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## DAVIDSON COUNTY CREAMERY WILL DO YOUR CHURNING FREE

Will Pay More for Butter Fat Than You Get After Going to the Trouble to Churn Your Own Milk—A Ready Market at Highest Prices Assured.

To the Farmers of Davidson County: The creamery is now in operation, and we are making approximately seven hundred pounds of butter each week. The capacity of our plant is ten times this amount, and if you can supply our needs we are able to pay you as good price for your butter fat. We are now paying twenty-eight cents for butter fat at the farmers' doors, and we hope to be able to pay more before the end of the winter.

Mr. Farmer, did you ever consider what the Creamery means to you? It means that you have a market for every pound of butter fat that you can produce. It means that this butter fat is collected at your door twice each week throughout the year. It means that you will be able to get more for the product of your cows than you have ever been able to get before. It means that you will no longer have to haul the butter from house to house when you come to town. It means that you will not have to quit your work when you are away and bring a few pounds of butter to town. How many times have you brought butter to market and could hardly dispose of it at any price? It means that your wife will not have to churn. If you think churning is an easy job suppose you try it once, and then write THE HERALD what YOU think about making butter on the farm. And last but not the least important it means that you can keep more cows and build up your farm. The price of guano is advancing each year, and each year that you use it your land is more fertile than it was the year before. You can get no more out of it than you deposit. So why not keep more cows, and thereby deposit more on your own account?

If you need more cows, see us and we will try and arrange for you to get them. If you don't have the money, go to either one of the three Banks in Lexington, and they will lend you money to purchase more cows with. They are willing to do this because they realize that when the farmers keep more cows they build up their land. Better land means better crops, better crops means more money and more money means that business conditions are better in every way.

Further, we will sell butter to those who sell us cream at the same price that we are paying for butter fat. This means that you will not have to churn at all, that you will get the best butter that can be obtained at the same price that you are getting for your butter fat.

Mr. Farmer, we are here for business, and we are here to stay. So if you have any surplus butter fat, see one of our carriers, and have him to call by your farm. If there is no route through your neighborhood, write us and we will help you start one. We promise you fair tests, the highest possible prices and courteous treatment. We can give no more, but we assure you of these.

All of our route men will start collecting eggs within the next few days, and we shall be glad to handle your eggs for you.

R. L. COONS,  
Mgr. Davidson Creamery.

### TAX BOOKS EVERY SATURDAY SHERIFF SHAW'S OFFICE

Sheriff Shaw has begun his annual tax collecting rounds. While he is out the first five days in each week, he wants all to know that his books are open at his office in the court house each Saturday. His rounds for this week will be as follows:

Tuesday, Reedy Creek: Henry Mize's Store.  
Wednesday, Arcadia: Byerly Store.

Thursday, Hampton: Ephraim Brewer's.  
Friday, Midway: Joe Wilson's store, 9 to 12 and Henry Grott's, 2 to 4.

He also wants it known that he must have all taxes for 1913 and 1914 in hand before Dec. 15, or the costs of collecting will attach.

### THIRTY WORKMEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT POWDER MILL

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty workmen were killed today in an explosion of four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley yard of the DuPont Powder Company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known, and according to a company statement, the origin "will probably always remain a mystery." Nevertheless, an investigation has been instituted by the officials of the company.

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 18 and 21 years of age. Most of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion occurred in a small packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment to the warring nations. The packing house was one of a large group of small buildings which make the whole make up the Upper Hagley plant about three miles northwest of the city.

The terrific blast rocked the whole Brandywine Valley and shook and startled Wilmington.

Twenty-six men were in the packing house when the powder went off and not enough of any of them was left for identification with the exception of Allan A. Thaxter, the foreman, whose home is given as Portland, Maine. He was true to pieces and a part of his body was found hanging on a tree across the creek. It was identified by shreds of clothing that still clung to it.

Four of the 30 men killed were blown to pieces when at work outside of the packing house. Company officials said the property loss was small. The men injured were scattered about the plant. They were splattered with machinery, flying bands, rocks and other debris. Physicians stated they were so badly hurt that not one of them is expected to survive.

One theory advanced by workmen at the yard is that the explosion may have originated in a spark from a horse's shoe or a spark caused by a small car running over some spilled powder.

The shock of the blast struck terror to the hearts of the residents of Hagley, Henry Clay and other settlements along the Brandywine, accustomed as they are to powder mill explosions. The Dupont works are operating in three shifts and every home in the neighborhood is represented among the employees of the plant.

### GOVT. WAGING CAMPAIGN EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Postmaster Finch has received instructions from Washington to do all that he can to encourage the people of this community to do their Christmas shopping early. The great increase in the parcel post business is imposing a great hardship on the carriers in towns having no special parcel post delivery, as is to be observed even now on the part of the carriers here in Lexington, who frequently go out with 75 to 100 pounds of mail. As the Christmas season draws near their burdens will be increased. It will be ever so much better for them if this heavy Christmas mail is spread out over several days instead of all coming at one time.

