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MANY TELEPHONE USERS WILL PAY HIGHER RENTS

Business Phones and Private Residentials Bear Increase

Lexington will pay approximately \$135 more per month for telephone rental, beginning with August 1, according to an agreement reached between the board of city commissioners and officials of the Lexington Telephone Company, at a meeting Monday night.

All of the increases the telephone company asked in its petition to the State Corporation Commission were agreed to expect that 25 cents per month was clipped off the amount of increase asked in the rental of one-party business telephones.

Two-party business telephones, of which there were thirty-eight in the city at the time the petition was prepared, are increased seventy-five cents per month also, this being the whole amount of increase asked by the telephone company.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce had been called to consider the matter also, inasmuch as this body had joined in the nominal opposition before the Corporation Commission.

Considerable criticism of the character of long distance service rendered was heard at the meeting and a representative of the telephone company admitted that this service had not been what it might.

Since the agreement stated above was arrived at no hearing was held Tuesday before the Corporation Commission but that body was notified of the agreement and it is stated that the increases as outlined were immediately ordered to become effective.

Officials of the telephone company submitted figures for the purposes of refunding matters alleged in the answer to the petition for increased rates and also to show that the company was not making an undue return on capital actually invested.

The average invested capital independent of preferred stock has been \$24,268, according to the statement submitted. The net profits for four years have averaged \$1,070 per year, or 4.03 per cent of the invested capital.

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Little Hope For Settlement Of Railroad Strike

Settlement of the railroad strike appeared this morning as dim as ever in the future. A conference held yesterday by the Railway Labor Board with B. M. Maxwell, head of the striking shopmen, and railway executives ended in failure for the time, as the railway heads refused flatly to go over the head of the Labor Board and treat directly with the strikers.

It is the contention now of the railway workers that the Labor Board has failed and that it should vacate and leave the way open for negotiations between the roads and the employees. This does not appear likely as yet.

President Harding has issued a proclamation warning the strikers against interfering with the operations of the roads and declaring that the mails must be moved without interruption. It was reported yesterday that the Federal government had promised to furnish troops to such railroads as requested them.

More of the clerks on the Norfolk & Western have quit work, after their strike had received sanction of the President of their union. However, most of the clerks in the general offices at Roanoke remain at work.

Small disorders are reported from various parts of the country and state troops are on guard at several points in Illinois. There have been some small clashes between them and strikers.

Traffic on the main line of the Southern was interrupted Tuesday when four peach cars were wrecked below Spartanburg and both tracks were blocked for several hours.

Miss Earline Hamill delightfully entertained a number of friends last Saturday night at her country home on the occasion of her seventeenth birthday.

Following several games ice cream and cake was served. Miss Hamill received a number of nice presents.

Miss Hamill's guests included the following: Misses Annie and Ethel Lopp, of Welcome; Misses Ina and Lois Leonard, of Midway; Misses Elizabeth Yokley, Blanche Yokley, Johnnie Yokley, Noma Leonard and Glen L. Hamill, of the Wagner community; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shonaf and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Christopher, of Winston-Salem; Messrs. Joe Hoffman, of Clemmons, Clyde Cameron, of Lexington, Hobart P. and Avery Leonard, Paul and Bruce Yokley, John and Byron Andrews, Harvey McGee, Benjie Hodge, Lucy Conrad, Tommie Clodfelter, Gilmer Lopp, Guy, Harry and Roby Thomas, the three latter of Midway.

HOW NEW TARIFF BILL AFFECTS WOMEN'S APPAREL

Here is some more information about the pending Republican tariff bill. The facts are taken from an address by Senator Alice Pomerene of Ohio:

Under the Underwood-Simmons law the average duty is 22.6 per cent; under the pending Republican bill, 40 per cent. This includes all fabrics such as gingham, calico, organdies and similar materials, used exclusively for women and children.

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BANK EXPECTS TO MOVE INTO NEW HOME AUGUST 1

Vault Door That Weighs Twenty Ton to Guard Money in Bank

Forty thousand pound is a whole lot for one door to weigh, but that is just what one weighs that is being put in position here this week. The door is the one that will guard the vault of the Bank of Lexington from all who might covet the silver, gold and greenbacks that this institution keeps piled back from time to time.

This vault door was moved from the Southern depot to the rear of the new banking building late Monday and the business of moving it was quite a spectacle. Two large motor trucks puffed and pulled in front of the wagon of eight wide steel wheels on which the door rested, while a third motor truck did its part by pushing from the rear.

