

HEAVY DOCKET AHEAD OF COURT TO MEET MONDAY WEEK

With 12 prisoners in jail and many defendants out on bail, the court of common pleas which will convene at Lexington Monday, September 12, will be one of the largest criminal dockets in the history of the county. Seven white persons, two of whom are women, and one negro, are charged with murder, and efforts will be made to dispose of all of these cases at this term. Preference, however, will be given to the trial of defendants in jail.

The term of court can last only two weeks, as the court of common pleas will meet at Saluda on the fourth Monday in September, which will be the 19th.

Some of the cases for murder will attract more than the usual interest, among which will be that against C. O. Fox, Jesse Gappins and F. J. Kirby, charged with the murder of William Russell, young Columbia taxi driver, which occurred several weeks ago on the Augusta road near Leesville. Serious attempts were made at the time of the murder to lynch the three men involved. Kirby is now confined in the state penitentiary for safe keeping, while Fox and Gappins are being held in the Charleston county jail. It is not known here what steps if any will be taken to prevent disorder when this trial comes up, but Sheriff Groff will take every possible precaution against any outbreak of the mob spirit which may threaten.

Another case which excited considerable interest at the time of the commission of the crime will be that against five defendants charged with the murder of Marcellus Cook near Steadman several weeks ago. The wife of the murdered man, his 19-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter, together with Jas. Barfield, Sr., alleged paramour of Mrs. Cook, and Henry Wheeler, young farm hand employed by the Cooks at the time of the killing, are being held for the murder. Cook, an aged paralytic, had his throat cut from ear to ear. His son, Ira Cook, and Wheeler confessed to the crime, their confession being substantiated by the two women. Young Cook acknowledged that he cut his father's throat, and that his mother held one arm, Wheeler one arm and his sister held the old man's feet. According to his story his mother and Barfield hatched the plot, the woman urging him to commit the deed for her, while Barfield promised him and Wheeler some chickens and a calf to put the old man out of the way. Barfield denies any complicity in the murder. All of the defendants are now in jail.

The case against "Newt" Kelly and Frank Goff, charged with the killing in Brookland last December of David Shull, will no doubt be tried at this term of court. There have already been two postponements of the case. Both defendants are out on bond.

A case of more than passing interest will be that against Job Swyers, prominent farmer of Leesville, charged with the killing of Dr. J. C. Nicholson on the streets of Leesville last April. By order of the attorney general this case was transferred to Richland county for trial, but the supreme court ordered the case returned to Lexington county for trial. The defendant is out on bail.

Henry Norris, negro, who is charged with killing his wife, and who is out on bond, will probably be tried at this term of court. The case was continued from the last term.

Other Cases.
According to the records in the office of Col. T. C. Callison, solicitor of the Eleventh circuit, there are quite a number of other cases for lesser offenses to come up at the approaching term, most of which have been brought over from the last term and in many of which true bills have already been found. When the reports come in from the magistrates throughout the county there will no doubt be others. Among those now filed in the solicitor's office are the following:

Tillman Mayes and Will Smith, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. The defendants are charged with shooting the son of Rural Policeman Asbill in an alleged liquor raid in the Saluda river swamp in the spring.
George Harris, Annie Workman and Milton Harold, negroes, are charged with violation of the prohibition law.
Robert Warren and Claude Rawl, negroes, are charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.
Tillman Daniels, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.
J. W. Poston, is charged with non support of family, as is L. K. Rawl.
Harvey Hook has lodged against him a charge of bastardy.
Matthew Glasgow will answer to a charge of seduction.
Elon Sox has been indicted on a charge of malicious burning of an untenanted house.
Clarence Chavis has against him a charge of forgery.

Judge Sease to Preside.
Judge Thomas S. Sease, who is generally regarded as one of the sternest judges on the circuit bench, will preside at this term of court. Judge Sease has a reputation for keeping the courts over which he presides operating with dispatch.

Gentlemen of the Jury.
The following have been drawn to serve on the jury for the first week of the term: W. Ocie Gantt, J. Winfred Harmon, Archie W. Craft, Willie F. Hook, Lonnie F. Oswald, M. Luther Slice, Simon Smith, E. Simpson Spire, Jesse L. Sox, C. Alfred Wingard, Joe D. Sox, A. K. Rucker, J. Milton Oswald, C. P. Derrick, Charlie G. Meetze, Jacob H. Bundrick, Ben Teal, Archie L. Sox, Killian R. Oxner, John S. Addy, C. T. Koon, C. W. Hallman, Moses K. Kneese, Ernest B. Craps, Willie P. Mack, Claude G. Amick, Thomas L. Harmon, Jerome R. Gunter, A. Harper Shull, J. I. Salley, Davis J. Roof, Hobson Lee, Homer Woods, D. H. Wilson, James E. Smith, G. J. Bouknight.

