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DAVIDSON'S JUNIORS TO HOLD RALLY NOV. 5

Every Junior in the County to Fall in Line on That Day—Dr. Joyner to Sound the Battle Cry Against Illiteracy—All School Children to March in Procession.

November 5 the day, the Junior Order the actors and the blotting out illiteracy in Davidson county the cause.

These condensed statements tell in a nutshell the big day that is coming to this county and the purpose for which it is to be held. It will be the great rally day of the Junior Order in its work for furthering the cause of education in North Carolina. From the very beginning this great order has been behind the moonlight school movement. On this day the Juniors in Davidson county will show that they are locked arms with their brethren all over the State and so will marshal all their forces in the county, the 1156 members of the 8 councils. Every member from over the county is expected to be here and to join in the big procession that is to be formed, a marching army as it were in the fight against illiteracy. The music to march by will not be lacking for most of the councils have their own cornet bands and these altogether will make a great orchestra that will sound a note that will have a response in every nook and corner of the county.

For their spokesman on this occasion the Juniors have chosen one of their own order and from their own county, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In no one department of work has Dr. Joyner had more success than in launching this moonlight school campaign which he is behind with all his power. THE HERALD only a few days ago printed in full his masterly address before the State Press Association in behalf of this cause so dear to him. It is needless to add that he will come with a message that will inspire not only the Juniors, but all others to action.

It is proposed to make the day a great day for the young people as well. They will all be invited to be present and to join in the great parade that will be formed. Every teacher will be on hand. County Superintendent Feezor is fully in sympathy with the efforts to make this a great educational rally and will lend every possible encouragement.

The committee in charge of the exercises for that day is:

H. B. Varner, chairman; C. L. Leonard, secretary; J. W. Lindsay, Robert Disher, F. W. Raker, J. H. Pegginger, W. H. Hinshaw, of Lexington Council No. 21; J. T. Fowler, Thomastown Council No. 213; D. M. Raper, Enterprise No. 235; P. E. Fritts, Reeds No. 292; J. L. Beece, Walburn No. 299; H. C. Fylinger, Denton No. 318; M. L. Beard, High Rock No. 335; and J. L. Morris, Southmont No. 293.

HOLLY GROVE ITEMS.

Lexington, Route 2, Oct. 6.—There will be preparator service at this place Saturday evening at 2:30 o'clock and communion service Sunday at 11 a. m. and memorial service Sunday at 11 a. m. of Mr. Cicero Foust's baby Sunday evening at 2 o'clock.

Mr. E. B. Grimes spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Stella Younts returned home Saturday from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Mcarver, of Gastonia.

Miss Jesse Younts returned home Sunday from a few weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Pope of Thomastown.

Mrs. W. J. Sechrist spent the week-end in Thomastown visiting relatives.

Mr. J. D. Conrad and daughter, Miss Maggie, attended a birthday dinner Sunday at Mr. Charlie Conrad's, near Pilgrim.

Mr. J. H. Beck and family of Hedrick's Grove spent Sunday at Mr. J. L. Lohr's.

H. G. C.

Praise.

Your daughter plays the piano beautifully.

"Do you really think so?"
"Yeas indeed. Why, if I didn't see her fingers hit the keys, I'd swear it was one of those mechanical pianos."
—Musical Courier.

LESTER DAVIS ONCE MORE FREE

Governor Craig Gives Him a Conditional Pardon—Petition Signed by Several Hundred Citizens of Davidson.

Greensboro News, Oct. 4.

Lester Davis, who is now serving a sentence on the chain gang of this county, for selling whiskey has been given a conditional pardon by Governor Craig. W. T. Bost, Raleigh correspondent for the Greensboro News, makes the following notes in connection with Davis' pardon:

Governor Craig has granted to W. Lester Davis, of Davidson county, a conditional pardon after a service of ten months on the roads.

Lester Davis is perhaps the wealthiest prisoner now working a North Carolina turnpike. He was convicted in Davidson county and after exhausting the tribunals, his case going through the Supreme court he was forced to take his sentence and began it in fine physical shape. The main reason for granting the pardon is his physical condition. He is from 30 to 40 pounds lighter than he was.

Governor Craig says that Capt. F. C. Robbins, Zeb Vance Waiser, H. B. Varner, S. W. Finch "and many other good citizens who stand for law and order," ask for this pardon while "his pardon is opposed by many citizens." It is the natural thing.

