## SCHOOL TRUSTEES **ELECTED MONDAY**

M. G. Shearer Were the Winners in the Race

The "straight" ticket as nomi-Link returned to the board of members of the school trustees, and M. the morning and, with a short noon G. Shearer was elected in the place recess, will continue through the afof J. C. Seagle. Early in the morn-ternoon. ing a fight was anticipated, but it

box, said to have been provided by private interests. Mr. P. A. Healan It is the belief of the officers private interests. Mr. P. A. Healan are the belief of the officers of W. D. Wilkie, N. F. Sims, W. F. F. was in charge of this box and he was the association that this convention Palmer and J. W. Smith. also paid by private interests.

136; Link, 139; Shearer, 133; Sea-

The resolution voted follows: "Resolved, that the present Lenoir school building be converted into a high school and an auditorium.

"Resolved, further, that if the \$150,000 of bonds are voted at the said bonds should be actually issued for any purpose whatever.

"Resolved, further, that the trustees of the Lenoir graded school district be requested to defer any build-ing and the sale of any bonds to be authorized by the voters until a more propitious time than the present.

of trustees of Lenoir graded school candy. take such measures as may be necesof these resolutions."

The vote for these resolutions in attendance for Easter Sunday, the primary Saturday amounted to 8, while in the election Monday the number cast was 58.

ried the names of W. B. Watson, K. ed a most delightful day. A. Link and M. G. Shearer. The second ticket carried the names of J. C. REPORT OF SALES OF USED Seagle, Mrs. Alice Triplett and Mrs. Mina Courtney. A number of votes for others were also cast.. The total vote was as follows:

Watson 175, Link 172, Shearer 131, J. C. Seagle 97, Mrs. Triplett 57, Mrs. Courtney 60, Dr. Caroline McNairy 4, F. H. Coffey 4, Mrs. E. F. Besides the register of deeds, the chief of police of the city is required Reid 3, Mrs. W. I. Pitts 2, Miss Stella Cloyd 2, Dr. C. L. Wilson 1, J. M. Tuttle 1, E. D. Pulliam 1, Mrs. Richard Harper 1, Mrs. C. E. Corpening 1, E. F. Allen 1

The second ticket is said to have been opposed to the \$150,000 bond issue, and was put up with the idea of reducing the \$150,000 to \$100,000 in case they had been elected.

### OAK HILL BREAKS EVEN IN THE TRIANGULAR DEBATE

The triangule debates this year between Oak Hill, Granite Falls and Hudson broke even, with each school winning its negative debate. The query debated was "Resolved, that a policy of collective bargaining ers representing these debates were Oak Hill affirmative, Clarence Parlier, Bingham Downs; negative, Bertha Andrews, James Andrews; Gran-ite Flals, affirmative, Pearl Keller and Carson Payne; negative, Hallie Bush and Katherine Warlick; Hudson, affirmative, Mac Bolick and Toy Bolick; negative, Estelle Johnson and Mabel Conley. The debate at Oak Hill was between Hudson's affirmative and Granite Falls' negative. This was a very close and interesting debate. The decision of the judges was gin Thursday in this county. two to one in favor of Granite Falls. Each of these towns was accompanied by a number of their teachers and friends. After the debate interesting remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Hill of Granite Falls and Prof. Bolick of Hudson.

The opinion of the farmers in the Oak Hill community is that the heavy frosts we have had for the past few morning have still spared a good crop

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF

LENOIR DRUG STORE Mr. O. D. Heffner has resigned as manager of the Lenoir Drug Com-pany, and Mr. G. S. Blackwelder of Hickory has been secured to succeed The many friends of Mr. Heffner will regret that he has given up the management of this store, and hope that he will enter some other line of business and remain in Lenoir. A hearty welcome is given Mr. Black-welder, who comes from our neighboring city. Mr. Blackwelder is a registered pharmacist and a graduate of the University of North Carolina school of pharmacy. He has been in the drug business about 15 years and has been a registered pharmacist for about seven years.

