

Proceedings of County Democratic Convention

The Lexington County Democratic convention met in the court house here Monday, and the business before the meeting passed off without a hitch, and a more harmonious gathering could not have been had. With a total attendance of several hundred persons, there were less than a dozen women present, but when percentage is taken into consideration they received their full share of the patronage.

Judge C. M. Efrid, county chairman, on calling the meeting to order suggested that something should be done by the state convention with reference to the present primary rules; that the law now calling for booths and separate tickets for each precinct was both troublesome and costly, and unnecessary as far as Lexington county is concerned.

D. Frank Efrid, on taking the chair as president, made a pleasant talk, stating it gave him much pleasure to be the president of the first convention at which women were present as delegates.

We are giving below the full minutes of the meeting:

Minutes.
Convention called to order by County Chairman C. M. Efrid, and the following temporary organization was effected: D. Frank Efrid, president; W. M. Oxner and Ira M. Sligh, secretaries, all by acclamation. George Bell Timmerman and Miss Caroline Guignard were appointed by the chair to conduct the newly elected president to his seat, and on taking the chair he thanked the convention for the honor.

The following delegates were enrolled from the several clubs:
Batesburg—C. E. Jones, M. E. Rutland, W. B. Hite, George Bell Timmerman, John T. Sawyer, E. C. Higgell, E. B. Steadman, J. M. Malpass, J. J. Hartley, James H. Raborn, B. P. Whitehead; W. P. Timmerman, executive committeeman.
Bolling Springs—John A. Shealy; John A. Shealy, executive committeeman.

Boyleston—T. H. Shull, E. E. Hook, W. K. Hook.
Brookland—G. A. Guignard, Mrs. L. S. Trotti, J. W. Blume, C. T. Weed, W. A. Oxner, Miss Caroline Guignard, M. G. Caughman, R. L. Shuler, Henry Buff, M. N. Kleckley, O. N. Denham, Samuel Derrick, J. D. Feun, Mrs. J. W. Blume, L. C. Merchant, W. F. Hook; executive committeeman, G. A. Guignard.
Cayce—D. R. Craft, A. G. Craft, C. T. Connor, C. W. Sox; executive committeeman, C. W. Sox.
Brook—O. B. Addy, E. H. Addy, A. E. Lown; executive committeeman, O. B. Addy.

Chapin—T. O. Stoudemire, R. F. Cumalander, G. O. Clark, S. J. Cannon, W. O. Cumalander, W. M. Slise.
Cromer—M. K. Kaminer, W. F. Roof, L. C. Sox, J. D. Cromer; M. K. Kaminer, executive committeeman.
Edmund—George Shealy, L. E. Jofcoat.
Gaston—J. F. Fallaw, T. H. Pound; executive committeeman, C. P. Pound.
Gilbert—Ioor Hayes, R. L. Keisler, J. D. Harman, D. E. Hammond, I. B. Keisler, R. Lester Price; executive committeeman, Ioor Hayes.

Hollow Creek—J. D. Price.
Irene—L. V. Andrews, F. A. Lown, D. L. Shealy, P. F. Taylor; executive committeeman, W. D. Rish.
Irmo—Grady Shuler, W. E. Lorick, R. E. Mathias.
Leesville—Dr. D. M. Crosson, W. G. Duncan, C. D. Barr, Jas. Crosson, L. H. Shealy, C. M. Swygert, W. K. Shealy, B. V. Shealy, W. M. Oxner, D. J. S. Derrick.
Lexington—T. C. Callison, Mrs. E. D. Clarke, Mrs. H. A. Whitten, Miss Annie Caughman, Ira M. Sligh, H. A. Whitten, Cyrus L. Shealy, D. E. Amick, George W. Corley, Jr., John T. Kaminer, W. D. Dent, E. L. Wingard, D. F. Efrid, J. E. Wingard, Sim L. Hendrix, C. E. Leaphart, G. B. Wingard, H. L. Harmon, J. H. Roberts, S. L. Rawl.
Macedonia—C. K. Son, B. L. Amick; executive committeeman, D. Efrid.

