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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS 1921 SESSION

The annual session of the South Carolina legislature convened in Columbia yesterday at noon. The body will have many important measures to consider this year, notably among them being to devise some plan by which taxation can be held down. Roads and education will also come under their part in the discussion.

Louis T. Lyles, lieutenant governor, addressed the senate on the opening of that body, calling attention to the members to the great responsibility resting upon them, and saying that the people of the state are expecting more of the legislature this year than ever before.

Johnstone of Newberry was unanimously elected president pro tempore of the senate, and M. M. Mann was elected clerk. Senator Crosson of Gaston was appointed on the following committees: Banking and finance, local legislation, medical affairs, police regulation.

Thomas P. Cotran was elected speaker of the house of representatives. In addressing that body yesterday he said the people of the state are looking at their eyes on the house, and all their actions would be scrutinized. The people are looking to the house for relief, he said, and he said that the question of taxes bears the most careful consideration.

Wilson Gibbs, for a number of years clerk of the house, was again re-elected.

A representative of the Dispatch-News is in Columbia during the session of the legislature, and the paper will give to its subscribers each week the happenings of importance at the state capital.

## NEWS OF BATESBURG.

Rev. J. R. T. Major, presiding elder of this district conference with residence in Columbia, preached an interesting sermon to the congregation at the Methodist church Sunday. Prior to entering the state conference Mr. Major taught school in this town and his personal friends here were delighted to see him. While in town he was the guest of Rev. A. L. Gunter.

Mrs. Sarah E. Shuler left recently for Florida where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mary Barrett Jones made a business trip to Pelion Monday afternoon.

Hon. William M. Oxner, editor of the Twin County News and mayor of Batesville, was here on business Friday.

Hon. George Bell Timmerman of Lexington was a prominent visitor to our town Saturday.

Miss Mary E. Whitten has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dell in Columbia.

Dr. R. H. Timmerman spent Friday at Lexington.

Hon. George W. Wightman, senator from Saluda county, left Monday for Columbia where he goes to attend the annual meeting of the general assembly.

Attorney E. L. Asbill of Leesville was in town Saturday afternoon, looking after the interests of his clients.

Mrs. Emmie E. Buster has returned to Columbia after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Cain.

J. H. Fowles, district grand master for South Carolina will deliver a public lecture Monday night at the Baptist church on the subject "The Fatherhood of God."

J. F. Ouzts of Greenwood was in town Saturday attending to business matters.

The Middleburg Cotton mill has been closed down for several days while portions of the machinery are undergoing repairs. The mill has only averaged four days out of each week for several months past.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Marvin left last week for Honolulu island after an extended visit to Mrs. Marvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cooner.

## W. A. LORICK IS ILL IN COLUMBIA HOSPITAL

Mr. W. A. Lorick was taken to the Columbia hospital last night by Dr. G. F. Roberts for an operation for acute appendicitis, and was operated on during the night. He was taken home Sunday night, but an operation was not deemed necessary until last night. His many friends in Lexington wish for him a speedy recovery.

## HOME BANK HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home National Bank was held yesterday and the reports of the officers, covering the past year, were made. It was shown by the reports of the officers that the institution is in fine shape, having had remarkable prosperity despite the depression in business conditions generally for the last several months. A total of 16 per cent. was earned on the capital stock of \$50,000.00 during the year, of which 10 per cent. was paid to stockholders in dividends in two installments of 5 per cent. each in June and December; 3 per cent. was carried to the surplus fund of the bank and 3 per cent. to the undivided profits account. This is a fine showing for a bank located in a strictly agricultural community, when the low price of cotton and the present general depression in business are considered.

The stockholders reelected the old board of directors, as follows: Samuel B. George, Dr. J. P. Drafts, Dr. J. J. Wingard, Karl F. Oswald, Thos. P. Meetze, E. G. Dreher, J. P. Matthews, S. J. Leaphart.

Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders, the newly elected directors met and elected the following officers for the coming year: Samuel B. George, president; Dr. Jas. J. Wingard, vice president; Karl F. Oswald, cashier; J. E. Kaminer, assistant cashier; T. R. Keisler, assistant cashier.

The officers of the bank enter 1921 with confidence, and with the determination to aid the people of this community in making this year one of prosperity.

## REMAINS OF HENRY LEVER RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS.

The body of Henry Erby Lever, who died in France on September 23, 1918, arrived in Lexington Wednesday, December 29, and the funeral was held from Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran church on December 31 at 11 o'clock, his body being interred in the cemetery at the church. Young Mr. Lever was born April 14, 1895, and died September 23, 1918, making his stay on earth 23 years, five months and nine days. He leaves to mourn his death his father, mother, four sisters and four brothers. He was a member of Zion Lutheran church, and a high-toned Christian gentleman, always faithful to the church and Sunday school.

