

COUNTY FAIR IN FULL BLAST WITH MANY FINE EXHIBITS

The 23d annual fair of Lexington county opened Tuesday morning with the largest number of exhibits in years.

grounds this year is said to be one of the best and has numerous attractions which are affording plenty of amusement for the crowds.

RESULT OF INQUEST INTO BROOKLAND ACCIDENT.

The verdict of the coroner's jury which inquired into the death of Mr. John C. Turner, who was run over and killed last Wednesday in the town of Brookland when struck by a big six Studebaker car belonging to Sheriff Jim J. Miller and driven by Russell Potee, was that deceased "came to his death because of reckless driving at the hands of one Russell Potee."

The accident occurred in the town of Brookland, just in front of the home of Rev. E. L. Lybrand. Mr. Turner, who it is said was a little deaf, attempted to evade a motorcycle proceeding in the direction of Lexington and stepped in front of the car being driven by Potee following the motorcycle in the same direction.

Sheriff Miller happened along in a few minutes after the tragedy and brought Potee to Lexington and lodged him in jail.

Coroner Weed was on the scene in about two hours and empaneled a jury which rendered the verdict set out above.

Drs. F. B. Geiger and I. D. Durham testified that the injury was sufficient to cause death.

J. C. Mathias, who is supposed to be the only eye witness of the tragedy, testified that the automobile preceded by a motorcycle passed his house which is a few doors from the scene of the accident, at a speed of about 20 or 25 miles an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hood of Columbia, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Summers.

Mrs. Bell Stoumdemire spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Hollen Counts.

Mr. Turner, who was a native of Prosperity, was a carpenter by trade and was highly esteemed in Brookland. He was a member of the Baptist church. He leaves a wife and four children.

Potee is a well known negro about Lexington and is well thought of by those who know him. He is a quiet, polite and accommodating darkey. He is said to have been a splendid soldier in the world war and won several medals.

OYSTER SUPPER AND FISH FRY

The Ladies School Improvement league of Oakville school district No. 77, Gilbert, Route 2, will give an oyster supper, fish fry and other refreshments October 30, beginning at 5 o'clock P. M. Everybody invited. The proceeds to go for the benefit of the school.

DEATH INVADES CHAPIN HOME.

Chapin, Oct. 18.—Mrs. J. H. Roberts after being in bad health for several months died at her home at Chapin, Friday morning. She had been suffering very much for the last few weeks but all that loving hands could do was of no avail.

Rev. R. M. Carpenter and Dr. J. W. Eargle have returned from Virginia, where they have been attending synod. Mrs. Claude Cresson of Columbia, spent the week end with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Stoumdemire.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Williams are spending a few days with Mrs. W. B. Williams. Hazel and his bride have just returned from Washington and other places of interest, where they have been spending their honeymoon; from here they will go to Columbia, where Hazel holds a responsible position with the Southern Bell Telephone Company. We wish for this young couple a long and prosperous life.

Mr. Wilbur Frick and family have moved into the parsonage and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frick will move into the house that Mr. Wilbur Frick moved out of.

Miss Ernestine Williams is spending a short while with her mother, Mrs. Dan Cumalander. Ernestine has been spending several weeks in New York, Washington and other places of interest. She reports a good time on her sight seeing trip. From here she will return to her work in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mood Boland and family spent Sunday with relatives at Chapin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Counts spent Saturday night and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. K. Haltiwanger.

Mr. Bernie Bechman of Newberry college spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bechman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lever and daughter Lillian and two of their friends of Columbia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cumalander.

Mrs. Mole Hook of Columbia, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Summers.

Mrs. Bell Stoumdemire spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Hollen Counts.

Miss Lottie Stoumdemire went to Prosperity last week, on business.

MRS. ROBERTS LAID TO REST AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Mrs. Lada Roberts, wife of Mr. J. H. Roberts, well known citizen of Chapin, died at her home in that town Friday, October 15, after a lingering illness of long duration. Mrs. Roberts, who before marriage was Miss Lada Harmon of Lexington, was well known here and loved for her many fine traits of character.

