

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION KEEPING AUTOMOBILE TAX

From present prospects it appears that Lexington county is going to be seriously handicapped in the work of roadbuilding because the State highway department is withholding from the county a considerable sum arising from the automobile license fees, which had been included in the budget as made up by the legislative delegation and which is vitally necessary if certain work is to be done.

According to County Treasurer Leahart the 80 per cent. of Lexington county license fees collected by the highway department for the first quarter of 1920 amounts to \$10,173.80. This is according to a statement made at the office of the commission. It is this money which the county authorities have been endeavoring to get and of which the county stands greatly in need, but which the acting highway engineer informs representatives of the county who called to inquire into the matter the commission proposed to withhold.

Without having direct communication with the highway department our understanding of their position is that under the act of 1920 the legislature set aside 80 per cent. of the funds arising from auto licenses for maintaining roads already constructed in the various counties of the State.

Section 17 of the act of 1920 provides among other things that "eighty per cent. of the income received by the State highway commission from any county shall be expended in that

county with the approval of the county road authorities for construction and maintenance of the highways that have been approved and received, or may hereafter be approved and received into the state system: Provided, That if any county should not have sufficient highways approved by the State highway commission to exhaust such apportionment in the maintenance of highways, said county shall have benefits of any surplus in the construction or improvement in such manner and location as may be provided by the State highway commission."

In addition to this 80 per cent. of license fees a two mill tax for the maintenance of the State system roads in each county is provided.

The contention of the Lexington county authorities is that no roads in the State system having so far been constructed, and the money being so urgently needed the highway commission should turn over the \$10,000 collected for the first quarter.

The further contention is made that practically all of this money was due and collected before the act of 1920 was approved on the 10th day of March, and that therefore it comes under the provisions of the act of 1917 which controlled previously.

It is not known what steps the county officials will take to secure this money but they do not intend to sit quietly and let the matter go by default.

ICE FAMINE PREVAILS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH

Mr. Courtenay Bateman, manager of the Peoples Ice Company, has been hard put to it for the last few days to find sufficient ice to serve the local demand. The intensely warm weather of the past few days has increased the demand for ice to such an extent that it is practically impossible to buy ice in Columbia, Charlotte, Augusta or other cities. The shipment of perishables to the Northern markets has taken a large volume of ice, accentuating the shortage. Mr. Bateman has been making strenuous efforts to keep up with the demands of the local market.

Work on the factory being erected by the Lexington Ice Company is being rapidly pushed. Its early completion will soon solve the question so far as Lexington is concerned.

VULCANIZING PLANT OPENED IN LEXINGTON

C. E. Dickert, formerly of Leesville, who has recently been running a vulcanizing plant at Prosperity, has moved to Lexington and opened a plant in the garage of the Miller Motor Sales Company for the repair of tires and tubes. Mr. Dickert is well known throughout the county. He is a thoroughly first class workman and his venture will fill a long-felt want here and should be successful. His announcement will be found elsewhere.

BARBECUE AT GILBERT ON THIRD JUL.

The Annual Gilbert 4th of July barbecue will be furnished by the Ladies' School Improvement League on Saturday, July 3rd. Everybody is invited to come and partake of a good dinner and enjoy the day. A number of candidates will be present and a good time is assured. Remember that every penny spent at this barbecue will be used to further the advancement of education in the community. Ladies' School Improvement League.

ENTERTAINMENT AT WHITE KNOLL

"The Man From Borneo" is the title of the play to be given at White Knoll school house, District No. 2, at 8 o'clock Saturday night, June 26. Also a box party and refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited and a good time is promised those who attend.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Craft of the Gaston section are sympathizing with them in the death of their infant daughter, aged two months and six days. The little one died May 26 from an attack of whooping cough. Funeral services were held at Antioch church, conducted by the pastor.

TRUCK PARADE TOMORROW

"MOTORIZE THE FARM" DEMONSTRATION EXPECTED IN LEXINGTON THURSDAY—HAULING DONE FREE.

The truck caravan from Columbia, which is making a tour of several counties to demonstrate the many uses to which the truck can be put on the farm, is expected in Lexington tomorrow, Thursday.