A remarkable coincidence in connection with the burial Mr. Lever was the fact that Mr. Walter Kaminer, who was in France and acted as pallbearer at the funeral there also acted as pallbearer when the body was laid to rest here, over two years later.

## ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Divine services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

The morning theme for January 16th, will be: "Christ's Power and Glory are Manifested." The evening theme will be: "The Doing of The Will of God." This is the third sermon on The Lord's Prayer. There will be four more.

The Lord's supper will be administered at the morning service, January the 23d. In order to be saved one must have a church home. To those who do not have one we extend a cordial invitation to come and worship with us, to become members.

ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN, Pastor.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

There will be divine services Sunday, January the 16th at 2:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. Arthur B. Obenschain. Theme: Preparing for the Heavenly Mansions. The Lord's Supper will be administered on the fifth Sunday of the month, January the 30th.

## BOX PARTY AT BOILING SPRINGS

The ladies of the Boiling Springs school improvement league will have a box party at Boiling Springs school house, Saturday night, January 15, beginning at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited. Come and enjoy it for a good cause.

## TOWN OF PELION SWEEP BY FLAMES

Practically the entire town of Pelion was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The fire was discovered under the shed of Mr. J. H. Laird's store about 1:30 o'clock, and before the flames could be checked the major portion of the business section of the town was in ashes. The Bank of Pelion, two grocery stores, the post-office, barber shop, drug store and a store building used as a dwelling were burned. The loss is variously estimated, and will probably reach \$20,000, the bank being the only institution carrying insurance.

Dr. A. T. Hutto sustained a considerable loss in his drug store and office, which were consumed. The grocery stores of J. H. Laird and J. W. Roof each lost a stock of goods valued between 2,500 and \$3,000.

The loss to the bank is possibly between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

The town has no fire protection except bucket brigade, and the flames quickly carried from one building to another, and it was only by hard work that the remainder of the town was saved.

## MR. F. M. MATHIAS DIED SUDDENLY FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mr. F. M. Mathias was found dead in bed at his home near New Brookland last Saturday morning. He had been in feeble health for some time, but the end was not thought to be so near. He had reached the ripe age of 84 years.

Mr. Mathias was a high-toned Christian gentleman, highly respected by all who knew him. During the War Between the States he served in Co. F, Captain Caughman's cavalry, Fifth Regiment, making a brave soldier and doing his entire part in the fight for the Lost Cause.

Mr. Mathias leaves one brother, John Mathias, and a host of relatives and friends. His remains were laid to rest in the Mathias burying ground near his home on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J. A. Cromer, officiating. Mr. A. J. Mathias of Lexington is a nephew of the deceased.

## AMICK'S FERRY NEWS.

It has been sometime since I have wrote but: will try and come again once more.

Heavy rains have fallen in this section in the recent past, causing the roads to be almost impassible.

Mrs. Baskom Brownlea and children of Enoree, S. C., are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hollis, and family.

Mr. Thomas Smith and Miss Ella Sawyer of Lexington spent a short while Sunday with Mr. K. A. Amick and sister.

Mrs. Bertha Long returned home Sunday from a few days' visit to relatives at Prosperity.

This community was very much shocked to learn of the death of Lillie Belle, daughter of R. Tally and Emma Senn, who was born December 3, 1901 and departed this life January 2, 1921, aged 19 years and 30 days. Early in life she became a member of Union Lutheran church by adult baptism and remained a faithful member of the same until she fell asleep. Lillie Belle was a bright and lovable girl. All that earnest and loving hands could do for her was done, but the Lord took her to her eternal home in the Great Beyond. She leaves to mourn her departure a kind and loving father and mother, two sisters and one brother, besides many other relatives and friends. Her funeral services were conducted from Union church by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Shealy, assisted by Rev. Hiers, pastor of the Leesville Baptist church, and her remains laid to rest in the church grave yard. The esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the large number of people present at the funeral. May the Lord with his word and spirit comfort the sorrow stricken loved ones.

Black Eyes.

## PLAY AT CENTERVILLE.

The "Winning Widow," a delightful play, will be rendered at Centerville school house on next Saturday night, January 15th. Besides the play the ladies will serve refreshments, and the proceeds will go for school improvement. The public is cordially invited.

## BAPTISTS TO MEET HERE THIS MONTH

The Baptist Union meeting of the Upper Division of the Lexington Association will meet with the Lexington Baptist church at Lexington on Friday, January 28, and continue through Sunday, January 30. The following program has been arranged for this meeting:

**Friday Night.**

7:30—Preaching provided by the Lexington church and pastor.