Funeral services were held at Providence church, near Lexington last Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. O. B. Shouse and Rev. C. A. Freed of Ebenezer Lutheran church, Columbia.

DEMOCRATS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY TAKE NOTICE.

Do you know that H. P. Fulmer, the Democratic nominee for Congress for this district is opposed by a Republican nominee, a colored man, for Congress? Do let me impress upon you each and every one the duty to go to the polls on Tuesday the 2nd day of November, and vote for the Democratic nominee for Congress. Don't leave it for your neighbors and friends for they might not attend to it and unless you roll up a big majority for him he may have trouble in retaining his seat in Washington and you might possibly be represented there by someone you do not care to be your spokesman.

C. M. EFIRD, County Chairman.

LEXINGTON FIRST TO PAY TAXES TO THE STATE.

For the third time during an incumbency of four years County Treasurer Leaphart was the first county treasurer in the state to remit to S. T. Carter, state treasurer, for 1920 taxes. He opened the tax books for collection of 1920 taxes on Friday, the 15th, at 8 a. m. and by 9 a. m. he posted a letter to the state treasurer containing a check for \$200, to be credited to Lexington county. This is the third time Mr. Leaphart has won for this county this enviable distinction.

Collections the first day in 1920 were larger than on the first day of 1919 and a greater number of taxpayers settled their dues. Judge George S. Drafts was the first to pay his taxes. The total amount collected on the first day was \$1,221.82.

The books will open without penalty until the 31st day of December, after which date the penalty will be added. County Treasurer Leaphart is supposed to collect this year \$277,463.82, as against \$233,827.39 for 1919. Taxes this year, for county and state purposes will be 35 mills, not including special school taxes. Many districts have voted additional levies in order to improve their school facilities.

Mr. Leaphart has not yet announced his itinerary to the various towns in the county for the collection of taxes. In view of the general depression prevailing as the result of the low price of cotton these trips will probably be postponed as long as possible.

SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK OF CHAPIN.

Safe crackers made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank of Chapin early last Saturday morning. Three "shots" of high explosives were discharged in an effort to reach the strong box of the bank but the community became alarmed and the robbers were frightened away before securing any plunder. They were seen going towards Columbia. So far no clue has been discovered to the perpetrators.

NOTICE.

On October 21, 1920, that day being my 62nd birthday and my wife's 60th birthday on Nov. 22nd, we will on that day give a free to all birthday dinner, hereby inviting all kindred and friends to come and bring a well filled basket and spend a day of peace and pleasure with us at our home at Sax-Gotha cotton mill.

J. M. JUSTICE.

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

The date of the general election is very near. There is every indication that James M. Cox will be the next President of the United States.

The Democrats of South Carolina have contributed only an average of ten cents each.

This is a very small amount. Good Democratic Government should be worth more.

Please let me appeal to every white man and woman in South Carolina to immediately make a contribution. Write a check today and send it to me.

Don't let it be said that the Democrats of South Carolina failed in this national crisis.

Great issues are at stake. The peace, happiness and prosperity of the South is involved.

JOE SPARKS.

Assistant Treasurer, Democratic National Committee.

BATESBURG NEWS.

Batesburg, Oct. 19.—A marriage of unusual interest to their many friends in town occurred last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Miss Allene Griffin and Mr. Wilbur Cook were married, the ceremony being performed by Dr. E. Pendleton Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. B. Ballentine, in the presence of only a few friends and relatives. The happy couple left immediately for Washington and other points north and will be at home to their friends in Batesburg about November 1.

George W. Langford, supervisor of Saluda county, is having the roads on the Saluda side leading into Batesburg put in first class condition, which is appreciated by the traveling public.

Dr. Boldrige E. Kneece, formerly of Batesburg but now a practicing physician in Columbia, has been in town for the past few days attending to matters of business. He will leave for New York in a day or two, where he will take a post graduate course in medicine and surgery.

