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AUTOMATIC PHONE SYSTEM

Modern Equipment-Will Erect New Building.

Lexington is to have the most modern telephone equipment known to science. The Lexington Telephone Company announces that in the near future it will install an automatic telephone system, representing the high-est possible development of telephony, and will erect on East Second Avenue a two-story brick hullding to house the new gouldents.

the new equipment.

An automatic telephone system is An automatic telephone system is operated strictly by electric machines, and the ordinary kind greeting, "Number please!" will disappear. The operators to be placed in charge of the local service will be mechanical and will be enclosed in steel cabinets with plate glass covers. They are attractive in appearance, and telephone users invariably fall in love with them as Wall-long companand adopt them as life-long compan-ions. In no case, it is stated, has there been a decree of divorce issued.

Bonds which are being issued for schools and streets, exclusive of those for which the town gets credit through the fact that the property and there, are formed in artistic designs. They never tire, never sleep, never strike, are always on duty day and night, Sunday and holdays, always calm under the most exciting roughlings, always calm under the most exciting facture of factual, never ropeat a conversation passing over the wires. They operate with lightning speed and with more than human intelligence. The subscriber calls for his number by means of a dial which will be attached to each telephone, and connection with the number will be made instantaneously. Immediately the bells at the called station will begin ringing and answers or the calling party hangs up

The foregoing is a crude description of automatic telephony, which the lo-cal company takes pride in introduc-Davidson county, and which the local telephone users will be pleased to meet. Lexington will be the second town in North Carolina and the fourth the antire South to head to make the south of the second town in North Carolina and the fourth ple get drunk, others go hunting, some in the entire South to have such a system. At the present time, moreover, there is not a system of its kind in

This system has been in use in some of the larger cities of the North and Northwest for several years and has been a great success. It is used ex-tensively in England and exclusively tenelvely in England and exclusively in Australia. It was installed during the war by the Government in a number of the more important headquarters. It was installed last year by the Navy Department at the Hampton Roads naval base. It has not been estalled, universally, it is explained ous cost of in-

management of the local tele-company has had under conideration for several months the advisability of installing an up-to-date system. Knowing that the people of Lexington take pride in the best to be had, the company decided to give them the "Automatic," which repre-

for the automatic equipment. A new toll, rural, and information switchfrom the present to the automatic syswithout interfering with the sersystem and the progress being made will be announced from time to time

Alumnae of North Carolina College Organize.

College Organise.

The former students of the North arctina College for Women from avidson county met in Lexington aturday to organize as a county unit, as purpose of this organization because with the great the purpose of this organisation beno ing to keep in touch with the great ch
sevements on foot at the college and
add whatever impetus may come from Ar
the interest and works of the Davidson daughters. The present issue of
greatest interest is the raising of an
les Alemnae Home Fund and arousing a
U. Commencement 1920" moveek to Commencement 1920" move-

a result of an election of officers Alma Hedrick was made chair-Miss Alma Barringer, vice ag secretary, with Miss Ciara Bells watm, assistant; Mrs. Jno. T. Lowe, orresponding secretary, and Mrs. has Young, treasurer. College news and questions of di-set concern were discussed and anding committees appointed. Three more meetings were proposed

Three more meetings were proposed to come before the commencement of

Armold Defeats Clemmone.

In a hard-fought basket ball game between Arnold and Clemmons last week the Arnold lads won by a score of Il to 11. Hunter was adjudged the star of the Clemmons team. Link did the stellar playing for Arnold, pock-the stellar playing for Arnold, pock-ting eight field goals in the contest.

Mrs. S. W. Finch.

WHY WATER COMP A ST

Local Company Will Install Most Mayor States That Town Cannot Exceed Maximum Indebtedness For Streets or Schools.

> The fact that there has been many questions and some criticism concern-ing the fact that the Board of Town Commissioners has undertaken the construction of streets and a school construction of streets and a school building before the proposed new wa-ter system is installed, calls for an explanation, and The Dispatch here-by updertakes to state the reasons, as furnished by Mayor Hedrick and the

Bonds which are being issued for

in the meantime wells will be bored. Already a committee has been ap-

ing Night.
Thanksgiving Day is always variously spent. On this day some people get drunk, others go hunting, some attend church, and still others do other things. Just how the Tyro citithere is not a system of its kind in the State, but one is being installed.