**Saturday, A. M.**

10:00—Devotional Service, Rev. S. R. Taylor.

10:30—Report from Churches.

11:00—Organization.

11:15—Opening Sermon, Rev. Hasford B. Jones.

12:00—Church Discipline, Rev. J. Hiers, Rev. A. Hartley.

12:30—Soul Winning the Work of the Church, Rev. A. A. Haggard, Rev. S. R. Taylor.

**P. M.**

1:00—Dinner.

2:00—Devotional Services by Rev. F. H. Funderburk.

2:15—What is an Ideal Pastor? By the Laymen of the Union.

2:45—The Ideal Deacon. By Pastors present.

3:15—The Ideal Church Treasure and Church Organist, S. P. Alewine and E. O. Hall.

3:30—How Can We Get Our Churches to Form Fields? W. J. McCartha, Frank Langford, Rev. A. H. Hartley.

4:00—The Attitude of Baptist Churches Towards Interdenominational Meetings, Rev. J. T. Hiese, Rev. F. H. Funderburk.

7:30—Sermon by Rev. A. A. Haggard.

**Sunday A. M.**

10:00—Sunday School.

11:00—Sermon by Rev. C. E. Burts, D. D., of Columbia, S. C.

Will each pastor emphasize the importance of the meeting. Let's make it a great gathering. Lexington church extends a welcome to all.

Hasford B. Jones, Mod.  
G. P. Kirkland, Clerk.

## COUNTY CHAIRMAN WRITES ABOUT WOMAN'S BLDG.

Editor The Dispatch-News:

Once more, as Chairman of Lexington county, I wish to call to your attention the need—the great and crying need—for a suitable and adequate building for our women students on the campus of the University of South Carolina. Now, as never before, the young women of our State, are asking and indeed begging for higher educational advantages, which as we know, can only be obtained in our State within the walls of our State University and there while our State, invites and urges them to come, they are denied not only many of the advantages, freely bestowed on the rest of the student body, but they are not even provided with adequate living quarters and this in a state that has always been noted for its appreciation of womanhood and its consideration of her comfort. Think what this will mean eventually, many of our brightest, strongest, and most ambitious minds will go elsewhere seeking advantages denied them here; we can not afford to permit this loss, we need the new life, the new strength, the new vision that the daughters of our State can bring us and it behooves us to do all in our power to keep within our bounds, this wealth of young life. Our young women count in public and economic, and educational life as never before and we must show them, we need them and appreciate them, so that they may feel and realize, as they possibly never have before that they too owe a duty and allegiance to our beloved State.

So, dear friends, let us see that these daughters of ours have the opportunity to develop their powers by providing them comfortable and necessary quarters. Let us do all in our power to help carry out the plans for a woman's building—a woman's home on the Campus of our University and in this work, I beg of you, that Lexington County stand in the fore front and by her zeal and earnestness, prove that she is on the side of development and progress in all lines.

KATE CULLUM,  
Chairman Woman's Building Committee of Lexington County.

## MASONS HOLD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Lexington Lodge No. 152, A. F. M., held their annual banquet Saturday night at the Drafts Hotel in Lexington. A number of visiting Masons were present from Columbia and other places and a total of 40 plates were laid. It has been customary with Lexington Lodge for a number of years to hold their annual banquet on the 27th. of December, but it was postponed this year on account of the fact that the entered apprentice degree was conferred Saturday night and this was made the occasion for the annual banquet. Several Grand Lodge Officers were present, among them Jas. M. Fowles District Deputy Grand Master and O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary. Lexington Lodge is now in a flourishing condition and ranks as one of the strongest masonic bodies in the state.

The following officers were elected and installed at the regular meeting in December: Dr. G. F. Roberts, W. M.; S. J. Leaphart, S. W.; J. D. Carroll, J. W.; J. W. Nipper, S. D.; E. H. Seay, E. L. Corley, Tiler; J. T. Sox and Norman Geiger, Stewards.

## NEW PHONE DIRECTORY NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED.

The 1921 directory of the Citizens Telephone Company has just been issued from the presses of The Dispatch-News, and are being mailed to subscribers by President Samuel B. George. The new directory is very neat in appearance, and contains besides the phone listings much advertising matter from merchants in the territory served by the company. The task of mailing the books will be completed in a few days. Mr. George asks that subscribers use the directory when making calls on the phone to avoid errors and at the same time facilitate the workings of the exchange.

## MR. LEAPHART MADE LEXINGTON CHAIRMAN.

Mr. S. J. Leaphart, advisory councilman for Lexington county is acting as chairman for the membership drive in the Alumni association of the University of S. C., being made during the last three days of this week.

