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## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### The McCrary Suits Compromised. Fire at Linwood.

Lexington, 1st 1/2 of April 28th.

The April term of Davidson Superior court convened here Monday morning. Judge Henry R. Bryan, of Newbern, is presiding. The term is for one week and is for the trial of civil cases only.

Rev. W. H. McNairy, of Lenoir, will preach at Beck's Reformed church May 7th at 11 o'clock. At the same hour Rev. J. L. Rowers, of China Grove, will preach at Mt. Tabor. Student Irwin S. Dittler will preach on that date at Jerusalem at 11 o'clock and at Hedrick's Grove at 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

Fire at Linwood Monday at noon destroyed the large feed barn, wind mill, water tank and several nearby stables belonging to the heirs of the late Thos. M. Holt. The barn contained about thirteen loads of rough feed and this, together with feed cutters and other implements, was burned. All the stock was saved. The fire was first discovered in the upper story of the barn. The flames burned furiously and spread to the wind and water tank and the stables near by. The origin of the fire is not known. The loss is probably several thousand dollars.

A steam pile driver, manned by a crew of Southern railway employees, is at work on the tracks between the Lexington Grocery Co. and the electric light plant, near the depot, this week, preparatory to making an undergrade crossing at this point. The town commissioners have purchased certain right of way from Railroad street to a street in front of the Elk furniture factory, going under the railway tracks through the proposed undergrade. The present crossing north of the freight depot will be closed. The undergrade will obliterate the danger of crossing the railway track at the depot, which is becoming very great by reason of the large number of trains now being run on the Southern.

Two large suits for damage against the Southern railway which were set for trial at the present term of the court, have been compromised. These were the suits of Miss Lillian McCrary, of Tyro, and the administrator of Mrs. Laura McCrary. Mrs. McCrary, it will be remembered, was struck and instantly killed by fast mail train No. 97 at the Linwood crossing last spring. Miss McCrary, who was riding in a buggy with her mother at the time of the accident, was also struck by the train and carried on the pilot of the engine for about 50 yards when she was hurled off against an embankment. She received injuries, but recovered. Suits were brought against the railroad company for \$50,000 or more, but a compromise settlement was effected last week. The amount of the compromise has not been made public, but \$5,000 is the sum reported to have been paid plaintiffs by the railway.

Have you read the Belk-Harry Co's. ad. in the WATCHMAN. There are prices in it that should attract your attention. If you are not in the habit of reading ads., make a beginning with this one.

Spot \* Cash, the man who does things, has a change of ad. in this issue. It is worth reading and is good reading, and it is worth your while to give his store a call.

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY NEWS.

### Plenty of Home Made Hams. Probable a Homicide at Whitney.

So said A. C. Heath, of the Morrow Bros. & Heath Co., a few days ago. To show this, "We now have in stock over 6,000 pounds of nice country hams and have not had to order any shipped corn this season, now having on hand a large quantity of home-raised grain," Mr. Heath remarked to an Enterprise reporter. Mr. Heath is in the right position to know whereof he speaks, and no man in the county is in closer touch with the farmer than he.

The school closing of the Yakkin Mineral Springs Academy will take place Monday evening and Tuesday of next week. A splendid program has been arranged for the entertainment on Monday evening. Tuesday will be regular commencement day. This annual event is a most popular one and is eagerly looked forward to by many.

One of the most beautiful weddings we ever witnessed was at the home of C. F. Dry when he gave his youngest daughter, Miss Flora, in marriage to Justin N. Hahn, of Mt. Pleasant. After a lunch of bananas, oranges, apples and other fruits the groom returned with his bride to their home near Mt. Pleasant. We wish them a long and happy life.

Morris Jones, a colored laborer at the Whitney works was brought here Tuesday and committed to jail. On Tuesday morning he went to the home of another colored man named Riggs and made a terrible assault upon the latter with a pick handle. Riggs was asleep and had no previous warning. The preliminary trial will not take place until the nature of the wounds can be determined, as it is thought Riggs will die.

The quarterly conference for the Methodist church was held Sunday. Rev. D. Atkins, P. E., preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning after which communion services followed. At night he preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the graded school. The conference on Monday appointed the following as delegates to the district conference to be held at Lexington, viz: A. F. Biles, J. A. Baker, R. L. Smith, W. A. Bivins, E. C. Kirk, J. S. Smith, H. L. Horton.

The Windemere library received a handsome gift last week from Mr. McGill, of Philadelphia. The gift comprises 112 well selected volumes and is highly appreciated by those whom it is intended to benefit. There are hundreds of books in Albemarle that have been read and cast aside, and they could be placed to no better use than in the Windemere library. Supt. Patterson deserves no little praise for the commendable efforts he is putting forth to give the operatives of the mills free access to a splendid library.

### The Negroes Will Celebrate May 30th.

As has been the custom ever since the war the Negro population of Salisbury and vicinity will celebrate May 30th and decorate the graves of the Yankee soldiers buried in the Federal cemetery here. John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, will be the principal orator of the occasion.

