

CLUB MEETINGS HELD OVER THE COUNTY.

In accordance with the call of the county chairman Democratic club meetings were held at the different voting precincts over the county last Saturday, and were attended in the most instances with very little interest.

At the Lexington meeting there were only about 30 people present, two of which were ladies, out of a total of over 500 voters enrolled. The meeting was called to order by C. M. Efrid, after which the following officers were elected: D. Ellis Efrid, president; W. W. Barre, vice president; W. D. Dent, secretary.

Mr. G. B. Wingard was elected executive committeeman with the following delegates to the county convention: T. C. Callison, Mrs. B. D. Clarke, Mrs. H. A. Whitten, Miss Annie Caughman, Mrs. J. D. Carroll, Mrs. Karl F. Oswald, Miss Vera Corley, Ernest Amick, Geo. W. Corley, Jr., John T. Kammer, C. W. Harmon, R. F. Powell, Ardis Lown, Mrs. B. D. Clarke, Miss Annie Caughman, Mrs. E. H. Roberts.

The following were appointed a committee on registration: Miss May Boozer, D. Ira Wingard and Wilbur Hendrix.

Leesville, April 23.—The following resolutions were passed by Leesville Democratic club: "Resolved, That we tender our thanks to State Senator Christensen of Buford and E. T. Hume of the house of representatives."

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to the Lexington county convention for adoption by one of our delegates."

Delegates elected to the county convention are: J. R. Bouknight, D. M. Crosson, L. H. Shealy, W. G. Duncan, C. D. Barr, C. M. Swygert, W. K. Shealy, D. V. Shealy, W. M. Oxner, D. J. S. Derrick, J. H. Burnett and J. L. Epting.

Swansea, April 24.—The Swansea Democratic club met last Saturday and organized as follows: S. E. Smith, president; A. P. Jackson, secretary; S. E. Smith, executive committeeman; E. W. Burnett, W. B. Courtney, B. E. Williams, H. W. Neese, J. V. Hutto, C. G. Riley, R. E. Craft, C. W. Reed, delegates to county convention; E. W. Burnett, S. E. Smith and B. E. Craft, enrollment committee.

St. Matthews Democratic club Saturday and reorganized as follows: H. Steele, president; L. M. Steele, secretary and treasurer; J. D. McCartha, executive committeeman; J. D. McCartha and A. D. Steele delegates to the county convention.

The Irene Democratic club met last Saturday and elected the following officers: H. J. Rish, president; J. Frank Sharpe, secretary; W. D. Rish, executive committeeman; W. D. Rish, L. V. Andrews, Frank Lown, Frank Taylor and Thomas Howard delegates to the county convention.

The Irmo Democratic club met Saturday, April 22, and organized by electing L. S. Mathias, president; John W. Younginer, secretary; R. B. Barr, executive committeeman. The following were elected delegates to the county convention: W. E. Lorick, Dr. R. E. Mathias, Grady Shuler, and S. L. Dreher.

A resolution was passed recommending that the county commissioners be elected by the people instead as at present by the county delegation.

The Cromer Democratic club met at Oak Grove school house last Saturday and elected the following officers: Willie Senn, president; Julian D. Cromer, secretary; M. K. Kammer, executive committeeman; M. K. Kammer, Lewis Sox, Willie Roof and Julius D. Cromer delegates to the county convention.

The Gilbert Democratic club met and was duly organized at Gilbert on April 22, at 4 o'clock. The following officers were duly elected for the next ensuing two years: R. L. Keisler, president; D. E. Hammond, vice president; R. Lester Price, secretary; J. B. Keisler, J. D. Harmon, S. D. Price, committee on registration; J. B. Keisler, J. D. Harmon, S. D. Price, committee on enrollment; Ioor Hayes, executive committeeman; Ioor Hayes, R. L. Keisler, J. D. Harmon, D. E. Hammond, I. E. Keisler, R. Lester Price, delegates to the county convention.

The Mims Democratic club met at Mims on Saturday and elected the following officers: B. J. Rodgers, president; V. E. Frick, vice president; R. J. Boatwright, secretary; Elijah Hall, executive committeeman and delegate, Henry J. Westmoreland. The two last named will attend the county Democratic convention to be held at Lexington court house, the 1st Monday in May.

The Cayce Democratic club met Saturday and elected the following: C. M. Pennington, president; G. T. McDowell, secretary; C. W. Sox, executive committeeman; D. R. Craft, J. W. Oswald, A. G. Craft, and J. E. Davis, delegates to the county convention.

