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## TAX MONEY COMES IN RUSH

County Treasurer C. E. Leaphart and his assistant, Miss Marguerite Lopick were kept more than busy the last few days of last week handing out tax receipts in exchange for cash to last-minute taxpayers, who made a rush on the office to avoid the penalty of 7 per cent., which attaches from May 1. Payments exceeded Mr. Leaphart's expectations. So great was the rush that he was unable to count up and tell The Dispatch-News man how much still remains due on 1921 taxes, but from the number of people handled at the window and the volume of mail which has come into the office Mr. Leaphart is of the opinion that there will be a minimum of executions to place in the hands of the sheriff May 15, when the books close. Mr. W. D. Dent, the auditor, has been helping Mr. Leaphart through the rush.

"You may say to the people," said Mr. Leaphart, "that it will be some time before we are able to mail out receipts for all those who sent in their taxes by mail. The letters are stacked up high and it will take more than a week to go through the big stack of letters. However, we are doing our best and will get to them as fast as possible. Taxpayers who have mailed checks for their taxes need not feel uneasy if they do not receive their receipt for several days."

A great many people who were forced to sell their cotton were heard to remark that they regretted having postponed the payment of their taxes. Had they sold earlier they would have realized more and would have avoided any penalty on their taxes.

## ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Arthur B. Obenschain, pastor.  
Mr. B. Heber Barre, superintendent of Sunday school.  
Divine services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.  
There will be Divine services on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 6th, at 8:00 p. m. The theme will be: "Our Eyes Blind to the Future." The morning theme on Sunday, May 8th, will be: "Remembering His Mother's Faith." The evening theme will be: "What God Requires of Us." The second Sunday in May being Mother's Day, the morning sermon will be on this subject. Honor your mothers, living or dead, by coming to the House of God and there returning thanks to Him for her influence. To all of these services the public is most cordially invited.  
ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN, Pastor.

## LITTLE CHILD KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Gunter of Steedman will be pained to learn of the accidental death of their little daughter, who was run over by an automobile and died April 29. The little girl was just over three years old, having been born December 16, 1917. The remains were laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery in the presence of a large congregation, the services being conducted by the Rev. W. J. Hays. The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Gunter in their sad bereavement.

## LEXINGTON CIRCUIT.

Appointments for Sunday May 8th, 1921.  
Lexington—Sunday school at 10 a. m., W. D. Dent, superintendent. Preaching at 11 o'clock, subject: "A Mother's Request." Remember this is Mother's Day, and if she is living see that she gets to church. If she is dead wear a white flower, if living a red one.  
Horob—Sunday school at 3 p. m., D. L. Harmon, superintendent. Preaching at 4 o'clock.  
Red Bank—Sunday school at 10 a. m., J. F. Sharpe, superintendent. Preaching at 8 p. m.  
You will find a welcome to all these services.  
H. A. Whitten, Pastor.

## BON HEUR CLUB.

The Bon Heur Club will meet with Mrs. C. E. Leaphart Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## GEORGE E. ROBERTS DIED MONDAY

Mr. George Elias Roberts, well known farmer and substantial citizen of Lexington county, living about three miles from the court house, died suddenly Monday afternoon, May 2. Mr. Roberts was apparently in good health and on the morning of his death was up and about his usual duties. He complained of feeling slightly unwell in the afternoon, and soon after he laid down to rest it was found that he had gently fallen on sleep. The news of Mr. Roberts' sudden death cast a gloom over Lexington, where he was highly regarded for the many sterling qualities which made him the Christian gentleman, loving husband, devoted father and fine type of Christian manhood which all the world honors. At the time of his death Mr. Roberts was 77 years, 4 months and 18 days old. He was a faithful and life-long member of Providence E. L. church and for many years had acceptably filled the position of an elder in the church. His pastor always found in him a strong support. He was faithful and punctual in his attendance upon services and his voice was always ready to be raised in the interest of harmony. Kind by nature, he allowed no unkind remarks to escape his lips and no man was ever a better neighbor than Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts was married December 16, 1888, to Miss Mary J. Seay, and his home life was beautiful. A devoted husband, a generous father, he lived to rear a family of five children who honored his old age. They are: Dr. G. F. Roberts, Lexington; J. H. Roberts, Chapin; Mrs. J. H. Hiller, Chapin; Mrs. D. J. Caughman and Mrs. Scott Hendrix, Lexington. He is also survived by Mrs. Roberts and three sisters.

Mr. Roberts was a gallant Confederate "soldier" and served throughout the war in Capt. Caughman's command, Co. F, Fifth S. C. Cavalry. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Providence church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Shearouse, assisted by Rev. J. W. Oxner. The church was entirely inadequate to hold the large congregation which came to attest their respect for the noble Christian gentleman who had gone to rest. The grave was heaped with a profusion of beautiful flowers the like of which has seldom been seen in this community. The following acted as pallbearers: P. B. Warner, Sam Rawl, P. H. Cook, Reubin Corley, Perry Corley, Shelton Wingard, Jacob Seay, Earle Seay.