Davis was a brother-in-law of Henry Clay Grubb who killed Obe Davis, brother of Davis and of Mrs. Grubb. This occurred in October of 1904 and in May of 1905 a Rowan county jury acquitted Grubb. The charge was murder and the shooting at Piney Baptist church, October 16 of that year was the most exciting circumstance that Boone township ever inspired. The men were wealthy distillers, had quarreled, were afraid of each other, went heavily armed always and the first time they met in shooting distance, Grubb killed Davis, who had a big pistol in his pocket and a shotgun in his buggy.

Later, after acquittal, Grubb was shot from ambush by Nat Crump and Frank Hairston, who testified that they had been hired by Grubb's enemies to commit the crime. Crump went to the penitentiary eight years. Years later Grubb beat Lester Davis and kept him in a state of terror. Still later Grubb was killed by Mrs. Grubb, so the coroner's jury found, after having whipped her. This occurred in August of 1913.

Governor Craig, therefore, set up on no common case when he gave the shadow of Lester Davis the liberty which the corporal Davis enjoyed so much. The charge against Lester Davis, of course, was retailing.

The men who lead are the men who read.

GOVERNOR CRAIG ENDORSES COMMISSION

Chief Executive Fully Sanctions Increase in Tax Assessments for Purpose of Remedying Abuses and Inequalities—No Comfort to Kickers—Will Strengthen Democracy.

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—Governor Craig issued today a statement to the authorities of the various counties and to the tax payers generally throughout the State fully endorsing the course of the State Corporation Commission as State Tax Commission, in its work of equalization of tax valuations of real property as between the counties. In this work the commission has seen fit to raise the tax assessments against 81 of the counties of the State on percentage basis ranging from five per cent to thirty per cent and this action has brought strenuous complaint from numbers of the counties.

The Governor points out that this equalization is for the purpose of remedying abuses and inequalities that have been complained of for many years as glaring injustice to tax payers in those counties that have been bearing their share of the burden of State taxation. The Governor extends no comfort whatever to those who have been firing hard kicks against the movement and asserts that this equalization should greatly strengthen democracy with all right thinking people instead of inviting disaster, as some have warned him that it will.

Miss Daisy Trexler died suddenly Monday night at her home on Salisbury street, about 9 o'clock. Miss Trexler had been to her work as usual Monday, and after supper had run across the street to a grocery store. On her return she began playing with two small children, when she attracted her grandmother's attention by a peculiar noise. When Mrs. Trexler got to her she found life extinct. The interment took place in the Lexington cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted from the house by her pastor, Rev. Daniels.

Independent Farmers.

Marshville Home.
To sit and count the wagons loaded with cotton as they passed in an almost endless stream every day last week, made one lose sight of the fact that perhaps there is a war in progress somewhere. And the farmers tell us that they are just "sampling" the market now. It is a good sign to see the sturdy farmers walk in with such a feeling of confidence, safe in the knowledge that if the price of cotton does not suit them they can go in peace and live in plenty just the same.

CITY GRADED SCHOOL GETS DOWN TO WORK

GREENSBORO'S BIG FAIR NEXT WEEK

The Central Carolina Fair at Greensboro comes off next week. Low rates are announced by the Southern for this occasion. There is every indication that there will be a great agricultural display. A great feature will be the war spectacle, Tripoli, followed by gorgeous fire works. This is one of the greatest features ever pulled off in this section.

Mr. Mercerau Dies at Staunton.
Mr. D. V. Batey has been advised of the death of his cousin, M. W. Mercerau and brother of Mr. H. B. Mercerau, who was with him at Staunton, Va., at the time of his death. Mr. Mercerau was president of the Valley Tie and Lumber Company, which has a branch office here, and frequently came to Lexington on business. His many friends here will regret to learn of his death.

Mrs. Fisher Hindley and sister, Miss Ann Hidley, of Rutherfordton, N. C., passed through the city Tuesday, en route to Danville, Va., and were the guests of Miss Ollie Wright for a few hours.

A Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of THE HERALD:
I wish to thank my friends of Lexington and Davidson county who petitioned Governor Craig in my behalf, resulting in my conditional pardon this week. To live up to the faith they have so kindly put in me is now and shall be my chief aim. By paying the penalty of the law, I know what it is and shall strictly perform my promise made to the Governor in writing never to deal in liquor.