Magnolia—C. W. Smith, L. E. Smith; executive committeeman, C. W. Smith.
Mims—Elijah Hall.
Oak Grove—None.
L. W. Wise, D. R. Kneese, M. A. Sharpe, H. D. Shumpert; executive committeeman, L. W. Wise.

Pine Ridge—R. L. Ballentine, J. W. Wessinger; executive committeeman, P. B. Lindler.
Pine Woods—C. F. Rauch.
Pool's Mill—None.
Pond Branch—E. M. Smith, J. E. Smith.
Ridge Road—D. Jesse Derrick, J. W. Swygert, D. J. Swygert.
Rishton—B. F. Berry; executive committeeman, S. L. Lucas.
St. Matthews—J. D. McCartha, A. D. Steele.
Samarina—None.
Sandy Run—T. L. Williams, L. T. Bailey.

Sharpe's Hill—J. Perry Goodwin, R. S. Sharpe; executive committeeman, R. S. Sharpe.
Steedman—R. G. Able, E. P. Hall, J. I. Barr; executive committeeman, A. E. Quattlebaum.
Summitt—M. A. Ricard, U. E. Black.
Swansea—E. W. Burnett, A. P. Jackson, C. G. Riley, S. E. Smith, T. H. Williams, R. C. Jackson, O. J. Hutto, J. D. Sally.
St. Andrews—C. D. Meetze.

Moved and carried that secretaries examine lists and refer any irregularities to the proper delegation.
Foregoing reconsidered and new motion prevailed to the effect that where too many delegates were listed secretaries begin at bottom of list and strike out as many as necessary to reduce to correct number.

On motion the temporary officers were unanimously elected permanent officers of the convention, with the addition of Miss Caroline Guignard as vice president. She was elected by acclamation. F. Hamp Hendrix was unanimously elected treasurer.

Dr. J. H. Burnett of Leesville offered the following resolution, which was passed; and the Lexington delegation instructed to present it to the state convention for consideration:

"Whereas, the legislative committee on 'economy and consolidation' introduced new tax bills to relieve the farmers and land owners of our state of the overwhelming burden of taxation now oppressing our people, calls for an expression of thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the house of representatives and a respectful minority of the senate, be it therefore

"Resolved: That we tender our thanks to Senator Christensen of the senate and E. T. Hughes of the house for their zealous work in our behalf for reformed taxation."

A motion to appoint a committee on resolutions was voted down.

Voters from the Poplar Springs school district petitioned the convention to grant them the privilege of organizing a new voting precinct, which was granted.

The following were nominated as delegates to the state convention: Mrs. H. A. Whitten, George Bell Timmerman, G. A. Guignard, Dr. D. M. Crosson, D. E. Amick, S. E. Smith, D. Frank Efrid, L. V. Andrews, Dr. R. E. Mathias, R. L. Keisler, T. C. Callison, Henry Buff, R. W. Frick, J. M. Malpass, Dr. J. H. Burnett, E. H. Addy, Miss Caroline Guignard.

On motion the two women nominated were elected by acclamation, after which the others were voted upon to elect six delegates and six alternates, a motion prevailing to the effect that the six highest should be declared delegates and the six second highest should serve as alternates, resulting as follows: T. C. Callison, George Bell Timmerman, D. Frank Efrid, R. L. Keisler, S. E. Smith, D. E. Amick, delegates; G. A. Guignard, Dr. D. M. Crosson, Dr. R. E. Mathias, Henry Buff, R. W. Frick, J. M. Malpass, alternates.

B. E. Williams was nominated for county chairman, but declined to stand for election.
T. C. Callison nominated for county chairman and was unanimously elected by acclamation.
George Bell Timmerman was unanimously elected state executive committeeman.

Motion carried for the delegation to select one of their number to serve on the state credentials committee.
Adjourned.

Court Dismisses Gappins' Appeal

The supreme court yesterday dismissed the appeal of Jesse Gappins, one of the Brazell murder trio, following the motion in the morning by Solicitor Callison in open court for a dismissal. The court dismissed the appeal for lack of merit, and in the course of the hearing Chief Justice Gary heavily scored lawyers for what he termed as apparent trifling with the courts.

