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## CHANGES LEXINGTON CO. GOVERNMENT

Columbia, Feb. 22.—The Lexington county government act, having run the gamut of both houses, after several amendments, has finally passed and was ratified Monday night.

The act makes several important changes in the administration of county affairs. It requires that all supplies be bought on competitive bids and all road contracts shall be awarded to lowest bidders. The same number of county commissioners are retained but the powers of the board are increased so that they practical equal authority with the Supervisor. It provides that all claims must be approved by a majority of the board and imposes upon the supervisor's office the duty of keeping duplicate records in such a way that the outstanding indebtedness can be ascertained at any time.

The measure was originally introduced in the senate by Dr. Crosson but was amended in several particulars in the house. The act in full follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: From and after the approval of this Act by the Governor, there shall be appointed a Board of County Commissioners consisting of four members who shall be citizens and electors in Lexington county and who together with the County Supervisor shall constitute the Board of County Commissioners for Lexington County; one commissioner to be appointed from each district as hereinafter designated, to wit: District No. 1 consisting of the territory of Chincapin, Gilbert, Hollow and Hollow Creek townships; District No. 2 consisting of Lexington, Boiling Springs, Platt Springs and Black Creek townships; District No. 3, consisting of Congaree, Sandy Run and Bull Swamp townships; District No. 4, consisting of all other territory in the County of Lexington not included in Districts numbers 1, 2, and 3. Said Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Senator and the majority of the members of the House of Representatives, the County Supervisor to be Chairman of the said Board of County Commissioners.

Sec. 2. The term of office of the Board of County Commissioners of Lexington County herein to be appointed shall be two years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Each Commissioner shall give bond in the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars before entering on the duties of his office.

Sec. 3. That the said County Commissioners shall have equal power and voice with the Supervisor in making all contracts and paying out all County funds, and no contracts shall be entered into or funds expended unless a majority of the Board of County Commissioners shall authorize same, except that in emergency cases the County Supervisor is authorized to enter into contracts for work not in excess of fifty (\$50.00) dollars: Provided, that no funds shall be paid out for work done on roads or bridges until said work has been personally inspected by the Commissioners in whose territory same is done, and the claim is countersigned by said Commissioner, except in case of sickness or death the Supervisor shall temporarily perform these duties. Provided further, that all supplies and materials for the County or work to be done for the County, after having been duly advertised for two weeks in advance, shall be given, in the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, to the lowest responsible bidder. All goods and material, when received, shall be properly checked up and the invoice signed by the one checking and receiving same. The said Board of County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to elect a Clerk for said Board, who shall be a competent bookkeeper and who shall receive a salary not exceeding three hundred (\$300.00) dollars per annum, said salary to be paid out of the County funds as provided for; said Clerk to keep an itemized record and duplicate carbon copy, filed in book form, of all bills approved by a majority of the Board and ordered paid, and also a record in proper form of all contracts entered into by the Board of Commissioners for all work

## MASS MEETING FOR NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a meeting in the court house at Lexington on Monday evening, February 28, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the organization here of a sweet potato growers' association, and to make plans for the building of a sweet potato curing house.

The South Carolina Development Board and State Chamber of Commerce has been fostering the more-potatoes movement for South Carolina, and they have been requested to send to the meeting a speaker who will outline just what the board has done and what they propose to do for the farmer who plants sweet potatoes, and will give such general information as is desired along the lines of the best potatoes to plant, the most productive method of cultivation, and the success of curing houses at other points in the State where they have been in operation for several years.

The development board is also planning a marketing association to take care of the output of the curing houses under a general trade label, and to market the potatoes where the highest prices obtain and not allow them to be sacrificed on a market that is already glutted.

All who are interested, both business men and farmers, in securing one of these curing houses for Lexington are invited to be present at the court house on Monday evening at the appointed time to learn how they may take part in the organization, what returns they may reasonably expect for their product, when their money will be available, and many other pertinent points in regard to this project.

