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PAST WEEK WITH THE LEGISLATURE

Columbia, Feb. 3.—While the legislature apparently settled down to work better the past week and really made considerable progress on matters in hand, the prospects are that the session this year will extend beyond the regular forty day limit. But little work has been done on the appropriation bill, which usually consumes a great deal of time.

The outstanding feature of the week just passed was the effort made to reconcile differences on the question of good roads. Governor Cooper called an informal get together meeting of both branches of the legislature for last Tuesday night. The roll of counties was called and members from every county had an opportunity to air their views. After a lengthy session the conference adopted a motion to appoint a joint committee from both houses to draft a good roads bill. This committee has had several meetings and has made some progress towards reconciling the various shades of opinion. It is understood that the committee has decided to recommend a bill embodying the idea of road building by the counties with maintenance by the State. (This applies, of course, only to such roads in a county as are embraced in the State highway system). Other features of the bill decided upon, it is said, are a two mill tax for road maintenance, to be expended by the highway commission on the roads of the counties where collected. It is believed that when the committee has finished its deliberations it will be able to introduce a bill that will successfully run the gauntlet of both house and senate.

The Anthony amendment to the federal constitution providing for woman suffrage is as dead as a door nail as far as South Carolina is concerned, the senate having adopted the resolution of rejection. There are still enough states that have not ratified to make it possible that the amendment will fail of the required number of ratifications to make it go into effect. Virginia now has the question under consideration in its legislature, with the chances favoring rejection.

The fight on the tax commission did not reach the acute stage of last year, the house last week killing a bill introduced by the ways and means committee which would have abolished the commission.

A determined fight is being made to have the legislature appropriate \$600,000 for the erection of new buildings at the Citadel on a lot donated by the city of Charleston, with the understanding that the present Citadel site be sold and the money received for it be returned to the State treasury. The legislature last year provided \$300,000 for this project, to be spread over three years, but it seems this does not satisfy the backers of the project. If this amount is added to the necessary items in the appropriation bill, a considerable increase in the tax levy will be necessary.

The senate by a unanimous vote last Friday went on record as pledging itself to appropriate \$150,000 for the purpose of combating the boll weevil, the money to be used under the direction of Clemson college to employ a corps of experts to go into the boll weevil infested territory and instruct the farmers in methods of growing and marketing money crops other than cotton and the best way of raising cotton under boll weevil conditions.

Dr. R. H. Timmerman of Batesburg was reelected a member of the board of trustees of Clemson, W. D. Barnett of Columbia and Capt. Henry Tillman of Greenwood were other members of the Clemson board elected.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE TO MEET ON FEB. 5.

The school improvement league of the Lexington high school, will meet at the school house Thursday, Feb. 5, at 4:15 p. m. All the members of the league and all others interested in the work of the league are specially invited. Business of importance to be transacted.

Mrs. W. A. HARMON, Pres.
Mrs. E. G. DREHER, Sec.
Mrs. K. F. OSWALD, Treas.

LIVE NEWS ITEMS FROM LIVE TOWN OF CHAPIN

Special to The Dispatch-News.
Chapin, Feb. 3.—Mr. W. B. Williams, who is ill at the Columbia hospital, is improving after having undergone an operation for gall stones.

Mr. J. H. Roberts and daughter, Rebecca, have influenza, but both cases are mild.

Miss Mattie Frick, assistant postmaster, met with a painful but not serious accident Thursday. She fell and dislocated her arm at the shoulder, but is getting on nicely.

Mr. R. Wilbur Frick, who is principal of the Chapin high school, has recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism, and is at his work again.

Curtis Eargle, a student of Newberry college, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eargle. One of his friends accompanied him.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. J. S. Wessinger is not well.

Mrs. R. W. Frick is on an extended visit to relatives in Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Jas. H. Hiller shipped a car load of very fine beef type cattle last week, which brought a fancy price. Mr. Hiller is a prosperous planter and merchant of this place.

Mr. R. W. M. Eleazer has bought a home and moved back to Chapin, after having lived at Spring Hill for a year.

Frank Shealy, a Newberry college student, spent the week-end with his parents.

DR. RICE B. HARMON HEADS DRUGGISTS

The druggists of McCormack, Saluda, Lexington and Edgefield counties met at Johnston Thursday, forming into an eleventh circuit organization with the election of Dr. Rice B. Harmon of Lexington as president; John S. Fair of Batesburg, vice president, and Felder Smith of Leesville, secretary and treasurer.

The druggists held a very interesting and instructive meeting after which a banquet and smoker was given in honor of the visitors by the local druggists.

The next meeting will be held at Batesburg in July.

DR. D. M. CROSSON ELECTED LIFE MEMBER.