A hole was left by the brick masons who constructed the addition to the building and it is through this hole in the wall that the giant steel barrier is being slid preparatory to placing it in the front of the vault, which had been made ready for its reception. It is of case hardened steel and its immense size and weight makes its proof against the tools of the burglar. It will open and close in accordance with a time lock. It was built by the York Safe Co., of York, Pa., and Baltimore, and is being erected by an expert of that company.

As soon as the vault door is placed in position will complete the remaining work of the building, which will take only a few days, it is said. This will include placing the banking cages and fixtures and putting everything in apple pie order preparatory to moving in. The marble base on which the banking cages will rest have been in place for several days.

Offices for two of the bank officials have been built on either side of the front entrance and from the vestibule the customers of the bank will enter the lobby, flanked on either side by the banking cages with their several windows. For some time this bank has found difficulty during rush hours of accommodating all patrons by reason of the fact that its cramped quarters did not permit the more expeditious handling of business.

All fixtures being placed in the bank are of the most modern type and are of finest quality and beauty. If everything goes as anticipated the bank expects to occupy the new quarters about August 1. It is understood that the offices and banking rooms in the present location in the March Hotel building have been rented to others, at least part of them.

The banking room in front, it is understood, will be occupied by the Starnes-Parker-Miller jewelry store. The big vault now used by the bank will remain and this will be used to store valuable jewelry at nights.

The new building was bought some months ago from the Lexington Bank & Trust Co., when the business of that institution was absorbed by the Bank of Lexington. It has been extended to the rear to the alley, providing more room for the use of the bank and for offices connected with the bank.

Quarters are also being provided for the Lexington Perpetual Building and Loan Association and the insurance business of Mountcastle and Mendenhall.

LEXINGTON MAN RECEIVES CHECK DUE 33 YEARS AGO

Capt. C. W. Trice received a check Tuesday from a man who had owed him a board bill for thirty-three years and who had the matter recalled to his mind by reading in the state press about the unveiling of the soldier monument here, in which Capt. Trice took part.

Upon reading the item the man who now lives near Durham, wrote Capt. Trice and inquired about men and things he was familiar with when he lived here and said that he still held an interest in this city. Captain Trice replied and received in return a letter with the check enclosed. It was the balance due on a board bill which the writer was unable to pay in full at the time he left here a third century ago.

ALERTNESS OF MIND AVERTS FRIGHTFUL DISASTER

The special train bearing Richard Stanton, the Eastern capitalist, and his daughter, Mildred, who were coming to the Shaster Lumber Company's headquarters, was saved from being wrecked by Billy Fargo, the well known ranchman, Fargo, while riding near the railroad, noticed a giant tree lying squarely across the track and knowing that Richard Stanton's private car was soon due to pass over the spot, spurred his horse to a gallop down the line to warn the engineer. Falling to attract the engineer's attention, Fargo took his life in his hands and leaped from his horse upon the swaying engine and the train was brought to a stop almost upon the tree.

This hair-raising incident and other spell-binding situations make up the exciting and entertaining production, entitled "Western Firebrands," featuring Big Boy Williams, which will be shown at the Lyric theatre next Monday.

Twelve Typhoid Cases in County During the Year

Scattering cases of typhoid fever in the county is giving the county health department some concern and every effort is being directed toward its eradication and prevention. Five cases are now under quarantine in the county and there have been twelve cases reported to the department since the middle of March, when the first case of the year occurred.

Three deaths have occurred in the county this year from among the twelve cases reported. This is one out of every four on a mortality rate of twenty-five per cent, which is very high.

Many of the cases occurring are being traced to polluted open wells, it is said. Specimens have been taken from many such wells and sent to the state laboratories at Raleigh, positive reports being received from all such. All dug wells with bucket and chain are proving to be polluted to a certain extent, it is said.

Dr. Perry has had cards printed that will be tacked on all wells proved to be polluted, these cards advising that all water used for drinking purposes from such wells should be boiled at least twenty minutes before using.

The most effective method of keeping away typhoid is vaccination against the disease, says Dr. Perry. Free vaccination dispensaries are being held throughout the county and many people who have never taken the vaccination are now taking advantage of it. Many others who should do so are neglecting it though says the county health officer.

NEGROES GIVE TERRIBLE TREATMENT TO BOY OF RACE

With his body covered with bruises his back literally one welt from cuts with a buggy whip, his neck scarred from a rope by which he had been dragged, his face bruised and his feet and hands swollen from the rough treatment he had received, Frank Warren, negro boy between 11 and 15 years old, was brought to the Charlotte police station Saturday and Jim Warren and George Davis, negroes, said to be the persecutors of the young boy, were arrested and placed in the city jail Sunday morning.

