

## NEW METHOD OF POISONING BOLL WEEVIL SAID TO BE GOOD

Has the real boll weevil poison been found? People of the Ridge section of the State are said to be very enthusiastic about results obtained from the use of a mixture of molasses and calcium of arsenate, which is said to have proved very successful in Georgia. Reports say that the sweetness of the molasses has an attraction for the cotton pest, attracting him as a food, and it serves the further purpose of causing the poison to remain on the cotton stalk instead of being blown away or washed off by rains. According to the best information obtainable treatment by this method is more effective when applied while the cotton is young and before the weevil gets a good start.

At Ridge Spring and Johnston farmers, merchants and bankers are said to be enthusiastic about the results, and they are strongly behind a movement to urge all farmers to apply the stuff and are willingly making advances to such as are not financially able to buy it, though it is said to cost approximately 15 cents per acre for material.

Mr. T. P. Meetze says that his information is that the formula which has proved best is as follows: Six pounds of calcium of arsenate, to which add six quarts of boiling water and stir well for half an hour until the poison is thoroughly dissolved. Add to this five gallons of molasses. The molasses used can be of the very cheapest kind, even sour sorghum which might otherwise be fed to the

stock or wasted. A popular kind in some sections is what is commonly known as "blackstrap," which is said now to be as low as 25 cents per gallon. The calcium arsenate can be bought for 20 cents a pound. The quantity produced from the formula above will be sufficient for 20 acres. The mixture is spread on the stalks with a mop made by wrapping a rag around a stick.

Several gentlemen in Batesburg have conducted experiments with this "dope." Mr. J. B. Ballentine of the Bank of Western Carolina at Batesburg, in a telephone conversation with The Dispatch-News this morning, said that he had tried the mixture and it had killed the weevils which he had placed in a bottle with the "dope."

Mr. Samuel B. George, president of the Home National Bank, in talking to The Dispatch-News this morning, said he believed that our farmers should bestir themselves and try out this recipe for exterminating the pest. "I have recently been over the greater part of the county, and I feel sure that unless something is done soon we will make practically no cotton this year. I am sure that our merchants will be glad to handle the necessary ingredients to make the mixture on a very small margin, sufficient only to pay for handling. Instead of losing heart, we should be up and doing and give the weevil a fight. It will, I am sure, prove worth while. Let's get busy and at least make the effort."

## CAMPING AND PICNIC PARTIES ENJOY GEORGE'S POND.

With the coming of real summer time the popular resort, George's Pond has become the Mecca of pilgrims from the Capital City, seeking rest and recreation under the spreading branches of the magnificent shade trees which adorn the surrounding premises and in the cooling waters of the pond. Already there are camping parties pitching their tents on the banks and Tuesday the Sunday school of the Main Street Methodist church gave their annual basket picnic there. George's pond has for years been a popular summer resort with Columbians, but the coming of the automobile, making the trip from the city a matter of only a short while, its popularity has grown.

Friday of this week Sewing Circles Nos. 1 and 2 of Main Street Methodist church will hold their annual picnic here and Thursday of next week has been given for the Presbyterian Sunday schools of Columbia.

Mr. Dibble George is very generous to allow all picnic parties use of the grounds and the only restriction he places on them is that only one organization can use them on one day.

## LADIES OF HEBRON WILL STAGE COMEDY

"A Southern Cinderella," an interesting and attractive little comedy will be given by local talent at Pineview school auditorium Monday evening, July 4th, at 8:30 o'clock.

Seven young ladies of Mt. Hebron Methodist church are working hard to give a successful presentation of this play. A small admission fee will be charged and the proceeds given for the benefit of the Ladies Parsonage Aid Society of Mt. Hebron.

## PYTHIANS WILL GIVE BARBECUE THURSDAY.

Lexington lodge, No. 134, Knights of Pythias, are looking forward to a pleasant social session Thursday night of this week when they will enjoy a barbecue at the Pythian hall here. Chancellor Commander Moore of Columbia lodge of the Capital City is expected to be present and talk to the local Knights, who are expectantly waiting for the time to arrive.

## MARRIED.

Married, Sunday evening, June 19, 1921, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. H. A. Whitten, Mr. Ernest H. Bailey of Columbia, formerly of Lexington, and Miss Martha Owens of Lexington county. To this happy young couple we extend our congratulations and hearty good wishes.

## ZION PICNIC WILL BE GIVEN JULY 28.

The annual picnic of the Zion Pastorate will be held at Rev. J. A. Crombr's residence on July 28, being Thursday before the first Sunday in August, according to announcement made this week by Mr. G. B. Wingard, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The program has not yet been outlined, but the committee is at work making preparations to provide a day of entertainment for the large crowd which usually attends this event—perhaps the biggest thing of its kind in Lexington county. This picnic has been held annually for a good many years and has never failed to attract large crowds. This year will no doubt prove no exception.

## MEMBERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Messrs. W. M. Oxner of Leesville and Charles E. Taylor of Lexington have been appointed members of the county board of education, according to announcement made from the office of John E. Swearingen, state superintendent of Education. These gentlemen succeed Messrs. T. S. Shealy of Leesville and R. E. Cook of Lexington. The county superintendent of education is ex officio chairman and secretary of the board.

## PICNIC AT CHARTER OAK.

There will be a picnic at Charter Oak school house July 2, given under the auspices of the Ladies School Improvement Association. There will be several prominent speakers to address you on education. Refreshments will be served. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring a well filled basket and enjoy the day.

## Poor Father!

The doctor's little six-year-old was entertaining the caller, a new neighbor, until her mother appeared, and was chatting away at a great rate. Presently the caller asked something about the little one's grandmother. "Why, didn't you know?" cried the child.

"Know what, dear?"

"Why, grandma is dead and grandpa is dead and Aunt Alice is dead—and most all papa's patients is dead, too."

## Different

Employer—Did you notice that ad in this evening's paper. "Learn to earn \$25 per week at stenography."

Stenographer—Sure, but I wasn't interested because I am getting that already.

Employer—Yes, but the ad said learn to.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GIVE PLAY

The Junior Sewing Club of the Lexington High School and their friends are making elaborate preparations for the presentation of "The Coming of the Flowers," which will be given at the school auditorium Friday night, June 24, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Many of the young people will participate and their friends are sure they will acquire themselves in fine shape. An admission fee of 15 cents for children and 25 cents for grown ups, will be charged, the proceeds of which will go for the school. The ladies of the School Improvement League will also serve refreshments after the play. There will be plenty of good sandwiches, iced tea, ice cream and other good things.

## The Program.

The program in full is as follows:

PART 1

Chorus—"June Is Here"—Ensemble.

Parasol Drill—Misses Evelyn Kyzer, Winnie Lorick, Rhude Meetze, Dorothy Oswald, Loraine Shealy, Grace Roberts, Helen Obenschain, Eleanor Hook, Mattie Lee Hendrix, Beulah Wingard, Emily Oswald, Rosa Belle Mendrix.

Song—"We're Creepy Little Scarecrows"—Henry Jake Bickley, Robert Reagin, P. H. Caughman, Wise Caughman, Margaret Oswald, James Dreher, Louis Steele, Carl Davis Caughman, Houston Hook, Ellen Drafts Lorick.

## PART 2.

The Coming of The Flowers.

Synopsis: April comes and doesn't find any of her flowers, so she calls them and they answer and come and deck the hills. She calls the violets, daffodils, lilies, and snowdrops. The May flowers appear and the Little Green Elves are so glad that it is spring that they come and sing and frolic in the woods. May comes and greets the May flowers and calls the pansies and pinks. Summer comes with the roses and brings the sunflowers, hollyhocks and daisies.

## Scene 1.

Characters as they appear:

April—Rhude Meetze.

Violets—Mary James Haltiwanger, Julia C. Kaminer, Eleanor Caughman, Annie Gene Mitchell, Selma Lybrand, Doris Price, Alice Mae Mathias, Mary Lee Wilson, Marjorie Leaphart.

Daffodils—Winnie Lorick and Dorothy Oswald.

Lillies—Evelyn Kyzer, Jesselyn Bouknight, Erma Hobbs, Erma Roberts, Ruth Taylor.

Snowdrops—Sarah Hampton Kaminer, Mattie Lee Hendrix, Dorothy Wingard, Ailee Floyd.

Mayflowers—Iva Caughman Haltiwanger, J. W. Schwartz.

The Little Green Elves—J. C. Shepherd, William Kyzer, Norris Hook, John Henry Roof, Wilbur Hendrix, A. J. Mathias, Jr., Voight Hendrix, Karl Oswald, Jr.

## Scene 2.

May—Helen Obenschain.

Pansies—Grace Roberts, Ellen Drafts Lorick, Marcestus Hook, Augustine Sox, Oconee Taylor, Thelma Taylor.

Pinks—Beulah Fox Wingard, Rosa Belle Hendrix.

## Scene 3.

Roses—Pink, Christine Harmon, Sue Hobbs; White, Eleanor Hook, Suedella Shealy; Yellow, Helen Floyd, Laura Roberts, Flossie Sox; Red, Ruth Steele, Rachael Norris, Loraine Shealy.

Summer—Margaret Oswald.

Sunflowers—Grace Shealy, Lucile Miller, Lee Steele, James Obenschain, Wallace Norris.

Hollyhocks—Emily Oswald, Maude Roberts, M. L. Harmon, Marie Rikard.

Daisies—Mattie Katherine Gibbs, Arthur Obenschain, Virginia Harmon, C. C. Leaphart, Nellie Kyzer, Judson Humphries.