## RURAL POLICE BILL NOT YET LAW

Columbia, Feb. 22.—The bill establishing a system of rural police for Lexington county has not yet become a law but is tied up in committee of free conference. At the instance of Mr. Amick the house amended the bill so as to provide for the appointment of the rural policemen by the board of county commissioners instead of the legislative delegation. This amendment was not satisfactory to the senate, so the bill was sent to free conference, where it can be still further amended. The readers of The Dispatch-News will be kept posted as to the final disposition of the matter.

or material and supplies to be done or furnished. Said approved bills are to be marked paid whenever a warrant is issued for same, so as to show at all times by a proper audit, the amount of claims that have been paid and the amount of unpaid accounts.

Sec. 4. There shall be no contract let or entered into by the Supervisor for any work to be done for the County except upon a printed form to be furnished by the said Supervisor and signed by him and the contracting party, and approved by the member of the Board of his respective district, and to be further passed upon by a majority of the four Commissioners.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to devote his entire time to the duties of his office and he shall from time to time confer with the Commissioner of each district as to the condition of the roads and the affairs of the county in such district and at the end of each month there shall be a meeting of the full board of commissioners or as often as they see fit to transact such business as in their judgment is necessary for the County's best interest, and it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners at least once a month to inspect the roads in their territory, the poor-house and county chaingang, giving special attention to the sanitary and hygienic condition of the camp and convicts, giving special attention to the proper care of the convicts, mules, machinery and tools.

Sec. 6. Each of the Board of County Commissioners, except the Supervisor, shall receive a salary of \$150.00 per annum and the further sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for traveling expenses: Provided, that said Commissioners shall give at least thirty days full service during the year.

## BOARD OF HEALTH IS ORGANIZING HERE

We are glad to announce that a board of health has been appointed for the town of Lexington. The appointments were made last week by acting mayor, Sam. J. Long, and were thereafter ratified by the town council. The following citizens were named as members: Dr. J. J. Wingard, Dr. P. H. Shealy, Cyrus L. Shealy, Dr. W. E. Sawyer, and Jas. E. Steele. At a meeting last Saturday, the board elected the following officers: President, Dr. J. J. Wingard; secretary, Cyrus L. Shealy; health officer, Policeman S. E. Taylor.

This board has been needed for a long time, and everybody in town should be glad that we now have a working organization. This board is not temporary, but is ready for the proper and necessary work at all times.

We are informed that the health officer, or some member of the new board, will make an inspection of all the premises in town in the near future so that there may be nothing allowed that might be detrimental to the health and good sanitation of the town.

We might add that boards of health have, unusual authority conferred upon them by the law of the State in all cases of contagious and infectious diseases and the general health and sanitary conditions. Orders of the board are enforceable by any peace officer, or special officer appointed by the board. There are penalties for failure to comply with their orders.

The Dispatch-News wishes to add its approval, and to urge co-operation by all the citizens of the town.

And so Clemenceau has killed two tigers. This seems strangely like fratricide.

## TWO RAIDS MADE ON TUSSIC ENTERPRISES

Sheriff E. Austin Roof and government and state prohibition officers made several raids last week, their efforts netting two large stills.

Last Wednesday afternoon they captured a fifty gallon still on Black Creek, four miles west of Pelion. The still was not being operated at the time of the arrival of the officers, and no arrests were made. The prize was brought to Lexington for safe keeping.

On Thursday afternoon the same party located a still on the banks of the Edisto river, on the line between Lexington and Aiken counties, the still being on the Aiken side of the river. This was a sixty gallon outfit and was in operation at the time. Two men were present when the officers approached, one of them succeeding in making his getaway, the other, an aged white man giving the name of Mose Clark, was arrested and carried to Columbia to await trial in the federal courts. The still was of up-to-date manufacture, being made entirely of copper, and was sufficient in size to do a good part in relieving the drought in that community. The still, two barrels of mash and five gallons of liquor were destroyed by the captors.

### LEXINGTON CIRCUIT.

Services Sunday, Feb. 27:  
Red Bank—Sunday school 10 a. m. J. F. Sharpe, Supt. Preaching 11 a. m.  
Horeb—Sunday school 2:30 p. m. D. L. Harmon, Supt. Preaching 3:30 p. m.  
Lexington—Sunday school 10 a. m. W. D. Dent, Supt. Preaching 7:30 p. m.

