

MUCH TALK BUT NO ACTION AT GOOD ROADS MEETING

The meeting called by the legislative delegation Monday for the purpose of discussing good roads was not a decided success. In the beginning there were about 100 representatives from various sections, but being either the discomfort of a long drive or the lack of interest or the business of the hour the crowd gradually dwindled away until at the end, around 8 o'clock, there were not more than six or eight present.

So far as an expression of opinion by the people were concerned the meeting did not amount to a great deal except to show that the only thought in common was the desire for better roads. Near the close of the meeting Mr. F. Hamp Hendrix attempted to get the sentiment of the meeting by offering a motion to endorse the plan proposed by Senator Ridgell. Dr. Licious E. Dreher objected on the ground of the smallness of the crowd and the matter was not pushed. A committee from the Farmers Union headed by Mr. Edna Frick endorsed in part the Ridgell plan. Mr. Frick believed that our roads could be kept up after the manner employed by the railroads of the country. He believed the commissioners should be selected by the legislative delegation rather than the grand jury. Messrs. Shealy and Amick of the same committee added their approval.

Mr. F. Hamp Hendrix favored the Ridgell plan. He thought the roads should be worked by contract. Any tax for road purposes would strike him heavily, but he was willing to pay for good roads.

In reply to a question by Mr. Keiser as to why the automobile tax collected in the county could not be kept here, Col. Brooks Wingard read the law creating the state highway department and imposing the license.

Dr. L. E. Dreher explained why he could not attend meetings all over the county. At the pay of \$200 and having to stay in Columbia 40 days he could not afford to neglect his private business to run over the county at the back and call of everybody who wanted to hold a meeting. For this reason he had insisted on having a meeting at the court house on sales day, so that all interested could have an opportunity to come. Dr. Dreher said the delegation had been criticized for putting on the \$5 road tax, which he vigorously defended. This tax, he said, would catch all who had no property on which to pay. They ought to be willing to pay something for the privilege of citizenship. Besides the \$5 now would not purchase as much labor for the roads as the former tax of \$2, so that relatively it was lower. Everybody wants good roads. It will take money to get them. He wanted to know what the people wanted and he would try to give it to them.

Chalmers Wessinger believed that it was necessary to have an expert engineer and thought Lexington might do well to confer with Lancaster county and adopt the system in operation there, which had given good results.

Col. J. Brooks Wingard believed that the next legislature would enact a measure making the state the mill for the trunk lines. He favored the levying of a tax of about 3-1-2 mills to raise an amount equal to the federal allotment, which would give about two and a half millions for a state system. This would give the county money exclusively for the roads leading to the remote district. Under present conditions it will take a long time to get the roads built. He did not favor a large bond issue, concentrating an enormous amount of one time in the hands of a few men. So far as the tax is concerned automobile owners are paying it now in upkeep. Col. Wingard expressed himself as opposed to some features of the bill proposed by Governor Cooper, a synopsis of which was recently printed in this paper.

Dr. Dreher opposed a statewide system. Lexington county had only about 50 miles of road which would be embraced in such a system, while we would have to pay a considerable tax for this purpose. What he wanted was a system which would reach out into the remote sections and give everybody some results for the money they paid. He opposed a centralization of power in the hands of the highway commission. He believed that a bond issue would be necessary be-

COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET HERE DEC. 13.

The Lexington County Teachers Association will meet in the auditorium of the Lexington High School on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 11 o'clock. After a short business session three departmental meetings will be held simultaneously for 45 minutes. The three departments will be high school teachers, grammar grade teachers, and primary teachers. Reading has been selected for discussion by each of these groups. A leader for each of these groups is being secured. Then the whole body of teachers will assemble for an address by one of the professors of the University of South Carolina. More definite announcement of this arrangement will be made just as soon as it can be definitely arranged. Let every white teacher in the county be present and contribute to the success of the meetings.

MISS ETHEL DREHER,
JOHN S. SCHNEIDER,
W. E. BLACK,
Program Committee.

COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY.

Court of common pleas adjourned Friday, after the hearing by Judge Shipp of several matters in equity. No jury cases were heard after Wednesday, the last case tried being that of the Barrow-Motor and Truck Co. against E. L. Davis, which resulted in a verdict for defendant.

The suit was one for the payment of certain notes for the purchase price of an automobile, which was refused on the ground that the machine was defective. Plaintiff was represented by R. Beverly Herbert of the Columbia bar and Efrid and Carroll, while Timmerman, Graham and Callison represented the defendant.

DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT.

Through the courtesy of Corley Bros., owners of the new building, soon to be occupied by the James L. Taop Company, a dance was given in the spacious store room last Friday evening for the young people of Lexington. A bank from Columbia dispensed good music and many couples "tripped the light fantastic" till a late hour. The event was enjoyed by the many participants.

FARMERS UNION TO CELEBRATE.

There will be a fishery and picnic at Bolling Springs school house on Saturday afternoon, December 13, at 4 o'clock, given under the auspices of the Bolling Springs local union, which was recently organized. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and carry well-filled baskets.

The officers of the Bolling Springs union are: Paul Ballington, president; Pierce Price, vice-president; Efrid Ballington, secretary, and A. Taylor, business agent.

BOX PARTY AT MACEDONIA SCHOOL.

There will be a box party and cake walk at Macedonia school house, Friday night, Dec. 12. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Public invited.

There is anything like universal satisfaction could be had.

Mr. C. W. Smith believed that it would never be possible to get satisfactory results in the back districts until the county was relieved of the burden of keeping up the Piedmont and National Highways. He believed they should be turned over to the State, so that the road work could be put it on the less traveled roads.

The hour having grown late and the crowd having dwindled almost to the vanishing point Dr. Ridgell abandoned his effort to explain his plan, contenting himself with a letter from the state highway engineer endorsing his plan. The letter is as follows: Columbia, Nov. 12, 1919.

Senator E. C. Ridgell, Batesburg, S. C.
My Dear Senator:
After going over and discussing with you in detail the proposed maintenance system of roads for Lexington County I am convinced that your proposed program is rational and practical, and I would like very much to see this law in Lexington County as well as other counties in the State.
J. Roy Pennell,

RED CROSS SEALS NOW ON SALE

The Red Cross Christmas seals, the funds derived from which are to be used to fight the dread white plague are now being distributed. Lexington county is asked to take \$500 worth of the red stickers and the county has been divided into districts with a chairman in each. These chairmen will appoint their assistants and are expected to push the sale of seals vigorously until the allotted quota is sold.

The committee for Lexington is composed of Rev. F. H. Funderburk, chairman, Misses Vera Corley, Cecil Barre and Winnie Hartley. This committee is expected to dispose of 11,300 seals.

The chairman in the various communities so far selected and their allotments are as follows:
Irmo—Miss Pearl Hook, 4,000.
Chapin—Mrs. W. L. Frick, 6,000.
Pelton—Mrs. Lessie Fort, 4,000.
Gilbert—Mrs. D. E. Hammond, 1,000.
New Brookland—Mrs. H. C. Smith, 10,000.
Swansea—Mrs. D. E. Croutetta, 10,000.
Edmund—Mrs. C. O. Hutto, 400.
Sandy Run—Mrs. Henry Culler, 500.
Gaston—Mrs. George Goodwin, 500.
Peak—Mrs. J. O. Chapman, 3,000.

TAYLOR FAMILY REUNION.

Happy Event on Thanksgiving Day. Long and Well Spent Life.

On Thanksgiving day, after Thanksgiving services at Pisgah church, the children of Mr. M. L. Taylor, met at the old homestead, and after exchanging happy greetings for a while, a table was arranged in the yard and a most bountiful and delicious dinner was spread of which all present partook to their hearts full satisfaction.