Lexington, therefore, will be one of the first towns in the immediate first towns in the immediate A. C. Swieggood Journeyed to the hills along the Yadkin river in Yadkin College township and spent some time township and spent some time. iege township and spent some time in fishing and hunting 'possums.

These men were rather successful in the unusual combination of sports. Their fishing was done with a bounce net. They bounced the nets, caged the fish, and then returned to the woods to harass Bre'er 'Possum, returning frequently to the bank of the river to play see-saw with the fishes. They returned to Tyro bearing with them seventeen cats, carps, and suck-ers, weighing up to four and a half pounds, and three fat 'possums. On arriving home they obtained the loaves, and not yet are they through picking up the fragments.

"A Sho' Nuff Sashay Pussy."

The air was heavy around the corner of First Avenue and Main Street
Saturday afternoon. The writer, while showing to the world "Broken Blossents the last word in telephony. An standing in front of the Lyric Theaorder has already been placed with the Automatic Electric Company, of 
Chicago, for the entire equipment, and 
the legislation will begin as soon as 
Several young ladies seemed to develthe apparatus can be manufactured. op bad colds and held handkerchiefs exquisite delicacy, of terrific strength. H. Nance, of near Nokomis, left the The company will erect a two-story to their dainty noses as they passed. brick building on East Second Avenue Naturally the writer's curiosity was aroused, and he ventured nearer the maturity of the thoroughfare. disdained section card of the latest type to operate in There, right at the entrance of the and 5, at the Lyric Theatre, connection with the automatic system Roan Barber Shop, was a cage-like will be installed at the same time. It affair, that evidently held the source will be several months before the new of the trouble. An old darkey stand-system will be in operation, for it reing nearby did not seem to object information as to what was causing the commotion was acquired.
"Yas suh," said the siegro, "dat sho"

is a sho' nuff Pol' cat, a geniwine sashay pussy." It developed later animal was the property of that th this community. Riley bought it from Mr. Dewey Kepley, of Conrad Hill trap by Mr. Kepley. The pelt of this animal is very valuable, but one could not blame Mr. Kepley for selling it so cheap. Yes, the air was heavy!

Attend Memorial Service in Winsto

Salem. nday afternoon at Winston-Sa Sunday afternoon at Winston-Sa-lem the Farview Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. held a memorial service in week butchered nine fat hogs, which honor of the members of the Council who died during the past year. Messrs.

LIQUOR FACTORY HERE

City Limits-Defendant Says It Is Veterinarian Outfit.

In Recorder's Court Monday morn-ing James Porter, member of the local street construction force, was found guilty of manufacturing liquor and of having in his possession more than the lawful amount of the fluid

The still, or whatever it was, was captured near the Hoover Manufacthe building.

called station will begin ringing and ceasity, it is explained, the town can evidence for the defense it developed will continue to ring at intervals of a soon issue water bonds, regardless of that the defendant had been in the the \$288,000 limit. To take care of the water shortage to the meantime wells will be bored. The meantime wells will be bored. drink. Porter demonstrated very clearly how he had been using a pseudo distillery for the purpose of treating a mule's rheumatics. Witnesses testified that they had seen Porter use an instrument of the same kind before Other witnesses testified that the liquor was their property and was con-cealed in the barn unknown to the defendant. The evidence as to the own-ership of the spirits, however, was rather weak in some respects.

The court could not understand the

use of a "worm" in an instrument for "steaming a mule"; hence, the outcome of the case.

Attorney J. R. McCrary handled the case for the defense. Solicitor Paul R. Raper had charge for the State.

"Broken Blossoms" at The Lyric. Out from the far places he come bringing with him the matchless trea-

sure of his long labor.

Up from the South with "The Birth of a Nation," the most popular dramatic entertainment ever created.

with "Hearts of the World," the epic of the war made for the French and

seed. It is a worthy expression of Mr. family home in Randolph county 26 was Griffith's great talents in their rich years ago to live in South Carolina.

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of

Prevo.

A decision of the Supreme Court terest is that by which the case of the State vs. Prevo was decided in favor of the defendant. Mr. Prevo, who opwas prosecuted by the State for re-fusing to pay to the town of Thomas-Riley Hairston, a colored barber of ville more than \$39 privilege tax. The vo contended that there is a State law which says \$30 is the maximum township, for the sum of two dollars. law which says \$30 is the maximum. The animal was caught in a rabbit tax any county or municipality may levy on a picture show in a town the size of Thomasville. The Davidson County Superior Court ruled in favor of Thomasville, but the higher court reversed the action.