The Red Men will have a big parade here to-morrow night. As they intend to use considerable fire works the occasion will be spectacular.

## NEWS ABOUT CONCORD.

### 41 Additions to St. James' Church. B. C. Griffin to Marry.

Concord Times.

We are glad to note that Mrs. John Wakefield, who has been so seriously ill, is now better.

Q. E. Smith is now surveying for the location of the cotton mill of the Brown Manufacturing Co. The mill will be located on the right side of the Charlotte road, on top of the hill near the camp ground.

J. A. Graham, of Cleveland, and Miss Lula Tucker, daughter of Doc Tucker, of No. 8 township, were married last Wednesday afternoon at W. Stone's in No. 8 township. Mr. Stone performed the ceremony.

Mrs. William Blackwelder died last Wednesday morning at her home in No. 5 township, after a lingering illness of consumption. She leaves a husband and three children. The body was interred Thursday afternoon at Centre Methodist Church.

Miss Lena Leslie returned last Wednesday from the Salisbury hospital, where she had an operation for appendicitis performed. She was absent there five weeks. She had a most successful operation, and her many friends are glad to know she is entirely recovered.

The services at St James Lutheran Church Sunday, April 28th, were of a most interesting character. There was the largest attendance, the largest communion, the largest collection and the largest number of accessions in the history of the church. There were 41 additions to the church membership. The new pastor, Rev. J. E. Shenk, is greatly beloved by his congregation, as the above facts abundantly testify.

Many friends here and elsewhere will be interested in the announcement that Braxton C. Griffin, of Concord, will be married Thursday afternoon, May 4th, to Miss Jennie Maie Davis, of Statesville. The ceremony will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis, at 5:30 o'clock. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Griffin and his bride will come to Concord and board at the Hotel Normandy.

Rev. J. E. Shenk, of Concord, will preach the baccalaureate at Mont Amoenia Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute Sunday morning, May 20.

The farmers and all who are interested in the cotton situation are expected to attend a meeting next Tuesday, May 2nd, in the court house, at 11 o'clock. Come and hear the progress of the association.

The Sinclair Building & Construction Co. is preparing to quarry rock at the Rocky Ridge quarry on a large scale. Several carloads of machinery are being erected. The company started work on J. L. Hudson's place about three weeks ago. The Southern has put in a switch from the road to the dirt road at the church. About 50 hands are now at work, which will soon be increased to two or three hundred. The rock is being gotten out for building bridges, etc. The supply of rock at this quarry suitable for this purpose is practically inexhaustible. The company will probably operate there for several years.

E. W. Burt, of Norfolk, Va., is spending a few days in Salisbury looking after his business here.

## MOCKSVILLE ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### Death of Miss Mary Clement. Building New Churches.

Davie Times, April 27th.

John M. Knox and family, of Salisbury, attended the burial of Miss Mary Clement at this place the first of the week.

The Baptist parsonage and lot were sold last Saturday, Mrs. Dr. A. Z. Taylor being the purchaser. The price paid was \$926.

Work on the new Presbyterian church has started and is progressing nicely. When completed it will be a handsome structure—a credit to the Presbyterian congregation and an ornament to the town.

The Baptist church has bought the Barbara Austin lot, on the corner across the street from where the church now stands, on which they will erect a new parsonage at once and a new church in the near future.

Miss Mary Clement, sister of the late John Marshall, Dewitt C., William B. and Wiley A. Clement, of this place; Mrs. Theo. Burke and Mrs. John M. Knox, of Salisbury, died suddenly of heart disease at an early hour Sunday morning at her residence. The remains were laid to rest Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Clement cemetery near town. She would have been 76 years old in May. Hers was a life of devotion to others. She was first at the cradle and last at the grave. "Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man or woman makes a gift of his or her daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of them." That was what she gave to others, her life, her all. She was a Christian that lived rather than talked her religion. Would to God that the world was filled with such. Such a life makes all true men lift their hats in reference when they think of it. We all loved "Aunt Mary" and shall miss her greatly. Death has laid a heavy hand on the family during the last year, this being the sixth member to pass away within nine months. This leaves only Mrs. John M. Knox this side of the River. God grant that she may long be spared to her family and friends.

### Newspaper Borrowing.

Here is the latest story of the man who is too stingy to take his home paper: "A man who was too economical to take this paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees, and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful from his anatomy, and ruining a \$4 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence, and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket the wife ran out, upset a 4-gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. In the hurry she dropped a \$7 set of false teeth. The baby left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man; the dog broke up eleven setting hens, and the calves out and ate the tails off four fine shirts."—Kansas City Journal.

The above is pretty near right, but we feel two exceptions are justified. They are: A man who is too mean to take his home paper will never be caught wearing a \$4 pair of pants, the chances are he wears a pair of 49c overalls, and a twenty-dollar carpet in his house would keep him awake of nights for fear a burglar would carry it off or the mothers would be getting a square meal out of it.—Ed.