## DIXIE LODGE I. O. O. F. REORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

Grand Secretary F. S. Killingsworth, Grand Financial Secretary W. A. Hanks and District Deputy Walter G. Columbia, representing the grand lodge of South Carolina, were in Lexington Tuesday night and re-organized Dixie Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F. Twenty-two members were enrolled last night, and the lodge resumes work with bright prospects. Regular meetings will be held the first and third Monday nights in each month at 8 o'clock. The following officers were elected: Ira M. Sligh, N. G.; R. F. Roberts, V. G.; H. F. Rawl, Sec'y.; E. E. Wingard, Treas.; J. E. Steele, chaplain; S. J. Leaphart, warden; C. E. Taylor, I. G.; J. A. Harman, O. G.; Karl F. Oswald, R. S. N. G.; J. F. Shealy, L. S. N. G.; J. S. Caughman, K. S. V. G.; S. B. George, L. S. V. G.; K. F. Oswald, J. E. Rawl and J. S. Caughman, trustees. James E. Rawl and George Bell Timmerman were elected delegates to the grand lodge, which meets in Columbia on May 11, with Karl F. Oswald and S. J. Leaphart as alternates.

## JOHN T. BOUKNIGHT DIED MONDAY NEAR NEWBURG

John T. Bouknight, well known farmer living near Chapin, died quite suddenly at his home near Newburg school house Monday, according to information received in Lexington Monday. Mr. Bouknight was about 70 years old and was highly regarded for many sterling qualities by a large circle of friends. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment took place in the family burying ground.

## MARRIAGE IN NEW YORK OF POPULAR COUPLE

Mr. Sam. P. Roof and Miss Annie Martha Meetze Wedded in Metropolis.

Friends in Lexington are in receipt of the following announcement; which was received here with great interest, owing to the popularity of both the bride and groom.

Mrs. James Preston Meetze announces the marriage of her daughter Annie Martha to Mr. Samuel Patrick Roof on Saturday, the thirtieth of April. One thousand, nine hundred and twenty-one in the City of New York. Will be at home at Lexington, South Carolina.

Mr. Roof is a life long resident of Lexington, and numbers as his friends all who know him. He is a member of the firm of Sam P. & W. P. Roof, Jr., cotton merchants. The bride, a native of Lexington, who for some years past has made her home in New York, is well known here and deservedly popular for many graces. Possessed of a charming personality, she has endeared herself to all who know her.

Mr. and Mrs. Roof are expected home in a few days.

## LEXINGTON OIL COMPANY TO START BUSINESS.

The Lexington Oil Company is the latest venture in the business world here, notice being given that this concern will apply next week for a charter to deal in petroleum products. The company will begin with a capital stock of \$3,000.00, which may be increased as the business develops. The company will handle petroleum products of all kinds and make Lexington a distributing center for the surrounding territory. The promoters are among the best known business men in the county and several of them are interested in similar enterprises in various parts of the county and are thoroughly conversant with the oil business. The petitioners are S. B. George, J. C. Cullum, J. B. Hollman, J. Luther Smith. It is summed that the company will begin operations at an early date.

## TO REST IN ELMWOOD

Funeral of Mrs. Donly Held in Columbia Tuesday.  
The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Donly, Jr., will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Ebenezer Lutheran church. The interment will be at Elmwood. Mrs. Donly passed away Sunday night and the announcement of her death was a shock to her numerous friends. She was a young woman possessing many lovable traits and she was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Mrs. Donly is survived by her husband and infant son, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harman; three brothers, Hugh Harman of Mexico, Gerald Harman of San Diego, Cal., and Samuel Harman of Columbia, and one sister, Miss Lula Harman, of Columbia.—Tuesday's State.

## CONGRESSMAN FULMER TO GET GERMAN CANNON FOR LEXINGTON.

Special to The Dispatch-News.  
Washington, May 2.—H. P. Fulmer, representative in congress from the Seventh district, has introduced a bill in the House of representatives providing for the donation by the national government to the town of Lexington of one of the cannon captured from the Germans by the American forces during the late world war. There are many of these souvenirs now in the possession of the United States government and Representative Fulmer will hardly have any trouble in getting his bill through.

## COMMUNITY MEETING.

There will be a churning demonstration given at the Lexington high school building, Monday afternoon, May 9, at 3:30 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth Forney, the dairy specialist of Winthrop college, will be present and will have full charge of the butter making. All the ladies and gentlemen of the town and surrounding community are cordially invited to be present.