Dr. D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, has just been notified of his election to a life membership in the United States Good Roads Association, of which United States Senator J. H. Bankhead, of Alabama, is president. A life membership in the United States Good Roads Association carries with it all the privileges and courtesies of the association, and entitles one to vote at all meetings and to participate in the various good roads meetings held in the county, state and nation.

Dr. Crosson well deserves the honor. He is one of the oldest and strongest good roads advocates in the State, having introduced a good roads bill in the South Carolina legislature twelve years ago while a member of that body.

WILL LEAVE SWANSEA AND GO TO FLORIDA

Mr. J. T. Berry of Swansea, who was in Lexington Monday, announces that within the next few weeks he will remove to Orlando, Florida, where he has purchased and will operate a large moving picture show. Mr. Berry has disposed of considerable of his real estate holdings in Swansea, but will retain his interest in the business which he has been operating there.

LAST CHANCE TO PAY AUTOMOBILE LICENSE TAX

February 1st was the last day automobiles can be run without a 1920 license tag. The license was due and payable to the State Highway Commission at Columbia on January 1st. But beginning Monday, it will be unlawful to drive a car on which the license tax for the present year has not been paid. Inspectors will be out over the state spotting untagged cars.

JUDGE DRAFTS IMPROVING.

Hon. George S. Drafts, veteran county judge of probate who has been confined to his room for the past several days on account of illness, is now on the high road to recovery, which will be glad news to his hundreds of friends all over the county.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM BATESBURG

Special to The Dispatch-News.

Batesburg, Feb. 3.—Mr. H. E. Ravenel, a well known attorney of Spartanburg, was here last week winding up the business of the Summerland Development Company, a corporation chartered in 1903. Mr. Ravenel and Mr. J. William Mitchell of Batesburg were the principal stockholders. The company held or owned about 150 acres of land adjacent to the Summerland college property. The bulk of this land was sold to parties residing in this town, the purchase price ranging around \$125.00 per acre.

Mr. L. H. Cook of near Wagener, in Aiken county, has moved to Batesburg, where he purchased a dwelling on Bates street several weeks ago. He and family are delighted with our town.

Mr. B. H. Walker, assistant secretary of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, was in town on business last Saturday. This company has nearly \$2,000,000 loaned on real estate in South Carolina, bearing at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Mrs. J. E. Brodgen of Wagener was the guest of friends in town Monday.

Mr. W. A. Crouch returned Sunday from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. C. B. Sutton, at Graymont, Ga.

The influenza epidemic, which has been raging in some sections of Saluda county, has not yet reached our section. Our people are using every possible precaution to prevent the spread of the disease in this community.

Mr. John Bell Towill has finished taking the census of this town for 1920. While the exact figures will not be known for some time still it is generally known that the population of this town has materially increased during the past 10 years. It is estimated that the population of Batesburg will reach nearly 3,000.

The continued wet weather is causing our farmers to fall behind with their work this season. The fear of the boll weevil will cause considerable curtailment of the cotton acreage in this section for 1920. Much attention is being given to the cultivation and growing of tobacco, which is considered the best substitute for cotton as a money crop.

RURAL CARRIERS HAVING HARD TIME NOW.

The ever popular rural carriers going out from the Lexington postoffice are all having a hard time now, due to incessant rains which have caused roads everywhere to get in a bad way. Especially do the carriers going out through the clay sections have it hard. Mr. Harry Rawl, who operates the only official motor route in the county and who has a distance of 50 miles to cover every day, rain or shine, has about the worst piece of road to cover. His line traverses clay altogether, and goes through a thickly settled community, where the travel is heavy at all times, which helps to make the roads bad. All of the boys, however, feel that they owe an important duty to the public and each and every morning they leave on their long and lonesome journeys with a broad smile and a jolly good-bye. They come back in the afternoon wearing the same glad smile, although their daily tasks are rough and rugged just at this time.

UNCLE JAKE, WEATHER PROPHET, ON FEBRUARY.

Listen to Uncle Jake Snelgrove's weather predictions for February: "February will be changeable and rough—9 to 12, cold weather; 13 to 15, warm with threatening weather; 18 to 21, rain or snow; 22 to 25, changeable; 26 to 27, clear with cold winds; 28 to 29, threatening weather. The month will be very windy and wet. Not a word for March."

"JAKE"

MRS. BERTHA SEXTON DIES.

The State, today.
Mrs. Bertha Sexton, wife of L. R. Sexton of 1506 McDuffie avenue, died at her home yesterday afternoon. She was 22 years of age.

Mrs. Sexton was the daughter of H. V. Hutto of Brookland. The remains will be interred at Oak Spring church, Lexington county, today.

