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## FARMERS URGED TO MEET HERE MONDAY NIGHT

### Question of Potato House and Cannery Will Be Discussed. Full Attendance Wished.

An important meeting of farmers, particularly those interested in the growing of truck, will be held at the court house Monday night, March 15th, at 8 p. m. The purpose of the meeting will be to interest farmers in a cooperative community cannery to take care of any surplus truck crops. In view of the depression in agricultural products generally it is believed that a larger than usual will be needed to truck in Lexington this year, resulting in a market that may raise a serious problem as to the disposal of the surplus. It is believed that this problem can be solved by establishing small community canneries in which every stockholder will be a producer and canning his surplus, to be disposed of later in the local market.

Such a cannery has been in successful operation at Ellmore in Orangeburg county since 1917, and the results are said to have proved very beneficial. In the event that sufficient interest is manifested at the meeting here an automobile party will be formed to make the trip to Ellmore, under the guidance of Geo. P. Hoffman, extension horticulturist of Clemson College, and James W. Shealy, county demonstration agent. It is proposed to have a party of those interested visit Ellmore to get first-hand information as to the operation of such canneries.

Another important matter which will be taken up at this meeting will be the establishment at Lexington of a potato drying house for the curing of sweet potatoes. These houses are now in operation to a large extent throughout the lower part of the state and it is said that potatoes now being shipped from them are bringing \$1.50 a bushel on the northern markets. While it is possible to keep potatoes fairly well when banked it is found impossible to ship such potatoes without heavy loss, which has been eliminated by the curing received in the potato houses. Word has been received from Senator Christensen that the South Carolina Development Board, of which he is president, will concentrate on the sweet potato. The Development Board expects to stimulate the use of the sweet potato in the North and thereby broaden the market for the "sugar spud."

Farmers are urged to remember the date of this meeting, Monday night, March 14, at 8 o'clock and to come in full force.

Mr. Shealy, county agent, and Mr. Hoffman of Clemson will be on hand to give full details.

## JOE CAUGHMAN REAPPOINTED COUNTY GAME WARDEN.

Joe M. Caughman has been recommended to Governor Cooper for appointment as county game warden for Lexington county. Mr. Caughman has served in this position for several years and under his administration the revenues have increased until the past year they were something in excess of \$4,000.00, one-half of which goes to the school fund.

## MISS PAULINE HOOK WINNER IN CONTEST.

Miss Pauline Hook, who lives near Brookland is the winner in the contest to represent Lexington county at Columbia Palmafesta week, March 23 to April 2. The vote was as follows:

Miss Pauline Hook.....1676  
Miss Annie Caughman.....1314  
Miss Pearl Lorick..... 704  
Miss Cathryn Berly..... 607  
Miss Vera Corley..... 603

## PLAY AT LONG BRANCH.

The play "Turn of the Tide" will be given at Long Branch school No. 1, near New Brookland, Saturday night, March 19. Also refreshments will be served. Come one and all and enjoy yourselves.

## COUNTY BOARD NAMED UNDER NEW ACT

W. H. Witt of Swansea, J. H. Hiller of Chapin, J. M. Barr of Leesville, and B. H. Barre of Lexington will constitute the new board of county commissioners, under the county government act passed at the recent session of the legislature. It is not known when the new board will take office, but it is presumed that it will not be long. Under the new act, which was published in full in a recent issue of this paper, the powers of the board are very much enlarged.

The gentlemen named above are all well known throughout the county and are among the most substantial citizens of the sections in which they live. Mr. Witt is president of the Bank of Swansea, besides being engaged in other lines of endeavor. Mr. Hiller is a leading merchant of Chapin, and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends and customers. Mr. J. M. Barr is likewise one of the leading business men of Leesville, where he is general manager of the Leesville Casket Co., manufacturers. Mr. B. H. Barre of Lexington is one of the leading business men of the county seat, where he is manager of the Lexington Light and Power Company and has other large interests.

The new board of commissioners will have equal authority with the supervisor in making contracts and paying out county funds except that in emergency cases the supervisor is authorized to contract for work not in excess of \$50. The law requires that before any work is paid for it must be inspected and approved by the commissioner in whose district it is done.

Realizing that the success of the new plan was to a large extent dependent upon the kind of men selected for these important posts, the delegation brought strong pressure to bear upon the gentlemen named to accept the positions. They are being congratulated upon being able to persuade these gentlemen to act.