Stiver Hill Family Butchers Big Hogs ranged in weight from 322 pounds to 426 pounds. Mr. W. Oder Workman

Council to be honored was Mr. Merritt H. Peacock, brother of Messus. L. J. and P. E. Peacock.

Lieut. Gov. O. Max Gardner was the chief speaker, delivering the memorial address. A special chorus choir, composed of tweive girls and six boys of the North Graded School, where the services were held, rendered boautiful musical selections. State Coundilier Numa R. Reid, of Wentworth, delivered an interesting address on the mational orphanage at Tiffin, Ohio.

Mr. Carl Workman, two weighing 360 and 330; and Mr. Oille Workman, one and 330; and Mr. Oille Workman, one and 330; and Mr. Oille Workman, one which tipped the scales at 370.

Anita Stewart, supported by the greatest all-star cast in the history of Dreams," a First National Attraction, Thursday, Dec. Ind., at the Lyrical Stewart of Expension of the dasaset pictures of the year. Admission 19 and 20 cents in the afternoon, 15 and 25 cents at night. One day ic. Seven reels of exquisite screen drams, this is considered one of the classical pictures of the year. Admis-sion 19 and 20 cents in the afternoon, 15 and 25 cents at night. One day only. Don't fail to see this great pic-

Mrs. Paul Minkle spent the week-

BAPTISTS DRIVING ON

Alleged Distillery Captured in Local Church in Sight of Goal-Erlanger Over the Top-Canvass Continues

Incomplete reports received at State headquarters in Raleigh yesteroay, which do not include the final result in any church, from 30 associations in less than half of the associations in the State and less than one-fourth of the churches, show signed piedged The defendant gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court, and he was for the Baptist 75-Million Campaign placed under a \$500 bond to await fund amounting to over four million trial in February.

The still, or whatever it was, was continues every day of this week. or until every member the church is

canvassed.

Indications, also, are that Baptists of the Liberty Association are going to march forward in the grand pro-cession. Reports have not been received from churches in the country, but-Lexington, Erlanger, and Thomasville, and no doubt many others, are in sight of or beyond their quotas.

cock as church director, Mr. W. T. Owen, publicity manager, Mr. T. B. Bland, church organizer, and Mrs. N. C. Martin, Mr. W. N. Stroup, Mr. J. H. Rickard, and Mr. Byrd, captains of the four teams, Erianger Baptists raised \$5,700 on their quota of \$3,000. In other words, from 2 to 5 o'clock this congregation of about 80 members, with no house of worship to call their own, raised over 223 per cent of its quota. Rev. J. T. Gillespie is pastor of this congregation.

Much enthusiasm abounds through-out the Southern Baptist Church, and it is predicted that not only will the \$75,000,000 be subscribed but \$100,000,000 will be pledged in this great forward movement,

Recital Tomorrow Night. Professor Chas, O. Sink announces that between now and Christmas four recitals will be given in the local school auditorium by pupils of his music class, the first of which comes tomorrow night at 7:30. The follow-

ing is the program for the evening:

1. Vocal Solo—Leo Leonard.

2. Plano Solo—Mary Hedrick.

Vocal Solo-John Hunt.

Reading-Undine Lopp. Vocal Solo—Herman Leonard. Piano Solo—Mabel Tate.

Vocal Solo-Ellen Owen. Male Chorus.

Reading-Roy Peacock

Piano Solo—Arline Lindsay. Vocal Solo—Jacob Leonard.

12. Reading-Mildred Conrad.

Vocal Solo—Grant Raker.
 Piano Solo—Mary Noble Evans.

Vocal Solo—Moselle Conrad.
 Piano Solo—Grace Buchanan.

