

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE

Columbia, Feb. 8.—When the house of representatives met Monday night the legislative session entered upon its fifth week with very little accomplished so far as the passage of new acts is concerned. Perhaps 20 acts have been finally passed along to the governor for his approval, but all of them have been entirely local in their nature. So far no bill of great statewide importance has managed to run the gamut of both houses. The greater part of the past week was spent by the senate in discussion of bills to abolish various state offices or departments, but a direct vote was reached on only one of them, that to abolish the board of public welfare, which resulted in a vote of 26 to 11, against the bill, thereby giving this agency of government another lease on life. Bills are also pending on the senate calendar to abolish the tax commission, the highway commission and perhaps some others. Predictions are being freely made that they will meet a fate similar to the one to abolish the board of public welfare.

Unless the general assembly gets a more rapid move on, the session is likely to be prolonged over the usual 40 days, the time limit for which will be up Saturday, February 19. Many important matters are still pending in both houses, including the bill to provide a penalty for planting more than one-third of cultivated lands in cotton, the bill providing for constitutional amendments designed to relieve the tax situation, for calling a constitutional convention, for abolishing various departments, and the bill to make appropriations for the state government and the various counties.

Appropriation Bill.
The general state appropriation bill, introduced in the house by the ways and means committee Monday night, while it carries a total of \$6,563,086.71, a reduction of practically three millions from requests made and of half a million under the governor's recommendations, provides for a reduction of 3 1-2 mills in the tax for state purposes over 1920. This was accomplished by suspending for the year the two mill tax imposed for road purposes at the last session and supplementing the general property tax with a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline and perhaps an inheritance tax.

The cut in appropriations came mainly by a policy denying all requests for new buildings at the various state institutions, many of which had asked for large sums for additions. Only the institution for the deaf, dumb and blind was given anything for new buildings and this seemed absolutely necessary to the committee. Salaries were fixed by the committee to remain the same as in 1920.

The Lexington county supply bill has not yet been introduced, but lobby gossip is to the effect that the delegation has managed to spare a considerable sum from the bill, affording considerable relief to taxpayers for next year. If reports are correct the reductions are material, and this lowering of county taxes added to the decrease in state taxes will mean considerable when next tax-paying time comes.

Local Measures.
Practically no new bills affecting Lexington county have been introduced. We had hoped to print in full in this issue the bills providing for rural police and a new form of county government, but amendments are pending which will make material changes in these proposed laws and publication at this stage might be confusing. It is understood that one of the changes proposed is to abandon the idea of having the rural policemen take the place of magistrates' constables.

Prospects for the coming week are for a good deal of talk, particularly in the senate, where debate is unlimited. On various propositions which have not been acted on. Both the senate and house last week killed more bills than usual, in fact the idea seems to be to kill every bill that looks like it might create a new job—a well settled policy which the legislature has adopted this year. It is going to take fast work and a whole lot of it to get through within the 40-day limit.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The Woman's Missionary Society of St. Stephen's Lutheran church will hold a week of prayer during the Lenten season, beginning Monday, February 14, and continuing through Sunday, February 20. Services will be held each day, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The following program has been arranged for the week:

General Theme: The Offering Upon the Golden Altar.—Rev. 8:4

Monday—Inner Mission Day.

Topic:—Reasons for Prayer. Bible Lesson:—Psalm 63. Leader Mrs. P. H. Shealy.

Tuesday—Home Mission Day.

Topic:—The Secret of Effectual Prayer. Bible Lesson:—The relation of faith, promise and praise to answered prayer. II Chronicles 20:10-13; 15-17; 20-22. Leader—Mrs. E. G. Dreher.

Wednesday—Organization Day.

Topic:—How to Pray. Bible Lesson:—How not to pray and how to pray. Matt. 6:5-13. Leader—Miss Caro Efrid.

Thursday—Foreign Mission Day.

Topic:—Objects of Prayer. Bible Lesson:—A United Prayer and its Answer. Acts 4:23-31. Leader—Mrs. B. H. Barre.

Friday—Young People's Day.

Topic:—The Stewardship of Prayer. Bible Lesson:—The Lord's High Priestly Prayer. John 17—Read at least from 9-25. Leader—Miss Mary C. Wingard.

Sunday.

Public service at the church at 7:30 p. m. Topic:—Christ's Conquering Power Released Through Our Prayers and Gifts.

FIRST MONDAY SALES BY CLERK.