The two negroes were arrested early Sunday morning by Jim Paxton, rural policeman, accompanied by J. F. Owens and Will McGraw city police officers, at their home some miles from Charlotte on the Berryhill road.

The boy was found Saturday afternoon in the barn of a Mr. Doolin, some distance from the home of the negroes. When found the young negro is said to have been absolutely nude, it being said that the other negroes had taken his clothes to prevent his leaving the premises.

The boy states that he was beaten with a buggy whip and charges that the younger of the other negroes, George Davis, had tied a rope around his neck and fastened the other end of the rope to a horse, after which Davis rode the horse up the road, dragging the young negro boy by the neck. He says that he saved himself from strangulation by grasping the rope in his hands and relieving the strain on his neck and throat.

The bruises on his neck, face and head were caused by his being dragged, he says, a bruise about two and a half inches long on the right cheek bone, another bruise on the neck and various other scratches were attributed by the negro boy to this action.

When awakened at the police station Monday night by a police officer and a newspaper man the boy said that he did not know how long he had been at the home of the Warren negro. When asked if he had been there several weeks he said that he had been there more than two years and that he had been brought there from his home in Winston-Salem.

Upon being asked why the other negroes had beaten him the boy said that he did not know that he was "not kin to them." The boy did not seem able to make any estimate of the length of time he had been with the negroes.

The negro boy says that the other negroes took his clothes to prevent his leaving but that he later escaped. Jim Warren is 54 years of age and the Davis negro is about 18 years old. They were tenant farmers living on the Berryhill road about 10 miles from the city.

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISE AT OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

A very interesting children's day service will be held at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, July 16, at Oak Hill Baptist church, Thomsville. The program will consist of recitations and singing by the children, supported by the Davis Brothers with songs and music. Miss Leona Welborn will recite "Trouble in the Amen Corner." Miss Ida May Lookbill, "Little Pilgrim." Mrs. Ruby Welborn, "Blackberry Grill." Singing by the entire school, opening chorus, "Master the Tempest is Raging." Lunch on the grounds.

2:30 p. m. chorus singing, assisted by the Davis Bros. with music and quartet singing. Rev. Mr. Clark, of High Point, will address the audience at 3:00 p. m.

Editor Endorses Mr. Workman

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION IS CALLED BY BOARD

August 19 Date Set—New Registration Is Provided

Saturday, August 19, was the date fixed for the special election in the Lexington high school district to vote on a maintenance tax for the high school. The county commissioners also ordered a new registration for this election and appointed the same registrars and judges and the same polling places as served in the bond election.

The registration books will be opened in the various precincts Saturday, July 22, and will remain open until about a week before the election. All who vote in the tax election must register. It had been stated heretofore that the registration established for the bond election would serve but it was decided that it would be best to order a new registration.

D. L. Brinkley and H. H. Koots are the registrars in Lexington, H. M. Townsend at Erlanger, and E. M. Michael at Happy Hill.

It is not anticipated that there will be any opposition to the maintenance tax as this was anticipated when the bond election was called but through an oversight a separate ticket calling for this tax was not provided, hence the necessity for calling another election in order that everything done might be strictly regular.

The resolution calling the election provides for a property tax of not less than ten cents nor more than thirty cents on the \$100 valuation and a poll tax of not less than thirty cents nor more than ninety cents. It is expected that the levy will be near the lower figure mentioned.

Those citizens in the district who are now paying special tax for high school maintenance, as in the case of the present Lexington public school district, will find practically no difference in their taxes as the new levy will be substituted for the one that has been made from year to year.

This tax is expected to be effective this year and to provide the funds necessary for the operation of the school during the coming term, which is due to open September 4.

Yadkin College Beats Erlanger

Yadkin College, July 12.—Yadkin College defeated Erlanger here today in a one-sided game by the score of 9 to 1, featured by the sensational pitching of Botts for Yadkin College, who pitched the best game of ball ever seen in this "old burg." The visitors were turned back in one and three order for six innings, not getting a thing that resembled a hit until the sixth, when Haynes poked one over short that went for a single; the next hit fell in the seventh going over second; the third and only other blow followed in the frame between third and short that should have been easily fielded and the local heaver would have turned in a well earned two-hit, no-run game. Botts was backed by jam-up support both in the field and at the bat by his team mates. Small, a southpaw, was poised on the peak for the visitors, and the way the Tyler apple smashers greeted his offerings was "awful," making 17 hits, for a total of 22 bases. P. Charles lead the attack, getting four hits out of five trips to the plate.

