

COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR ONE OF BEST

The county fair opened Tuesday morning with perhaps the best exhibits ever displayed in the county. Particularly the showing of hogs, which have done credit to a fair on a larger scale. Both in point of quality and class of exhibits the showing of hogs was most gratifying. Several hogs have evidently been raised in the county, as shown by the many fine specimens which were to be seen at the fair.

There were also some fine specimens of cattle through the number on hand was far below what it has been possible to show in previous years in this department.

The department of field and garden and household department will be held to imagine a more interesting or gratifying showing to be seen in any variety of plant was to be seen in the well arranged show-grounds. One need not go further than the Lexington county fair to be thoroughly convinced that this is a truly favored section which a benign providence has blessed with richest blessings. So far as the county is concerned Lexington county evidently has it in for the best of the very best.

There was the big day at the fair had been given over to the county as school day. The high school and many other schools throughout the county closed for the day and hundreds of children participated in the fair.

There was a large turnout from the Batesburg school from the Fair grounds at Columbia as well as from the Batesburg school.

The fair was a success in every respect. The section hereabouts is very happy to have had the fair and home from the week-end. It was a very successful one and very much improved. The people who visited the fair were very much pleased with the fair and the people who visited the fair were very much pleased with the fair.

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STATE FAIR OPENS NEXT MONDAY, 24TH

The big state fair at Columbia will open next Monday morning bright and early and continue for the week. Prospects for a successful fair are said to be very good. Monetary prizes in all the stock departments are very attractive this year, and it is expected that they will draw a large number of fine exhibits. This is particularly true in the hog department, in which the prizes aggregate several thousand dollars.

Lexington county will be well represented at the fair. Exhibits from Charter Oak, Oak Grove, Midway and perhaps other community fairs will be on display and will as usual attract many admirers. Messrs. G. E. Wingard and Sons will also have a fine display, as usual. This display has always elicited much favorable comment and it is believed that it will be even better than usual this year.

Railroads have granted reduced rates for the fair, and large crowds are expected to avail themselves of the opportunity to take in the fair.

The Carolina-Clemson football game will draw large crowds. This game will be fought on Thursday of fair week, as usual.

DOTS FROM CHAPIN.

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LEXINGTON MILL DOTS.

We are sorry to know that grandma Wilson is still on the sick list, but we hope she will soon be out again.

The many friends of Mr. R. N. Hicks will regret to learn that he is still sick. We hope Mr. Hicks will recover and be out again soon.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Harold Jumper has been confined for some three weeks with his feet but we hope he will soon be able to be out again.

Elbert, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sline, had the misfortune to hurt himself while playing last week very bad, but he is improving.

Miss Mattie Rikard, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rikard, has accepted a position with the Pineville school. We miss her presence. We wish Mattie a great success with her school.

LEESVILLE ORGANIZING FOR BOLL WEEVIL FIGHT.

The Dispatch-News has received the following notice, sent out by Leesville business men:

"Meet the boll weevil. Come to Leesville, S. C., on Friday morning October the 21st, 1921, at 11 o'clock. And hear how to meet the situation, forced upon us by the boll weevil. Dr. W. W. Long, chief of farm extension work for South Carolina, Jas. W. Shealy and E. B. Hare, will address you. Besides, the business interests of Leesville, will offer aid and suggestion in the crisis. Come—Everybody—Come."

LEXINGTON LODGE NO. 152, A. F. M.

A special communication of Lexington Lodge No. 152, A. F. M., will be held next Tuesday night, October 25, at 7:30 o'clock. The E. A. degree will be conferred. Visiting brothers welcomed.

DR. G. F. ROBERTS, W. M.,
A. D. MARTIN, Secy.

Turn Under Cotton Stalks or Burn Them

(Editorial, Augusta Chronicle of Oct. 8, 1921.)

If the farmers of Georgia and South Carolina are to make any cotton next year it behooves them to get busy right now turning under or burning the cotton stalks. Millions of boll weevils are in the cotton fields now and are feeding on the late squares that have come with the growth of the cotton plant during August and September. The lack of fruit on the cotton stalks, caused by the earlier depredations of the weevil, caused the stalks to grow much larger than they ordinarily would have and during the warm weather of September the stalks grew rapidly.

Boll weevil experts tell us that it is imperative to turn these stalks under with the plow or plow them up and burn them in order to destroy the weevil's places of hibernation for the coming months. If these stalks are not destroyed the weevils may be expected in greater quantities than they were even at the beginning of this year, and every one knows that in most fields there were weevils on each tiny cotton plant waiting for the squares to appear.

The farmers must tackle this problem intelligently and earnestly. It is no plaything and we are informed that the success or failure of this yield next year largely depends upon the destruction of the weevils this fall. It is stated that mere plowing up the stalks is not enough for they should either be turned under with a turn plow or plowed up with a "middle buster" and then burned. Experience gained in Alabama in attacking the boll weevil problem is said to have taught the farmers there that the stalks must be turned under and the weevil with them or the stalks burned. Of course, the turning under of the stalks will help the land and farmers who used to do fall turning of the land can go back to first principles. During the last few years, with high priced cotton, it was difficult to get tenants to do anything after picking cotton until well after the Christmas holidays.

