

GENERAL SESSIONS COURT CONVENES THIRD MONDAY

The regular term of the court of general sessions for Lexington county will convene on Monday, January 19. This will be the first term of the new year, and the indications are that it will be the largest court held in the county in a number of years. At present there are sixteen prisoners incarcerated in the county jail, by far the largest number that Sheriff Miller has held at one time in many months. These are charged with various infractions of the law from simple assault to murder; and those who know Lexington's vigilant sheriff declare that there is a likelihood of more men being rounded up between now and opening of the court.

There are a number of important cases to be sifted out, among them being the case of the murder of young Suber at Peak a few weeks ago and for which three negroes are in the county jail charged with complicity in the revolting tragedy. Another case of alleged murder will be called. Tillman Pinckney, a negro of the Swansea neighborhood, is charged with the murder of his wife.

Judge George E. Prince of Anderson will preside over the coming term, and what he will have to say to the grand jury at the opening of the court will doubtless prove interesting and instructive.

The jury commissioners met on Monday and drew grand and petit jurors, the grand jurors having been drawn for the year and the petit jurors for the term.

Following is a list of the petit jurors:

J. B. Adams, James W. Lever, J. H. Hite, Ollie O. Sumner, C. Abner Long, Samuel E. Taylor, Morgan I. Bickley, Job J. Chapman, I. Jeremiah Spires, Carroll A. Shealy, M. Luther Lybrand, Otis A. Kirkland, J. Collins Price, Henry N. Sharpe, D. Leonard Jofcoat, Grove P. Gelger, John W. Ricard, John A. Roberts, J. R. Senterfelt, W. Lawrence Smith, J. R. Heister, Joseph E. Hite, Lewis T. Cumlander, C. W. Smith, C. C. Sumner, G. W. Watts, R. Lester Price, C. E. Wessinger, Sidney O. Hook, John H. Amick, Emanuel L. Taylor, C. C. Cannon, R. L. Harmon, J. Keith Haltiwanger, J. Lomas Lindler, Reed E. Kyzar.

Grand jurors—S. Rufus Smith, S. H. Hook, E. Ashbery Poole, S. Lewis Sease, S. J. Clarke, Jno. M. Sharpe, Paul S. Hallman, Augustus M. Bickley, C. S. Davis, C. D. Meetze, M. M. Matthews, Ernest R. Wingard.

The six grand jurors holding over from 1919 are: Eugene L. Hartley, W. B. Courtney, L. Magnus Shealy, R. F. Roberts, Yoder J. Swygert and J. Perry Goodwin.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

At the Lexington Baptist church next Sunday, Jan. 11, I will preach on the following subjects:
Morning—11 o'clock. "The Great Prospective."
Night—7 o'clock. "The second coming of Christ."

Am delivering a series of sermons on "The Second Coming of Christ." These sermons are being delivered on Sunday nights. Am preaching every Sunday night and the second and fourth Sunday mornings. All are cordially invited to these services.

The preaching services will begin on the minute of the time indicated above.

F. H. FUDERBURK, Pastor.

KNIGHTS ELECT OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, the following were elected to serve as officers during the year, 1920: Cyrus L. Shealy, Chancellor Commander; E. E. Wingard, vice-chancellor; H. A. Roberts, Prelate; John T. Sox, K. of R. & S.; J. S. Caughman, M. of E.; W. M. Monts, M. of P.; Fred L. Corley, M. of W.; Johnnie Sheppard, Master of Arms; Robt. J. W. Corley, I. G.; and Bonnie R. Harmon, O. G.

The above named officers will be installed on Wednesday night, January 14, at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to be present at this convention. In addition to the installation of officers, the second degree will be conferred on three candidates. Visitors from Columbia have promised to be present. "Eats" will be served. Be on hand promptly at 7 o'clock.

CYRUS L. SHEALY,
Chancellor Commander.
H. N. KAMINER,
K. of R. & S.

FIRE DESTROYS COUNTRY HOME.