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Yadkin College plays Tyro on "Tyger Field" here Saturday. This is the third and deciding game of the series.

VOTER ENDORSES HIATT, CONRAD AND SMITH

Editor of The Dispatch—I wish to endorse Mack Hiatt, D. F. Conrad, and Adam C. Smith for county commissioners on the Republican ticket, as suggested by a Republican voter of Tyro. They are men who know how to handle public affairs in a business like way. No matter what year there will be no question about their being elected.

RIM OF AUTOMOBILE KILLS NEGRO WORKMEN

When the rim of an automobile wheel was blown off by the pressure of a tire that was being placed on the wheel, Will Ennis, colored, was killed, and Sam Hogwood, a white man who was helping the negro, lies tonight in a hospital in a dangerous condition. The tire hit the negro square in the head crushing his skull and he died soon after. Hogwood was knocked backward and his head hit a jack on the cement floor. He was rendered unconscious by the blow but the doctors don't think his skull was fractured.

MAN ASLEEP ON TRACK KILLED BY S. A. L. TRAIN

Coroner H. G. Rowe was called to Vaughn yesterday to hold an inquest over the remains of a white man named N. Braswell, who was killed by S. A. L. train No. 16, on Sunday morning last. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "contributory negligence" as the man was asleep on the track of the roads.

Hornby of St. Louis Cardinals hit his 23rd home run July 13.

Worms Invading Parts of County By the Millions

Worms are sweeping the forests of Emmons, Healing Spring and Cotton Grove townships and other portions of eastern Davidson, according to citizens of that section in Lexington yesterday. One man reported that he could see evidence of their work within a mile and a half or two miles of Lexington.

Thousands of little yellow striped worms are at work in every forest in the eastern part of the county, it is said, and already leaves have been stripped from much of the white oak and post oak timber, these trees being generally attacked.

So far the pest has not attacked grass and growing crops to any appreciable extent but farmers fear that when the worms get hungry after eating the oak leaves they will turn their attention to corn and other crops.

It will be hard on the moonshiners, said one farmer, for there will be no leaves to protect their operations. Walking in the woods where the worms are at work is said also to be very disagreeable. Thousands of them have also fallen into some of the small streams and colored the water until it is almost black, it is reported. The worm is not what is generally known as the army worm, it is said.

TWO ROAD COMMISSIONERS TO BE NOMINATED SOON

Two members of the Davidson County board of road commissioners, one Democrat and one Republican, are to be chosen at the county conventions of the two parties, which are expected to assemble here soon. The terms of a Homer Ragan, Republican, of Thomsville, and C. L. Badgett, Democrat, of Jackson Hill, expire this year.

The board under the law is composed of two Republicans and two Democrats and nomination in party convention is equivalent to election. The term run for four years and two are selected every two years. Some question has been raised as to whether L. V. Phillips, who was appointed by the board to succeed C. Shaw, should not be elected again this year or whether he should serve out the full unexpired term of Mr. Shaw. The latter is believed to be the case.

The names of two Democrats have been put forward by their friends for nomination, these being W. O. Workman, of Silver Hill, and Jesse Farbee, of Reeds, both of whom are understood to be active candidates. Mr. Badgett has not yet signified whether he desires another term.

So far as has been made known there is no opposition to Mr. Ragan, though he desires to serve as one of the Republicans members Mr. Wall was nominated two years ago over C. H. B. Leonard, of Midway.

ROGERS TO OPPOSE WATTS FOR TAX COMMISSIONER

Monday's News and Observer had the following item of interest throughout the State:

"Sam L. Rogers, director of the census during the Wilson administration, will enter the race against A. D. Watts for Commissioner of Internal Revenue, according to friends of his here yesterday. No definite announcement of his candidacy has been made, or is expected for some time to come but it is not at all unlikely that his name will be printed on the ticket two years from now."

"Rogers has had long training in public service, starting back in 1842 as clerk of the Superior court in Macon county at the age of 23 years, and coming on down through Collector of Internal Revenue under Cleveland, to the Corporation Commission from 1899 to 1911. In 1912 his name was presented to President Wilson by Senator Simmons for director of the census."

"Should Rogers enter the race Watts will be pitted against one of the most astute political strategists in the State, a man who knows the State from one end to the other, and who can claim the friendship of most of the leaders in the party councils in North Carolina. Since his retirement as head of the United States Census Bureau he has been living at Franklin."