While The Chronicle is urging living at home, is urging diversification, so that there may be more money crops on the farm than cotton, yet we must make cotton and we should be ashamed to be a quitter in the face of the boll weevil. We must apply the most intelligent methods to a solution of this, the mightiest problem that ever confronted agriculture in America, a problem which if not solved will be the head of the world's Cotton Exchange well says, end our message to the world's growers of cotton.

BATESBURG NEWS.

The U. D. C. Chapter of Batesburg is making plans for the state convention which will meet at Batesburg, December 6th to 8th.

Dr. P. E. Monroe of Summerland College preached an impressive sermon to the congregation of the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Rev. Hugh R. Murcheson of Columbia was in town several days last week on business.

Mrs. Sarah R. Shuler returned last Thursday from an extended visit to her brother, Mr. E. G. Clinckscapes of Atlanta.

Mr. Watson Timmerman of Pleasant Lane in Edgefield county spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. J. D. Crouch visited relatives in Aiken Sunday.

Mrs. L. C. Merchant has returned from Prosperity, where she has been visiting her parents.

Judge Purdy of Sumter spent Thursday in Batesburg on business.

Mrs. D. E. Jefcoat and children are visiting relatives in Batesburg.

Mrs. Paul Garber returned Thursday from Sumter, where she has been visiting her parents.

Miss Ruth Brown, vocal teacher of the Batesburg-Leesville High school, spent Saturday in Columbia.

Mrs. E. A. Horne is teaching the Clyde's Chapel school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culbreath of Johnston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wright.

Messrs. J. A. Whitten and E. R. Steadman left Sunday for Savannah where they will spend several days.

Col. R. D. Izzard, the popular representative of The State was in town Thursday in the interests of his paper.

Mr. Jesse M. Collum, one of our most highly respected citizens, died suddenly at his home, near Batesburg, last Wednesday night. He was buried Thursday afternoon in the family cemetery near Bethlehem church.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Luther League of St. Stephen's church will give a Halloween party on Tuesday evening, November 1.

PERSONALS.

Miss Loula Aiken of Columbia is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Seay, at her home on Wise Ferry road.

Mr. Julian P. Meetez of New York, who was in attendance upon the big textile show at Greenville, ran down for the week-end with home folks in Lexington, spending the time with his sister, Mrs. Sam P. Roof. His many friends here were glad to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Jefcoat, mighty good folks, from down on the Edisto were visitors to our town today, and while here took in the fair. And we are glad were pleased with it.

Mr. C. C. Justus, a model farmer from the Edisto river section, was in town today. His family accompanied him and they visited the fair and were very much pleased.

A. M. Eopzer, Esq., one of the elderly legal advisers and attorneys of Columbia, having a fond feeling, and interest, in his native county, came over Wednesday to visit the County Fair. His daughters Miss Lena and Miss Grace, his step daughter, accompanied him; and enjoyed the day and the auto ride very much.

Mr. J. Belton Shealy of White Rock, was an interested visitor here at the County Fair Wednesday. Still identified with Lexington's welfare.

CROSS ROADS DOTS.

The Cross Roads school is progressing nicely under the work of Prof. and Mrs. C. G. Williams.

The B. Y. P. U. of Antioch church will meet Sunday night, October 23, at 7 o'clock prompt.

Miss Letitia Mae Jefcoat and brother, Carl, dined with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Williams Sunday.

Messrs. Barney and William Dykes called on Misses Myrtle and Ethel Craft Sunday night.

Mr. Archie Corley and H. J. Wingard were the guests of Misses Minnie and Josie Rister Saturday night.

Messrs. J. D. Reeder and Edmond Yon called on Misses Belle and Mary Lee Martin Sunday afternoon.

FOX MAY GET CHANCE TO APPEAL CASE

H. A. I. Rosenberg, a Columbia attorney, has secured from Associate Justice Cothran a writ of habeas corpus requiring the appearance of C. O. Fox before that tribunal to decide whether the defendant shall be allowed time to perfect an appeal for a new trial. Fox allowed the usual time fixed by law to elapse without appealing, but his two companions, Gappings and Kirby have asked the supreme court for a new trial. A. D. Martin, who represented Kirby at his trial, declined to perfect the appeal when physicians pronounced the condemned man sane, but the defendant himself desires to secure other counsel and take his case to the court of last resort, which will be done. T. C. Sturkie, representing Jesse Gappings, will proceed with the appeal in behalf of his client. The three men were convicted at the recent term of court for this county of the murder of William Brazell, a transfer driver of Columbia, and sentenced to be electrocuted October 21. Fox will be the only one to go on that date, and should the supreme court not allow him to perfect an appeal he will be electrocuted. Mr. Rosenberg is acting voluntarily for Fox. Several petitions have been filed with the governor asking for a reprieve for Fox until the final determination of the appeals of the other two men, but Governor Cooper has so far refused to act on them.