## CULBERSON—BOUKNIGHT.

Union, March 6.—A beautiful home wedding was celebrated Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Culberson when their daughter, Anna Belle, became the bride of Simon D. Bouknight of Lexington. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. K. Chick.

The bride wore a coat suit of brown cloth with hat and accessories to match and wore a corsage of white roses and ferns. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Culberson and is an unusually pretty and attractive young woman. She has been prominently identified with the social and church life of Union and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Bouknight is a young man of splendid traits of character. Congratulations have been showered upon them and at Lexington a warm welcome awaits the young couple.

## ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Divine services on Sundays at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Divine services on Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m.

On Sunday, March the 13th, the morning theme will be: "Christ, The Great High Priest." The evening theme will be: "The Unfolding of God's Love." For Wednesday, March the 16th, the theme will be: "Christ Feels Forsaken." A most cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN, Pastor.

## DEMONSTRATION WORK WILL BE CONTINUED.

Although at one time it appeared that the legislative delegation would fail to provide funds for continuing the farm and home demonstration work they were finally prevailed upon to keep up both branches of this important work and the necessary funds were provided.

Mr. James W. Shealy is in charge of the farm demonstration work and Miss Annie Caughman supervises the home demonstration work.

## BOX PARTY AT MACEDON.

There will be a box party, cake walk, and other amusements at Macedon school house Friday night, March 11. The public is cordially invited to attend. Girls may bring boxes.

## COUNTY MONEY IS APPROPRIATED

Taxes for 1921 will be 5 1-2 mills lower than for 1920. They would have been still lower by 4 mills except for the fact that this levy had to be provided to meet past indebtedness of the county. Under the terms of the county supply bill the treasurer is authorized to borrow \$55,000.00 to pay all past indebtedness and to levy four mills annually until this is paid. Including this four mills the levy for county purposes will be 12 mills as against 14 1-2 for 1920—a reduction of 2 1-2 mills. The state levy will be reduced from 12 1-2 to 11 1-2, while the two-mill state road tax was suspended, making a total of 3 mills reduction for the state.

As will be seen from the terms of the supply bill \$60,632.75 is provided for running the county in 1921. The levy authorized is insufficient by some \$20,000 to raise the amount appropriated, but it is believed that the additional revenue that will come from other sources will be sufficient.

The county supply bill in full is as follows:

Section 1. That a tax of seven and one-half (7 1-2) mills is hereby levied upon all the taxable property in the county of Lexington for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1921, for the amounts and purposes hereinafter stated, respectively:

Sec. 2.

Item 1. Roads and Bridges:—	
Cross country roads .....	\$12,000.00
Convicts and maintenance of road working organization ..	12,000.00
Total .....	\$24,000.00

### Item 2. Salaries:—

Clerk of Court, \$	350.00
Sheriff .....	1,100.00
Treasurer .....	600.00
Clerk to Treasurer .....	500.00
Auditor .....	600.00
Clerk to Auditor .....	250.00
Superintendent of Education ..	1,200.00
Attorney .....	100.00
Physician .....	250.00
Coroner .....	200.00
Postage for Clerk of Court .....	50.00
Supervisor—salary .....	1,500.00
Supervisor—Expense account ..	300.00
Supervisor—districting county roads .....	300.00
County Commissioners at \$200 each .....	800.00
Clerk to Board of County Commissioners ..	300.00
Judge of Probate .....	200.00
Superintendent County Farm ..	600.00
Chaplain to Poor-house, Jail and Chaingang ..	100.00
Magistrates' Constables:	
District No. 1.....	150.00
District No. 2.....	125.00
District No. 3.....	125.00
District No. 4.....	125.00
District No. 5.....	125.00
District No. 6.....	125.00
District No. 7.....	200.00
Magistrates:	
District No. 1.....	225.00
District No. 2.....	155.00
District No. 3.....	155.00
District No. 4.....	155.00
District No. 5.....	155.00
District No. 6.....	250.00
District No. 7.....	400.00
Total .....	\$11,370.00

### Item 3. County Boards:—

Board of Education .....	100.00
Board of Equalization .....	400.00
Board of Registration, 50 each ..	150.00
Total .....	\$ 650.00

Item 4. Jail expenses, including dieting prisoners .....	3,000.00
Item 5. Jurors and witnesses.....	7,000.00
Item 6. County Home, poor-house and poor.....	1,000.00
Item 7. Post mortems, inquests and lunacy.....	500.00