Mr. A. L. Smith, Well Known Farmer, Sustains Heavy Loss When House and Contents Go Up in Flames.

Fire on Sunday destroyed the splendid country home of Mr. Alonzo L. Smith, a prosperous and well known farmer residing on Lexington route 5. All of the contents of the dwelling, including all clothing except that worn by members of the family, went up in the ruins, entailing a loss that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. A splendid new piano, recently purchased, was also lost. Not a single article which Mrs. Smith has exhibited at the county and State fairs for many years and on which she had won hundreds of cash and other premiums, was saved. Mrs. Smith is one of the most industrious women in the county and her collection of prize-winning articles had won the admiration of people from every quarter of the county and State.

The fire originated in the valley of the house where there had gathered a mass of leaves, and it is supposed that the flames started from a spark. In spite of the efforts of Mr. Smith and other members of the family to extinguish the blaze, a stiff wind soon caused the fire to envelop the whole building, making it impossible to save anything in the building.

Mr. Smith is one of the most progressive farmers of his section and by hard work and strict economy had built for himself and family a splendid home, which had also been equipped with many comforts of rural life. The people of the entire community sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Smith in their heavy loss and many proffers of assistance are being freely given.

EFIRD-CARROLL ENGAGEMENT.

Judge and Mrs. C. M. Efird have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carrie Ruth Efird, to John D. Carroll, the wedding to be solemnized during the month of February. No announcement in recent years has called forth in advance so many cordially good wishes.

The bride-to-be is a young woman of prepossessing beauty, which, coupled with her brilliant literary attainments and lovable disposition, has made her a general favorite. Mr. Carroll is one of the leading young lawyers of the Lexington bar, being junior member of the firm of Efird and Carroll. He is originally from Columbia, but has made his home in Lexington for a number of years, and has won for himself a high place in the esteem and affection of the people of this town and community.

The wedding will be one of the brilliant society events of the early Spring in Lexington.

SWANSEA NEWS.

Just to greet you, the readers and last, but not least the Editors of The Dispatch-News on this New Year and to wish you one and all a pleasant and prosperous year.

Mr. Lester C. Miller of Lexington made a brief trip to Swansea one day last week.

Mrs. Jettie Adams of North made a brief business trip to Swansea on Wednesday of last week.

The many friends of Miss Ethel Brooker, who has been indisposed for several days, will be glad to note that she will soon be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hoffman, who reside a few miles from Swansea spent Sunday with Mrs. Hoffman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mack.

Mr. James Zeigler of near St. Matthews spent Sunday with his daughter Mrs. Lily Belle Mack.

The friends of Mrs. Minnie Weatherford, nee Goodwin, will regret to learn of her almost sudden death on Wednesday morning, the funeral service was held at Gaston near her former home on the following day.

DERRICK-SEAY.

Irmo, Jan. 5.—A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Derrick on December 24, when their daughter, Mildred May, became the wife of Matthew Seay of Lexington. The bride wore a beautiful dress of white with a bridal veil, caught up with a wreath of orange blossoms. The many friends of the couple wish them a happy life.

LEXINGTON LOSES TO NEWBERRY

Special Election Takes Good Part Of Fork Section Away—Held Tuesday.

By a vote of 66 to 16, the voters of the upper section of the Dutch Fork, embracing the town of Peak and taking in the famous Parr Shoals property, on yesterday decided to leave Lexington and annex to the county of Newberry. This is a fine section inhabited by as good people as there are in the country anywhere, and while the people of this county regret to see them leave the old mother county, they will carry with them into their new locality the best wishes of Lexington.

There has been unrest among the people of that section for several years, due, it is claimed, to the fact that bad roads prevailed, which made it hard, at times, for them to get to the county seat of Lexington. It is claimed, also, that Newberry has promised to give good roads through the entire section, and it is hoped that the people who voted to leave Lexington will get everything promised them—and more.