LEXINGTON AND RICHLAND FURMAN MEN TO BANQUET

Columbia, Oct. 18.—Former students and graduates of Furman University, residing in Richland and Lexington counties, are to have a banquet at the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia next Wednesday evening, for the purpose of forming a Furman Alumni chapter. L. Mell Glenn, of Greenville, executive secretary of the Furman Alumni Association, will be in Columbia and will meet with the alumni and will aid in the organization of the chapter. Baptist ministers of the two counties will also be expected to attend the banquet. It is to be a "Dutch" affair.

Walter Going, of Columbia, is in charge of plans for the banquet. He expects several dozen Furman men to attend the banquet.

Strong Furman alumni chapters have been formed in many parts of the state, for the purpose of keeping up the spirit of the alma mater. This is the purpose of the proposed Richland-Lexington organization. There are numerous Furman men in Batesburg, Lexington and other towns of the two counties, and a large number reside in Columbia.

DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET A SHUMPERT.

Mrs. Margaret A. Shumpert, after a long illness, being stricken twice with paralysis, died at her home near Edisto, September 28, nearing 76 years of age. She was a life time member of the Lutheran church, Rev. C. J. Sox, her pastor, conducted the burial services and the interment was at the family grave yard. Aunt Margaret is missed by all who knew her.

DEATH OF JAMES H. FRYE

James H. Frye, a good citizen and devoted member of Bethany Lutheran church died September 10, 1921, at the age of 46 years.

He was buried at the Shumpert cemetery with appropriate services conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. J. Sox. His wife and children have the sympathy of the entire community.

UNION MEETING.

The Lower Division of the Lexington Association will hold its 5th Sunday meeting at Connet church, beginning on Saturday, the 29th. Program will appear next week.

W. T. SMITH, Mod.

NOTICE.

The public is cordially invited to a "Halloween" party at Oakville school house, Gilbert, route 2, Friday night, October 23, Oysters and fish will be served. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Don't eat any supper. Come with well filled purses.

RAIL STRIKE THREATENED NOVEMBER 1

The big news of interest this week in national affairs has been the threatened railroad strike, which has been called beginning October 30, by five brotherhoods, as a protest against wage reductions. A 12 per cent. reduction was ordered by the national railway labor board as of July 1. Just as this was about to be settled railroad managers asked for a further decrease of 12 per cent., precipitating the strike orders. The administration at Washington is working to avert the strike, and the opinion prevails that a settlement will be effected and the strike averted.

Five hundred thousand men are affected by the strike order, while two million more may be finally ordered out should the strike go into effect as scheduled.

A proposal has been made by the section of the labor board representing the public that the 12 per cent. cut ordered as of July be put into effect and a corresponding cut in rates be made, and that the railroad managers refrain from asking for another cut for the present. Neither side to the controversy has shown any enthusiasm for this project.

Should the strike be carried out effectively it will paralyze business and cause a great deal of suffering in the country. Already the cotton market has slumped considerably as a result of the strike threat.

TEMPLE IN INDIA MARKS EARTH'S CENTRE

The idea that the earth is not a flat disk, but a globe, does not seem to have "caught on" in India, for they still talk about a certain place being the "centre of the world."

In Delhi stands a lofty monument that goes by the name of Kutub Minor, a structure towering high above the temple of which it is a part.

The appearance of this curious piece of architecture is that of a number of tiers of columns, seemingly tied together in bundles. At big intervals there are balconies.

The Kutub Minor is of especial interest and note in the world over which the religion of the teacher Buddha holds sway. Here, long ago, tradition has set a meteoric fell, sent by the ruling powers in the mystic world beyond this life to mark the exact centre of the world.

In commenting on this miraculous event the Kutub Minor was erected on the spot, that mankind never forget it.—From London Answers.

HONORS BESTOWED FOR COMING REUNION

Miss Pearl Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Clarke, of Lexington, S. C., has been selected as maid of honor, and Miss Rebecca Dial, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Nathan Dial, sponsor for the District of Columbia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the twenty-second annual reunion, which this year will take place at Chattanooga, Tenn., October 25 to 27, inclusive.

Mrs. Paul Johnson will accompany the girls to Chattanooga, and will serve as official chaperon.—Sunday Star, Washington, Oct. 9.

PAPER ONE DAY LATE.

In order that its faithful force, which labors incessantly that our readers may not be disappointed each week, might have a day in which to enjoy the county fair, the publication of The Dispatch-News is delayed one day this week. We feel sure that our subscribers will bear with this delay, in order that "the Boys" might enjoy a well earned day of recreation.

LARGE POTATO

Mr. Richard J. Hook brought to the office of The Dispatch-News one day this week a mammoth sweet potato weighing seven and one-half pounds. It is of the Porto Rico variety. This is one of the largest potatoes ever brought to this paper. Mr. Hook made a fine crop of potatoes this year.

UNION ORDER

Members of Hampton Council will have a memorial sermon October 23rd, 1921, at 3 p. m. at the bank church. All members requested to meet at the church at 2:45 p. m. The sermon preached by the Rev. W. C. Corley.

MOVEMENT IN PORTUGAL.

A movement against the government broke out in Wednesday.