The Pelion Democratic club met and reorganized at the school house last Saturday. The meeting was called to order by President L. W. Wise and the following officers elected: L. W. Wise, president; M. A. Sharpe, secretary; H. D. Shumpert, G. L. Taylor, and G. L. Taylor, committee on enrollment and registration; Dr. D. R. Kneec, L. W. Wise, H. A. Argoe, H. D. Shumpert and M. A. Sharpe, delegates to county convention; L. W. Wise, executive committeeman.

Fro. Eland Democratic club met at Eland, April 22nd, 1922. The following officers were elected: Henry Buff, president; Mrs. J. W. Blume, vice president; R. Z. Gunter, secretary; G. A. Guignard, executive committeeman; enrollment committee—M. N. Kleckley, S. B. Hook, Dr. W. A. Oxner, C. T. Weed, Mrs. J. W. Blume, Mrs. P. J. Wessinger, J. C. Lybrand, J. W. Blume; registration committee—J. D. Senn, S. W. Hook, O. N. Denham, Q. M. Gayden, M. G. Caughman, Miss Mary Gulmar, Mrs. L. S. Trent; delegates to county convention—G. A. Guignard, L. S. Trent, Lee Hook, C. T. Weed, Dr. W. A. Oxner, Miss Caroline Guignard, M. G. Caughman, R. T. Shuler, Henry Buff, M. N. Kleckley, O. N. Denham, Saml. Derrick, J. D. Senn, Mrs. J. W. Blume, L. C. Merchant, S. B. Hook.

MOTION TO DISMISS

APPEAL OF GAPPINS.

Solicitor Callison of Lexington was here yesterday and while in Columbia filed a petition for dismissal of the Jesse Gappins appeal before the supreme court. This petition will be heard next Tuesday by the court. Gappins, one of the Brazell murder trio, has appealed from the sentence of death against him, but it is claimed that the appeal lacks merit, being based solely on the grounds that there is no record of the swearing of the grand jury which indicted Gappins.

Under Rule 30, the new rule of the supreme court under which appeals of no apparent merit can be dismissed upon motion of the solicitor, Mr. Callison hopes to have the appeal thrown out.

Nothing definite has as yet been announced in regard to C. O. Fox, another of the murder trio, who has an alleged appeal pending. He is appealing from a refusal of Justice Cothran to grant a stay of execution for Fox. Other than a notice of intention to appeal from Justice Cothran's refusal, nothing official has been heard from the attorney for Fox, who is said to have left Columbia.

Solicitor Callison will likely move for a dismissal of the alleged appeal of S. J. Kirby, the third member of the murder trio, before the circuit court at the next term, it is understood.—The State.

BON HEUR CLUB.

Mrs. E. G. Dreher will entertain the Bon Heur club Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

JAIL IN BETTER CONDITION NOW.

The following report of the state board of public welfare on the condition of different institutions in Lexington will be of interest to readers:

Report of Visit to the Lexington County Chain Gang Made March 23, 1922, by Asst. Sec. H. C. Brearley.

The score of the Lexington county chain gang has increased considerably since the last visit. The number of flies had been materially reduced; the mules were further from the camp and were protected by a canvas shelter; the condition of the camp grounds was better; and the sewage was being placed in a pit, even though not enough earth was being put upon it to prevent the breeding of flies. The drinking water was still being hauled from a distance, but none of the men were using water from a small stream, as formerly.

For the still further improvement of this camp it is recommended that the screens on the kitchen car be repaired to keep out the flies, that the bedding and clothing be kept in good condition, and that the white and the negro prisoners be separated at work as well as in camp.

Lexington County Jail.

The condition of the Lexington county jail has improved since the last visit by a representative of the Board of Public Welfare. A jailer has been employed to devote his entire time to the work of caring for the jail and the prisoners; the plumbing has been repaired in several places; and the prisoners' quarters, especially the bedding, are much cleaner. The food seems to be unusually satisfactory.

For the still further improvement of the jail it is recommended that the kitchen floor be repaired so that it is not dangerous to the jailer and his wife, that the broken window panes be replaced, and that all the plumbing be put in proper condition.

Lexington County Almshouse.

The Lexington County almshouse is, in practically the same condition it has been for sometime. The inmates are nine in number, most of them feeble or in poor health. On the day of this visit the food supplied was as follows: for breakfast, bread, fried bacon, syrup, coffee; for dinner, turnip greens, corn bread, butter, sugar, syrup and bread, coffee.