MR. CLEVE SNELGROVE BUYS MILLER GARAGE

Mr. E. Cleveland Snelgrove has purchased the interest of Mr. Lester C. Miller in the Miller Auto Company, and hereafter the business will be operated in the name of the Snelgrove Garage. Mr. Snelgrove is one of the best all round automobile men in the country. He has held important positions with practically all of the local garages, besides having previously been engaged in business for himself. He expects to operate one of the most up-to-date repair shops in this section.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following announcements have been received in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Oliver of Swansea, announce the birth of their daughter, Leslie Elizabeth. Born the 21st day of December, 1919.

Mrs. Rast, previous to her marriage, was Miss Mary Rean Fort, daughter of Mrs. Leslie H. Fort, of Pellon, and a daughter of the late Col. James C. Fort. She is a niece of Mr. D. R. Haltiwanger of Lexington.

OFF FOR NORTHERN MARKETS.

Mr. E. G. Dreher left Monday for the Northern markets, where he will select a line of spring goods for his popular store. He expects to be gone about a week or ten days in search of the best goods for his customers.

MINSTREL WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 22.

Rehearsals are being regularly held for the big minstrel to be given by the local chapter of the American Legion on the night of January 22. The minstrel was to have been held some weeks ago, but was postponed until the above named date. The performance promises to be the best ever rendered by local talent in Lexington.

TAYLOR-SHUMPERT.

Early C. Shumpert and Miss Bertha Taylor were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor on New Year's day, the Rev. A. R. Taylor performing the ceremony.

WILLARD IS ACQUIRED PROFITTEERING CHARGE

Kansas City, Kans., Jan. 3.—Jess Willard was discharged late today by United States Commissioner O. G. Claffin after all the government witnesses had been heard in the case of alleged profiteering against the former heavy title holder.

Willard was accused of violation of the Lever act in that he was alleged to have charged an excessive price for cord wood from his farm near Topoka during the fuel shortage.

Witnesses testified nine of seventy-one cords of wood taken from his farm were given away. The witnesses said that Willard told them to "go ahead and sell the wood" and if some needy person was found who could not pay for it to "give it to them anyway."

Willard did not testify. James E. Wilson, member of the Topoka fair price commission, testified Willard had not yet received pay for any of the wood.

LEGAL SALES MADE MONDAY

Lexington Dirt Still Soaring to Higher Levels.—Kaiser Lands Bring Large Sum.

Storming the chilly breezes of the coldest day of the winter season, people came from every section of the county to attend the first public sales of the new year on Monday. Many tracts of land were sold by the clerk of court, and in each case the property brought a fair price, showing that Lexington dirt is still soaring to higher levels. The real estate belonging to the estate of the late J. Frank Kaiser was sold in a number of tracts, and the property brought a large sum on the whole. The following sales were recorded in the office of Clerk of Court Harmon:

In the case of Decia Rawl vs. Willie E. Rawl, et al, 19 and 86-100 acres were sold to Barret Jones, attorney, for \$750.00.

One hundred acres belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Ann Burgess was sold to J. J. Burgess for \$1,000.

Ninety-three acres of the estate lands of William Platt, with improvements thereon, was sold to Mrs. Sallie Roof for \$3,110.00.

In the case of Willie Sultan, et al, vs. Hassie DeHart, et al, 54 3-4 acres was sold to W. D. Dent for \$2,000.00.

In the case of Ann Burgess, et al, vs. J. J. Burgess, 51 3-4 acres was sold to T. A. Burgess for \$800.00.

The estate lands of the late J. Frank Kaiser were sold as follows: Tract No. 1, containing 93 1-2 acres, was sold to F. E. Kaiser for \$3,180.00.

Tract No. 2, containing 119 1-3 acres, sold to Mrs. Ellen M. Kaiser for \$2,105.00.

House and lot in town of Lexington on Depot street, was bought by James Caughman for \$2,000.00.

Besides the real estate sold by the clerk of court, Sheriff Miller sold from the block a number of automobiles, buggies, wagons, farming implements, live stock, etc., the price in each instance being satisfactory to the sellers.

AMICK FERRY NEWS.