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## RURAL POLICE APPOINTED

Geo. Asbill of Leesville, L. A. Lown of Brookland and S. A. Mathias of Irmo are to be rural policemen for Lexington county, under the terms of an act recently passed by the legislature, providing for two or more rural policemen. Under the terms of the act the appointments are to be made by the governor upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation. The gentlemen named above have been recommended by the delegation and appointed by the governor and will doubtless assume charge of their duties at once. The act under which they will operate is as follows:

Section 1. That a Rural Police system be, and hereby is, established in and for Lexington county, to be composed of two or more Rural Policemen to be appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the majority of the Legislative Delegation of said county, to hold office for one year from the date of appointment, or unless removed as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. That the said Policemen shall be able-bodied men of good habits and not addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors or drugs. That said Rural Policemen shall be subject to removal by the County Supervisor and the County Commissioners, or a majority of them, at any time.

Sec. 3. Duties.—It shall be the duty of said Policemen, under the general control and direction of the Sheriff of the county of Lexington, to patrol and police the county, especially in rural districts, and to protect or detect and prosecute violations of the criminal law of every kind, making arrests upon their own initiatives, as well as upon complaint or information and to report all of their acts and all known, or suspected, violations of the criminal laws to the Sheriff as often as necessary in each case before Magistrate or General Court of Sessions, and on the first day of each term thereof, and report to the Solicitor the condition with reference to lawlessness in the county, and during the term of General Sessions Court to be subject to the direction of the Solicitor: Further, The said Policemen shall patrol the entire county at least once a week by section assigned to each by the Sheriff, remaining on duty at night when occasions or circumstances suggest the propriety thereof, to prevent or deter crime or to make an arrest; and they shall always be on duty for not less than ten hours per day, or more, except when granted occasional indulgences or leave of absence by the Sheriff. They shall frequent railroad depots, stores and other public places where people congregate or disorder is probable or vagrants may be loafing or alcoholic liquors may be sold, bartered or given away; and they shall as often as practicable ride by homes that are off the public highways and in lonely parts of the county, especially such as are without male protection, and shall use every means to prevent or detect, arrest and prosecute for breakers of peace, drunkenness, using obscene or profane language, boisterous conduct or discharging firearms on the public highways or at any public place or gathering of private home, carrying weapons contrary to law, gambling, setting out fire, violations of the game and fish laws, cruelty to animals or children or the virtue of chastity of any community or violation of the Child Labor Laws, lynching and for the violation of any and every law, for the preservation of the peace, good morals and good order of the community.

Failure to aid any Policeman shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be dealt with as is prescribed by law. Said Rural Policeman, when necessary, shall make arrests without warrants and carry offending parties before the nearest Magistrate and a warrant of arrest secured and the case be disposed of according to law.

Sec. 4. That each of said Policemen shall be paid a salary of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars per annum, payable in monthly installments: Provided, That each of said Policemen shall provide himself with means for riding over the county, and shall bear all expenses incurred while in service, including equipments, police suit, billets, fire arms, and all

## LYCEUM COURSE CLOSED WITH CONCERT MONDAY

The concert at the Lexington school auditorium on last Monday evening closed one of the best balanced and most generously patronized lyceum courses held in Lexington.

The course was made up of five numbers, no two of which were alike, and every one of which was produced by capable talent in a pleasing way.

For the entire course there was a small deficit amounting to something like fifty dollars, but this the committee cheerfully made up, and the stage is all set now for the opening of the 1921-22 season, for which the course has been booked, and the committee wishes to assure those interested that the numbers selected for presentation here next season will be of the same high class as those of this year's course.

The committee also wishes to thank you who supported this year's course, and state that the sum of seventy-nine cents will be turned over to the School Improvement League as the amount left in the treasury after paying all expenses.

## CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Surprise was expressed here by friends at the news in this morning's paper that John L. George had been convicted of manslaughter in the Edgefield court. Mr. George, who was a railroad man, is a son of Cap. S. F. George of this county. He was charged with shooting A. R. Brown in February, 1917. The case was tried once before and the defendant sentenced but on appeal to the supreme court a new trial was ordered, and Mr. George's friends were sanguine of acquittal.

## FISH FRY MONDAY.

There will be a fish fry Monday, March 14, at George's Pond, with plenty for every one. There will also be fish on sale, non-game fish for eating purposes and game fish for those who have ponds they want to stock. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

## BON HEUR CLUB.

The Bon Heur Club will meet Thursday afternoon, instead of Friday as usual, at 4 p. m. with Miss Ernestine Barre.