Brother Taylor grew somewhat reminiscent and talked of his return from the war of the sixties, of his marriage in the fall of '66, of his family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, all married and all living. He takes a just and commendable pride in his family. He has around him evidences of an active, industrious life, and painstaking labor, such as, stately ornamental and shade trees planted in his younger days and of buildings over half a century old, still intact, affording protection and shelter from wind and weather. He is 84 years of age, and yet able to attend his church, go to market, do his shopping, and all his own work by himself with very little outside help.

The presence of such a company gives cheer to the heart and is refreshing to soul and body. We would be glad to see many happy returns of such family reunions as was held at father Taylor's on last Thanksgiving day. By invitation the pastor and his family were present and heartily enjoyed the occasion.

LEXINGTON'S WEATHER PROPHET ON DECEMBER.

Mr. Jacob Snelgrove, who displayed wonderful knowledge of the weather conditions last summer when he told the farmers to get their crops in readiness for the rainy spell, has given out the following prognostications for December:

1 to 2, cold and windy; 3 to 5, warmer; 7 to 8, rain or snow; 9 to 10, cold and blustery; 11 to 13, cold and cloudy; 14 to 15, rain or snow; 22 to 24, warmer with wind; 25 to 27, cloudy with rain or snow; 28 to 30, cold winds.

REV. MR. QUICK REMEMBERED.

Friends Present Purse to Infirm Minister.

Through the activities of Mrs. John G. Farr friends of the Rev. W. D. Quick recently presented the aged minister with a purse amounting to \$60 in remembrance of his long and faithful service and as a token of their appreciation. Mr. Quick was for many years an active minister of the Methodist church, and was noted for his fidelity to the members of his charge, being a constant visitor at the bedside of the sick. For some time past he has been bedridden.

LEXINGTON COTTON MARKET
Wednesday, Dec. 3.
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LOCAL BAPTISTS GO OVER TOP

Lexington Baptist church, with an enrollment of 99 members, has exceeded its quota in the Baptist 75 Million campaign. With a quota of only \$2,100, the last figures obtainable showed a total subscription of \$5,980, of which \$2,645, or \$545 more than the quota was subscribed Sunday morning, the opening day of the campaign.

The success of the drive throughout the country has been remarkable, reports from all sections showing that a liberal oversubscription had resulted from the canvass.

Rev. F. H. Funderburk, pastor of the Lexington church, and members of his congregation are very much gratified at the success of the drive.

Lexington association has so far subscribed \$46,500 on a quota of \$43,683 and ten churches are yet to be heard from.

The next slogan of the Baptists will be "five million members in five years for the Southern Baptist church."

SUGGESTS NEIGHBORLY ACT.

"Neighbor" Details Plan to Relieve Burden Caused by Fire. Editor Dispatch-News:

In regards to the disastrous fire that destroyed the outbuildings, together with all food and feed, except a few bushels charred corn, for Mr. M. H. Porth on last Saturday night, kindly allow me to suggest to the many good people that came to the help and rescue that if each would give so small an amount as two barrels of corn in the shuck, or a similar amount of hay, sheaf or thrashed oats; a few bundles fodder, etc; gradually as Mr. Porth may use or horse game, his food and feed problem will be solved. This will greatly lighten the burden of replacing his buildings. Individually the above suggested gifts seem shamefully small while collectively the aggregate will amount to a very substantial sum, that the several donors can hardly miss. Sooner or later someone else will have a like experience as Mr. Porth,—maybe the writer, maybe you, dear reader.

NEIGHBOR

ALBERT TAYLOR CATCHES MONSTROUS CAT FISH.

Mr. Albert T. Taylor returned on Saturday from a big hunting and fishing trip down on the Edisto River, bringing with him a monstrous cat fish, which, he says, was caught by himself and a party of friends. The cat fish was almost as large as the mighty trout Joe Sox hooked in the factory pond away back in the summer (which was never landed) and it tipped the scales at thirty-five pounds. It was by far the biggest cat fish ever seen in this town, and excited no little amount of interest among sportsmen and others who saw it.

