

Common Pleas Court in Session

Court of common pleas convened in session Monday morning with Judge Moore of Lancaster presiding and with the number of cases for the term it is probable that it will last for three weeks.

The cases disposed of so far are: J. H. Roberts vs. Director General of the Railroads, which involved a load of mules which were injured in transportation, a verdict was given Mr. Roberts for \$715, the amount asked for.

T. L. Harmon vs. Director General of Railroads, which also involved a mule shipment, the plaintiff being given a verdict for \$535.

At the time of going to press the court was engaged in the trial of the case of J. I. Sailey vs. J. T. Berry, both of Swansea.

The following jurors will serve next week:

- D. Napoleon Senn, P. L. Redmond, Luther Rister, Charlie E. Gable, E. Glover, Carl A. Shull, Harry Roberts, V. L. Goodwin, S. L. Ernest J. Wessinger, J. Luther S. Dallas R. Craft, John T. Gardner, Willie E. Harsey, John A. Dampsey A. Wilson, W. H. Barker, J. Furman Hutto, J. W. Sear, Scott P. Shirey, Eldon L. Erns, A. Long, Matthew B. Singard, T. O. Stoudemire, L. M. Palmer, Sam T. Younginer, George Burton Smith, J. Colie Warner, C. C. Sox, Ocie Boyce, Ernest Reed, Festus L. Stockman, P. P. Godfrey Taylor, James G. Clifford T. Rawl.

GRADED SCHOOLS RECEIVE STATE AID.

Rural graded schools received from the State the sum of \$1,859.00 state aid as against \$1,191.00 received last year. The increase in the amount has been due to the fact that a few schools participated in this aid this year that did not participate last year, and a few schools have also increased the number of teachers and moved from term extension class up to the first graded class.

Twenty schools in the county have received \$1,859.00 Term Extension aid against \$2,168.00 for last year. This is a loss of \$309.00, due to the fact that these schools moved up to a different class and received more State aid, which helps to make up the \$1500.00 more that the Rural Graded schools received. Both classes of schools combined received \$13,359.00 this year, while last year they received \$12,168.00, making an increase in the amount of State aid received this year over last year of \$1,191.00.

The High schools, and the schools guaranteed a seven months term have not yet received their State aid in full, but this will bring the total of State aid close to \$50,000.00.

S. K. BOUKNIGHT DIES AT HOME.

Samuel K. Bouknight, of 2226 Main street, died Tuesday morning at 10:45 at his home in his 64th year. He had been actively engaged at his blacksmith shop on upper Main street until about two months ago. Mr. Bouknight came to Columbia about 10 years ago from Newberry. For some time he was employed by the Columbia Ice & Fuel Co. and later engaged in business for himself. The funeral announcement will be made later.

He was a member of the Main street Methodist church and of the Masonic order.

Surviving Mr. Bouknight are his widow, and nine children, as follows: L. G., R. A., E. C., and W. L. Bouknight, all residents of Columbia; and Mrs. J. E. Fulmer, Mrs. R. H. Dickert of Columbia, and Mrs. J. E. Bouknight of Darlington, Mrs. George W. McCartha, of Sumter and Mrs. R. M. Carter of Eutawville.—Columbia Record, 28th March.

Mr. Bouknight has relatives at Chapin and a number of friends in this county who will regret to hear of his death.—Dispatch-News.

But Nearly Every One!
Bride—New, you did not have me to kiss you every night before you were married.
Groom—No, not every night.

Who Will Be the Palmafesta Queen

The Club women of Columbia have just organized to act as hostesses to the Queen candidates, and are making every preparation to give them the best time possible. And, of course the men are making their own preparations too. We have been asked to keep the many good things in store for the young ladies a dark secret for a while longer so their surprise may be complete.

The Palmafesta Association has received numbers of letters from former Queen candidates expressing their unusual pleasure last year and they are unanimous in saying, "It was the best time I ever had." Queen candidates have the best seats already reserved for them at every stage performance at Palmafesta. They will see the spectacular fireworks display, the gorgeous exhibit of wearing apparel at the style show, will hear the beautiful music of banks and opera stars now being engaged by the chairman of the entertainment committee, Mr. L. L. Propst, who is in New York with the determination to secure the best star irrespective of the expense or trouble. There will be dinners, dances, balls and what will be the most beautiful of all events—the Queen's Coronation will be enacted by the Queens themselves, arrayed in the court finery which characterized the coronation of the Queen of England in the days of chivalry and Knight Errants.