And the very strong argument for early Christmas shopping this season is the fact that Christmas comes on Saturday and so packages that do not reach their destination before Christmas eve will not be delivered before the following Monday.

### ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The annual memorial service of the Elks was held at the First Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The leading feature was the address by Hon. W. J. Cocks, of Asheville, who held his audience by his able discussion of the principles of brotherhood. The rest of the program as carried out was as follows:

—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Allen, of the Dacotah Mills lost their two months old baby Sunday night.

### THE HERALD WAS NOT PUBLISHED FRIDAY ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT TO PRESS.

There was no issue of THE HERALD Friday on account of an accident to the press. Just after the press was started Thursday evening, there occurred a break which brought everything to a standstill. It was thought that this break would do no harm, but a delay of a day in getting the paper out, especially on a day when the business was more serious than was at first thought, was a serious matter. The paper was not published until Saturday morning, and returned Sunday to its regular place.

It is often stated that this break was due to a bad job of work in this office. The same trouble has been the result of the press frequently not being as good as it should be. It is a very important one that should be arranged for in our next issue, we are hoping for a great improvement in the quality of THE HERALD.

### COMMERCIAL SAVINGS BANK TREBLES CAPITAL IN 9 YEARS

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial & Savings Bank Thursday evening these were declared a semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent, payable January 1. The surplus was also swelled to \$25,000.

When this dividend shall have been paid, the total dividends paid out by this banking institution, which began business in 1907 on a capital stock of only \$25,000, will amount to \$22,000. Or to express it in another way the amount passed to surplus will be equivalent to the amount of the capital stock, while the amount paid in dividends will lack only \$3,000 of being as much as the capital stock. Or still again it is practically trebling stock in nine years.

THE HERALD does not happen to have in its possessions the records of other banking institutions in the state, which have started within the last ten years, but from the general knowledge it has of banking, this is a record that can be presented with a challenge to any other community in North Carolina to come forward and beat it. It is certainly a record to be proud of on the part of the officers, the town of Lexington and the county of Davidson.

### REEDY CREEK ROAD TO BE EXTENDED TO YADKIN RIVER

The Board of Road Commissioners at their meeting yesterday had several delegations before them asking for the extension of roads or the laying out of additional roads. There was a big delegation from Reedy Creek and Yadkin College with Mr. Ed Green as spokesman, asking for the extension of the Reedy Creek road on to Yadkin River. Their request was acceded to.

A resolution was passed by the Board, providing for Mr. Tom Miller to go to work on the Biesecker road just as soon as he completed the road he is now working on, which is now finished to Reeds.

Provision was also made for Mr. Clemmons to begin the top-soiling of the Winston road in just a few days now.

Several other delegations were before the Board with offers to co-operate with them in the building of the roads they were asking for.

The Board had not adjourned at the time of closing the forms.

### SHADY GROVE WANTS LARGER SCHOOL BUILDINGS

A large delegation of citizens from Abbott's Creek township were before the county board of education Monday in behalf of a larger school building for the Shady Grove school in this township. This school is taught by Miss Dora Zimmerman and is wholly inadequate for the large enrollment of 66 pupils. Not only is there need for more room, but these same patrons realize that there is need, too, for an additional teacher. But the latter need can not be supplied till provision is made for more room, for, as one of the delegation said, the pupils are now crowded in there like sardines in a box.

The Board granted the request for the building for the school house asking for, the same to cost \$350 furnished.

—The employees of the Lexington Grocery Company made Mr. J. T. Hedrick's birthday Saturday a memorable one to him by going up to his residence and giving a surprise dinner. Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Leonard were also present by special invitation.

## FOUR SUDDEN DEATHS SUGGEST POISONING FROM MEAN WHISKEY

### LEXINGTON WILL PARTICIPATE IN TRIANGULAR DEBATE

The Aycock Literary Society held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon and it proved the most interesting that has been held. You may account for this when you have considered the subject, it being: Resolved, "That Woman Suffrage Should be Adopted Throughout the United States." The report of the judges voted unanimously for the negative, it being composed of Stafford Pooshe, Ray Sechrist, Odell Leonard and Dewey Smith. The affirmative included Hill Smith, Robert Conrad and Henry Clodfelter, one member being absent. Stafford Pooshe was declared the best speaker.

Following the program an election of officers was held. Those elected are: President, Chas. Hackney, vice-president, Cliff Hinkle; secretary Forest Lancaster; marshal, Clyde Young, Grady Bowers re-elected as treasurer.

Both of the Literary societies are progressing admirably in their work and a public debate will be held in a few days. The question at that debate will be: Resolved, "That the United States Navy Should be Greatly Increased." The following members will represent their societies: Boys, Floyd Turnley, Chas. Hackney and Stafford Pooshe. Girls, Helen McRary, Pauline Boozer and Faith Price. The above subject will be discussed in the Triangular Debate in which Lexington will participate. It is well to look forward to such an event.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The following cases have been disposed of in the Davidson court this week:

D. F. Andrews vs. Southern Railway, suit for damage on account of the behavior of the agent at Thomasville of the defendant towards him a few months ago, when he called his attention to an error that had been made against his company. The agent was drunk, and though dismissed for his treatment of Mr. Andrews, yet the jury held the defendant company responsible and so gave Mr. Andrews an award of \$200.