Dear Mr. Editor: As it has been some time since I wrote through your paper I will now try and come again. The health of our community is fine at present writing.

Mr. Victor Shealy and wife visited at M. R. Koon's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Amick and daughter, Grace, recently spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rauch.

Misses Mary and Cora Long left Monday for Leesville, where they will continue their studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Hendrix and children visited at Mr. J. Frank Amick's recently.

Mr. Wesley Smith and family dined with Mr. M. R. Koon last Sunday. They are welcome visitors in this vicinity at all times.

Mr. W. E. Rauch recently made a business trip to Columbia.

The young people of this community gave a party last Thursday night in honor of Miss Julia Wessinger. Among those present were Misses Eunice and Lessie Koon, Anna Belle, Mary and Cora Long, Lula Crouch, Ktie Hendrix, Bessie, Nettie and Grace Amick; Messrs. Colie, Lee and Horace Koon; Clayburn, Kenneth, Henry, and Colie Amick; Eugene and Charlie Shealy; John Shull, Enos Senn, Lester Oswald, and John Dominick. After playing several interesting games, the guests were invited out to a delicious supper of fruits, which was enjoyed by every one present.

Messrs Eugene Shealy and Lee Koon, Misses Lula Crouch and Katie Hendrix were out joy-riding last Sunday evening. Look out boys, mighty often.

Mrs. W. D. Hollis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brownlee, of Enoree.

CALLED TO FLORENCE BY MOTHER'S ILLNESS.

Dr. J. F. Smith, the popular and very efficient pharmacist at the Harmon Drug Company, received a message to-day announcing the serious illness of his mother at her home in Florence. Dr. Smith left at once to be at her bedside, and it is hoped that the condition of his mother will be greatly improved by the time of his arrival at home, and that the popular pharmacist will soon be able to return to his duties here.

BOLL WEEVIL CONFERENCE FOR LEXINGTON JANUARY 22

HOME NATIONAL BANK HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

The annual meeting of the directors of the Home National Bank was held recently, and the reports of the officers of the institution showed the bank to be in fine shape. A semi-annual dividend of six per cent. was paid stockholders, and a neat sum carried to surplus. The year just closed was one of prosperity for the institution.

The officers of the bank are: Samuel B. George, president; Dr. James J. Wingard, vice president; Karl F. Oswald, cashier; J. E. Kaminer, assistant cashier; T. H. Keisler, assistant cashier.

A meeting of the stockholders has been called for Tuesday, January 13, at 3 o'clock.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL TO OCCUPANTS

Postmaster Frank George is in receipt of a communication from his brother stating Mr. B. E. George's daughter, Mrs. Ralph Miller, and her six year old son, were killed in an automobile accident in Denver, Col., last week. The communication did not give any of the details of the tragedy, only stating that they were killed and saying that the funeral was held in Atlanta, Mrs. Miller's former home. Mrs. Miller was the oldest daughter of Mr. B. E. George, and besides her father she leaves a husband and two small children, both girls, who have the sympathy of their friends and relatives here.

Mr. R. E. George, who lives in Atlanta, is the brother of Mr. Frank George, Mrs. E. G. Dreher and Mrs. M. R. Hartley of Lexington.

FORTY CENTS COTTON CAUSES MANY TO SELL.

Hundreds of bales of cotton have been marketed in Lexington since Monday at forty cents per pound. When the news began to spread that cotton had reached the highest figure known in years, many farmers turned loose their holdings. The streets of Lexington began to look like New York city on a sales day, and bank accounts grew thick and fast.

While many have sold out their entire holdings, there are others who have not sold a pound, and they will likely hold on if the price should go to fifty cents.

DR. WEST LEAVES TO MAKE HOME IN CHESTER

Dr. C. A. West, who for the last few months has been stationed at Lexington, in charge of the county health work, has removed to Chester, where he will make his home in future, having accepted the position of county health officer for Chester county, a work which is just being inaugurated. Unless the legislative delegation makes provision at the coming meeting for a continuance of this work Lexington county will not have a county health unit.