H. A. WHITTEN,  
Pastor.

## HAPPENINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE WEEK

Columbia, Feb. 22.—Another week of the legislative session slipped by with very little accomplished in the way of passing to a finality any laws for the statute books. The week just passed was one of hard work, however, both houses holding night sessions daily. In the senate the main fight came on the bill to abolish the tax commission and the one which would have established the eight-day in cotton mills. The tax commission was given another lease of life, the senate by a decisive vote refusing to pass the bill of the Saluda senator to abolish the commission. Dr. D. M. Crosson, senator from Lexington, was among those who spoke in favor of the tax commission and against the passage of the bill. The Lexington senator made a strong plea for the tax commission, showing where it had placed on the tax books much property which had heretofore escaped taxation. At the conclusion of his speech he was warmly congratulated.

The fight in the senate for the passage of the eight-hour bill for textile mills was staged Thursday night and lasted well into the night. The senate chamber was crowded to overflowing with operatives from mills in the city and the battle raged until the midnight hour. After listening to several speeches on both sides of the question, the senate refused to follow the house, which had earlier passed the bill, and voted to strike out the enacting words.

### Associate Justiceship.

The death of Associate Justice Gage of the supreme court bench at his home in Chester early last week precipitated a contest which has impeded legislative work and may necessitate the general assembly remaining in session another week. Ten candidates entered the race but several of them have withdrawn. The leading candidates up to the time of adjournment last Friday night were Mr. J. F. Carter of Bamberg, Gen. Milledge L. Bonham of Anderson and Senator J. H. Marion of Chester, running in the order named. Among others voted for are Prof. Rucker of the University law school and circuit judges McIver, Shipp, Sease, Townsend, Moore and Rice. The deadlock appeared complete Friday when the legislature adjourned.

The most important matters now before the legislature pertain to raising of revenue. Of these chief interest centers in the general appropriation bill, which came from the house carrying a total of \$6,563,361.71 and calling for a levy of 11 mills as against 12 mills last year and also suspending the two-mill road tax, making a total decrease in the state levy of three mills. This bill is still in the hands of the senate finance committee and will be reported out some time the latter part of the week. There are some indications that a stiff fight will be made on some parts of the appropriation bill when it is read in the senate.

In addition to the appropriation bill the house has passed a bill imposing a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline and another bill imposing a graduated tax on inheritances over \$7,500 and has under consideration an income tax bill and a business license tax bill. It is hoped if these measures become law to materially reduce the levy on property, but their passage is by no means a foregone conclusion. The senate finance committee submitted an unfavorable report on the inheritance tax measure, which in most cases means the death of a bill. In this case, however, a determined effort will be made to put this measure over, despite the unfavorable report. The main argument for this form of taxation is that it will tax large estates which have been accumulated under the protection of the state and to that extent will lighten the burden on those who are hardly able to pay much taxes. It is pointed out that had the state had such a law on the books the last year it would have brought into the treasury several hundred thousand dollars, a good part of which at least was lost entirely to the state by reason of the fact that a very wealthy citizen who died left almost his entire estate to foreign missions. Under the terms of the proposed law such a devise would bear a high rate of tax.

There remain on the calendars of

## LAST ATTRACTION FOR THIS SEASON

The last number of the current lyceum course comes to the Lexington school auditorium on the evening of Monday, March 7th.

We have had four unusually good numbers this season. Many of the patrons of the course after the first attraction had been here expressed themselves as being fully satisfied with that attraction alone for the price of their season ticket. But what is probably the best number on the whole course is the coming one. It is usually arranged by the lyceum bureau to have the best saved for the last, so as to leave in the mouths of patrons a good taste for the next lyceum season. This coming attraction is the "Bell Ringers" of this year's course. We have no Dunbar Male Quartet and Bell Ringers this year, but those who attended their concert here remember it very pleasantly, and to them it is sufficient eulogy of the Hippie Concert Company to say that they more nearly approach the Bell Ringers than anything we have had.