J. T. BERRY RETURNS TO FORMER HOME AT SWANSEA
Mr. J. T. Berry, who for several years was one of Swansea's live merchants but who for the past year or so has made his home in Orlando, Fla., has returned to his former home at Swansea, where he has opened up the Swansea Groceries, a self-serve store. Mr. Berry has many friends at and around his former home and throughout the county, who welcome his return and wish him success in his undertaking.

IMPROVING DRAFTS HOTEL.
Mrs. Elizabeth Boozer, proprietress of the Drafts hotel, is making considerable improvements to the hotel property. A complete water system has been installed and bath rooms are being installed on both floors.

AN ERROR.
By a mistake of the types last week the date for the meeting of the joint council of the Lexington pastorate, of which Rev. O. E. Shearouse is pastor, was given as September 30, when it should have been September 3.

SIXTH REGIMENT TO CAMP HERE

A contingent of soldiers, one thousand strong, is expected in Lexington Saturday. They constitute the Sixth infantry, formerly stationed at Camp Jackson, which will make Lexington its first stop on the long hike from Camp Jackson to Jefferson Barracks, in Missouri. Col. H. B. Nelson is commanding officer of the regiment, the other officers being Lieut. Col. A. R. Dillingham, Maj. James E. Watson and Maj. E. Uirrutio.

Camp Jackson is now being rapidly abandoned as an army post, congress having materially reduced the size of the army and cut down the appropriation for its upkeep. So short are funds that the soldier boys will have to "hike" the long, long trail from South Carolina to Missouri.

The regiment has a most excellent band of 40 pieces, which will render some good music at a concert which will be given at the county fair grounds Saturday afternoon at 6 p. m., immediately after formal retreat.

The regiment, which consists of 1,000 men, and is accompanied by 300 head of stock and four motor trucks will camp at the county fair grounds, making this their first stop on the long march. They will be welcomed by a large crowd of folks from Lexington and vicinity, as things military always have an attraction for the civilian.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF AMERICAN LEGION COMPLETED ORGANIZATION

At a meeting Tuesday afternoon in the American Legion club rooms the organization of the Women's Auxiliary to the Lexington Post was completed. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. D. Carroll; vice president, Mrs. Albert Taylor; secretary, Miss Winnie Hartley; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Roof; executive committee, Miss Ernestine Barre, Mrs. Robt. E. Cook and Mrs. Robbie Harman.
Mrs. J. D. Carroll was elected delegate, with Miss Cecil Barre alternate, to the State Conference to be held in Newberry, September 7th.

Lexington should be proud of the fact that she is among the first in completing such an organization. The Women's Auxiliary is an honorary society attached to the American Legion and those who are eligible to membership should make an effort to join and consider it quite an honor to be numbered with those so closely allied with the boys who sacrificed their all for us.

Only "the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the American Legion, and the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and women who were in the military or naval service of the United States at some time between April 6 1917 and November 11, 1918, and died in line of duty, or after honorable discharge and prior to November 11, 1920, shall be eligible to membership in this Auxiliary."

If you are eligible to membership in this auxiliary do not wait but send in to any one of the officers, your name and join with this organization which will mean so much to our country in after years.

CHALMERS E. WESSINGER GOES TO RALEIGH, N. C.

Chalmers E. Wessinger, well known citizen of Lexington county, leaves Friday for Raleigh, N. C., where he has accepted a position as head of the department of mathematics in the Raleigh city school system. Mr. Wessinger is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and has held important positions in the schools of the state, among which was the principalship of the Lancaster schools. Last year he was with the Greenville city schools. His friends throughout the county wish him success in his new post and will watch his career with interest.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS DELEGATES TO STATE MEET

Messrs. J. A. Barre, John Jordan, Rob Corley and Melton Clarke have been elected delegates from the Lexington Post to the state convention of the American Legion, which meets this year at Newberry September 7. Newberry will do her best to make the "boys" enjoy their stay.

TRUCKERS MET AT BROOKLAND SATURDAY LAST

About 175 enthusiastic truck growers from the country contiguous to New Brookland met in that town Saturday last for the purpose of discussing means for combatting the boll weevil by increasing their acreage devoted to truck. Realizing that any material increase in the amount of truck grown for the Columbia market would mean a glut of that market, resulting in unprofitable farming, they decided that the increased acreage must be pooled under a cooperative selling arrangement, so that the stuff could be shipped in bulk to other markets.

Mr. L. S. Trotti, president of the Bank of Brookland, with the cooperation of Mr. Jas. W. Shealy, county demonstration agent, arranged for this meeting and secured some of the best authorities on the subject to come to Brookland and speak to the truck growers. Dr. W. W. Long, head of the extension service of Clemson College, Mr. George P. Hoffman, horticulturist of the extension division, Mr. W. E. Prothro, of Williston, banker and trucker, who has had a great deal of experience in growing and marketing truck on the Northern markets, and Mr. L. S. Trotti made able addresses, which were listened to attentively by the farmers present.