A local committee will meet the caravan here and see that it is made welcome. The caravan is accompanied by a band from Camp Jackson and a lecturer, who will be aided by a motion picture machine.

The tour was arranged under the auspices of the Columbia Automotive Trades Association.

In order to demonstrate the efficiency of the various makes of machines hauling will be done for farmers within a radius of six miles of Lexington. Every farmer is urged to see the turnout and talk over his hauling problems with the caravan.

CHALMERS E. WESSINGER FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chalmers E. Wessinger, well known educator, farmer and cotton buyer, is this week announcing his candidacy for the house of representatives. Mr. Wessinger is a native of Lexington county, being now a resident of the Hollow Creek section. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with the degrees of L. I. and B. A. For ten years he was a teacher in the public schools of the State, five years of which were spent as superintendent of the Lancaster city schools. During last fall and winter Mr. Wessinger bought cotton at Lexington court house. Mr. Wessinger is well known and popular throughout the county.

TRI-COUNTY SHORT COURSE.

The counties of Richland, Calhoun, and Lexington have perfected plans for the short course to be held in Chicago College building, Columbia, S. C., from June 22nd through June 25th.

This course is open to all canning club members in the three counties and we urge each and every member to make an effort to come.

With the assistance of the banks; the generous heart of Dr. Byrd, and a few supplies from all club members, we are in a position to give the course free.

All poultry club boys are invited to come Friday, as this day is set apart for poultry study only. Any other friends of the work are invited to drop in any time.

WANTS PART OF EDGEFIELD.

At a meeting of citizens held at McCormick this week plans were perfected to survey the six miles of Edgefield County bordering on the Savannah river from about three-fourths of a mile below Meriwether to a point near the power company's dam below Furey's Ferry. This territory, McCormick citizens hope to include in the present boundaries of their county and the funds necessary for defraying all expenses of the survey and election were raised at the mass meeting.

A petition has been presented Governor Cooper to order an election. —Abbeville Press & Banner.

BUYS PIANO.

A committee of ladies consisting of Misses Bessie Kleckley and Minnie Hendrix, and Mrs. George J. Taylor, representing Oak Grove school, on Monday last purchased a piano for the use of the school. A music course will be added to the curriculum of the school next year.

DEATH OF MRS. BARRE.

Mrs. Sarah Marshall Schofield Barre, wife of Mr. Daniel Barre of the Pelion section, died of typhoid dysentery at her home June 2. Mrs. Barre was 74 years, 11 months and two days old. She was a greatly beloved woman and will be missed in her community. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Bartow Barre of Pelion, and two daughters, Mrs. Belle Garvin of Paxto, Fla., and Mrs. Lizzie Pool of Pool's Mill, 18 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, besides two brothers, Henry C. Schofield of Pelion and John W. Schofield of Orlando, Fla.

FIRE IN COUNTRY.

Fire about 4 p. m. last Thursday destroyed the house on Mr. D. Frank Kessler's place, about 16 miles from Lexington, occupied by Johnny White, a well known and respected negro. The house and contents were a total loss.

BARBECUE.

The Ladies' Improvement League of Sunny South school will give a barbecue July 10, for benefit of school. All candidates invited.

ORGANIZE FOR DEVELOPMENT

ENTHUSIASTIC AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO "DO IT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA."

After an enthusiastic meeting addressed by Joe Sparks, explaining the work which the South Carolina Development board proposed to undertake, citizens of the town of Lexington and vicinity pledged their hearty support to the movement Saturday.

The meeting was attended by a representative lot of farmers and business men who, after understanding the aims and purposes of the development board, were enthusiastic in their support. Officers for the Lexington district were elected as follows:

B. H. Barre, chairman.
Geo. W. Corley, vice chairman.
J. D. Carroll, secretary and treasurer.

The committee for the town of Lexington and vicinity which will have in charge directing the campaign for membership is composed of the following: W. D. Dent, C. M. Efrid, J. D. Carroll, J. A. Ballentine, M. P. Bodie, S. J. Leahart, H. L. Harmon, B. H. Barre, C. E. Taylor, F. W. Shealy, Frank George, W. W. Barre, C. L. Shealy, J. M. Caughman, George W. Corley, Jr., Ira M. Sligh, T. C. Callison and J. B. Wingard.