17. Vocal Solo-Reid Barbee 18. Male Chorus.

Separated from Relatives 26 Years,

Two years later relatives received ord that he was killed. Monday of last week this brother

been for 24 years given up as dead came to Lexington to visit his sister. Before coming here he visited another sister, Mrs. Louisa Ingram, in Randolph county. He ex-plained that he had written letter after letter but never received an answer. He was a single man when he went away. He now has a grand-

County Commissioners Meet. The monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met in the courthouse yesterday for the transaccourthouse yesterday for the transaction of county business. Nothing unusual was done. The routine of passing on rebases and bills consumed the attention of the Board. Chairman D. S. Siceloff and Mr. N. H. Johnson, of Jackson Hill, were the only members present. Mr. D. S. Hayworth, of Abbotts Creek township, the third member, is confined to his home with pneumonis. He has been seriously ill; he was reported somewhat better yesterday.

who died during the part of the L. J. and P. E. Peacock, J. A. Lindsay, C. E. McCrary, and Fred O. Sink, of this place, were present and report an impressive and interesting service. One of the deceased members of the Council to be honored was Mr. Merritt H. Peacock, brother of Messra. L. J. and P. E. Peacock.

Light Gev. O. Max Gardner was the Anita Stewart, supported by the Anita Stewart, supported by the Anita Stewart, supported by the animal's body and being an anit and being an an seemed unduly swollen, and, being possessed with considerable curiosity, cut it open and found a large rd. The snake, according to Mr. rad, showed no signs of indicas-to make the story complete ething should have been found in rd. The snake, according to Mr.

DRASTIC COAL RULING

Stores, Offices and Manufacturing The Coming and Going of Lexing-Plants Limited on Light and

In order to find out definitely if . stores must close at 4 o'clock or whether the ruling, the principal provisions of which are printed below, means simply that no heat or light is to be used after that hour, Mayor J. T. Hedrick wired the Regional Coal Committee, Atlanta, and received the following telegram in reply:
"Stores must close at four re-

gardless of whether heat or light used after that hour." .

Mayor Hedrick requests the people to abide by all the rulings and calls on the officers to report violations.

Far-reaching restrictions of coal consumption throughout the southern region of the United States railroad administration were issued in Atlanta Saturday night by the regional coal

The committee is acting under the war time powers of the United States fuel administration and it announced that "in cases of refusal to comply with these regulations coal supplies or electric current will be cut off and where it appears that a violation of law is involved federal district attorneys will be asked to act."

All territory east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, except Virginia and West Virginia, is affected by the order, which committee members said was made imperative because of the continued strike of soft coal miners. The annonuncement to the public, which shows certain other exceptions in addition to those for drug stores follows in part:

"Immediate and sharp curtailment of the use of fuel by consumers in the first five classes of the fuel administration's preference list has become necessary. The program becomes effective at noon Monday, December 1, 1919, throughout the territory under the jurisdiction of this committee (except the state of Virginia, where the fuel istuation is administered largely by the Pocohontas regional coal committee). In this territory are the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisinia east of the Mississippi river. "The regulations, which apply alike

to consumers now receiving coal from the railroads and to those who have stocks on hand, or who are using electric power, heat or light furnished by public or private plants, are as fol-

"I. No ornamental lights, white way or other unnecessary street lights, outline lightning, electric signs or illuminated billboards are to be permit-This does not affect street light-

or gas light (except safety lights) except between the hours of 9 a. m. and

"Exception (A). Drugstores (for the sale of drugs only, except between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.) and restaurants may remain open according to present schedule, but must curtail number of lights 50 per cent.
"Exception (B.) Railroad stations,

hotels, hospitals, telephone, telegraph, and newspaper offices are not included insofar as necessary lighting is con-

"Exception (C). Lights may be used in offices of manufacturing plants for necessary accounting purposes at

"Exception (D). General and office lights must be cut off at 4 p. m. in office buildings except where office operation of vital industries is involved.
"Exception (E.) Moving picture
houses and theaters and other public places of amusement may burn lights only between 1 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. "Exception (F), Barber shops may

remain open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. "Exception (G). Dairies, ice and refrigerator plants, bakeries, plants for the manufacture of necessar; medicinal productions, water works sewerage plants, gas manufacturing plants, plants, carating continuous processes (such as acid manufacture, blast furnaces, etc.) printing plants for the printing of newspapers, periodicals, battery charging outfits and plants producing light or power for telephone, relegraph or public utility companies are exempted.