MEETING SUNDAY FOR Y. W. C. A.

Who and what we are.—We are the Y. W. C. A.—a big, world-wide, twentieth century, help-one-another club. Officially speaking, we are a Christian organization which seeks to unite young women of all classes in order that they may help both themselves and their sister citizens to realize a "more abundant" life—physically, socially, intellectually and spiritually.

We are, in plain truth, an attractive, workable combination of committees, clubs and classes for athletics, comradeship, business, education and happy Christian living.

What it Means to the Girl in the City

An attractive, well-equipped building.

A comfortable community home—where she can live among congenial companions, play at housekeeping in the kitchenette or do up her best lace waist in the basement laundry.

What it Means to the Girl in the Country.

The get-together, pull-together spirit which comes from—country-wide organization; grade school and high school clubs; educational classes under volunteer leaders; organized play; the necessity for achieving maximum service with minimum equipment.

What it Means to the College Girl

An opportunity for Christian leadership.

What it Means to You.

Happier, healthier womanhood for your daughter or grand-daughter.

Happier, healthier womanhood for the girls of your town or your city or your county.

And because happier, healthier womanhood, therefore a better city, a better nation, a better world.

You have a wonderful opportunity to hear more about this splendid work. Don't miss it. Sunday afternoon, 3:30 P. M. Methodist church.

Y. W. C. A. Speaker from Columbia.

Sermon by Rev. Rice.

FULMER-SHEALY.

A marriage of much interest to the people of Pine Ridge was solemnized on Saturday January 24, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fulmer, when their daughter Beryl, became the wife of Mr. David Shealy of Little Mountain.

The ceremony was performed by the brides brother, Rev. V. L. Fulmer, of Newton, N. C., assisted by the Rev. E. L. Stroup. Entering the parlor first were Miss Iona Fulmer and Mr. Heber Shealy, Miss Marie Shealy and Mr. S. C. Fulmer Jr. and then came the bridal party. Appropriate march being played by Miss Eula Shealy, sister of the groom. The bride wore a costume of satin and georgette with a bridal veil. After the ceremony the young couple with friends and relatives were invited into the dining room to a bountiful supper. The following day the bridal party and friends were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shealy, parents of the groom.

The bride is a young woman of many rare traits and numbers her friends by the score.

The groom is a leading young farmer of Little Mountain and his friends are legion.

The presents were numerous.

VALENTINE PARTY AT CROSS ROADS SCHOOL

There will be a valentine party at Cross Roads school house Friday evening, February 13, beginning at 7 o'clock. Oysters, etc., will be served. The public is invited to attend.

AMICK-SHEALY.

On January 29, Mr. Thomas R. Shealy and Miss Addie Amick were married by Rev. F. K. Roof of the Cedar Grove pastorate, the groom's pastor.

SWYGERT-MONTS.

On February 1, Mr. Collie J. Monts and Miss Rean Swygert were married, Rev. F. K. Roof of the Cedar Grove pastorate, the bride's pastor, performing the marriage rites.

SENATOR DIAL ILL.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator N. B. Dial of Lauprens is the latest member of the South Carolina delegation in congress to go down under influenza. He is confined to his home and may have to remain there for several days.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET FEB. 11.

The Lexington County Teachers' Association will hold its next meeting in the court house at Lexington at 11 o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 11. Prof. J. B. O'Neal Holloway, superintendent of the Olympia Graded School, has accepted the invitation to deliver an address at that meeting on the subject of "Why there exists such lack of thoroughness on the part of the pupils in schools all over the whole country. A discussion of the subject is to follow the address. This will be the first opportunity afforded the teachers of the county to hear Prof. Holloway. Every teacher in the county and many patrons ought to want to hear this address on this very pertinent subject.

Program Committee.

REV. DANIEL P. SHUMPERT DIED THIS MORNING

News reached Lexington at noon today of the death this morning of the Rev. Daniel P. Shumpert, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the Boiling Springs section. The Rev. Mr. Shumpert had reached the advanced age of 85 years, and saw service with Lee and Jackson in the War Between the States. He was a man of the highest type of citizenship, and endeared himself to all who chanced to meet him.

The funeral and burial arrangements had not been perfected at the time The Dispatch-News went to press.

FIRST MONDAY SALES.

There were not many sales held Monday, and therefore, the attendance was not very large. The following official sales were made by Clerk of Court Harmon:

The Strickland lands in Bull Swamp Township, containing 68 1-2 acres, brought \$1,000.00, C. M. Eford, attorney, being the highest and last bidder.

Two lots in the town of Irmo brought \$265.00, the buyers being F. A. Weed and O. W. Lorick.