Similar committees will be appointed from Batesburg, Brookland, Chapin, Gilbert, Leesville, Swansco and other communities.

Monday evening a committee from Lexington attended a "Do it for South Carolina" dinner at the Jefferson hotel in Columbia, given by the development board for prominent men all over South Carolina. The committee consisted of B. H. Barre, George W. Corley, Jr., J. D. Carroll, J. A. Ballentine, M. H. Witt and W. T. Walker. The committee reported a splendid and enthusiastic gathering of some of the state's leading citizens. Addresses were made by State Senator Niels Christensen, president of the South Carolina Development board, Rev. G. Croft Williams, secretary of the State board of public welfare, Dr. Geo. E. Cromer of Newberry and ex-governor D. C. Heyward. Great enthusiasm was manifested. From the character of those present and the hearty response which they made to the stirring appeals of the speakers it was evident that the development board's campaign will be a success.

Governor Heyward made a most effective plea for a development of home industry, which he forcefully illustrated by displaying numerous cans of fruits, vegetables, etc., any of which grow in South Carolina and all of which could be canned here, but in every single instance they bore the label of some other State and some of them cost freight all the way from California. The goods were brought from the shelves of Columbia stores.

Active work for memberships in the development board will soon begin.

MR. J. M. MALPASS FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. J. M. Malpass of Batesburg this week announces his candidacy for the house of representatives. Mr. Malpass needs no introduction to the people of Lexington county. He has already served two terms in the house, where he made a record pleasing to his constituents. He is well liked throughout the county and his friends feel sure that he will make a good run.

MR. LEWIS BROKE LEG TUESDAY AT RORER MILL

Mr. J. A. Lewis, who for more than 14 years has been with the Danville Lumber Company and who is foreman for them at Rorer mill, near Lexington, had the misfortune to break his leg Tuesday morning while working at the mill. Dr. R. E. Mathias attended the injured man and made him as comfortable as possible. Mr. Lewis is resting very well but it will be some time before he will get out again.

BARBECUE DINNER.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church will serve a barbecue dinner and refreshments on the court house square Wednesday, June 23, the day the state campaign party is here.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS

INSTITUTION WILL OPEN NEXT MONDAY—OUTLINE OF DAILY PROGRAM—ATTENDANCE URGED.

The Summer School for teachers will open in the Lexington High School building Monday morning, June 21st, at 8:30 o'clock.

The following schedule has been arranged and will be observed unless there is a sufficient demand for changes:

8:30—9:30—Primary Methods, Miss Hite; School Management, Miss Dreher.
9:30—10:30.—English, Miss Hite; Hygiene and Sanitation, Miss Dreher.
10:30—11:00—Assembly Period.
11:30—12:00—Geography, Miss Hite; Arithmetic, Miss Dreher.
12:00—1:00.—Civics, Miss Hite, History, Miss Dreher.

The text books used will be those used in the sixth and seventh grades in the subjects given.

All teachers expecting to attend should be ready to begin work on the first day, if possible. Credits will be given for satisfactory work and attendance on the basis of which certificates may be renewed.

TEACHERS CERTIFICATES FROM STATE HEREAFTER.

The last legislature passed an act vesting in a state board of examiners, to be chosen by the state board of education, upon the nomination of the state superintendent of education, the certification of all public school teachers. The rules, methods and standards of certification are to be formulated by the state board of education. The necessary appropriation to pay the salaries of the members, office expenses, and other charges was unfortunately omitted from the general appropriation act. This omission made it impossible for the state board of education to select the new board at its meeting March 19. At that meeting the governor was unanimously requested to secure from the budget commission the necessary money to finance the work. On June 4 this arrangement was concluded, thereby enabling the state board of education to carry forward the program.

H. B. Dominick, superintendent of Greer high school, and Miss Elizabeth W. McLean, elementary supervisor of the Sumter public schools, were chosen members of the new board. The third member is J. H. Shealy, registrar of the state bureau for the employment of teachers. Their work will begin at once.

BOX PARTY AT CHARTER OAK NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT.