A proposal to unite with other counties to erect a district home for the aged and infirm has been under discussion. Such a plan would have many advantages, it is believed, but until the present buildings are actually abandoned, they should be kept in proper repair. The completion of the water supply system is also needed.

PROGRAM OF PALMETTO LITERARY SOCIETY.

Following is the program of the Palmetto Literary Society of the Lexington high school to be rendered on Friday, April 28:

- Vocal duet—Christine Roof and Martha Kaiser. Class recitations—Virginia Evans. Jokes—Roscoe Hallman. Musical selection—Mary Ellen Caughman. Reading—Addie Taylor. Male quartette—Charles Harmon, Seth Smith, Creighton Miller, Fairbanks Harmon. Debate—Resolved: "That a Man Would go Farther for Money than for a Woman."—First affirmative, Nola Price; first negative, Raymond Hendrix; second affirmative, Herbert Hendrix; second negative, Ala Warner. Recitation.—Clyde Hendrix. Composition—Neita Lee Harmon. Piano duet—Gladys Harmon, Bertha Berley. Reading—Mr. Whittle.

REPAIRING CHURCH.

The Methodist congregation of Lexington are doing extensive repairing to their church. They are putting in a new floor, repairing and retinting the plastering and repainting the wood work. When finished it will be a very attractive church. They expect to have it completed this week. So as to begin their revival services there Sunday, April 30th.

HEALTH CRUSADE WILL BE PUSHED IN THIS STATE.

Association Yesterday Elected D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, As President.

Dr. D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, was elected president of the South Carolina Public Health Association at the closing session of that organization yesterday afternoon. Dr. F. A. Cowan of Columbia, and Mrs. Chas. Blackburn McDonald, of Columbia, were elected vice presidents. Dr. Leon Banov, of Charleston, was chosen as director for the first district; Dr. Lesesne Smith, Spartanburg, director of fourth district; Mrs. Ruth A. Dodd, of Columbia, director of the seventh district, and directors of other districts holding over. Dr. Ernest Cooper, Columbia; Dr. Leon Banov, Charleston and Dr. Lesesne Smith, Spartanburg, were named to have charge of the program for the next session, which is to be held at the same time and place as the State Medical Association.

The sessions yesterday afternoon were a series of instructive talks on various phases of the work of educating the public as to prevention of communicable diseases and the removal of the cases of many types of disease that exact a heavy toll in human life each year in South Carolina. The reports showed a great work is being accomplished, but the keynote of the discussions was that it be carried forward even more vigorously than in the past.

The incoming president, Dr. Crosson, was state Senator from Lexington county in a brief talk stressed the importance of the legislative program. It takes money to carry on the educational work of the state board of health. Keep up the laboratory work and enable the officials to render the most efficient service to the people.

Dr. J. A. Hayne, retiring president, who is state health officer, expressed the belief that it was the best meeting yet held. A delay in the publication of the program prevented the public attendance earlier, and for this reason few of the talks, by State Superintendent of Education Severance, was along lines of co-operation through promulgation of health policies in the common schools and was greatly enjoyed.

WORD MEMORIZING.

- Reason is the life of the law.—Coke. Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.—Shakespeare. The world's a bubble and the life of a man less than a span.—Bacon. Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame.—Pope. Confidence is a plant of slow growth in an old bosom.—William Pitt. Early and provident fear is the mother of safety.—Burke. Small habits, well pursued, may reach the dignity of crimes.—Hannah Moore. On their own merits modest men are dumb.—George Coleman. Absence of occupation is not rest; a mind quite vacant is a mind distressed.—Cowper.

TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Lutheran church will serve refreshments on the court house grounds Wednesday afternoon, May 3, beginning at 6 o'clock. The time had been advertised for the 25th, but was postponed on account of other entertainment on that date.

BATESBURG NEWS.

The Democratic club met Saturday afternoon at the town hall and elected 13 delegates to the county convention which meets at Lexington the first Monday in May. Dr. W. P. Timmerman was again chosen as member of the executive committee from this club. The meeting was entirely harmonious. Hon. Ira C. Carson was elected president of the club and J. B. Ballentine, secretary.

The annual reception given at Summerland College Monday night was attended by over 100 invited guests. Many students from the University and Newberry College attended the reception. The new dormitory has been completed and will be ready for use at the next session of the college. The building is modern and up-to-date in equipment and said to be one of the best in the state. The present session will close the latter part of May.