This company features Earle Hippie, who is popularly known as the wizard of the xylophone. He also handles the drums, traps, and trombone. His wife is a piano soloist, and plays the xylophone and saxophone, and gives pianologues. Christ Knudson, also a member of the company, is a flute soloist and cornetist, and Azel A. Osborne is a violin soloist and also plays the saxophone. Need more be said? To those who love music, the lyceum committee joins the patrons of the course in inviting to this particular attraction those who have not attended the numbers regularly, that they may see what they have missed, and especially all musicians and students of music, for this should prove a rare treat. It is thought that this is the first time a xylophone-saxophone company has visited Lexington on a lyceum course, or otherwise, and the coming number should indeed prove a very popular one.

## WORK PROGRESSING ON LEXINGTON ROAD

The work on the Columbia-Augusta road is progressing well considering the weather conditions for the past several months, the grading crew have reached Lexington and the balance of the workmen are well on the way. The road has been practically completed for several miles this side of Hook's store, and that part is in fine shape. Within the next few weeks the citizens of this community will have good traveling all the way to Columbia.

The new road has been re-located at several places between here and Brookland, the most important change being made to avoid the railroad grade crossing, and at other places to give a more direct route.

The contract for the building of this road was let to White & Simpson of Virginia last summer, and calls for the completion of the road in 275 working days, which will not expire for some time yet. The distance to be built is something over 20 miles, from New Brookland to Leesville, and will cost \$123,906.97, part to be borne by Lexington and part by the federal government. The road being constructed is what is known as the sand-clay type, and is 40 feet wide. When completed it will be one of the best roads in this section of the state, and it has been one of the most traveled roads in South Carolina for many years, most of the tourists from the north passing this way in going south, and also returning home in spring.

Most of Lexington's roads are in bad shape now, due to heavy rains of the winter, but with spring near and better weather due, improvement is looked for.

both houses several important measures which are more than likely to fail should the general assembly complete its labors by Saturday night of this week. Among these are several measures which the American Cotton Association is trying to have passed for the benefit of the farmers and the state wide stock law, together with the revenue measures referred to above. Unless the deadlock in the election for associate justice is broken Tuesday it will so materially impede the work that there would seem little hope of adjournment next week.

## PALMAFESTA GIRLS TO HAVE A WEEK OF REAL PLEASURE

The big feature parade of Palmafesta week in Columbia, March 28th to April 2nd, will centre around the young ladies now being chosen to represent their respective counties in the State-wide contest for Queen of Palmafesta. A flower decorated automobile will be provided for each county in the State, the name of the county being worked out in flowers in the decorative scheme. In these cars will ride the 45 young women representing the 45 South Carolina counties.

The Palmafesta association has just closed a contract with the world famous Scotch Kilties band of 45 pieces. This organization will lead the automobile parade of county delegates for Queen, and will furnish two programmes of music daily during the big week. The Governor of South Carolina and his staff have been invited to participate in this parade.

With every county in South Carolina now actively interested in selecting a delegate in the Queen Contest, and with more than 50 daily and weekly newspapers printing the voting coupons, the Palmafesta association is planning for the biggest get-together week in South Carolina's history. \$10,000 will be spent in decorations and in equipping the State Fair buildings and grounds, and more than \$25,000 in amusements and other special features. One specially designed fireworks set piece, the Battle of Fort Sumter, which is part of the historical display to be put on by the International Fireworks Company of New York, is to cost

more than \$19,000.

National manufacturers and automobile dealers throughout South Carolina are working together with the object of making the auto, truck and tractor show the largest ever put on in the South. Interest in the "Better Babies" show is being manifested in every county of the State, and the "Baby Parade" will be one of the most interesting attractions. The committee in charge of the Style Show promises some surprises in the display of Gowns and other fashionable Spring apparel for women. New York models will be used in displaying the new spring wearables.

The voting in Lexington county has not been as brisk to date as had been expected, but it is thought that with the publishing of the standing of the favorites in today's paper the voting will commence in earnest now, and a lively contest is looked for in the closing weeks of the campaign. The following young ladies have been nominated, and now have to their credit the number of votes listed below:

- Miss Pauline Hook ..... 500
- Miss Annie Caughman ..... 101
- Miss Cathryn Berly ..... 100
- Miss Mae Lois Boozer ..... 101
- Miss Pearl Lorick ..... 2

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