Mr. E. F. Cloer will celebrate his 94th birthday tomorrow, April 8. Mr. Cloer is very active and says that he has never been sick but one time has hever been sick but one time tarm organizations, Dr. H. E. Stockin his life, and that time he did not have to go to bed. He says that he never tasted a drink of whiskey nor swore an oath. He is now in the best of health for a man of his age.

## A COUNTY SINGING AT LOWER CREEK

W. B. Watson, K. A. Link and May 1 is Date Set for County To Vote on a Special School Commencement Begins Week A Special School Tax Election Thursday, April 14, Named as Singing Convention—A Special Class

> The seventeenth semi-annual sesexercises will begin at 10 o'clock in

Notices of the meeting of the condid not materialize during the day.

In addition to the trustees a resolution was cast by a number of votletion was cast by a number of votletion. In the official notice sent out the \$150,000 bond issue and make it \$100,000 instead. While this resolution has no effect whatever and is not binding in any way, quite a few of the program and take part in the program and to get together of the Dudley Shoals mond, Va., Tuesday morning, May of securing funds for building and of securing funds of the following persons: Pink President Craven announing the service. Anderson, C. E. Poovey, W. P. Tay-President Craven announing the service. The Valmead school building was burned several months ago, just at the address by Hon. Josephus Dantitle is viewed with much satisfaction by the patrons and friends of the following persons: President Craven announing the service. The Valmead school building was burned several months ago, just at the address by Hon. Josephus Dantitle, W. R. Sigmon, J. E. Brinkley, by the patrons and friends of the following persons: C. R. Howell, F. C. Childress, S. L. college. The school has had a very of the following persons: C. Poovey, W. P. Tay-President Craven announing the service of the following persons: The program just given out by T not binding in any way, quite a few of the citizens voted it in an extra special numbers on the program, us-

will have a bigger attendance and The vote cast for the members of more interest than any held in the the board is as follows: Watson, past.

### BAPTIST SNUDAY SCHOOL CHIL-DREN HAVE EGG HUNT

Easter brought an abundance of joy to the children of the First Baptist Sunday school. On Saturday afternoon the children of the primary department were invited to an egg election to be had April 18th, 1921, hunt on the parsonage yard. There that no more than \$100,000 of the were fifty present. After an hour of games, led by the pastor and teachers of the primary department, the eggs were hidden on the hillside, and the woods were alive with the diligent hunters. A picnic dinner closed the joys of the afternoon.

At Sunday school each member of the primary department received an Resolved, further, that the board artistic home-made basket filled with This was the work of the district be requested to immediately superintendent, Mrs. B. H. Dula, who take such measures as may be neces-sary to carry into effect the intent Fifty-nine of the baskets were given away, which registered the primary

On Monday the pastor went on an outing to Hibriten with the Junior Baraca boys. Leaving at 9 o'clock, In Saturday's primary two tickets the party returned at 2:30, hurrying were voted on. The first ticket car-

## VEHICLES IS REQUIRED

All persons selling a used motor vehicle are required to file a report of the sale with the register of deeds

chief of police of the city is required to keep a register docket where the information shall be kept for public inspection.

Any public officer or dealer in second-hand automobiles or other motor vehicles failing or refusing to register or cause to be registered the information required in the law will be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the

## **CONTEST HEARING BEGINS IN CALDWELL**

through trade unions should prevail in American industries." The speak-Grooming for Gubernatorial Race, He Says

> There is nothing to the story about 'Farmer Bob" Doughton lining up for the gubernatorial race four years hence, according to Mr. Doughton, who was here yesterday. "I have no thought of such a thing," Mr. Dough ton said, "and the story is without any foundation whatever.

> Mr. Doughton is here preparing for the contest hearing, which will be-The hearing was on last week and the first part of this week in Iredell, and begins here this morning.

### FRUIT HAS SUFFERED NO MATE RIAL DAMAGE

With the passing of the cold wave which came on the heels of Easter, officials of the department of agriculture at Washington expressed the belief that the fruit crop surplus of the country as a whole has not been materially affected, despite reports from various sections of heavy damage First reports in such cases, they said, usually are "hysterical,' for those suffering loss are inclined to judge conditions generally by the situation

in their own districts. It was pointed out that no reports had been received of damage to fruit crops in New England, New York, Michigan, the Great Lakes region, the Pacific coast or the extreme south. The principal apple sections affected, officials added, appeared to be those of the Ozark mountains and the Cumberland and Shenandoah valleys.