A large number of farmers met in the town hall Saturday afternoon in response to invitations sent out by the members of the Batesburg Industries, a corporation recently formed in this town for the purpose of furnishing brood sows on a cooperative plan. The corporation will purchase these brood sows and sell them to purchasers and giving them time in which to make payment. Many of our farmers have availed themselves of this opportunity and ordered the sows. Delivery will be made as early as practicable. The red Duroc Jersey hogs have been recommended as being the most prolific and profitable breeders. One or more sows will be furnished the applicant or as many as can be cared for.

Mr. M. E. Rutland shipped another car load of hogs last week, making the third carload shipped this season.

Dr. W. P. Timmerman, ex-president of the State Medical association, visited his friends Dr. W. P. Timmerman.

On account of the rain on Saturday night, April the 15th, the play, "A Prairie Rose," was not completed. Scarcely half the program was rendered and that with difficulty. (This four act play was rendered twice by the graduating class of the Lexington high school in 1914. The auditorium was much too small for the audience both times.) Therefore, on account of the earnest solicitation of our friends who were present on the 15th and in order to help the school, the characters participating have decided to give the play on Saturday night, April 29.

We are very sorry that on account of unforeseen inconveniences we were delayed in opening the play on the 15th, but we are hopeful for a clear and calm night this time. We therefore wish to assure you, in advance, that the curtains will be drawn for the first act promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

For the benefit of the school a small admission fee of 15 cents for children between 6 and 15 years old and 25 cents for older persons will be charged. The play will be given in the open. Young ladies will accommodate you with a ticket at the road as you drive in. So please come early and be comfortably seated in time to hear a brief explanation and story of the play and introduction of the eleven characters in the play. This will be about 7:50 p. m. You will have an opportunity in this way to familiarize yourself with the scenes to be presented and will therefore be enabled, we hope, to enjoy all the more the evening with us.

The ladies of the school Improvement League will serve refreshments to suit your taste. Come and try 'em. They will also give you an opportunity to enjoy an old time cake walk.

Center school house, April 29, 8:00 p. m.

SAXE-GOTHA DOTS.

The Methodist meeting which has been going on for two weeks came to a close Sunday morning. Four united with the church.

There will be a school closing here Saturday night, April 29, for which a very nice program has been arranged. A good time is promised to all who attend.

Miss Ollie Tanner of near Edmund spent Easter Saturday evening with Miss Marie Bailey.

Miss Mary Waits spent Sunday evening with Miss Cleo Howard.

Mrs. Sue Turner of Columbia visited Mrs. Jno. C. Bailey Sunday evening.

WORDS OF WISE MEN.

- Speak well of your friends and, if you cannot do the same of your enemies, say nothing. The man who wins is the man who holds on until he can hold on no longer—and then doesn't give up. Cheerfulness is like money well expended in charity; the more we dispose of it the greater our possession. Let the man who has to make his fortune in life remember this maxim: Dare, and the world always yields. If it beats you sometimes, dare it again and it will succumb.

SAVANNAH MAN IS ELECTED MANAGER FOR STATE FAIR.

J. W. Fleming, of Savannah, Ga., has been elected by the executive committee of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society to fill the newly created position of manager of the State fair, announcement of the election of Mr. Fleming being made Saturday by Robert M. Cooper, Jr., of Wisacky, president of the society.

D. Frank Efrid, of Lexington, has been reelected as secretary of the State fair, this announcement being also made Saturday. David G. Ellison, of Columbia, will continue his position as treasurer, having also been reelected.

Under the new plans of the association, Mr. Fleming will have executive control over the State fair and he will be on the job twelve months of the year. He expects to move his family to Columbia on May 1, when he will take over the management of the fair.

Mr. Fleming was secretary of the Ohio State Fair, one of the largest in the United States, succeeding his father in that capacity. It receives an annual appropriation from the state of \$180,000. He was elected by the owners of the Savannah Tri-State Fair. The only thing that he had to work on was a plot of land; he created the fair, erected the building and produced one of the greatest fairs in the south.

"Mr. Fleming is 45 years of age," said Mr. Cooper in talking of his election, "and he is a man of pleasing personal appearance and undoubted executive ability. He is especially qualified for organizing and building up state fairs."

The finance committee of the fair association will meet here in a few days, said Mr. Cooper, and lay plans for the refinancing of the enterprise, to put it abreast of the great state fairs of the nation.—Record.