Dr. W. Price Timmerman, who has been taking a special course in surgery at a Medical college in Chicago the past few weeks, will return home in a few days. He is interested in the Leasville hospital and it is largely through his efforts that the hospital has been made a success.

Mr. Henry Caughman of Columbia, a special agent of the Southern railway company, was here on business Friday. He is a son of Hon. Banks L. Caughman, a former member of the Railroad commission of the state, and senator from Saluda county.

Mrs. Ransom H. Timmerman has been confined to her bed for several days. Her friends will be glad to learn that her condition is improving. Hunter Ridgell, an enterprising young business man of Saluda, was in town Friday afternoon.

T. J. Rikard left Saturday for Richmond, where he will spend several days on business.

F. G. Hartley, a well known business man Pellon, was in town Friday.

L. H. Wright returned Saturday afternoon from a business trip to Johnston.

Frances, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wise has recovered from an attack of typhoid fever and will soon be able to resume her studies in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Ballentine of Johnston visited relatives in town last week.

Miss Kate Cullum was in Sumter last week as the representative of the Federated clubs from this town.

Rev. Louis J. Bristow of Abbeville, was a recent guest of Dr. E. Pendleton Jones.

Mrs. L. E. Rutland and children are visiting relatives in Texas the former home of Mrs. Rutland.

Mrs. Lucile Boylston of Columbia, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coomer.

HARDING DECLARES FOR EQUAL RACIAL RIGHTS. SILENCE GRIEFS REMARKS

Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 9.—The negro must be given the same rights as the white man, Warren G. Harding declared on the borderland today.

There was dead silence in the momentary pause that followed.

"I believe in equality before the law, he said. "You can't give one right to the white man and deny the same right to the black man.

"But that does not mean that the white man and the black man must be forced to associate together in the acceptance of their rights," he added.

Harding's statement was in reply to questions printed in a local Democratic paper asking how Harding stood on Jim Crow laws.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ARE URGED TO CALL MEETINGS FRIDAY

Fair progress is being made in Lexington county in soliciting of subscriptions for the export corporation which is now being formed under the auspices of the American Wool Association, but much remains to be done before the county subscribes the full amount which represents the quota which it should take in this corporation. Mr. George C. Price has secured a good many subscriptions, some of them quite substantial, but the total amount so far subscribed falls far below what is expected of Lexington county. In order that every one in the county may have an opportunity to subscribe for stock in the corporation, the chairman of every board of school trustees in the county is urged to call a meeting at

the school in his district on Friday night, October 22, at 7 o'clock, so the people should come prepared to take as much stock as possible. These chairmen are urgently requested to secure speakers for the occasion, but should they not be able to get them, they should communicate with Chalmers Wessinger at once and he will do his best to send speakers to as many places as possible.

It is pointed out that in order to be effective this corporation must get under way at the very earliest possible moment. There is no time to be lost.

Remember to go to your school house Friday night and be prepared to take stock in the exports corporation.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE NOTES

Newberry, Oct. 19.—Work is progressing nicely at Newberry College and prospects are very bright for this to be one of the best years in the history of the institution. All the boys have returned with a spirit that "Greater Newberry" is to be realized. All records have been smashed in the total number of students enrolled at the college this season. The present enrollment is 270. This does not include those who are doing post-graduate work and there are quite a number who are following this course of study.

The new boarding hall has been finished and the boys are now eating there. The lower floor of the Carnegie building has been fitted up for this purpose and it is a great improvement over the old boarding hall, which was not large enough owing to the increased number of students. The entire Carnegie building has been thoroughly overhauled and it is now modern and up-to-date in every way, including Olin heating and warm and cold shower baths. Besides containing the boarding hall, the building is used as a dormitory for the boys and also includes a neat apartment of several rooms, which is the home of Mrs. Haltiwanger—"The other Mother" of the boys, who has been their much beloved matron for a number of years. The work of renovating the Carnegie building has cost the college about \$20,000.