Finale—"The Song of the Flowers."

Refreshments.

## GEORGE'S STORE UNDER HEADWAY

Fine progress is being made on the splendid and commodious brick store which Mr. W. D. George is erecting at Lexington Depot and it will not be a great while before Mr. George can occupy his new building. The store is built of brick and will be roomy and conveniently arranged and will add materially to the appearance of the depot surroundings.

## SCHOOL MONEY NOW ON HAND

A. D. Martin, county superintendent of education, is in receipt of notice from John E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education, that check for \$11,854.00 has been forwarded to C. E. Leaphart, county treasurer, to pay the state's guarantee of a seven months term for schools which vote certain levies and have not sufficient funds to carry out that program.

The money has been received and is now available, and Messrs. Martin and Leaphart urge the trustees of all districts entitled to participate in these funds to get busy and secure their portion. Both of the officials are anxious to dispose of the money before closing their term of office July 1.

The equalizing fund, as it is called, brings to this county the largest amount of any of the special aid funds disbursed by the state government.

The news of the receipt of this money will no doubt be welcome to the schools interested, and no time will likely be lost in disbursing it. The schools participating in it and the amount received by each is given in the table below:

Name of Dist.	No. of Dist.	Amount
Hollow Creek	8	\$561.00
Star	10	551.00
Centerville	11	462.00
Pond Branch	13	942.00
Ridge Road	16	579.00
Hood's Branch	27	464.00
Sharp's Hill	35	1150.00
Cross Roads	40	336.00
Calvary	42	498.00
Huffman's Burnt Mill	43	300.00
Irmo	45	526.00
Piney Woods	50	243.00
Central	53	378.00
Samaria	60	263.00
Poplar Springs	61	570.00
Cedar Grove	63	437.00
Gaston	76	232.00
Oak Grove	77	784.00
Red Star	78	542.00
Culler	80	235.00
St. Johns	83	402.00
Camp Branch	84	526.00
North Edisto	87	873.00

\$11,854.00

In another column is published an article showing how all of the counties in the state fared in the distribution of this fund.

Since the above was written two other checks have been received, the proceeds from which will be applied to the county board fund. The two aggregate \$761.06, one check for \$621.73 being from the fund for special aid to education (dispensary) and the other for \$139.33 from the permanent school fund.

## METHODIST REVIVAL SERVICES.

The services which have been in progress in the Lexington Methodist church for the past two weeks came to a close with the Sunday evening service. Rev. Mr. Driggers won for himself many friends, not only among the Methodist people, but others of all denominations, by his attractive personality, and original and terrific blows against sin—in high places as well as low places.

All the services Sunday were attended by large crowds. At the evening service many were turned away for lack of room.

The service Sunday afternoon at four o'clock to men only proved to be another innovation for our town. The evangelist announced as his subject: "America's Greatest Sin" and much to the surprise of many he considered that sin to be "gambling" and not one of those who heard him think that he failed to prove that fact. And as a result of that service it is hoped that this parasite of human society—the gambler, will not find a welcome in Lexington.

As a visible result of the services every department of the church gained enthusiasm and vision for service. The church was built up in a fellowship—Christian brotherhood. Twenty-four united with the church on profession of faith and several by certificate.

## ICE CREAM FESTIVAL.

The W. M. U. of Samaria Baptist church will serve ice cream at Hall Town Saturday afternoon, June 25, at 7:30. Everybody invited to come. The Hall town band will be present with good music.

## BAPTIST PICNIC ENJOYED BY CROWD

Members of the Baptist Sunday school of Lexington and their friends gathered at Little's spring Saturday last for their annual picnic, which was one of the most heartily enjoyed of the season's open air affairs. In honor of the occasion the Lexington Manufacturing Company closed down the mill and the officers and employees of the mill turned out in full and enjoyed the picnic. A bountiful and delicious picnic dinner was spread under the trees and was enjoyed by the hundreds, both young and old, who were fortunate enough to be present. Lemonade and ice cream were served. For the children there were plenty of swings and everybody, young and old, enjoyed the day immensely. After dinner Messrs. Arthur Harmon and John Shealy entertained the crowd with some good string music on the violin and guitar. The crowd in attendance was one of the largest which ever enjoyed this annual event, and everybody came away well satisfied with the day.

## COTTON BLOOMS COMING IN RAPIDLY NOW

Cotton blooms, the first of the season, came to The Dispatch-News office this week. They were sent in by the following well known gentlemen:

Mr. H. M. Spradley of Gaston sent in one on the 16th of June, with the comment that so far he had not seen any boll weevil.

Mr. G. C. Rucker of Swansea sent one on the 17th with the comment that his cotton, which was planted the first week in March, was looking fine.