## 50 PER CENT DECREASE IN THE

PRICE OF FERTILIZER A general reduction of the fertilizer prices in the South from 45 to TO CELEBRATE 94th BIRTHDAY 50 per cent since February has been made by the manufacturers through agreements reached between the big companies and the national board of farm organizations, Dr. H. E. Stock-

Tax for Better School and Building

Reid, R. L. Miller, J. H. Sigmon, D. successful year, with the biggest en-G. Bolick, R. B. Smihh, C. C. Austin, rollment in its history.

The voting place will be at the Dudley Shoals school house. The officers appointed for this election are

URES OF LAST CENSUS More than a third of the country's 70 per cent of the urban dwellers— 37,770,114 persons, to be exact lived in cities of 25,000 inhabitants approximately 36 per cent of the total population was grouped in the 287 communities in this class.

There were 2,739 municipalities having 2,500 or more inhabitants, with an aggregate population of 54,-314,476. Of these 459 ranged between 10,000 and 25,000, with an aggregate of 6,942,742; 723 had more than 5,000 but less than 10. 000 inhabitants, with a total of 5,-008,732; and 1,320 had less than 5,000, with an aggregate population of 4.592,888.

### MAY PUT ON THROUGH TRAIN integrity, truth and honesty. Lenoir folks are interested in the

announcement that a through train the prizes were awarded by Mr. Dobmay be put on between Asheville and oin, these being three of these, the first going to the boy who acquitted train, if put on, will be called the North State Flyer, and will make the entire trip between Asheville and Hickory and Asheville in five or six hours. a cross-State journey by several the primary department. hours. This train will only make The Valley is puttig or eight stops between the terminals.

## ON THE FINGER

An abrasion of the finger by a saw ago Green was sawing wood and thoughts of-the farm. when a tree fell the saw cut the skin on his finger, with the result that blood-poisoning developed. He was taken to a hospital and the hand was amputated. Later the arm was amputated and he died following the second operation.

### TO MARK LINE WHERE GERMAN LINE WAS HALTED IN 1918

To mark the line where the Ger man advance in the spring of 1918 was stopped it is proposed to erect pyramids along the entire front bearing the inscription, "Here was arrested the rush of the Barbarians." The number of pyramids and the places wher ethey are to be erected will be determined by Marshal

### LITTLE ISBELL GIRL IS NOW AT HOME AND IMPROVING

Katherine Isbell, the little daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Isbell, who was run over and painfully injured a week ago as she was crossing the street above the Carlheim Hotel, is greatly improved and is now at home. She was brought home from the hospital Sunday and is said to be get-ting along just fine.

### MRS. MELTON'S BUNGALOW IS NEARLY COMPLETED

The bungalow of Mrs. J. H. Mel ton, located on West Harper avenue, is nearly completed, and she expects to move into it within the next few weeks. This is an attractive house and quite an addition to that block of the avenue. It contains eight

## ATTENDING MEETING

Mrs. Rufus L. Gwyn, Mrs. A. G. Jonas and Miss May Puett are attending the district meeting of the Federated Clubs at Albemarle today. The towns of Lenoir, Hickory, Morganton, Statesville, Newton, Salisbury and others will be represented at this meeting.

## LENOIR AND OAK HILL ARE TO DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT

The negative debating team of the Lenoir high school will debate the Oak Hill team Friday night at 8 o'clock at Oak Hill.

### COMIMISIONERS MET MONDAY The county commissioners met in regular session Monday. Nothing much transpired outside of the regular routine business.

LENGIR LOSES TO HICKORY The Lenoir high school baseball team played the Hickory high school at Hickory last Friday, and lest the game by the score of 72 to 1.

