts, at Holly Grove.

Mr. Chas. Mountcastle came home Friday from Davidson College to spend the day, having an off day between examinations.

Mrs. L. J. Heltman is reported to be rather seriously ill at her home here. Her health for several months now has been falling.

spend the Christmas holidays in Mooresville with Mrs. Ulmer's father, Mr. J. Y. Templeton.

The Dispatch was pleased to have a call from Mr. W. W. Yarbrough, last Saturday, who favored us with a renewal subscription for a year.

Mr. Earl Patterson, of Concord, was here Sunday with his brother, Mr. Chas. Patterson, manager of the Western Union, Telegraph office here.

Mr. Holt Hunt returned Saturday from Sewanee, Tenn., where he has been a student at the University of the South during the fall session.

Mr. Forrest Lancaster arrived home last night from Wake Forest College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lancaster.

Mr. Penry Owen, son of Mr. S. Lee Owen, came home Friday from Randolph-Macon Academy, where he is in school, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. E. E. Witherspoon leaves tomorrow for Gastonia to spend a day or two with friends and will then go to Cherryville to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. W. S. Hunt, who recently moved from Lexington to Cotton Grove township, was here yesterday and renewed his subscription to The Dispatch for a year.

Mr. W. A. Hedrick, of Emmons township, was in Lexington Saturday on business. The Dispatch was pleased to have a call from Mr. Hedrick, who dropped in to renew his subscription.

Mr. Chas. Z. Sink, of Pilgrim, has accepted a position in the grocery store of Sink & Green, taking the place in the store of Mr. Fred C. Sink, whose time is demanded by his duties as office deputy sheriff.