## LEGION MEET FRIDAY.

A special meeting of the American Legion will be held in the offices of Efrid & Carroll, Friday evening, March 11, at 8:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

## CROWDS BRAVE RAIN.

St. Louis, March 6.—Thousands of St. Louisians stood for hours in the rain today and paid homage to Champ Clark.

The special train bearing the body arrived from Washington shortly before 4 p. m. It was scheduled to have arrived an hour earlier, but was delayed when a terminal engine jumped the track, killing a yard man.

The body was conveyed to the city hall, where it lay in state until 11 p. m. Departure for Bowling Green, the statesman's home town, will be made at 7 a. m. tomorrow. Interment will be held at 2 p. m.

An old Flemish pitcher sold in New York the other day for \$180, but a first-class young American pitcher will bring a good deal more.—Providence Journal.

other necessary equipment.

Sec. 5. That each of said Policemen, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall enter into a bond approved by the Board of County Commissioners in the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

Sec. 6. That said Rural Policemen shall not accept a cash bond under any circumstances, except as specifically instructed by the Magistrate, and shall not compromise any case.

Sec. 7. That it shall be the special duty of said Rural Policemen to enforce the prohibition laws within the county of Lexington, outside of incorporated towns, or wherever the Sheriff may direct.

Sec. 8. That all prior Acts and parts of Act inconsistent with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Sec. 9. That this Act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

## MUST REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

Columbia, March 7.—That the only hope for the salvation of the state from financial ruin lies in a drastic cut in the cotton acreage this year was the unanimous opinion of the conference held here last Wednesday at which were present representatives of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association, The South Carolina Bankers Association, the South Carolina Development Board, the South Carolina Press Association, the South Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association and the South Carolina Automotive Trade Association.

The conference was called by the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association and Governor Cooper presided until the selection of a chairman. Mr. Bright Williamson was chosen as chairman.

Speakers included Governor Cooper, Governor R. I. Manning, R. C. Hamer, R. B. Stackhouse, J. Skottow Wannamaker and others. The one theme of the meeting was that unless the acreage in cotton in the state is cut to a point where only one-third of the cultivated lands of the state are planted in cotton that the state is facing the most distressing financial period in its history. The speakers pointed out that there is absolutely no hope for a fair price for cotton unless only one-half of a crop is raised, this year. The production of over a half crop this year would mean that cotton would bring only about five cents a pound next fall. It was declared by some of the speakers that too gloomy a picture of present conditions could not be painted.

Reports at the meeting were not very favorable as to the prospects for a reduction in this state. It was brought out that while some farmers are planning to reduce others are not. The situation was threshed out from every angle and it was decided that the bankers alone could enforce an acreage reduction by refusing to extend loans to those who do not reduce.

## FIVE TRACTS LAND SOLD BY CLERK.

Five tracts of land were sold at public outcry by the clerk of court Monday of this week, which was salesday. The prices brought are generally considered as pretty fair, under the circumstances. The following pieces of land were sold:

The Hartley place in Black Creek township containing 626 acres was bid in by C. L. Wilcox for \$11,100.00.

C. M. Efrid, attorney, bid in for \$500.00 a lot in Cayce on which the McDuffie lumber mill was located.

W. D. Dent, as agent, bid in for \$1,175.00 a tract of 65 acres in Hoi-low Creek township.

Barrett Jones, as attorney bid in for \$1,200.00 a tract of 100 acres near Pellon.

For \$300 Barrett Jones, attorney, bid in 88 acres in Black Creek township.

Autos Go Low.

Sheriff E. Austin Roof also sold at auction two automobiles under foreclosure—one a Maxwell and the other an Overland—which brought \$20 and \$25 respectively.

## GEORGE JOHNSTONE DIES AT NEWBERRY HOME.

The news from Newberry of the death of Col. George Johnstone, who for some years has been in feeble health, will bring regret to many people in this county, where Col. Johnstone was well known and popular. Col. Johnstone was one of the most eminent lawyers in the state and until his health failed enjoyed a large practice throughout the state. He appeared in many important cases before Lexington juries, among others the Tillman-Gonzales trial.

Col. Johnstone was a Confederate veteran and was 75 years of age. He served one term in congress.

## FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

All persons interested in a public Library for Lexington are asked to meet at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock.

J. W. BALLENTINE, Supt. of School.