## J. O. U. A. M. CELEBRATES AT PELION SCHOOL

Numbers of Lexington people went to Pelion Sunday afternoon to participate in the exercises incident to the presentation and raising of a flag and the gift of a Bible to the Pelion school by Lexington Council No. 240, Junior Order United American Mechanics. The exercises were very much enjoyed by all present. The address of the occasion was delivered by Cyrus L. Shealy, who spoke along patriotic lines, stressing the principles upon which the Junior Order is founded—love of country, the upbuilding of the public school system and the reading of the Bible in the schools. The members of Lexington council participating in the exercises were:

Lee H. Powell, John Shealy, J. A. Harman, W. F. Hicks, R. F. Powell, George Swartz, H. C. Barrett, W. E. Gibbs, J. P. Mims, W. S. Harman, Jeff Sons, Lot Sons, Lewie Hall, C. B. Fallow, D. S. Smith, B. G. Payton, Tom Hendrix, John Hendrix, Morgan Rhoten, Walter Gable, Walter Watts, Callie Lamar, Perry Lamar, J. C. Shepherd, Rice Harmon, Major Harman, J. B. Floyd, E. C. Floyd, Tom Sox, Cyrus Shealy, Cleve Snelgrove, Erwin Hallman, Jess Frye, Wade Hook, Crosson Hallman, Carl Corder, Simon Caughman, Dewie Rikard, James Hicks, Noah Grice, Andrew Norris, Frank Gable.

## J. P. OTT, JR., REMOVES OFFICE TO COLUMBIA

Mr. J. P. Ott, Jr., who for several years has maintained his office as Southern representative of the corporation which operates the three cotton mills in this county as well as the Palmetto mills in Columbia and other plants in this section, has removed his office to Columbia and will hereafter be located at the Palmetto mill. Mr. Ott has made many friends in Lexington, who esteem him highly as a fine type of young Southern business man who is rapidly rising to the top. They will watch his career with interest.

## DEATH OF A LITTLE BOY.

In remembrance of little John Carl Meetze, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meetze, born October 19, 1918, and died April 15, 1921, making his short stay here on earth 2 years, 5 months, 26 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, father, mother, one sister and one brother. His little body was laid to rest in the family graveyard. Gone but not forgotten.

Sleep on dear darling, and take thy rest  
God called you home:  
He thought it best.

## ATTENTION, TEACHERS.

All teachers who expect to enter the normal class of the Lexington high school should enter next week. The second term of six weeks will begin Monday, May 9th. Courses will be arranged to fit the needs of the majority of those attending. Students are asked to bring with them the text books used in the sixth and seventh grades, if they have them; as some of them will be used. Other books needed can be secured here.

There will be no summer school later in the summer and no normal work offered next fall, so those who wish credit for work done in this county must come now.

## DEATH OF INFANT.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Kyzer of the St. John's section were bereft of their son, Wesley Oran, who died April 28, 1921, aged one month and twenty-four days. Funeral and burial services were held next day at St. John's church. These parents have the hearty sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their child. All that loving hands could do was of no avail. "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." O. B. S.

## JONES-DORN.

Mr. Ellison Jones and Miss Mattie Dorn, both of Cayce were married Saturday, April 30, by W. D. Dent, auditor, at the court house. Probate Judge Drafts happened to be sick at the time and Mr. Dent in his accommodating way tied the knot and sent the young couple on their way rejoicing.

## MUCH COTTON SOLD HERE LAST WEEK

Last week was the most active in the local cotton market in more than a year, many farmers disposing of at least part of their crop in order to have money with which to pay taxes. Prices paid on the local market ranged from 6 1-2 to 11 1-2 cents, owing to the grade of the staple, only the very best lint bringing the top prices.

Coincident with the selling movement the demand for spot cotton is reported as being a little better, owing, it is believed, to the announcement that the War Finance Corporation is preparing to finance exports to foreign countries. Brokers are reported for the first time in months as calling over the telephone in an effort to secure limited quantities of cotton.

There are no accurate statistics as to the amount of cotton being held in Lexington county, but it is undoubtedly large, even the movement to market last week, though large under the circumstances, not representing sales of complete individual crops. The general disposition seems to be to sell only enough to pay up taxes and other pressing obligations and await a more favorable market to dispose of the remainder of the crop. There has been a slight upward tendency of the market in the past few days, but nobody expects it to make very material advances, as mills are not yet running to capacity, either in this county or in England. Tuesday morning's papers indicated the prospect of a strike in many textile mills, which will still further curtail production.

On the whole, however, demand for cotton seems to have opened up slightly, and the general tone of the market is more optimistic. Many do not believe there will be any material change until the 1921 acreage is determined and the strikes and unemployment prevailing are settled and the buying public shows a disposition to believe that the bottom has been reached and are willing to replenish depleted stocks.

Those who have satisfied their immediate demands for cash will no doubt hold on to their surplus cotton until there is considerable improvement in the market.

## CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL FINISHES TWENTY-ONE BOYS AND GIRLS

Twenty-one seniors will be awarded diplomas this commencement at Chapin high school. The commencement exercises begin Saturday night, May 7th, with a play, entitled "Tootsie's Husband." Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Mt. Horeb Lutheran church the Rev. R. R. Sowers will preach the baccalaureate sermon. Monday evening 8:30 o'clock exercise by primary department. Tuesday evening, 8:30 o'clock, class exercise and the awarding of diplomas. Class exercise as follows: Salutary by Darr Shealy; Class Prophecy by Ella Rose Shealy; class historian by Pearl Frick; Class poems by Tommie Chaffin; class jokes by Homer Eargle; class will by Jennings Stoudemire; valedictory by Lindler or Stoudemire.

List of graduates to receive diplomas is as follows: Ervin Amick, Pearl Lee Counts, Tommie Chaffin, Wilhelmine Dorritt, Homer Eargle, Harry Frick, Pearl Frick, Henry Haltiwanger, Katie Haltiwanger, Walter Lowman, Bertha Krell, Clarence Lever, George Lindler, Perry Richardson, Ella Rose Shealy, Jennings Stoudemire, Elmer Stoudemire, Everett Summer, Darr Shealy, Lillie Slice, Willie Williams.

The public is cordially invited by the graduating class to attend all of these exercises.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT HOLLOW CREEK SCHOOL.

Closing exercises of Hollow Creek school will be held at the school house on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. The exercises will consist of dialogues, recitations, etc. A basket picnic dinner and refreshments will be served. Mr. Josephus Nichols is principal of the school.

## SCHOOL CLOSING.

Closing exercises of the St. John's (Calk Road) school will be held Friday night, May 13. The public generally is invited to attend.

## WOUNDED MAN DOING WELL

Earl Asbill of Leesville, son of Rural Policeman George Asbill of Leesville, who was wounded while helping in a raid on a liquor still on Congaree Creek last week, is said to be getting along fine, and is reported as being on the road to recovery. The wound is not thought to be dangerous.

The Columbia State of last Friday contained the following account of the affair:

Earl E. Asbill, son of Rural Policeman G. W. Asbill of Leesville, was brought to the Columbia hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday morning suffering from a pistol ball in his shoulder. Young Asbill was injured in a whiskey raid on Congaree creek near Camp Styx in Lexington county late Wednesday night, the raiding officers and two alleged moonshiners being engaged in a battle which lasted several minutes. Young Asbill is, so far as known, the only man injured in the melee.

Warrants were sworn out before Magistrate A. B. Bachman in Brookland yesterday for Will Smith and Tillman Mayers, who were identified by members of the raiding party as the two men who did the shooting. No arrests had been made last night and it was believed by some of the Lexington officers that one or both of the men may have been drowned. Young Asbill, however, says that he thinks that both men escaped and Sheriff Roof of Lexington county when interviewed over the telephone last night also scouted the theory that the men had been killed saying that one of the two men suspected was known to have been seen at home early yesterday morning.

The Lexington officers located the still on the creek side earlier in the week and went to the scene Wednesday night intending to capture the operators of the still when they should return, according to the story of young Asbill who was able to talk at the hospital yesterday afternoon. After waiting until about 11:30 o'clock without result the raiding party started to leave the scene, abandoning the hunt for the night. Just as they were leaving, the officers heard the sound of a motorcycle coming toward the swamp and after waiting in ambush near the barrels of beer and mash, which they had found, they heard the sound of a boat in the creek. Two men got out of the boat and began an examination of the ground, discovering the footprints of the officers. The two supposed moonshiners then began a hunt for the intruders and using a flashlight located the raiding party near a large pine.

One of the alleged moonshiners then opened fire, Young Asbill said, the officers and the other men also joining in the battle. About 30 shots were exchanged, the bushes and trees nearby bearing evidence of the spirited melee. The two supposed moonshiners after exhausting their cartridges ran for the creek, swimming across to the other side to make their escape, apparently unhurt, leaving their boat by the creek bank.

Young Asbill was then brought to Columbia to the hospital where he was given treatment. An x-ray examination of his shoulder revealed the fact that the bullet had caused only a flesh wound, no bones being broken. He was reported resting easy at the hospital yesterday and a speedy recovery is predicted.

The officers went back to the scene yesterday morning, destroying nearly 321 gallons of beer and mash. The still, itself, was not found and it is presumed that it was hidden in the creek which is nearly eight feet deep at that point. Members of the party were: Rural Policeman Dewes, Earl Asbill and Fletcher Steele. Young Asbill and Fletcher Steele were acting as special deputies.

## MUSIC RECITAL AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

The music pupils of Miss Olga Rawl will give a recital Saturday evening, May 7, at eight-thirty o'clock, at St. John's school house. The public is cordially invited.