# WANT SPECIAL TAX DANIELS TO BE AT TO VOTE ON SPECIAL AT DUDLEY SHOALS DAVENPORT FINALS TAX AT VALMEAD

of May 25-Bishop Denny to Preach Sermon

An election will be held on April | Hon. Josephus Daniels, former nated Saturday for graded school sion of the Caldwell county singing 16 at Dudley Shoals in which the secretary of the navy, editor and trustees was elected Monday without convention will be held at Lower people of the community will vote owner of the Raleigh News and Obopposition, W. B. Watson and K. A. Creek church Sunday, May 1. The on a special school tax of not over server, will deliver the annual ad-30 cents on the poll.

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The annual sermon will be preached will be held at the store of J. C. Annual sermon will be preached. is to be held includes the entire pres-ent district of the Dudley Shoals mond, Va., Tuesday morning, May

### PATTERSON SCHOOL CLOSES; OTHER NEWS

On March 28 and 29 the com-mencement exercises of the Patter-W. F. F. Palmer, registrar, and W. son School were held. Monday even-D. Wilkie and W. J. Hester, judges ing a large audience gathered in the assembly hall, where the boys of the high school department gave a min-SOME MORE POPULATION FIG- strel entitled "Darktown Betterment Society," which afforded much boundary line—to the top of the amusement, especially the coon ridge, so as to include the lands of total population in 1920, and nearly songs. The smaller boys from the primary department gave a drill en-titled "When I Am a Man." The boys all acquitted themselves well, graded school to the beginning. or more. Census bureau figures said reflecting much credit upon their in structor, Prof. J. M. Leland.

Tuesday morning Rev. Mr. Walton, rector of St. James' church, Lenoir, was introduced with a few appropriate remarks by Rev. H. A. Dobbin, the principal. Mr. Walton gave a splendid address to an appreciative audience, His subject was based upon education. His discourse was one to one of Dallas' highly esteemed ladies inspire and to elevate one's mind to and will be missed there by her higher and nobler things. He said many friends. She will receive a education begins a hundred years be- bridal shower as a token of their love fore one is born, and if we are to influence the generations yet unborn we must build upon foundations of

Immediately following the address labor and deportment for the year; the second going to the boy who had Goldsboro in ten hours, and between made the best grades in the high school department, and the third to This will shorten the time of the one who made the best grades in

The Valley is puttig on her spring dress of soft verdure, spangled with flowers of different hues, and encir-DEATH CAUSED BY ABRASION cling all is the mantle of the grand old mountains, which are also blooming forth. For the past month the caused the death of Belton Green of weather has been ideal, causing cer-Lattimore this week. A short time tain young men's fancyto turn to

> Some of the boys have gone home for a short vacation, but expect to return shortly and take up their work on the farm during the summer.

The Patterson School is indeed busy place now, all hands being engaged in the different work of farm ife. The new dormitory is ready for the plasterers and that work will be-

gin shortly.

Bishop J. M. Horner visited the school in March, holding service in the chapel and confirming a class of

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Dobbin and little daughter, Emma, left Tuesday for Hickory, where they will attend an Episcopal convention. From there they will go to Knoxville to visit their son, Mr. Edgar Dobbin.

Miss Gertrude Horton of the faculty of the Patterson School is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. D. Pulliam, in Lengir.

Mrs. J. N. Mathews is expected to return to the school shortly. She has

### WILL TAYLOR'S BODY ARRIVES AT BLOWING ROCK

The body of Will Taylor, one of the Battery E boys, who was killed in France, arrived at Blowing Rock for burial Friday. Friday morning Mrs. Becky Taylor, his mother, re ceived a telephone message that her son had arrived at Blowing Rock, and she got the impression that he had not been killed, but had just returned to this country alive. She went to Blowing Rock during the day to see him. A telephone message later in the day to the News-Topic stated that it was Taylor's body that had arrived, and that burial take place Friday afternoon.

### FIREMEN'S CONVENTION THIS YEAR IN GASTONIA

Local firemen are interested in the announcement of the annual convention and tournament to be held at Gastonia this year Aug. 23 to 25. So far no plans have been made for sending a team to take part in the tournament, but that may be taken up later by members of the fire com-

## BARN BURNS

A barn located on the Rectory hill burned Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock, together with a few chickens which were in the building. The damage was small. It has not been learned how the fire originated. The building was almost completely de-stroyed before the fire company could reach the scene.