There will be a box party at Charter Oak school house on next Saturday night, June 19th, given under the auspices of the Ladies' School Improvement League. Those who have attended an entertainment at Charter Oak in the past know that the good women of that community know how to entertain, and it goes without saying that there will be a large attendance Saturday night. In addition to the delightful boxes that will be sold, the ladies will serve ice cream and other refreshments. The proceeds of the evening will go to the school fund. The public generally is invited to attend.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services will be held at the following Evangelical Lutheran churches of the Pelion pastorate, Rev. B. J. Wessinger, pastor, on the following dates:

Holy Trinity, (Pelion) 1st Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; 3rd Sunday evening, 4 o'clock.
St. John's (Black Creek) 1st Sunday evening at 4 o'clock; 3rd Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
Church of The Good Shepherd (Swansco) 2nd Sunday evening at 8 o'clock; 4th Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
Orange Chappel, (Springfield, S. C.) 2nd Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; 4th Sunday evening at 4 o'clock.

BON HEUR CLUB.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor will entertain the Bon Heur Club Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

NEGRO SHOT AT BATESBURG

BOTH PARTIES NEGROES.—MRS. BROWN DIES SUDDENLY.—SHORT FRUIT CROP.—OTHER NEWS.

Batesburg, June 15.—James Wise, a well known negro of this town, was shot and seriously wounded by another negro named Tillman Daniels Saturday night near the corner of Granite street. Four shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one in the lower part of the abdomen, the other in the hip. The wounded negro was rushed to the Leesville hospital, where medical attention was given him. Daniels was later arrested and committed to jail by Magistrate E. R. Steadman. This is the second shooting scrape among the negroes here within the past few weeks, the second being within a few feet of where the first occurred, in which a negro was instantly killed. In both cases it is claimed that a small amount of money involved was the cause of the trouble.

Mrs. W. Pink Brown, residing about five miles south of Batesburg, died suddenly Saturday afternoon. An inquest was held by Magistrate Steadman and upon investigation it was found that death was the result of a natural cause. The remains were interred in the family burying ground near town Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Kneese of Leesville.

Children's Day was observed by the St. John's Methodist church Sunday. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations and solos by the members of the Sunday school. Five children were baptized by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Gunter, at the close of the exercises.

A revival service commenced Sunday night at the Middleburg Baptist congregation and will likely continue through this week. The pastor is being assisted by an evangelist from Columbia.

Rev. C. C. Hines of Alcona county preached an interesting sermon Sunday afternoon to the Christian church congregation in this town. The members of the denomination here will soon begin the erection of a house of worship near the graded school building. The church membership in this town was organized one year ago and it is constantly increasing.

Mr. J. E. Timmerman was the guest of his brother, Dr. W. P. Timmerman, Sunday afternoon.
Attorney Barrett Jones spent last Wednesday attending to legal matters.
Mr. C. E. Jones, manager of the Batesburg Cotton Oil Company, spent several days recently in Charleston attending to matters of business.
Dr. T. A. Quattlebaum of Columbia visited relatives in town Saturday and Sunday.

Hon. Jesse M. Malpass, a former member of the legislature from Lexington county, is being urged by his friends to again enter the primary this summer for this office. Mr. Malpass served two terms in the legislature, 1912 to 1916, and made a most creditable record, always standing for the best interests of his constituents. He has numerous friends over the county who will be delighted to hear of his entrance again into politics.

The election for cotton weigher was held Saturday with only 22 votes being cast. There being no opposition the present weigher, Mr. John Bell Towill, was declared elected, having received all the votes cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Wright motored to Silverstreet Sunday afternoon. Master Tom Watson Sills, after having been confined to his room for a few days on account of illness, is able to resume his position as clerk in the grocery store of L. P. Fox.

Our farmers are about through gathering the grain crop, which is said to be the best in this section for a number of years. All other crops are at least two weeks late, but are in excellent condition to date.

Miss Pearle Fallaw, a student of the South Carolina University, is at home for vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fallaw. The Boy Scouts from Columbia and other points will arrive Tuesday, where they will encamp in and near Batesburg during the next ten days. The Scouts will be formally received and welcomed by the mayor and other prominent citizens of the town upon their arrival.