There are a number of Saturday night exceptions, the details of which we will not give.
"In manufacturing plants or plants

coming under power curtailments rudes, heat (to 79 degrees) will be allowed only during that time allowed for use of power.
"No curtailment on use of coal,

steam or gas for producing hot wa ter for hotels, restaurants or barber

"No manufacturing plant or factory shall operate in excess hours per week.

guard. The snake, according to Mr.
Conrad, showed no signs of indigestion. To make the story complete something should have been found in gourd. The snake, according to Mr. gourd. The snake their home in Lexington for character will amuse and delight you about seven years, left Saturday morning for Rock Hill, S. C., where the snake their home in Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hull, who have made their home in Lexington for character will amuse and delight you about seven years, left Saturday morning for Rock Hill, S. C., with ton, the original J. Ruths Wallingford, in the lead, Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. Al-snake their home in Lexington in the lead, which is seven years, left Saturday morning for Rock Hill, S. C.,

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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ton and Davidson County Folks and Their Guests.

Miss Mary Peeler, of Rockwell, was here yesterday on busine

Mr. T. D. Hill, student at the Uni-

versity, spent the week-end here Mr. J. L. Lyerly, of Spencer, was

here Saturday afternoon on busin Mr. W. O. Burgin spent Saturday afternoon in Greensboro on busines

Mr. J. J. Shore, of Winston-Salem, is spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Brinkley.

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Finch Sunday.

Mr. Junius Smith, of Charlotte, was

Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Cecil and children, of Badin, spent Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Cecil.

Mr. O. R. Parks, of Silver Hill ownship, was in town yesterday on

Mr. J. F. Spruill, prominent member of the local bar, spent Sunday evening in Salisbury.

Mr. J. M. Brannock, of Spencer, brother of Dr. E. A. Brannock, of this city, was here Friday on business. Messrs. D. M. Feezor and O. E.

Stoner, of Cotton Grove township, spent Saturday in Lexington. Miss Louise Voils, of China Grove. was here for a short time last week visiting Miss Annie Eliza Grimes.

Mr. John McCrary, student at Davidson College, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCrary.

Messrs. C. A. Barger and Cleero Foust, prosperous farmers, of Silver Hill township, were in Lexington Saturday on business Miss Myrtle Pickard, of Charlotte,

spent the week-end in Lexington with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pick-Mr. Irvin L. Sink, manager of the Ford department of Foy & Shemwell,

spent Monday in Charlotte on busi-Messrs. Oliver Barnett, Ernest Quil-

lin, and Orvin Barnett, of Spencer, were in Lexington for a short while Priday enroute to High Point. Mr. W. F. Patterson, of Lexington,

Route 6, was in town Saturday on business and was a pleasant caller at the office of The Dispatch. Miss Edith Ader, student at G. C. W. who has been spending several days with Miss Mary Hege, of this

place, returns to college today. Miss Ruth Dry, of Concord, who was last year a member of the local high school faculty, spent the week-end with Miss Margaret Iseley.

ing necessary for the safety of the public.

Miss Margaret Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pugh, returned to G. C. W. this morning. Miss Pugh and warehouses must not use electric has been at home since last Wednes-

day. Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitsett as family, of Whitsett Institute, were in Lexington Monday enroute to their home from Concord, where they spent

Sunday visiting relatives Mrs. R. Grady Shoaf and little daughter, Ariwona, returned Sunday night from Greensboro where they

Mr. R. D. Craver and family, of Charlotte, were in Lexington Sunday enroute home from Chapel Hill, where they attended the Carolina-Virginia football game.

uncle, Rev. J. P. Lanning.

Demonstration Agent for this county. who delivered an address before the State Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh last week, returned to Lexington Sunday night. Miss Katherine Barr returned Sunday night from Chatham, Va., where she went on a visit to her cousin, Mr.

Miss Eunice Penny, popular Home

ed. also, her grandfather, Mr. J. R. Carter, near Danville, Va. Mr. M. W. Tysinger, of Silver Hill township, was in Lexington Saturday.
Mr. Tysinger has recently purchased from Mr. Richard Aires, seventy-four acres of land adjoining his present

Garland Barr. While away she visit-

Mr. Alexander Jones, of Lexington Mr. Alexander Jones, Route 6, was in town Saturday on business. He left Saturday afternoon business. He left Saturday afternoon be will spead for High Point, where he will spend some time with his sister, Mrs. Jno

Mrs. L. T. Butner and little daugh ter and Mrs. E. T. Lehman, of Be-thania, returned to their home Mon-day after spending soveral days with Mrs. E. A. Timberlake on West First Avenue. Mr. Butner spent Sunday

county who was injured at the Spea-cer shops several days ago and who consequently had to undergo a serious operation at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitorium, Salisbury, Friday, is im-