# TAX AT VALMEAD

Tuesday-Want to Erect School Building

The Valmead school district will hold an election next Monday for the purpose of voting a special school tax of not over 10 cents on the hun-

This special tax is for the purpose

The boundary for the district is as follows: Beginning in Lenoir graded Lower Creek township, so as to in-clude the lands of S. E. Dula, Early Green and others; then west with said boundary, crossing the turnpike and railroad between John C. Hart-ley's place and T. W. Austin's-their J. H. Bryant, John C. Hartley place, A. S. Sudderth, J. H. Laney and H. The Laney; then with north boundary of

## MR. C. A. TUTTLE TO WED MISS

Mr. C. A. Tuttle of Lenoir and Miss Mildred G. Patterson of Dallas, Tex., will be married in the First Presbyterian church at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 20, by the Rev. Dr. Bachman, pastor. Miss Patterson is and esteem before leaving Dallas. Mr. Tuttle was born in Lenoir and has been identified with the town all his ife. He has been a justice of the peace over twenty years and U. S. commissioner for sixteen years, and is well known in the county. He will leave for Chattanooga April 18.

### ILLITERACY SHOWS HEALTHY DECREASE

Illiteracy is decreasing in the nation, according to census bureau returns from the first three States in worked out on the subject.

In Alabama, where the percentage of illiterates was found to be 22.9 in good health until the last few of the total of the population over months of his life. Soon after ten years of age in 1910, the 1920 Christmas he became desperately ill, of the total of the population over percentage was 16.1. In Arkansas the percentage dropped from 12.6 in During his sickness immediately af-1910 to 9.4 in 1920, and in Delaware from 8.1 in 1910 to 5.9 in 1920.

Illiterate persons under the census bureau tabulation includes all those

unable to write.

## TOBACCO FARMERS MEET AT DUDLEY

### Biggest Meeting of Farmers Ever Held in Caldwell: Millsaps Present

Three hundred and ten tobacco growers attended the joint meeting of the Caldwell-Alexander farmers at Dudley Shoals last Wednesday. An address on the tobacco situation was delivered by E. S. Millsaps, district large delegation of soldiers in unidemonstration agent, and short talks were made by other interested par-

return to the school shortly. She has spent the winter in Asheville, where she has been taking treatment under a specialist.

The meeting was the outcome of an effort to get all tobacco growers organized before the crop for the coming season is planted. Mr. Millsaps arrived here Wednesday morning and was taken to Dudley Shoals by County Agent  $\Gamma$ . W. Roberts. The meeting was one of the most enthustastic ever held in Caldwell county.

## MRS. C. C. MATTOCKS IS DEAD

Mrs. C. C. Mattocks of Pollocks ville, N. C., and Mount Dora, Fla. died at the latter place March 27, after an illness of three weeks, following a gradual failing of health due to arterial chlerosis. Mrs. Mattocks was 74 years of age. She was married in 1869 to Dr. C. J. Mattocks. She is survived by one son, her only child, John E. Mattocks, of Lake Jim, Fla., and four grandchildren; also by three sisters living in North Carolina

Mrs. Mattocks and her husband the late Dr. Mattocks, lived in Lenoir a number of years ago, and they were both greatly loved by the people of this entire community. Dr. Mat tocks died about ten years ago, and all who knew Mrs. Mattocks will regret to learn of her death.

## HARTLEY-ECKARD

Last Saturday morning, April 2, Mr. Boyden Levi Hartley and Miss Lelia Eckard of Hickory were married in Morganton. They were mar-ried by Justice of the Peace Halli-burton, Mrs. H. D. L. Clarke, an aunt of the groom, witnessing the ceremony. The newly married couple left immediately for Hickory, where they will apend a few days with the bride's parents before leaving for Kimberly, Idaho, where they will make their home.