Under Rule 30 the court can dismiss appeals where no merit exists and it was under this rule that Solicitor Callison made his motion in the morning. The order dismissing the appeal says that everything that an officer should do is presumed to have been done unless proved otherwise. This was in regard to the sole plea of Gappins for a new trial on the grounds that the grand jury which indicted him was not sworn, so far as the minutes of the court showed.

A motion to quash the indictment would have been in order on these grounds, the court says, but no grounds for an appeal are contained on such a plea. In dismissing the appeal the court orders the remittitur sent to the clerk of court of Lexington in order that a new day may be set for the carrying out of the death sentence of the lower court.

Others May Lose.
The appeals of S. J. Kirby and C. O. Fox, the other members of the Brazell murder trio, have never been completed and it is understood that Solicitor Callison will move for a dismissal of these alleged appeals before the May term of the court of general sessions court at Lexington.

During the hearing on the motion of Solicitor Callison, Chief Justice Gary strongly scored attorneys for apparent trifling with the courts and declared that if the process of law becomes trifled with the lawyers will be brought before the bar of the court and disbarred from practice.

Chief Justice Gary spoke of the number of murders, thefts and other crimes over the state and reiterated his statement of some days ago that the court would fix the maximum limit for bail on criminals.

The chief justice made it plain that the court is becoming impatient with so many apparent trifling appeals. "The fight is on and this court is going to maintain its dignity if we have to disbar the lawyers from practice," Chief Justice Gary declared. Chief Justice Gary said Rule 30, the rule whereby appeals of no apparent merit can be dismissed, had been adopted by the court in an effort to bring about justice. He added that the court thought the attorneys would appreciate this rule and not try to evade the ends of justice. The chief justice said he was not referring to any particular case.

Associate Justice Watts then spoke of the appeal of C. O. Fox, another one of the Brazell murder trio, and declared if this was not trifling with the courts he did not know what was.

Callison in Charge.
Solicitor Callison presented the motion to dismiss the Gappins appeal claiming that the appeal was without merit. He said he was anxious for the court to decide the case prior to the middle of May when the next term of general sessions court begins in Lexington. Mr. Callison pointed out that the appeal is based solely on the grounds that the minutes of the court do not show that the grand jury was sworn, it being claimed that this made the trial of Gappins illegal. Mr. Callison said the grand jury had been sworn, and that the matter of the minutes not showing this was the smallest irregularity possible. Mr. Callison said the appeal should be dismissed, in his opinion.

T. C. Sturke, attorney for Gappins resisted the motion, declaring that the appeal was made in good faith. He declared the matter of swearing the grand jury was vital. At this point Justice Watts declared that he thought the court would be stultifying itself if it said that the circuit judge had held an entire term of court without swearing the grand jury, one of the first things he is concerned with in opening the court.—The State.

AT CENTER SCHOOL.
A play will be given at Center school house Saturday night, May 6, by the pupils. The public is cordially invited.

Legion Minstrels On 10th May

For sometime past a number of the members of the local Post of the American Legion, together with some of their friends, have been practicing for a minstrel to be given in the auditorium of the Lexington high school on the evening of Wednesday, May 10, and they feel now that their work has progressed so far as to warrant them in making the statement that the public may expect the coming show to be in every way up to the high standard of the Legion minstrel given here some two years ago, and in addition there will be some new faces, voices, and stunts.

Sam Leaphart, formerly of the Old Field minstrels, is a star end again. Ernest Sawyer is playing the same position he held in the last show, and Gus Barre and Jess Ballentine are the new ends. There will be a feast of music, some good dancing and stunts, and enough laughs to split your side and drive the blues away. Arthur Harmon's "little symphony" orchestra will in all probability help out with the program.

The music will be in charge of Miss May Boozer, while the minstrel, which the boys call The Moonlight Cabaret is being directed and will be given here under the general supervision of Mrs. John D. Carroll, and to both of them the Legion acknowledges its debt of gratitude.