Do the girls of South Carolina want to be at Palmafesta? Interest is running high all over the State. Girls want to enjoy this good time—and there is the \$500 diamond ring awaiting the fortunate girl to be chosen Queen of Palmafesta. Last year the contest was close. Up to the very last minute a dozen or more of the young ladies had practically the same number of votes. Who knows but what this year she will be the honored one and bring back the distinction of Queen of 1922 Palmafesta.

All of our young ladies will assemble in Columbia on Monday, April 17th when Palmafesta starts and will be the guests of Palmafesta until Saturday the 22nd of April when 1922 Palmafesta will close. All expenses will be paid by Palmafesta and all the young ladies must do to win the distinction of being Palmafesta Queen is to be elected in her own county and go to Columbia and compete with the other young ladies assembled. The candidates do nothing in Columbia to win the ruling place but appear before the voters and be introduced.

The beauty supplement this year will be widely circulated over the State and the County Queens will not only have their pictures in this beautiful page but their pictures will be preserved in permanent form.

All of the young ladies will be personally conducted about the big show of automobiles and trades displays where the many industries and products of the State will be demonstrated to the public.

The \$500 prize for the best county float is bringing many registrations. Hambone says, "Last year you couldn't buy nuthin for a dollar, and this year you can't get a dollar to buy nuthin with," but here is a way to get \$500 in gold. This county can easily design a good float to show the natural resources, the industries or some historical event and have as good a chance to win the prize as anyone. Just write to Mr. James G. Holmes, 1215 Lady Street, Columbia, and tell him you want to enter a float. The parade will be on Thursday, April 20th and will be a mammoth affair.

Contestants.

The following young ladies have been entered in the contest for Lexington county:
Miss Myrtle Hendrix, Leesville, 1,005
Miss Mary Elizabeth Whitten, Batesburg, 1,003
Miss Vera Corley, Lexington, 1,000
Miss Cecil Barre, Lexington, 1,000
Miss Pauline Hook, New Brookland, 1,000
Miss Leone Kyzer, Lexington, 1,000
See votign coupon in another column for single votes. A year's paid-in-advance subscription is entitled to 100 votes. Subscribe now and help your choice to win the honor from this county.

Last Attraction On 10th April

The last number of the Lexington Lyceum course is one of the most unique attractions ever offered here. Three girls, a pianist, a reader, and a cartoonist have associated themselves with the aim of dispensing genuine amusement, and unusual novelty and genuine artistic excellence—a rare and most desirable combination—are delightfully united in the programs of 'The Artists' Trio' Company whose merit has been unquestionably tried and proved by the successful record of its members in Lyceum and Chautauqua work during the past three years.

Vera MacKelvie, cartoonist and soprano; Corinne Jessop, reader and soprano; Vivian Graves, contralto, compose the company and each fits perfectly into the plan of the organization both from the standpoint of individual and ensemble work.

Vera MacKelvie studied at the Chicago Art Institute and is known for her excellent draftsmanship. This, combined with a striking personality and a fine singing voice, insures a pleasant evening. Her pictures have purpose as well as humor. She draws with both hands with equal facility. Vera MacKelvie is a graduate of the dramatic department of the Lyceum Arts Conservatory, Chicago.

Corinne Jessop is a charming and delightful entertainer. She sings well and reads well. She is known not only for her personality which is both sweet and wholesome.

Vivian Graves has a contralto voice of great range and power combined with an artistic and most sympathetic presentation of songs whether arias or heart songs.

This is the last attraction of the present course and it would be very gratifying to the committee to see the house packed for this concert, as it would be very helpful to the young ladies in the rendition of their program.

The Artists' Trio comes to the Lexington school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock on the evening of April 10. There will be reserved seats for those holding season tickets, and the usual prices of 75c and 35c will be charged for single admission.

LEXINGTON COMMENCEMENT MAY 26TH TO 29TH

The commencement exercises for the Lexington high school will be held this year, May 26 to 29.

The tenth grade pupils will give a play entitled, "Much Ado About Bettie", Thursday and Friday nights, May 26 and 27.

Rev. P. D. Brown, pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran church of Columbia, will preach the annual sermon Sunday 11:15 a. m. at the school auditorium. Special music will be arranged.

The commencement address at the graduating exercises will be delivered Monday night, 8:30 o'clock by Gov. Robert A. Cooper.

The following students are members of the graduating class this year: Anna Lee Corley, Neita Lee Harman, Wenonah Corley, Nola Price, Ola Wagner, Raymond Hendrix, Herbert Hendrix, Gary Harman.

TO SWEET POTATO GROWERS OF LEXINGTON CO.