Mr. Taylor and his party brought back a number of fine ducks also. Deer, wild turkeys, ducks and other game is said to be plentiful in the lower sections of the State, and Mr. Taylor anticipates going again at an early date.

MR. JORDAN TO LEAVE LEXINGTON FIRST OF YEAR.

Mr. J. B. Jordan, who has been connected with the Enterprise Hardware Co., for the past several months, has bought an interest in the Greenwood Market & Grocery Co., and will on the first of the new year leave Lexington. Since coming here Mr. Jordan has made many friends by strict attention to his duties and by his genial manner; and it will be regretted that he is to leave.

FRANK LEVER HERE.

Hon. A. Frank Lever, former congressman from the seventh district, now a member of the national farm loan board at Washington, was in Lexington Monday shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Lever came down for the big cotton meeting in Columbia Tuesday, and took advantage of the occasion to visit Lexington.

Mr. Jordan spent the week-end in Greenwood perfecting arrangements to move there at January 1st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT OLD BETHEL CHURCH.

There will be Sunday school at Old Bethel Church first Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1919, at ten thirty (10:30) o'clock. D. Simpson Spires, Supt.

LEXINGTON STORES MUST CLOSE DAILY AT 4, TO SAVE FUEL

AMERICAN LEGION PREPARING FOR BIG MINSTREL SHOW

The minstrel to be given by the local Post of the American Legion this month is beginning to take form, and actual work has begun. The production of the show is not to be restricted to ex-service men, but any who believe that they have talent are cordially invited to come in and help put it on. Quite a lot of the latest minstrel material has been secured and is now being selected, and this together with a lot of new songs, and the fact that production is being given under the general management of Mr. S. J. Leaphart, an old minstrel star, will insure a success.

The next meeting in the preparation of the play will be in the office of Efrid & Carroll on Thursday night, the fourth, at eight o'clock at which time all interested are requested to be present.

TIMMERMAN-ASBILL.

Special to The Dispatch-News.

Batesburg, Dec. 2.—One of the most brilliant weddings ever occurring in Batesburg was that of Miss Pauline Timmerman and St. Clair Asbill of Ridge Spring. The home of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Timmerman was the scene of the happy occasion. Receiving at the front door were Mr. and Mrs. John Bell Towill and Mrs. A. C. Jones, who directed the guests to the bride's register, which was presided over by Misses Helen Lewis and Rebecca Wardlaw. The guests were ushered into a room tastefully decorated with vines and flowers to view the magnificent array of useful and lovely presents. On all sides of the room tables were laden with the most beautiful silver, china, cut-glass and everything that delights the heart of a bride. Just before the ceremony, Miss Nannie Gunter sang, "Because," being accompanied on the piano by Miss Mildred Glover. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march little Mary Elizabeth Timmerman and Daisy Pearce Towill, prettily dressed in fluffy white dresses, with pink ribbons on hair, came with ribbons, followed by little Alice Hartley and Josephine Jones, making a path with the border of ribbon. Little Herbert Roof came, bearing the ring on a silver tray. Next came the bride, becomingly attired in a going-away suit of brown with accessories to match.

Miss Sue Timmerman, twin sister of the bride, accompanied her to the altar, where they were met by Mr. St. Clair Asbill and Wayland Cato, best man. Dr. E. Pendleton Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church, performed the ceremony. The drawing room was lovely in green and white. A beautiful background of potted plants formed a lovely scene for the marriage vows.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left by automobile for Columbia, thence to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cullum received at the dining room door. The dining room was tastefully decorated in green and white. The bride's table was lovely with a huge bow of maline suspended from the chandelier and flowers adorned the center of the table. A bountiful luncheon was served, consisting of a chicken salad course, followed by pink and white block cream and fruit cake. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lewis of Johnston pinned silver horseshoes on the guests as they were served. Miss Mary Timmerman served delightful punch in the presents room.