A large crowd was before the court house Monday when Clerk H. L. Harmon offered to the highest bidder several tracts of land. The bidding was not very brisk and the land sold at low figures. The following sales were made:

G. F. Rast vs. Willie Wannamaker, lot in town of Swansea, bought by J. D. Carroll, attorney, for \$100.

In the case of E. M. Livingston Co. vs. Minnie McIver and others, 23 1-2 acres, sold to J. D. Carroll, attorney for \$100. In the same case \$ 1-2 acres to J. D. Carroll for \$100. In the case of the Batesburg Cotton & Oil Co. vs. J. W. Roof and others, tract of land containing 170 acres, located near Batesburg, sold to Barrett Jones, attorney, for \$3,200. In the same case, 95 acres to Mr. Jones for \$1,150.

EDISTO NO. 87.

We are progressing at Edisto. The Improvement association joined the school in observance of Arbor day. We had a short but very impressive Arbor day program—And then how delighted, every one was in plowing the rows and setting out trees and flowers.

The names of the following pupils reached the honor roll by making an average in scholarship and attendance between 90 and 100:

1st Grade—Woodrow Williamson. Advanced 1st Grade—Melvria Jefcoat.

2nd Grade—John Jefcoat.

3rd Grade—Bertha Spires, Jettie Kirkland, Evelyn Sturkie.

4th Grade—Cecil Jefcoat, Wiley Jefcoat, Ora Peel.

5th Grade—Estelle Williamson, Annie Sharpe.

6th Grade—Jack Flake, Iva Craft, Linda Craft, Clara Frick, Carl Jefcoat, Hansen Hydrick Schoenberg.

PATRON.

VALENTINE'S PARTY AT STYX'S SCHOOL HOUSE

There will be a Valentine's party, fish fry, and other amusement at Congaree school, Styx, Saturday night, February 12, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

No couple ever married without disappointing somebody, and they are fortunate if they don't finally disappoint everybody.

A man's logic is good—but a woman's "hunch" is frequently better.

TAXPAYERS GATHER IN CAPITAL CITY

The call for a taxpayers meetings issued by E. W. Dabbs of Sumter to be held in each county Monday brought a large crowd to town, but in the absence of the county legislative delegation no formal meeting was held. Representative Lybrand was the only member of the Lexington delegation in Lexington Monday, and phone calls to two of the other members brought the information that they had not seen the call for the meeting, which explained their absence.

Mr. Dabbs issued a call to taxpayers of South Carolina to assemble at their respective county seats on Monday to discuss the tax proposition, and take some action looking to the reduction of taxes, and also to select five representatives to attend a conference to be held in Columbia Wednesday afternoon between the committees of the various counties and the several county legislative delegations.

While no formal meeting was held some of the citizens got together and suggested the following committee to attend the Columbia conference: R. L. Keisler, chairman, Gilbert; Nathan E. Wannamaker, Sandy Run; John E. Buff, New Brookland; Ballis E. Wingard, Lexington; E. H. Addy, Leesville. The above have been notified of their selection, and they are expected to attend the meeting in Columbia today.

DAIRY SPECIALISTS TO BE HERE THIS MONTH.

Miss Elizabeth Forney, dairy specialist for the home demonstration clubs of South Carolina will visit Lexington county February 14 to February 17, for the purpose of aiding ladies desiring help in butter making.

The county home demonstration agent is planning to put on a "Better Butter Contest" in Lexington county this year, and now is the time for those ladies wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity to enter the contest to get in line by attending at least one of the meetings which will be held in different sections of the county in the near future. Dates and places of the meetings to be held will be published in The Dispatch-News later.

POULTRY HINTS.

Success in poultry raising depends to a very large extent upon incubation. To insure success, hatchings should be during months of February, March and April, if the profitable winter eggs are desired as well as the high priced early broilers.

Chickens hatched early with proper care and attention should reach maturity and start laying in September, October or November. It is during these fall months that hens are getting ready for winter by molting and growing new feathers. But few hens grow feathers and produce eggs at the same time, therefore when hens are molting eggs are scarce. When eggs are scarce, prices are high.

Therefore remember:

1. Hatch as early in spring as conditions will permit.
2. Early hatched chicks grow rapidly and have more vigor.
3. Early hatched chicks are strong and less liable to disease.
4. Early hatched chicks have longer growing season.
5. Hot weather retards growth of chicks.
6. Early hatched chicks mature by early fall.
7. Mature pullets produce fall and winter eggs.
8. Fall and winter eggs bring the highest prices.
9. Early hatched pullets lay while hens are molting.
10. Early hatched pullets are the ones that become broody the following spring.