At the close of the meeting a committee of five men was appointed to confer with Mr. Shealy, Dr. Long and Mr. Hoffman and prepare a definite plan for the growing and marketing of crops that will take the place of cotton. All of the farmers present were experienced truck growers, who have for years been planting truck for the Columbia market and making only a limited amount of cotton. Already they are thoroughly experienced in truck growing but rightly fear that a material increase in their acreage of truck will mean disastrously low prices. They appeared determined to work out a good plan whereby they can pool their interests and get entirely away from cotton without financial disaster. As soon as the committee has an opportunity to perfect a good working plan another meeting will be held, notice of which will be given through the press.

LEXINGTON BANKS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY NEXT

Monday next, September 5, is Labor Day, which is a legal holiday. The banks will be closed on that day, and everybody having banking business to transact should attend to it Saturday.

AN ENJOYABLE FAMILY REUNION AT BLYTHEWOOD

A joyous occasion was the Frick-Blume family reunion at the home of Mrs. Blume near Blythewood on Sunday, August 21st. Relatives and friends, about fifty in number, from both Richland and Lexington counties assembled about 10 o'clock and enjoyed a general social intermingling till 1 o'clock when a bounteous dinner was spread on the table under the trees in the front yard. After dinner Rev. N. S. Younginer led a devotional service and everybody joined heartily in singing familiar hymns.

Mrs. Harrette Blume and Mrs. Annie Frick, in whose honor the reunion was held, are 83 and 78 years old respectively.

Others in attendance were: Mrs. A. C. Unger, Mrs. Viola G. Hayes, Mrs. C. D. Blume, Misses Mary Blume, Iva Hayes Warner, Birdie Warner, Thelma Sharpe, Mary Corine Warner, Jennie Rose Warner, Minnie Blume, Alice Julia Warner, Inez Broome, Tillie Sharpe, Viola Blume, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Warner Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Younginer, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. Willie P. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vining, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Warner, Messrs. C. D. Metz, D. D. Broome, Paul Blume, Hollie Warner, Boyd Warner, Earnest Derrick, Rayford Derrick, Everette Schneider, George Schneider, Roeland Metz, Heber Warner, J. T. Sharpe, Sr., Lawson Warner and J. L. Sharpe, Jr.

M. L. WARNER, Columbia, S. C. Route 2.

COUNTY FAIR DATE IS SET

Tuesday, October 18, will be the opening day of the Lexington county fair, which will last for three days, the 18th, 19th and 20th. This promises to be one of the most important gatherings of the people of Lexington county in many years. Owing to the extensive damage wrought by the boll weevil this year the fair authorities will make an effort to lay stress upon methods of agriculture aimed to combat the ravages of the pest by encouraging greater diversification and more scientific and businesslike methods of marketing. Efforts will be made to secure as speakers men well versed in successful efforts to cooperate in the marketing of farm products to address those present and steps are likely to be taken which will lead to the formation of societies for the advancement of the general good.

From the exhibit side the fair should be one of the best in years. All varieties of farm and field crops are good this year with the exception of cotton, and if the people of Lexington will exert themselves just a little they will be able to stage a show that would surprise those who are not acquainted with the diversified agriculture which characterizes the operation of our farms.

Premium List in Preparation.
The premium list of the fair society is now in course of preparation and will soon be issued. The prizes offered are attractive, as usual.

From the show side the fair ought to prove attractive. A first class carnival company has been engaged and will be on hand to take care of that feature of the fair. There will be several free shows, plenty of good music and many means for whiling away dull care for those who feel inclined to frolic some.

The directors of the fair are bending every energy to make the 1921 fair not only a model fair, but a gathering of the people of the county who are deeply concerned about the future of our agriculture and who mean to find a way out of the present distressful conditions. Everybody should begin to make arrangements to come.

MR. REAVES IS NEWCOMER TO LEXINGTON COUNTY

Mr. R. L. Reaves, known far and wide as "Shorty," manager of Shorty's Grab, a grocery in Columbia which did a splendid business, has removed to Lexington and rented the farm of Mr. E. G. Dreher near town. Mr. Reaves has come to Lexington for his health, being troubled with an affection which was contracted in the Philippine Islands during his service for Uncle Sam three years ago. We welcome Mr. Reaves, who is a real live wire, and hope he will be restored to the best of health.

FINE SWEET POTATOES

The Dispatch-News is indebted to Mr. W. F. Lindler, one of the good farmers who lives on Route 5, for some fine specimens of sweet potatoes of the Triumph variety. Although Mr. Lindler is 74 years of age he does most of his own work. He is one of the many in this county who believes in living at home and boarding at the same place, and the boll weevil is giving him very little concern.