In re Eunice Davis vs. W. J. Davis, a divorce was granted.  
In re Mollie and C. M. Everhart vs. the Southern Railway, the jury awarded the plaintiff \$300 for damages to their lands by the defendant.  
In re the Augusta Lumber Company vs. W. Lee Harbin the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$587.68 with allowance of a counter claim of the defendant for \$275.00 on account of the lumber shipped him being green and not up to specifications.

The two cases of J. L. Ripple and H. C. Ripple against the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company for its failure to stop its train at Welcome when flagged by them were combined. The jury found for the former \$40 and the latter \$50.

The case of Lizzie Davis against the Winston-Salem Southbound for not having fire in the station at Welcome on a cold morning was nonsuited.

The case of Cramer vs. Finch was continued. A special term of court to be held in January will be asked for to hear this case.

In re Denton Knitting Mills vs. Southern Railway Company, the plaintiffs got award of \$300 for damage to certain machinery damaged in shipment to them from Burlington while in the hands of the defendant.

In the case of Herman Johnson vs. N. C. Railroad Company, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant. This was a suit for damages for the loss of a leg at Concord in 1914, when the plaintiff was run over by a train of the defendant company. This was the last case given to the jury, a long string of others having been continued. Court adjourned Thursday night.

### STACY NAMED JUDGE.

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Governor Craig today appointed Walter Parker Stacy an attorney of Wilmington, Superior court judge to succeed Judge George Roundtree, recently resigned. The appointment is to become effective January 1st.

### Lexington Greatly Wrought Up Over Sudden Deaths Two White Men in Prime of Life and Two Negro Women, Coming in Quick Succession and Pointing to a Common Cause.

This community has been greatly wrought up the past week over four sudden deaths, all of which seem to have been due to a common cause. The first of these was that of Mr. W. H. Baker, about 36 years old, a very popular barber, who died Wednesday afternoon after an illness of 24 hours from what was diagnosed as acute indigestion. Mr. Baker is survived by his wife and five children, his father, Henry Baker, of Midway, and the following sisters and brothers: F. M. Baker and Miss Ada Baker, Lexington, J. D. Baker and Mrs. G. U. Potts, Greensboro, Mrs. D. J. Wishner, Friedburg. His remains were interred in the Lexington cemetery Friday morning, the service being conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. H. Willis.

Then came the death of Policeman C. W. Wright Friday morning at an early hour from an illness of about the same duration as that of Mr. Baker, his sickness being diagnosed as ptomaine poison. He had been a member of the police force for the past few months and was looked upon as an efficient officer. He was reckoned in good health and was in the prime of life, about 37 years old. He is survived by his wife and six small children. His remains were carried to Concord Friday evening for interment, that being the home of his wife.

These two sudden deaths at once put the people of this community to talking and rumors came thick and fast that they had probably gotten hold of some mean whiskey in small quantities, as neither drank to excess. And these rumors were given the greater credence because it was known that two negro women had died a day or two previous from conditions that pointed very strongly to poisoning from mean whiskey. Then it is known that some wood alcohol was stolen from one of the manufacturing plants here last week and at least one of the physicians in diagnosing the case of one of these colored women said that it was most probably a case of poisoning from wood alcohol. These two women were Mary Lou Hargrave, aged about 50, and Della Carrick, aged about 35.

It is understood that the officers requested Mr. Wright's family for permission to have an examination made of his stomach before his corpse was sent from here, but it was refused. A similar request was made of the family of Mr. Baker after his burial and it was likewise refused. So far no requests have been made of the members of the families of the two colored women to have their bodies examined. There is a general undercurrent of feeling that while the officers of the law have not yet had any examination made on account of there being no suspicion of foul play in a single instance and that further each was attended by a physician, yet it is not at all improbable that they will have this done even yet. There is a very strong sentiment that this should be done.

### NEW SCHEDULE FOR RURAL CARRIERS, WELCOME RT. 1

Mr. Michael Craver, the carrier for Welcome, Route 1, has been advised by the postoffice department of the following change in the schedule on his route: Leave Welcome 8:00 a. m., and return 3 p. m. by buggy or return at 12, when an auto is used. This is a very considerable change in the schedule and will give the people of that section a much earlier mail than they have had.

### SPECIAL TERM OF COURT FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY

The Board of County Commissioners have received notice from Governor Craig, ordering a special term of court for Davidson county for the first week in January with Judge M. H. Justice presiding. They will draw the jury at their meeting today.

### Barnhill-Phillips.

Judge H. P. Phillips of Buncombe county was recently married to Miss Kathleen Barnhill, of Atlanta, Ga. Judge Phillips was formerly clerk of court in Davidson county where he is held in the highest esteem.