Miss Pauline Timmerman is the daughter of Mr. J. E. Timmerman of Eureka, but for quite a number of years she has made her home with Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Timmerman of this place. She has endeared herself to them and to all with whom she came in contact. Hers is a sunny disposition and useful, ambitious spirit.

Mr. Asbill is a young man of splendid traits and is held in highest esteem by all who know him.

Her many friends regret that the bride will not make her home in Batesburg. After their return from Cuba they will live in Ridge Spring, where Mr. Asbill is engaged in business.

ATTENDING U. S. COURT.

Many Lexingtonians in Charleston This Week.

A number of Lexington citizens are this week in Charleston, attending the United States Court, on account of the case of the United States against George S. Drafts, Jr., and H. D. Lybrand. Among those who went are the following: Judge C. M. Efrid, attorney for defendants, Col. T. C. Callison, County Treasurer Leaphart, Clerk of Court Harmon, Messrs. T. P. Meetze, Matthew Harman, Jake Harman and Ward Shealy.

The case grew out of the settlement of the bankrupt estate of W. P. Roof.

PREACHING AT GASTON

The new pastor at Sandy Run Baptist church, the Rev. Hasford B. Jones of Columbia will be at Gaston Sunday at 2 o'clock for Sunday school and at 3 p. m. to preach. His subject for the afternoon will be "Launching Out Into The Deep". Be on hand at 2 o'clock for the Sunday school. The pastor will take a part in the school. Members of other churches are invited.

BOX PARTY AT CENTER SCHOOL.

The patrons of Center school, District No. 49, will give a box party at the school house Friday night, December 12th. Everybody is invited to come. A good time is promised for all.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Box party and other amusements to be at Macedonia school Dec. 5, 1919. Everybody is invited to attend.

Although wood is generally used for fuel in Lexington and despite the fact that the light plant is operated entirely by water power, the drastic fuel order which affects the Southern States takes in the town of Lexington, as well as all other towns in the county. Governor R. A. Cooper Monday issued a proclamation putting in force the regulations promulgated by the regional committee at Atlanta. There being an apparent conflict of opinion as to whether the regulation applied to Lexington and other towns in the county The Dispatch-News phoned the governor's office Wednesday for an official interpretation of the order. It was announced by Mr. J. C. DeLoach, the governor's secretary, that the regulation meant that all places of business not specifically exempted in the order of the coal committee must remain open only from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Exceptions, so far as they affect Lexington, are as follows:

Drug stores (for the sale of drugs only), which can observe their usual schedule, but must use only 50 per cent of the usual lights.

Barber shops, which can remain open till 6 p. m.

Pool rooms, which may run from 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.

Hotels, restaurants, newspaper offices, light and telephone plants and plants used in connection to charge batteries, etc.

Saturday Nights.

Stores selling food and clothing may remain open on Saturday nights until 9 o'clock.

These regulations have been put in force by the regional coal committee of the Southern region, with headquarters at Atlanta, under the authority conferred by the Lever act, in order to conserve the supply of fuel, stocks of which have been almost exhausted by reason of the miners' strike. In a letter addressed to Mayor Keiser by the regional committee appears the following paragraph: "In cases of refusal to comply with these regulations, coal supplies or electric current will be cut off and where it appears that a violation of law is involved federal district attorneys will be asked to act."

LAND SALES MONDAY.

Clerk of Court H. L. Harmon sold the following land on Monday, December salesday:

Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block "E" of the town of Pelton, in the case of Joiner vs. Joiner were bought by Daniel Sturkie for \$250.

Mrs. I. D. Joiner bid in for \$800 another lot in the town of Pelton, 25 x 62 1-2 feet, sold under decree in the case of Joiner vs. Joiner.

C. M. Efrid, attorney, bid in for \$200 a tract of 47 acres, sold under order in the case of Rish against Rish.

Another tract in this case, containing 134 acres was also bid in by C. M. Efrid, attorney, for \$1,000.

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