HOT SUPPER.

The ladies of the Red Bank Baptist church will give an old time hot supper at the school house February 19, beginning at 7 o'clock. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the church. Come all and have a good time and help a good cause.

If you have nothing much to say you will probably make a hit on the lecture platform—provided you say it well.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. STEPHENS

Rev. A. B. Obenschain has arranged a program for the special Lenten and Easter services for St. Stephen's Lutheran church, to be carried out, beginning tonight and continuing through Easter Sunday. Following are the dates on which services will be held and the subjects for each service:

Wednesdays at 8:00 p. m.

February 9th—"The Treasure Which May Not Be Stolen."
Feb. 16th—"Is Church Going A Luxury or A Necessity?"

February 23d—"Christ's Forgiving Spirit Is Revealed."
March 2d—"Christ Gives Hope to The Repentant Thief."

March 9th—"Christ Commits His Mother to His Beloved Disciple."
March 16th—"Christ Feels Forsaken."

Sundays at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

February 13th, A. M.—"The Temptation of Christ." P. M.—"Praying to Be Delivered from Evil."

February 20th, A. M.—"Continuing in Prayer Brings Results." P. M.—"Without Prayer One Is Not a Christian."

February 27th, A. M.—"Remaining True to One's Religious Vows." P. M.—"Away from God One Is Spiritually Bankrupt."

March 6th, A. M.—"Much Out of Little." P. M.—"The Only Source of True Happiness."

March 13th, A. M.—"Christ, The Great High Priest." P. M.—"The Unfolding of God's Love."

March 20th, A. M.—"We Live for What?" P. M.—"Continuing in The Race of Life."

Holy Week at 8:00 P. M.

Monday, March 21st—"Christ's Victory Is Recognized."
Tuesday, March 22d—"Pilate's Question and Christ's Answer."

Wednesday, March 22d—"Christ Thirsts."
Thursday, March 24th—"Christ Comforts His Apostles."

Friday, March 25th—"Christ's Work Finished, He Commits His Spirit to His Father."
Easter Sunday, March 27th, 6:00 A. M.—"The Empty Tomb."

Easter Sunday, March 27th, 11:00 A. M.—"God, The Father Honors God, The Son."
Easter Sunday, 7:30 P. M.—Easter Service by The Sunday School.

SAXE-GOTHA DOTS.

Misses Ethel Atkins and Claudie Hendrix dined with Miss Pansy Taylor Sunday.

Miss Nellie Mae Goodwin and Sarah Clark visited Miss Pearl Alewine Sunday afternoon.

The stork visited this little town and left Mrs. Henry Day a big brown eyed boy.

Miss Cleo Howard visited Miss Berdie Day Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pansy Taylor spent Saturday night with Miss Cleo Howard.

Miss Lila Andrews from Columbia visited Mrs. L. V. Andrews Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krafts of Columbia visited Mr. and Mrs. John Head Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horsford and Miss Natalie Bailey dined with Mrs. J. C. Bailey Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Derrick called later.

Rev Whaley, the Baptist preacher, delivered a sermon Sunday night which a very large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horsford and Misses Marie and Natalie Bailey visited Mrs. James F. Lown.

Sweethearts.

DR. D. W. CAMPBELL NOW WITH LEXINGTON PHARMACY.

Dr. D. W. Campbell, originally from Alabama, but for the past year from this state, having been in business in Sumter and Columbia, has accepted a position with the Lexington Pharmacy, being now in charge of the prescription department. Dr. Campbell comes well recommended, having been in the business for fourteen years. During the war he served four years with the medical corps, three years of which was spent at the front. With the addition of Dr. Campbell the Lexington Pharmacy is now in position to serve the public well in the drug business.

It's a short lane that echoes no blowout.

VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN FOR YOUR CHOICE PALMAFESTA QUEEN

Which county in South Carolina will have the honor of supplying Palmafesta (Palmetto State Festival) with a queen? And who ever is chosen will be a queen in fact because she will be chosen from among forty-five of the most attractive and popular young women in the State, one from each county, except Richland, who will assemble in Columbia during the week of March 27 and April 2, as special honor guests of Columbia and the Palmafesta association. During the big week a general election will be held to choose the queen from among the many attractive candidates, and this election promises to be a most interesting affair for everybody in South Carolina. A photographic supplement containing the pictures of all county delegates will be published in the newspapers of Columbia, and ballots will be issued the general public, by means of which everybody will be given an opportunity to express their choice for queen. The queen's grand prize will be a complete spring outfit of wearing apparel of her own selection to be furnished by the various specialty stores in Columbia. The value of the grand prize has been set high enough to make it well worth competing for.