Mr. Wesley Smith, who lives about seven miles from Lexington on the Augusta road brought in a bloom yesterday, the 21st. He said that the boll weevil is plentiful in his neighborhood.

Ex-Sheriff Sim J. Miller also brought in a bloom Tuesday, saying that he had first seen one in his field Sunday. He says he has a good crop, but has noticed some boll weevil.

Mr. C. C. Justus of Woodford on the 21st sent in a bloom from his field.

Mr. Shelton Harmon of the Peter's section brought in several blooms Wednesday.

## NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TO GO IN SOON.

A. D. Martin, county superintendent of education, and C. E. Leaphart, county treasurer, are busy making their settlement before surrendering their respective offices to their duly elected successors. Julius E. Sharpe will take office as superintendent of education on Friday, the first day of July, but the treasurer's office will not be taken over by Willie J. Smith, nominated in the last primary, until several days later, to allow time for proper settlement and checking over and reconciliation of the many items passing through the treasurer's office. It will probably be between the 6th and the 8th when he assumes office.

## MASONS ENJOYED CHICKEN STEW SATURDAY

Lexington Lodge, No. 152, A. F. M. enjoyed a delightful chicken stew Saturday night last when they were joined by a large contingent from Brookland lodge, who brought along a fine degree team and some fresh meat of their own for the delectation of the wise ones. The Master's degree was conferred on several candidates and the members of the lodge and the newly made brethren enjoyed a pleasant evening and a fine chicken supper.

## LIGHTNING STRUCK HOME IN FORK SECTION.

The home of Mr. Joe Rauch, a well known farmer of the Dutch Fork section, was struck by lightning during the storm of last Sunday afternoon. It is believed that the bolt entered by way of the telephone wire. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch, who were in the sitting room, were first made aware of the stroke when they discovered a violin, accustomed to hang on the wall, in flames on the floor. Fortunately no one was injured except that the shock was pretty severe to Mrs. Rauch, but two rooms of the house were badly damaged, and had no one been in the house it would probably have been a total loss.

## RECEIVED MORE THAN PAID

### LEXINGTON COUNTY GETS MORE THAN FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM STATE GOVERNMENT TO AID SCHOOLS.

Under the legislative policy which has grown up within the past few years, the schools of Lexington county are receiving from the state treasury a great deal more than the county is contributing toward the various funds for the development and upbuilding of the school system throughout the state. According to figures furnished The Dispatch-News from the office of John E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education, this county has so far received for the scholastic year beginning July 1, 1920, up to the present date, the sum of \$43,656.42. There is still one more fund that to relieve overcrowding in high schools, which is yet to be disbursed and which will slightly augment the total.

Under the terms of the state appropriation bill three and one-half mills will be required this year to raise the sum appropriated for all of the activities of the state superintendent of education's office, including all salaries. A levy of three and one-half mills on the taxable property of this county will raise \$26,899.80, which will be this county's contribution towards the funds. Deducting this from the \$43,657.42 paid over to the county authorities for the aid of our schools we find that there has been a net gain of \$16,757.62. In other words taxpayers of other counties have contributed toward the education of Lexington county's children a clean, clear sum of \$16,757.62. To be sure most of these funds were secured by levying of additional local taxes, but the people have been willing to pay such taxes to receive the benefits.

A statement of the various funds disbursed and the amount received from each one by Lexington county is given below. Some time ago we published the distribution by schools and districts of the greater part of these and this week we are publishing the distribution of the last fund to be received, that for the guaranteeing of a seven months term, amounting to \$11,854.00. The figures are as follows:

Rural graded schools	\$9900.00
Attendance officers	1,651.00
High schools	8239.00
Term extension	2168.00
Equalization fund (deficit 1919-20)	723.00
Public school buildings	3200.00
Schools for adult illiterates and night schools	60.00
Betterment of schools for negroes	325.00
Enforcement of compulsory attendance	1636.36
Vocational education (Smith-Hughes Act and State law)	
Vocational Agriculture federal white	\$1350.00
Vocational Agriculture federal negro	675.00
Home economics	1000.00
School Improvement prizes	115.00
County Board Fund	761.06
Equalization law	11,854.00
Total for County	\$43,657.42

## DR. RICE B. HARMON ATTENDS CHARLOTTE MEET

Dr. Rice B. Harmon leaves this afternoon for Charlotte, where he will attend the joint meeting of the North and South Carolina Pharmaceutical associations. Dr. Harmon is president of the Eleventh district association, composed of the druggists of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and will represent his association at the Charlotte meeting, where druggists from all over North and South Carolina will gather to discuss matters pertaining to their profession. Dr. Harmon expects to be away for only a couple of days.

## BARBECUE FOR GILBERT SCHOOL

The Ladies School Improvement League will furnish the annual barbecue at Gilbert on July 2, 1921, for the benefit of the school.

Everybody invited to come and enjoy a good dinner at a reasonable price.