The curtain will rise promptly at half after eight on the evening of May 10, and the members of the local Post would be very happy to greet as many of their friends there as can be accommodated, so to those who do not care to miss this fun-feast (and all of us really need it!) it is suggested that they come early.

BOY SCOUTS HIKED TO BARRE'S POND LAST FRIDAY

The Boy Scouts assembled at the Barre Hardware Company Friday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock to hike to the head of Barre's pond. They arrived there at four-thirty, pitched their tents and built a big fire. A few minutes after they had built their fire it started to rain, so they tore down their tents and hiked to a log cabin at Barre's upper pond. They enjoyed a delightful fish fry given to them by the scout master and his assistants. They spent a great night, sleeping only about half an hour.

Early the next morning they packed their packs and left for home, arriving in town about nine-thirty o'clock. They were a very tired looking bunch of boys but a joyous time is reported by all.

LEVER CAUGHMAN, Scribe.

SHERIFF ROOF GOES TO PA. FOR PRISONER.

Sheriff E. Austin Roof last week located Kenny Humphries, negro, in Carlisle, Pa., who shot and killed Will Green, another negro, at Batesburg on May 11, 1920. The killing was said to have been the result of a dispute over a dime in a crap game. After the killing Humphries escaped and was not heard of until last week. Sheriff Roof will return here in a day or two with the prisoner. It is likely that he will be tried at the May term of court.

BANKS WILL CLOSE MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 10.

The Bank of Western Carolina and the Home National bank will be closed next Wednesday, May 10, Memorial day, which is a legal holiday. Patrons should govern themselves accordingly.

CUTTING AT RED BANK.

Last Sunday about noon Ira Smith cut Berly Smith about the head and neck in several places, which necessitated the services of a doctor to sew up the places. Ira Smith's condition is not considered serious and is improving daily.

PENSION MONEY READY.

The pension checks have been ready for the old soldiers for several days, and only about half of them have been called for. Those entitled to receive this money and who have not yet been for their checks are asked to come forward and get them. Probate Judge W. F. Hook is anxious to pay the money out.

Court Convenes 22nd of May

Court of general sessions will convene in Lexington on Monday, May 3, with Judge J. W. DeVore of Edgefield presiding, and it is expected that the term will last two weeks, as the docket is full and contains several important cases. There are seven murder cases, several assault and battery cases and a number of cases of a more or less minor nature.

The murder cases that are on the docket and will probably be called for trial at the approaching term are:

Newt Kelley and Frank Goff, charged with murder in the killing of David Shull in New Brookland over a year ago, which has been continued from time to time. Solicitor Callison states that this case will be among the first called for trial.

J. C. Swygert of Leesville, charged with killing Dr. J. C. Nicholson in the streets of Leesville last year. This case was brought up at the last term of court and resulted in a mistrial.

Dr. Rice B. Harmon, charged with murder in the killing of Olin M. Price a few months ago.

Willie Felder, negro, for killing a negro woman and a negro man at a church near Swansea several months ago. Felder is in jail.

Henry Norris, negro, will be tried for murder for killing his wife.

Kenny Humphries, negro, who was located last week in Carlisle, Pa., will be tried for murder for the killing of Willie Green at Batesburg in May, 1920. He has been at large since that time until arrested in Pennsylvania a few days ago.

Henry Corley, negro, charged with killing his mother-in-law last fall.

Other cases of a less serious nature that will come up for trial are: George W. Miller, who shot and seriously wounded D. E. Hammond at Gilbert some time ago, is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. J. F. Kelley, white, charged with bigamy. There are also a number of whiskey cases to be tried.