MISS SARAH BERLY ENTERTAINED THURSDAY

A delightful affair of the past week was the card party given by Miss Sarah Mildred Berly last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. James L. Tapp, Jr., of Columbia. A number of young people spent the evening pleasantly at cards and other games. Delicious refreshments were served in the course of the evening.

DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL

Little Margaret Steele, 5 year old, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Steele, formerly of Lexington county but now residing in Columbia, died suddenly at the home of her parents on Park street, Columbia. A bright little girl, Margaret was the light of the home and the joy of her fond parents. The sympathy of many friends goes out to them. Funeral services were held Thursday at St. Matthews church.

SCHOOL DAYS NOW APPROACHING WITH SPEED

The Lexington High school will open the new session Monday, September 5, at 9 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the opening exercises. L. E. Whittle, superintendent, arrived last week and is now very busy perfecting arrangements preparatory to the opening of school. The building has been thoroughly renovated and a coat of oil put on the floors. The building is in good condition for the opening. The eleventh grade will be added this year and an agricultural department established. Superintendent Whittle insists upon all the pupils coming in the first day, and attend school regularly, rain or shine, hot or cold, allowing nothing but sickness to keep them away. There will be a meeting of the high school teachers this week to discuss matters incident to the opening and there will be a general teachers meeting of all the teachers of the school at the school building Saturday afternoon, September 3rd at 4 o'clock. The faculty for the ensuing year is as follows: High school: L. E. Whittle, superintendent; Prof. C. S. Addy, agricultural department; Miss Ellen Hendrix, Miss Ethel Dreher, Intermediate department; Miss Kate Shull, fourth grade; Miss Pearle Coughman, fifth grade; Miss Susie Lowry, sixth grade; Miss Modena Bigby, seventh grade. Primary department: Miss Annie Lou Taylor, third grade; Miss Vera Corley, second grade; Mrs. Ethel Sease, advanced first grade; Miss Mary Wingard, first grade.

Two steps for the decided improvement of the school have been taken in adding the eleventh grade and in securing the services of Mr. C. S. Addy as the head of the agricultural department.

The addition of the eleventh grade will enable all the graduates to receive state high school diplomas. A large enrollment is expected this year with an eleventh grade of 12 or 15.

NEW DAIRIES DOING WELL: SERVICE FILLS NEED

The town of Lexington is now being served in most excellent manner in respect to its needs for milk by the Rocky Creek dairy and truck farm, operated by Mr. J. A. Ballentine, and the Gray Rock dairy and truck farm, operated by Mr. J. Ed Kyzer. Messrs. Ballentine and Kyzer while operating their dairies separately have established a cooperative line for the daily delivery of fresh milk, and are now delivering to Lexington and vicinity 25 gallons of milk daily and expect to increase this amount shortly. Their excellent delivery service, bringing the milk fresh to the doors of consumers is a welcome innovation for Lexington and is being well patronized. These gentlemen are much pleased with the success with which their efforts have been met and expect to enlarge their production at a very early day.

ELECTION FOR PROBATE JUDGE TO BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY.

The first primary election to fill the office of probate judge, made vacant by the death of the late George S. Drafts will be held next Tuesday, September 6, under the rules governing primary elections. County Chairman C. M. Efid is now sending out the ballots, instructions to managers and boxes necessary for holding the election.

Five candidates have entered the race, as follows: J. Drafts Boozer, John E. Buff, Walter F. Hook, A. D. Martin and Charles E. Taylor. Should a second primary be necessary it will be held two weeks from the date of the first election.

MOVING PICTURES MONDAY NIGHT AT COURT HOUSE

Through the kindness of Mr. Oliver M. Porth the people of Lexington were treated Monday night to a real good picture show on the court house square. The pictures were enjoyed by a good crowd of grown folks and children, and the many comic scenes portrayed on screen evoked screams of delight from the youngsters and were a source of merriment for the older ones.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON SOLD HERE TODAY

Mr. G. Ed. Harman, a well known farmer living on the Wise's Ferry road, was the first farmer to market a bale of the new crop of cotton on the local market. The cotton, which was ginned at the gin of the Lexington Cotton and Fertilizer Company, graded strict middling and was bought by the Lexington Cotton and Fertilizer Company for 15 1-4 cents a pound.

The cotton market has been gradually on the upgrade for the last ten days. Unfavorable weather throughout the belt, together with a better foreign demand have forced the market a few to 50 points up daily, until the local market has afforded as much as 15 cents for good cotton.

The last condition report of the government is due Thursday (tomorrow) at 10 o'clock. Unless the report has already been discounted by private reports the market is due for a considerable stepup tomorrow.