"Political analysis were moved to wonder yesterday if the entry of Rogers into the primary means another rift in the harmonic party instrument of which Watts is the reputed maker and custodian. Through the years these two have been closely associated, and the probability of a battle to the death between them is looked upon with no little interest from the sidelines."

"But even at that there is little likelihood that Rogers and Watts will have the road to themselves. There are likely to be other candidates. Among them 'Lish Lewis, former secretary to Governor Kitchin, who came into prominence here recently through his answer to Pell's epistle to the Kinstonians. He is said to be in a receptive mood to suggestion that he enter the race."

"The office is a new one, and no east-west arrangement has as yet been made as to its placement. Watts is a westerner though he may look east from Franklin county. Whether it will become an established custom to rotate it from mountains to sea remains yet to be established. At any rate there is likely to be a fight against Watts and over the office, and therein will center interest second only to that in the Bailey-McLean battle for the gubernatorial nomination."

Dr. W. O. Nesbit, of Charlotte, was here Monday to see Dr. C. M. Clodfelter, who has been ill for several days.

CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATS FOR COUNTY CALLED

July Twenty-Ninth Is Date Selected for Naming Ticket

Chairman P. V. Critcher of the Democratic county executive committee yesterday issued a call for the Davidson County Democratic convention to assemble in the court house here on Saturday, July 23, at two o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket and the transaction of such other business as might come before the convention in order.

With the exception of county auditor, a full county ticket is to be nominated. Democrats will be named as candidates for the following positions: Representative in the Legislature, sheriff, clerk of superior court, register of deeds, three county commissioners, one road commissioner, coroner, superior court clerk.

It is Chairman Critcher's plan to get a ticket in the field early so that the candidates can assist in fully organizing the county for a most effective campaign. Encouraging reports have come to the chairman from over the county of an aroused Democracy and of a Republican party discouraged through the record of its leaders throughout the nation.

From the discussions that are afoot a determination to select a ticket that among Democrats there is evidenced will appeal to the voters of the county. An effort will be made to get the strongest available men as candidates, and then to back them with hard work for the entire ticket.

A large attendance is anticipated at the convention and it would not be surprising if several resolutions of great interest are offered to the convention. Some of these probably will cause keen discussion.

Preparatory to the convention, the precinct meetings will be held throughout the county on Saturday, July 22, at two o'clock, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention and making such township nominations as may be necessary.

BETTER SCHOOLS DEMAND-ED FOR RURAL AREAS

The National Education Convention just closed in Boston emphasized many matters of importance to the country regarding the teaching of its youth. Among these none can be considered of greater importance than the increasing demand in rural communities for a higher standard of education than has obtained in the past.

The "little red schoolhouse" of song and story has served its purpose and gone out of date. With good roads and adequate transportation facilities, good schools, with first-class equipment and properly trained teachers can be made available for any community, no matter how small. To awaken local authorities to the essential need of bettering the educational facilities of the smaller towns and rural centers is one of the great needs of education in this country, according to the representatives to the N. E. A. convention.

In this connection a law proposed by Initiative in Oregon is extremely interesting. This amendment to existing state educational laws provides that every child between the ages of 8 and 16 years must attend a public school. Exceptions are made for children physically unable to attend, those that have completed the eighth grade, those living 1-2 to 3 miles from school, according to ages, and those receiving private instruction, provided that such children must report every three months for examination by a school official. The act, if passed, will take effect September 7, 1926.

COUNTY NOT INCLUDED IN ROAD CONTRACT FOR JULY

Davidson County again draws a blank in the road work advertised for contract on July 25, when the State Highway Commission holds its monthly meeting. At least nothing from this county—not even the Yadkin River bridge—is mentioned in the list published earlier in the week as open for contract at the next letting of bids. Gullford as usual, comes through with a slice.

It had been expected that the link of the Central Highway between Lexington and Thomsville would be let to contract this summer. Then it was reported that the Commission was making the excuse that they did not want to make another detour in the county until the road south of Lexington was well on the way. However, an engineer of the Commission was informed last week of the splendid detour available to Thomsville by way of Holly Grove and he is said to have stated he would recommend that the Commission award this contract in July. The list must have been made up and announced before his recommendation got there.

Because of lack of materials at times rather slow progress has been made during the past month on the construction of the road to the river. The county is furnishing the money to build this road and the State Highway Commission has given no indication as to when they will take over this loan, it is learned.

Misses Gertrude and Mamie Steiner left this morning for a two weeks stay at Montreal.