I hereby deny the reports charging me with retailing and joy-riding while doing time as a convict. Any and all such reports are absolutely false, being born, I think, in a cowardly brain, else my calumniators would have informed the Governor when they saw my advertisement for clemency.

This charge of retailing while I was a prisoner would be ridiculous if it were not calculated and intended to do me serious injury. The charges involve Mr. Tom Miller, my recent foreman, a real Christian man. No complaint was ever made to him. The charge is a slander of the officers of the law and the courts of Davidson county. No evidence was ever carried to them or any charge made.

W. L. DAVIS.

Oct. 7, 1915.

Outlook Days Postponed Until Saturday, October 9th

On account of heavy rains Wednesday and Thursday "Outlook Days" have been postponed till tomorrow, Saturday, October 9th. All parties who have not yet brought in their exhibits can still do so. Entries will continue to be made up till 11 o'clock tomorrow at the office of the superintendent in the Leonard building.

The parade and all other features with exception of oration will be held Saturday just as previously announced for Wednesday and Thursday. There will be two balloon ascensions, one at 11 a. m. and the other at 4 p. m.

The Old Fiddlers' Convention will be held at Opera House at 7:30 p. m. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

Biggest Enrollment Ever to Date—Lower Grades Taught in Two Sections—Athletic Association Reorganized—Literary Societies Begin Activities.

Superintendent Woosley has given out the following statement in regard to the work of the graded school:

The new session of Lexington graded school has entered upon its third week with fine prospects. Most of the students have begun upon another year's work with much vim and enthusiasm. The fact that a new building for the primary department was built has enabled the management of the school to systematize the grades in much better fashion. As time passes other needed improvements will be attempted. The following teachers have in their charge the given number of boys and girls:

Grade	Boys	Girls
First Grade	42	50
Higher First Grade		
Miss Lena Laffer	40	46
Second Grade		
Miss Ida Hedrick	49	40
Lower Third Grade		
Mrs. E. O. Hall	49	29
Higher Third Grade		
Miss Elizabeth Pilsen	21	27
Lower Fourth Grade		
Mrs. J. M. Harky	14	21
Higher Fourth Grade		
Miss Nannie Fulton	23	21
Lower Fifth Grade		
Miss Mary Craig	27	17
Higher Fifth Grade		
Miss Roxie Sheets	23	19
Lower Sixth Grade		
Miss Julia Goehner	17	19
Higher Sixth Grade		
Miss Edna McCrary	8	17
Seventh Grade		
Miss Allie Hutchison	21	21
First year high school	17	17
Second year high school	21	24
Third year high school	8	17
Fourth year high school	15	15

Total number of students, 366 4/5.

The following teachers hold forth in the high school: Principal and mathematics, Miss Laura Efrid; Latin, Miss Margaret Isely; English, Mrs. Anna Turnley; History, Miss Eloise Coulling; English and science, Miss Kathryn Dorsett.

The first three groups of students given above are taught in two sections, one coming in the afternoon. The section now coming in the afternoon will during the latter half of the session come during the morning. No more first grade students can be enrolled during the first half of the year but after Christmas another beginner's class will be started and the second first year class begun.

The athletic association has reorganized with the following officers: Paul Grimes, president; Clyde Young, secretary; O. V. Woosley, treasurer; Don Waiser, basket ball manager and Lloyd Turnley, reporter. It is thought that another good basket ball team will be put out. Last season's team it will be remembered won 13 of the twenty games played.

The literary societies will begin activities this week. Much stress will be put forth in this line of work by the high school students. It is their desire to enter the Triangular Debates this year and in doing so they realize that much effort must be put forth to uphold Lexington High School's usual standard of excellence.

For the first time in the high school's history a full optional course for Latin is given through the four year's work. About one-third of the high school students are taking the business course instead of the usual four years Latin. Both courses now lead to graduation.

The seventh grade and the high school grades have organized as follows: Seventh grade, Mary Norman Hargrave, president; Elise Shalney, secretary.

First year high school; Stafford Foose, president; Ruth Hackney, secretary.

Second year high school; Ruth Davis, president; Charles Lancaster, vice-president; Mary Lillian Sink, secretary.

Third year high school; Faith Price, president; Mildred Waiser, vice-president; Lila Peacock, secretary.

Fourth year high school; Cliff Hinkle, president; Forest Lancaster, vice president; Clara Belle Swain, secretary; Ira Brinkley, treasurer.