Dr. West has made many friends during his short stay in Lexington, whose good wishes will follow him to his new home.

COUNTY AUDITOR MAKING ANNUAL ROUNDS

County Auditor W. D. Dent left yesterday for the Dutch Fork on his annual rounds over the county to take tax returns. The auditor will be in the Fork this week, ending up at Peak on Friday. Next week he will visit the lower section of the county, taking in the big town of Swansea. The week following he will be in the western section, taking in the big township of Batesburg and Leesville. These trips are made annually in order that the people of every section may have an opportunity to return their property for taxation without having to make a special trip to the county seat.

MR. AND MRS. CAUGHMAN WILL MOVE TO LEXINGTON

Mr. James Caughman, well known planter residing on the Wyse's Ferry road for many years, has purchased the home of the late J. Frank Kaiser on Depot street and he and Mrs. Caughman will shortly move to town. Mr. Caughman has leased his plantation for the year. These good people will receive a hearty welcome from the people in Lexington.

The Boll Weevil Conference to be held January 22 will be represented from

college, who are well informed on the subject, to tell the people of this section how to grow cotton under boll weevil conditions, what other crops to raise, and how to best combat the weevil in general. Among the subjects to be discussed by these experts will be: "Agricultural Credit Under Boll Weevil Conditions;" "Growing Cotton Under Boll Weevil Conditions;" "Production and Marketing of Peanuts, Tobacco, Sweet Potatoes and Livestock;" "A Safe Farming Program for This County for 1920."

The aim of the meeting is to arouse the farmers and business men of Lexington County to the seriousness of the boll weevil situation, and to unite all forces upon a program for the future which will preserve the agricultural prosperity of this section, and County Demonstration Agent Shealy urgently requests all who can to be present at the meeting.

This conference will be somewhat along the lines of a "get-together meeting." Aside from the representatives from Clemson college there will be present a county representative for the bankers of Lexington; one for the farmers, and one for the merchants. It is thought that with all elements represented, each working to the same end, much good can be accomplished.

ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING WAS HELD IN AIKEN.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Bank of Western Carolina was held in Aiken last week, the home office of the institution. This bank paid to the stockholders in 1919 a dividend of 16 per cent on its investment, it having had a very prosperous year, the deposits having reached the high mark of two million eight hundred thousand dollars. The total resources of this institution, including the different branches, are over four and one-half million dollars.

After the business meeting a banquet was served the officers and directors and their families at the Highland Park hotel, there being present over 200.

C. M. Efird, director; John T. Sox, manager; R. E. Cook, assistant manager, and Miss Essie Efird represented the local branch at the meeting.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MET HERE ON MONDAY.

The Lexington County Medical Society held its regular quarterly meeting in Lexington on Monday. On account of the severe cold weather, coupled with the fact that this is a very busy season with most of the doctors, not a great many of the members attended. The meeting was none the less interesting, however, to those present, and a number of important discussions were indulged in. Dr. D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, was chosen a delegate to the State Medical society which meets in Greenville during the month of April.

DELEGATION TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONERS

A joint meeting of the Lexington county legislative delegation and the county commissioners has been called, through Senator E. C. Ridgell, for Friday, January 9, for the purpose of discussing the 1920 budget, that the representatives from this county may be in position to act intelligently on the appropriations at the coming session of the legislature.

SAMARIA NEWS.

We are having some cold weather at this writing.

Mr. Bunyan Burkett is home now from Batesburg with the home folks.

Mr. Bert Jones from Ridge Spring spent Saturday night with his friend Mrs. Willie Burkett near Samaria.

Mr. Boyd Hall and sister from Hall Town, attended the meeting at Steedman Sunday.

Messrs Bunyan and William Burgess have bought them a big car. Look out girls they will be around to see you.

Miss Ida and Miss Lillie Hall and Miss Flossie Grandy attended the little play at Mrs. Ella Burkett's New Year night and a big time you bet.

Say, as it is 1920 it is time for everybody to get to work.