Farmers expecting to grow sweet potatoes for shipping will be required to grow Porto Ricans. We also recommend that potatoes for bedding be dipped in a solution made of one quart formaldhde to 50 gallons of water, let potatoes remain in solution for five to eight minutes, then bed immediately. This gives disease free seed. J. W. SHEALY, County Agent.

OFFICERS BUSY AFTER WHISKEY STILL.

Sheriff E. Austin Roof and the rural policemen have been going strong recently after the illicit whiskey business and during the past ten days have brought in two fine stills. At one place they captured a sixty gallon copper still and destroyed 2,200 gallons of mash ready to run, and at another got a forty-five gallon capacity copper outfit which was in operation at the time, but the operators had gone when the officers arrived. Other smaller outfits have been found and destroyed.

Picture Show For Lexington Soon

Messrs. Lem Hall of Columbia and Lester C. Miller of Lexington are preparing to give Lexington a long felt want. They are getting in readiness to open a moving picture show here about the 10th of April.

Lexington has needed such a place of amusement for some time, but a suitable building was not available until now. The show will occupy the store room formerly used by Chas. E. Taylor as an undertaking parlor, he having moved his business to his home just out of town.

Improvements are now being made on the store room in the way of installing a box office and chairs, and when completed will be an up-to-date movie house. It will have a seating capacity of 350.

In next week's Dispatch-News will be printed a list of some of the first pictures to be shown at the theatre.

GASOLINE FROM FISH.

It's hard to keep pace with the shifting opinions of the future of petroleum, according to the Nation's Business. The editorial eye is caught by a headline: "Is a Fuel Stringency Near?" and we read on:

More oil will be discovered in this country, but that the quantity thus made available can replace the failing supply of existing fields, much less keep pace with an ever-increasing demand, is incredible.

The obvious deduction which the automotive industry must face, unpleasant though it may be, is that motor fuel is practically certain to advance rapidly in price in the not distant future.

We had just digested that when another periodical unfolds before us a story of untouched oil resources in Northern Canada that seem sufficient to run all the automobiles in the world forever.

But why worry anyhow? asks another. "oil wells do go dry; their output decreases with age. Some day some prophet will be able to say, 'I told you so.' Long before that day, a hydro-electric power and light, greaseless lubricants from artificial graphite and other results of the development of human ingenuity will perhaps have robbed the petroleum prophets of all audience."

And if that is not sufficiently reassuring, here's still another gleam of hope: A Japanese scientist says he has made synthetic petroleum out of fish oil and clay.

JOIN THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

Membership is limited to the mothers, sisters, wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the American Legion and to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and women who were in the military or naval service of the United States at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, and who died in line of duty or after honorable discharge and prior to November 11, 1918. The objects of this Auxiliary is the same as those of the American Legion.

The meetings are held on the first Wednesday afternoons in each month in the American Legion rooms.

DEATH OF MRS. WISE OF NEAR EDMUND.

Mrs. J. Assman Wise died at her home near Edmund Sunday morning and was buried Monday afternoon at Old Bethel, the services being conducted by the Rev. Cooley. Mrs. Wise was forty years of age, and besides her husband leaves nine children. She was a daughter of the late Mike Senn. Mrs. Wise was a good Christian woman, and was held in high esteem in the community in which she lived. She was a member of Old Bethel Methodist church.

ENTERTAINMENT AT WHITE KNOLL.

There will be an entertainment at White Knoll school on Friday night, April 7th at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program will be rendered by the pupils.

There will be no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

Fish Free From H. P. Fulmer

The Dispatch-News is in receipt of a letter from Congressman H. P. Fulmer directing the attention of the people of the Seventh district to fish hatchery at Orangeburg, and asking that it be published that they may avail themselves of the opportunity to secure free fish. The letter follows:

"To the Editor:
"It has occurred to me that the people of South Carolina are not taking advantage of the government's offer to supply them with free fish with which to stock their ponds and the rivers, that they are not only missing some good sport but some very good food.

"I doubt very much if many people in the State know that the government maintains a hatchery at Orangeburg. In talking to one of the officials of the Bureau of Fisheries, he spoke very highly of the Orangeburg plant and they would like very much to enlarge it but it seems that the people are not using up the present output. Last season this station produced about 200,000 large mouth bass and 15,000 sunfish. There were between 500 and 600 applications received, about 50 per cent of them being from our State, the balance from North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

"For the information of those interested in securing fish, I will say that the Orangeburg Hatchery propagates large mouth bass and sunfish and that only one species of fish is assigned to any applicant during any one season and the number supplied is based upon the water area to be stocked. Only one application for any particular body of water will be considered. The period of distribution extends from the 1st of May to the 1st of September. Applications are acted upon in order of receipt and orders filled as long as the supply lasts, so that the sooner an application is made, the better the chance of securing the fish.