Quite a number of the students attended the meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Federation at Cameron, S. C., October 8-11. President Derrick and Dr. Gotwalt of the faculty were also present.

President S. J. Derrick is attending the meeting of the Joint Synod of the United Lutheran church of America in Washington, D. C., this week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Gotwalt have moved into the building formerly used as the college boarding hall. They have lived out in town some distance from the college since Dr. Gotwalt first came to Newberry more than a year ago to take up his work as a member of the faculty. The students are glad to have them on the campus and extend them a cordial welcome into their new home.

The football team of the college defeated the Wofford eleven last Friday afternoon by the score of 9 to 7 in an interesting contest. The Indians outplayed the Methodists throughout most of the game and it was evident that the best team won. The Lutherans put one of the best players out of the Methodist team, Turnipseed. Newberry will play Erskine here Friday and it is expected that a good game will be staged between the two teams.

The Young People's Society of the Lutheran church of the Redeemer gave a reception Monday night in honor of the faculty and students of the college. The evening was very much enjoyed by all the guests. C.

WEEK'S COTTON MARKET.

(Quotations furnished by Lexington Cotton and Fertilizer Co.) Middling Basis. Thursday, October 14.....20 1-2c Friday, October 15.....20 1-2c Saturday, October 16.....21 c Monday, October 18.....19 c Tuesday, October 19.....18 c

STATE FAIR OPENS ON MONDAY NEXT.

Next week the streets of Columbia will be crowded with representatives from all sections of the state, come to the opening of the state fair. Numerous preparations are being made for the coming fair and the prospects are that it will be the best that has been held in 20 years.

The state fair is always an event looked forward to eagerly by South Carolina's populace. Every day worries, mental and physical ills, disappointments, troubles and dignity are laid aside for this once. It is looked forward to with a poorly disguised joy by grownups and a hilarious exuberance by the youthful. Fathers and mothers talk out loud about live stock and fancy work, while they dream with secret delight of the mingled sound of men's and women's and children's happy voices, or the smell of "hot dogs" cooking and the taste of lemonade, of the bumping into folks and turning around suddenly to find friends, of the dirt and noise and happy tiredness that is like no other kind of dirt and happiness and tiredness; college girls and boys learn with jubilation that they are "going to the fair," listen absently to lectures on the educational value of this or that exhibit, and cuddle to themselves the thought that Jack or Elizabeth will be there; children talk and think simultaneously of pop corn and balloons and a merry-go-round. And the football fans can hardly wait for Thursday.

Exhibits are coming in encouragingly for the fair. They are far in excess so far of the exhibits for many years. There will be attractions by day and by night and all over the state men and their wives, children, mothers, sisters and sweethearts are making eager preparation to attend the state fair.

MRS. VIOLA RIKARD DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Mrs. Minnie Viola Rikard, wife of Mr. Bobo Rikard of Red Bank, died Friday, October 15, at the Baptist hospital in Columbia, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Rikard was a beloved Christian woman, whose death brought sadness to a large circle of relatives and friends. She was before marriage Miss Minnie Viola Shirey and was born June 8, 1890, making her age at the time of her death 30 years, four months and seven days. She leaves a husband and one child, an infant, a mother, two brothers and four sisters, besides a host of relatives and friends. She was an earnest Christian woman and before her death expressed her readiness and willingness to die and faced the rent unknown with calmness born only of high Christian courage.

Funeral services were held at the Red Bank Union church, conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Whaley and Funderburk. The following acted as pallbearers: D. B. Waits, John Pound, Pervy Kelly, Andrew Roland, Wade Hook, Pinckney Fry, A. B. Goodwin.

NEW POLICEMAN.

Mr. Sam E. Taylor of the Hollow Creek section has been appointed town marshal for the town of Lexington and has assumed the duties of his office. Mr. Taylor has purchased a home in Lexington and will move his family here at an early date.