Traveling expenses, hotel bills and entertainment for the county delegates will be borne by the Palmafesta association and the young ladies will be chaperoned by leading society folk of Columbia, including the wives of state house officials. During the big week moving pictures of the Queen and her entire court will be taken and sent over the country by one of the leading film services.

Palmafesta will be a week of many and varied attractions including the State-wide automobile show exhibit-

ing the late models of cars, trucks and tractors; the style show, featuring the latest spring fashion creations posed by professional models to be imported from New York; daily band concerts by one of America's premier musical organizations; floral, trades, automobile and baby parades; fetes, dances, social events and special attractions at all theatres, with nightly exhibits of fireworks in which will be featured specially designed set pieces depicting important events in South Carolina history. The auto show, style show and fireworks display will be staged at the State Fair grounds.

Local contests to secure candidates for Queen of Palmafesta are now being conducted through the daily and weekly newspapers in the following counties: Allendale, Hampton, York, Lee, Georgetown, Union, Cherokee, Lexington, Camden, Saluda, Colleton, Sumter, Clarendon, Greenwood, Abbeville, Aiken, Darlington, Charleston, Pickens, Edgefield, Anderson, Fairfield, Williamsburg, Oconee, Calhoun, Horry, Dillon and Marlboro.

Voting coupons will be printed in each issue of this newspaper up to and including the issue of March 9, at which time the votes will be counted and announcement of the winner made. There will be no restriction upon the number of votes each person may cast. Every coupon clipped from this newspaper is good for one vote, and a yearly, paid in advance subscription will count 100 votes.

Fill out the accompanying coupon with the name and address of your choice for queen from Lexington county, and bring or mail it to The Dispatch-News. The standing of the candidates will be published in our issue of February 23.

VOTING COUPON

Queen of Palmafesta

•PALMAFESTA•
To The Dispatch-News.

Gentlemen:

My choice for Queen of Palmafesta is:

Name

Address

This coupon good for one vote. A Yearly, Paid-in-advance Subscription to This Newspaper counts 100 votes.

PASTOR POUNDED.

On Monday, February 7, a delegation from St. John's church (Calk's Road) presented their pastor and family with one of the most bountiful poundings ever received at the parsonage. A veritable truck load of all kinds of substantial and delicacies, such as you find in the homes of the well-to-do farmers in the St. John's community. These gifts come from well nigh every home represented in the congregation and some not members of the congregation. This act is a tangible evidence of the appreciation and thoughtful consideration of these people for the welfare of their pastor and family in these times of financial stringency.

The pastor and family wishes to take this method of conveying their most sincere gratitude and hearty appreciation to every one who has in any way contributed to the presentation of this most estimable donation. Nor do they forget to thank those individuals who at frequent intervals share with their pastor and family a portion of the good things they enjoy in their homes.

Gratefully,

O. B. Shearouse and Family.

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MR. A. T. TAYLOR IS BUILDING NEW HOME

Mr. Albert T. Taylor is erecting a nice bungalow just out of town on the road between Lexington and George's mill, just to the rear of Chas. E. Taylor's home, and expects to have it ready for occupancy about the first of March. Mr. Taylor is at present occupying one of Chief Keiso's houses.

CHARTER OAK DOTS.

The health of this community is fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Riley and Lemmie Seay visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wessinger Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Alfred and Lemar Fulmer and a friend of theirs were up from Columbia visiting Sunday.

Miss Rosa Harmon, who has been visiting Miss Annie Belle Roof near New Brookland returned home last week.

Miss Clarice and Rosa Harmon dined with Miss Amy Franklow Sunday.

Miss Carrie Pearle Hendrix spent last Thursday night with Miss Sarah Keisler.

Rev. Whitten spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wessinger dined with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wessinger Sunday.

Mr. Lawrence Porth is teaching school at Center now. Hope he will like it fine!

Mutt and Jeff.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. Frank W. Shealy narrowly escaped injury Tuesday morning when the automobile in which she was driving from the depot to Lexington skidded into a ditch on the roadside on the hill near the residence of Mr. G. M. Harmon. The car was damaged considerably, but Mrs. Shealy escaped without injury.

BON HEUR CLUB.

Mrs. Karl F. Oswald will entertain the Bon Heur club Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.