## NEW LANDLORD-TENANT ACT.

### Passed by Recent Legislature for Benefit of Agricultural Class.

A case of interest was up before Squire S. H. Hilton for yesterday. The importance of which rests in the fact that it is the first that has been tried in the county under what is known as the new Uzzell Landlord and Tenant act, which was passed by the recent Legislature, and provides:

"Section 1. That any tenant or cropper who gets advances from his landlord to enable him to make a crop on the land rented to him and then wilfully abandons same without good cause and before paying for such advances, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Section 2. That any landlord who may contract with a tenant or cropper to enable him to make a crop and wilfully fails or refuses to furnish said advances without cause, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Section 3. Any person who employs a tenant or cropper who has violated the provisions of section 1 of this act with knowledge of such violation, shall be liable to the landlord furnishing such advances for the amount thereof, also be guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Section 4. That whenever any tenant or cropper shall enter into a contract for the rental of land for the current year or ensuing year, and, without just cause, wilfully neglect or refuse to perform the terms of the contract, then the tenant or cropper shall forfeit his right of possession to the premises and the landlord may recover possession of said premises in the manner provided for in section 1,777 of this Code.

"Section 5. The punishment for the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall not exceed a fine of \$50, or imprisonment for more than 30 days."

The case in question follows: A negro cropper, John Hunter, was employed on the lands of Mr. F. A. Cochran, in Mallard Creek township, on March 15th, to work a certain section of land. After making the usual contract and when he had obtained considerable advances from Mr. Cochran, John Hunter, abandoned the place and hired himself to the Southern Railway. He was arrested and brought before Squire Hilton for trial. When Hunter learned that he had violated this new law, he requested that he be allowed to return to Mr. Cochran and to take up again his old contract. Promising faithfully to comply with the agreement made with Mr. Cochran, Hunter's request was granted and he left last night for Mallard Creek township. Squire Hilton continued the case for 30 days, ordering the negro to return at that time and show to the court that he had faithfully performed his duties. Otherwise a sentence of 30 days on the roads would be imposed.—Charlotte Observer.

### N. C. Classis Meets in Lexington.

The 75th annual meeting of the Classis of the N. C. Reformed Church, will be held in the First Reformed Church of Lexington May 3rd to 7th. The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Wednesday evening. All the evening addresses will be historical, in celebration of the 75th anniversary. Business sessions will be conducted through the day, the evening sessions will be devoted to the anniversary services. Among the speakers will be Drs. A. R. Bartholomew and C. J. Musser, of Philadelphia.—Concord Times.

## LEE EXPLAINS ABOUT THE BIG TREE.

### Some Monster Lemons. Conditions of Crops About Gold Knob.

Gold Knob, N. C., May 1.—Corn and cotton planting is almost a thing of the past, only a few have some cotton to plant yet. We are very dry at present and are needing rain very much. Wheat and oats are looking well, and is heading some. Irish potatoes are beginning to come forth again after having been frozen off by the recent cold spell. The fruit, though having stood a hard test, is promising about a half crop, but in some places more than in others.

Mrs. G. W. Park comes first with ripe strawberries this year. She had nice ripe berries on April 25th. We hope that black berries will not fall short this season.

Mrs. Minnie Neel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Proctor, who has been visiting her parents for a couple of weeks, has returned to her home in Tennessee.

Paul M. Barringer, of Craven, visited P. M. Phillips last Saturday night.

Deputy Sheriff Arthur M. Eller was in our town last Monday collecting taxes. Get yow purse ready, Capt. will sho git dem if dey are dare tet git.

There was no preaching at St. Peter's on April 30th. Rev. Harr preached for Rev. Fisher at Faith.

H. F. Morgan had nice water-melon plants up to bitten by the cold.

Jno. C. Morgan has been ploughing corn. Its the early bird that catches the (frost) worm.

Your Uncle Lee and family visited his uncle, H. C. Agner, near Craven, last Sunday. While there we were shown through his flowers, etc. Mr. Agner has the nicest lemons we have ever seen, the tree is a small one, but has five lemons on it. The largest measuring sixteen inches around from stem to blossom end and fifteen around from side to side. Now if this, like the big poplar, he doubted they are there for inspection.

We wish to state as to the big tree spoken of a few weeks since, was a double tree, forked just above the stump, it, therefore, being grown on one stump constituted only one tree. Anything that we write and does not look exactly right call on or address

Lee, No. 6.

### CURRENT COMMENT

Judge Justice, now presiding over the Mecklenburg criminal court, gave his opinion of some of the traveling carnivals a day or so ago. A young man charged with larceny stated that he had abandoned a mechanic's trade to cast his lot with one of these wandering aggregations of pretended fun-producers. In no uncertain words the judge branded the average street carnival as a mob of moving gamblers, tainting every town it touched and leaving in its wake a trail of demoralization. For the past two or three years a number of towns in this section of the state and in adjoining territory of South Carolina have more than once allowed themselves to harbor carnivals of the kind referred to—breeders of crime—and it is not at all improbable that the after-effects are to be seen in an increased number of cases in the criminal courts. Judge Justice's characterization of the average street carnival is, no doubt, a true one.—Charlotte Chronicle.