"Applications require the endorsement of a Senator or Representative in Congress and I shall be pleased to hear from those in the 7th. District who desire to secure a supply of fish. All applications should be in my hands before the 15th of April.

"I hope that our people will not overlook this opportunity and that the waters of our State and especially the 7th. District will soon be alive with fish.

"Very respectfully,
"H. P. FULMER, M. C."

TRULY A SOCIABLE.

The young folks of the town were delightfully entertained by Miss Bertha, the much admired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Simon Caughman, at their beautiful home, on upper Main street, Friday evening.

NEWBERRY ATTORNEY ATTENDING COURT.

Dr. George B. Cromer of Newberry, general counsel for the Southern railway in South Carolina, is in Lexington this week looking after the interests of his road at the court now holding.

MEETING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Lexington County Medical Society will meet in Lexington at the office of Dr. Wingard on April 3rd. (First Monday) at 11 o'clock. A good program has been arranged and all the physicians of the county are especially urged to be present.

J. H. MATHIAS, M. D., Secretary.

ROUND HILL ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be a play given at Round Hill Saturday, April first by local talent, the title being, "All a Mistake." The ladies league will furnish refreshments. Every one is invited to attend. There will be a small admission fee charged for the benefit of the school.

BON HEUR CLUB.

The Bon Heur club will be entertained this Friday afternoon by Mrs. Sam P. Roof at 4 o'clock.

One of the best ways to sell corn is "on the hoof." Ship your corn by the hog route.

Old Soldiers Will Meet in Richmond

Col. Marion Harman, commander of Camp Steedman, No. 686, has received the following letter from the general chairman of the reunion committee, which is self-explanatory:

To all Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans:

In June, 1862, the anxious eyes of an anguished South were fixed on its capital, Richmond. McClellan with 100,000 men had compassed her about; Lee with a scant 60,000 guarded her gates. With one voice the Confederacy resolved that Richmond should be saved. So, from every Southern state came reinforcements, and to their sons already in the field solemn exhortation to die before they yielded the citadel of the South to the Federals. That gallant army, hastily gathered, held Richmond against the full strength of the North and in the great campaign of the Seven Days, thrust McClellan back to his gunboats. Richmond pledged herself then not to forget.

Now, sixty years later, in June, 1922, the friendly eyes of a prosperous South once more will be fixed on Richmond, still the capital of Southern memories. She will not be beleaguered this June, but she will call for the remnants of the army that defended her, for their comrades of the west, for their wives, their widows, their daughters and their sons.

Richmond will call them all—not that she may be saved but that she may be privileged to serve. In the exercises of four days—including the laying of a cornerstone for a monument to Matthew Fontaine Maury and a great review before Lee and Davis, Jackson and Stuart in bronze—Richmond will seek to show that she still remembers.

You are most cordially invited to join the army whose coming will "relieve" Richmond. The detailed plans set forth in the enclosed circular of information are, in the essentials, as follows: The conventions of the S. C. V. and the Confederated Southern Memorial Association will open on June 19; that of the U. C. V. on June 20. All will conclude June 22.

Efforts are being made to obtain the usual reduced railroad rates. The form of entertainment adopted and so generally approved at Chattanooga will be followed: Visitors can procure lodging and breakfast in private homes at from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day. The other two meals will be supplied those who desire them as guests of the city of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The program of exercises and entertainments probably will make this, the thirty-second reunion of the Confederate Veterans, the greatest in their history. Besides the great review and the ceremonies at the cornerstone, there will be addresses by some of the South's greatest orators, receptions, a grand ball, band concerts, opportunities to visit the "Battle Abbey" and the Confederate Museum, numerous side trips, camp-fires—"the old days" back again in all their colorful glamor.

Please read with care the enclosed circular. For any desired information address the General Chairman, Travelers Building, Richmond, Va. Cordially and Respectfully,
JO. LANE STERN,
General Chairman, Reunion Committee.

UNDERTAKING PARLOR AT NEW LOCATION

Mr. Chas. E. Taylor has moved his undertaking business to his home just out of Lexington, and is preparing to give better service than ever. It is his intention to conduct a flower business in connection with the undertaking, and he hopes to be in position to furnish funeral bouquets.

Taylor Bros. are also preparing to move their marble yard to their premises on Depot street. The buildings are now in course of erection, and the business will be moved at an early date.

JUMPER-NEESE.

Miss Beulah Jumper and Ray L. Neese, both of the Swansea section, were married on Tuesday, March 21. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. McKittrick at the Swansea Baptist parsonage.

Most people overestimate their sorrows and undervalue their joys.