Eighty-four acres in Boiling Springs Township was sold to R. H. Corley for \$775.00.

The Rister lands in the Dutch Fork containing 131 acres, were bid in by Jonas P. Rister for \$1,975.

INFLUENZA TAKES LIFE CLARENDON LEGISLATOR

W. W. Johnson, member of the lower house of the general assembly from Clarendon county, died at the Baptist hospital last night at 11 o'clock from an attack of influenza developed about one week ago. The remains will be taken to Alcolu this morning on the train leaving here at 8 o'clock, accompanied by a committee consisting of Representatives Woods and Sprott of Clarendon, Derrick of Lexington, Jackson of Sumter and Orr of Oconee. The house adjourned out of respect to Mr. Johnson's memory last night as soon as it had been informed of the death.

Mr. Johnson was in his 47th year and had been a member of the house since 1917. He was at first sergeant in Company D, Second Regiment, South Carolina Volunteer infantry, in the Spanish-American war.—The State, Wednesday.

HENRY W. KOON PASSES AT HOME NEAR IRMO

Henry W. Koon, well known Dutch Fork farmer and popular citizen, died at his home near Irmo on Monday night, after a brief illness. Mr. Koon was about 56 years of age and is survived by a large family connection.

The remains were laid to rest at Union Chapel church yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends.

ENTERTAINMENT AT LONG BRANCH SCHOOL

The public is cordially invited to attend a motion picture show, oyster supper and cake walk at Long Branch school house, near New Brookland, Friday night, February 13. A good time is assured all help in this undertaking, the proceeds of which go to the benefit of the school.

FISH AND OYSTER SUPPER!

Given by Gilbert's school improvement association in the Mason Hall, Feb. 13, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock. Bring your valentine to St. Valentine's post office.

MISS CARRIE SLICE DEAD BY OWN ACT

Stealing herself away from her loved ones and placing on her bed the shroud in which she wished to be buried, Miss Carrie Slice, aged 31 years, daughter of Mr. Walter Slice, prominent Dutch Fork farmer, secured a 22 calibre parlor rifle early last Thursday morning and blew out her brains. Miss Slice was alone in the house at the time, her father being at the woodpile cutting wood. The young woman had finished her work of the morning, having placed the house in apple-pie order, and to all appearances, was in the best of spirits. Hearing the crack of the rifle, Mr. Slice rushed into the house only to find his daughter lying across the floor in a pool of her own blood. The rifle was at her side. The bullet entered on the right side of the head and ploughed its way through and through. Death had been instantaneous.

Miss Slice had been the head of the home since the death of her mother several years ago. Being the only daughter of the family, she was idolized by her father and brothers, and was shown every attention. She was loved and esteemed by every one who knew her, and no cause for the rash act has been assigned.

The funeral was conducted from the home on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends, the last sad rites being performed by the family's pastor, the Rev. A. M. Carpenter. The interment was in the family plot nearby.

TWO GOOD MEN CRITICALLY ILL.

The many friends of Mr. Martin L. Taylor will regret to learn that he is critically ill at his home near Lexington, pneumonia having developed within the last couple days. He is one of the oldest and most honored men of this section, and it is hoped that he will be spared for many years to come.

Mr. David D. Kleckley, a well known farmer of route 1, is also desperately ill today, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery. Uncle Dave is an old Confederate soldier, and is loved and esteemed by all who know him.

POPULAR YOUNG GIRL ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Miss Katie Bell Harman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Harman, of the Dutch Fork, and a sister to Clerk of Court H. L. Harmon, is in the Columbia hospital, where she has been quite ill for several days, following an operation, which was occasioned by a severe attack of the "flu," which the young girl contracted at Winthrop, where she has been a student this session. Miss Harman is one of the most popular of the younger girls at Winthrop as well as in her home town and community, and it is hoped that she will be restored soon.

SHEALY-BARTON.

A very happy wedding occurred Sunday morning, January 11th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Shealy, of the beautiful Palmetto Farms, when their daughter, Blanche Louise, became the bride of Mr. William Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton, of Alken. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Charles Carmen, a friend of the couple, and was witnessed by a number of relatives and friends. After the ceremony they marched into the dining room where a bountiful wedding supper was served.

The little bride was never more lovely than she was on her wedding day in a suit of midnight blue. The friends of the young couple wish for them a long and happy life.

CANDY PULLING.

There will be a candy pulling and other amusements at Midway school house, Saturday evening, Feb. 7, at 7 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

BOX PARTY AND CAKE WALK.

There will be a box party, cake walk and other features of entertainment at Saxe-Gotha on next Saturday, Feb. 13, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock. Bring your valentine to St. Valentine's post office.