The purpose of this campaign is to bring all graduates and former students of the University of South Carolina into active connection with the association. A similar campaign is being made in every county of the state at this time. All Carolina men and women in Lexington county are urged to communicate with Mr. S. J. Leaphart during Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

## MARRIAGES.

Married at St. Peter's (Piney Woods) parsonage on Sunday, January 2, Mr. E. B. Slice and Miss Meola Summers, both of Chapin, the Rev. B. L. Stroup officiating.

Married at the home of the bride's father, J. A. Long, near St. Peter's (Piney Woods), on January 5, Arthur E. Amick and Anna Long, the Rev. B. L. Stroup officiating.

## A PLEASANT TRIP TO FLORIDA.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Justice returned home on last Wednesday from a two week's visit to his brother at Frost Proof, Fla., where they enjoyed a happy Christmas with his brother and family and neighbors and friends, and while there they visited several cities in South Florida, including the city of Tampa, passing through thousands of acres of orange groves, loaded down with oranges and grape fruit, and some banana groves, all bearing fruit, also plenty of strawberries, cabbage and all kinds of garden truck. No dull times there, for everybody and every kind of business is in a bloom in Florida.

Our best wishes are to our old native state, Florida, "the Land of flowers."

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Justice.

## MRS. GODWIN ILL IN A COLUMBIA HOSPITAL.

Mrs. C. S. Goodwin of Gaston was carried to a hospital in Columbia last week for a serious operation. Her many friends throughout the county wish for her a speedy recovery.

## YEGGMAN ENTER EDMUND STORE

Yeggmans entered the store of Julian Sharpe at Edmund Saturday night and blew the safe, escaping with about \$200.00 in money, pay warrants issued by the county and several valuable papers. The postoffice is also located in the building, but none of Uncle Sam's belongings were bothered. The indications are that the job was done by expert safe crackers, using modern methods to open the safe. They took the precaution when entering the office where the safe was located to place a weight against the door to hold it open to permit of easy escape after the haul had been made. Entrance was effected by prying open the front door of the building.

Two strange young men were seen in town Saturday afternoon but caused no suspicion until the explosion was heard about 4:30 Sunday morning. Investigation disclosed what had taken place, and Sheriff Roof was immediately notified, and went to the scene. Sheriff Roof traced the automobile tracks of the car in which the yeggmans are thought to have escaped as far as New Brookland, by way of Swansea. At New Brookland the trail was lost, and it is thought they went to Columbia, or on through Columbia. Nothing further has been heard of the bandits, nor has there been any clue found to identify the parties.

## H. D. GEORGE SELLS A FINE DUROC-JERSEY HOG.

Mr. H. D. George, operator of George's Flour Mill, on Tuesday sold a hog weighing 730 pounds. The hog had been fed on food made in Mr. George's mill, that fact probably being partly responsible for the great weight the porker attained. The hog was of the Duroc-Jersey breed.

## MORE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE AT FLOUR MILL.

The Messrs. George, proprietors of George's Flour Mill, will in the near future begin extensive improvements on their mill property. An entirely new dam of concrete will be erected to replace the wooden structure that has served for the past several years. Only last spring mill fixtures of the very latest type were installed, and the proprietors now contemplate further improvements on the inside of the mill. The Messrs. George operate one of the largest and the oldest flour mills in this section of the county.

## EXPLOSION VICTIMS ARE RECOVERING RAPIDLY.

Frank Fields and Furman Harmon are recovering as fast as could be expected at the Columbia hospital from wounds received in the dynamite explosion on New Year's eve. Sim Fields has returned from the hospital, having recovered sufficiently to be brought home. Shelby Harmon, who did not go to the hospital, is doing fine at the home of his father here. It is expected that Furman Harmon will leave the hospital this week.

## NORTH EDISTO NO. 87.

We have been moving on very pleasantly at Edisto since we last wrote you.

On Thursday before Christmas the patrons, teachers and children continued despite the hard times to have a very pretty Christmas tree with appropriate exercises by the children, and a very enjoyable talk by Rev. Whaley, pastor of King Grove church.

After a pleasant holiday of a week we began work again on January 5, with a large attendance.

Our honor roll consists of those who have made an average of between 90 and 100, deportees included. Following are those who have attained this average:

Miriam Flake, Johnson King Jr., Melvera Jefcoat, John Pool, Carrie Belle Jefcoat, Martie Pool, John Hydrick, Johnnie Lee Pool, Wiley Jefcoat, Carlisle Reed, Isaac Kirkland, Annie Sharpe, Esca Jones, Leila Mae King, Iva Craft, Linda Craft, Mary Jefcoat, Clara Mae Frick, H. H. Schoenberg, Carl Jefcoat, Jack Flake. A Patron.

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