# **BIG DOLLAR DAY** SOON IN LENOIR

Dollar Day By Lenoir Merchants; Big Bargain Day

On Thursday, April 14, the merchants of Lenoir will hold their first dollar day. Practically every merchant in town is co-operating so as to make this one of the biggest days ever held in Caldwell county. Thou-sands of dollars worth of dollar-day bargains will be placed on display

and offered for sale during the day. This is the first dollar day ever held in Lenoir. Dollar days have proven great successes in Hickory, Asheville, Charlotte and practically every town and city in the State and country. The dollar day idea has found a responsive note among people of every community in which they have been held and Lenoir merchants are looking forward to one of the school line, near Freedman, corner most successful trade days in the of the Cottrell Hill district's west boundary, and running north to the south boundary of district No. 4, groceries and every other line of business will be given. Merchants are busy preparing now for the com-ing event. Official announcement appears in this week's paper signed by fifteen merchants. Next week the News-Topic will be published earlier in the week, and will carry advertisements of individual stores, giving the dollar day bargains.

Those who are co-operating in dolar day are as follows: W. S. Miller & Son, Courtney Clothing Co., Courtney Department Store, Efird Department Store, K. A. Link, A. A. Blackwelder, Lenoir Drug Company, Le-noir 5 and 10c Store, The Leader, Ballew's Cash Pharmacy, Davidson Department Store, E. D. Pulliam, Rufus L. Gwyn, Caldwell Motor Com-pany, Marley's Drug Store.

## MR. J. WILBURN SUDDRETH

DIED SUNDAY Mr. J. Wilburn Suddreth died at his home about three miles west of Lenoir Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. being 83 years of age, and was buried at Littlejohn's church Monday at 12 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Price and Rev.

M. H. Tuttle. Mr. Suddreth was born in Caldwell county in 1838. He was marreid to Elizabeth Kincaid, and to this union nine children were born, seven of whom are living. His wife died

March 31, 1914. Mr. Suddreth was an ex-soldier of the Confederacy, and was a member of the same company as Maj. Harwhich the 1920 enumeration has been per, it is said. After the war was over he returned to his life of farming. He had always been strong and but improved and was able to be up. ter Christmas all of his children came here to see him.

Mr. Suddreth is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. E. Can-non, Mrs. Sallie Hood, Mrs. A. F. Stuart and Mr. Horace Suddreth, all of Lenoir and Caldwell county: Mr. H. Suddreth of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. Tom Suddreth of Palouse, Wash., and Mrs. Annie Corpening of Bowie, Texas.

### BODY OF JAMES KINCAID AR-RIVES FROM FRANCE

The body of Sergeant James W. Kincaid, of Company A, 119th N. C. infantry, who was killed in France in 1918, arrived home Saturday and was taken to Littlejohin's church Sunday morning, where interment was made, Rev. M. H. Tuttle conform attended the funeral services. though it was not a strictly military funeral. Capt. J. Clark Smith had charge of the services. The pallbearers were Eugene Coffey, George Greer, Grover Walsh, Ed Bean, Bun Winkler and Will Childers.

Sergeant Kincaid was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will D. Kincaid, and lived in the Gamewell section. He entered the service early in the war, went overseas and was killed in bat-

tle in France.

BANKER SKIPS THE COUNTRY News reaches us from Boone that Burton K.2 Byers has skipped the country and cannot be located. He owned three banks, one at Boone, one at West Jefferson and one at Todd/ All three of these banks are now closed, awaiting an investigation of their condition

Fred Pennell, who was implicated in the murder of John Henderson, was acquitted Tuesday in Watauga court, when the State took a non-suit.

### NEPHEW OF LENOIR MAN COM-MITS SUICIDE

Mr. C. A. Anderson recently received a message from Hobart, Okla, announcing that his nephew, Mervin Anderson, had committed suicide. Mervin Anderson was the son of J. C. Anderson, a former Caldwell coun-ty citizen. Papers received from Hobart state that temporary insanity was probably the cause of the young man's act. He was married.

## FIRE AT IRA LEE HOUSE

The house formerly owned by Mr The house formerly owned by Mr. Ira Lee and now owned by Mr. Phil Bush caught fire Saturday about noon, but was quickly extinguished by the fire company, very little damage being done. A defective fine was thought to be the cause of the fire.