HONOR ROLL OF LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Below is given the honor roll of the Lexington high school for the month of April, 1922:

First grade.—John Thomas Wingard, Augustine Sox, Linda Mae Taylor.
Advanced first grade.—Thomas Adams, Marcesta Hook, Gretchen Miller, Gladys Nipper, Louise Paxton, Tyrone Shealy.
Second grade.—J. C. Shepherd, Jr., Sidney Lee Steele, Jr., Dorothy Wingard, Margaret Meetze, Ruth Taylor.
Third grade.—Permelie Duvall, Cornelle Roberts, Eula Mae Slise, Flossie Sox, Lewis Steele.
Fourth grade.—Christine Harmon, Mattie Lee Hendrix, Grace Shealy, Harley Caughman.
Fifth grade.—Catharine Caughman, Evelyn Caughman, Sara Dreher, Helen Obenschain, Henry Jake Bickley, Pearle Kaminer.
Sixth grade.—Wise Caughman, Waldo Roof.
Seventh grade.—Leona Steele, Lena Belle Kleckley, Evelyn Kyzer, Eleanor Shearouse, Vermelle Hendrix, Rosa Belle Hendrix, Osier Smith, LeRoy Hendrix.
Eighth grade.—Section one: Ruth George, Lou Ella Harmon, Myrtle Harmon, Walter Hutto, Christopher Kaufman.
Eighth grade.—Section two: Marie Bailey, Thelma Kleckley, Elizabeth Miller, Marion Roof, Samuel Corley, Shelby Harman, John Roberts, Hebel Warner, Barringer Wingard.
Ninth grade.—Amy Franklow, Ernestine Lorick, Clarice Harmon.
Tenth grade.—Edith Roof, Julia Clark, Annette Meetze.
Eleventh grade.—Nola Price, Ola Warner.

Mrs. Roof's Music Class.—Harold Smith, Lewis McCray, Christopher Kaufman, Helen Obenschain, Lena Belle Kleckley, Vermelle Hendrix, James Dreher, Geraldine George.
Miss Boozer's Music Class.—Evelyn Caughman, Eleanor Hook, Rhude Meetze, Sara Dreher, Flossie Sox, Virginia Nipper, Ruth George, Anna Lee Corley, Leona Steele, Evelyn Kyzer, Margaret Oswald.

Lots of men think they are standing up for their rights when they are merely lying down on the job.

News of Interest From Batesburg

The new \$6,000.00 school building recently erected for the colored people of Batesburg was dedicated Sunday afternoon with a well arranged program.

Brief remarks were made by Dr. E. C. Ridgell and Prof. W. F. Scott on behalf of the white people of the town. Hon. John E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education was present and delivered an address full of wisdom to the colored people which was well received. Mr. W. H. Felton of Columbia was also present and spoke briefly complimenting the colored people of the town upon the splendid building erected in which to teach their children. This building is one of the best of its kind in the state and one of which the negroes of Batesburg have just cause to be proud. The structure is two stories high, 50 feet wide and 83 feet long.

Mrs. G. E. Bradshaw and Miss Ruth Timmons were married in Augusta on Tuesday, April 25th, the ceremony being performed by the pastor of the Methodist church in that city. The bride is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Timmons and has a host of friends in Batesburg. The groom is a native of Lenoir, N. C., but for the past year resided in this town. He holds a position with the Batesburg Beverage and Ice Company and is deservedly popular.

Mrs. Mary A. Miller died at her home on Hill street in Batesburg last Friday night after an illness of only a few days duration. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Wise, of Atlanta, and Mrs. W. B. Miller of Batesburg. Three sons, Walter, William H. and John L. Miller of Batesburg. The remains were laid to rest in Concord church cemetery near Batesburg Sunday morning the funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Gibson of Leesville, in the presence of a large crowd of friends and other relatives. She was in the 63rd year of her age.

Mr. Cole B. Sutton of Bald Creek, N. C., was here on business Saturday.

Wednesday, May 10th, will be observed as memorial day with appropriate exercises by the local U. D. C. Chapter and members of the local Camp of Veterans.
A new bakery has been established in the rear of the Pay-U Grocery store and is already receiving a liberal patronage from the people of both towns.
Rev. A. L. Gunter of Gaffney spent a few days last week with friends in town.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL OSWALD SATURDAY.

Mr. Samuel F. Oswald died at his home near Gilbert last Saturday and was buried Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Price burying ground near St. Paul's church.

Mr. Oswald was born March 26, 1855, making him 67 years old. He was married in 1880 to Miss Louise Devorgan Price, to which union eight children were born, six sons and two daughters. Two sons and both daughters preceded him to the grave. He is survived by his wife, and sons, Lonnie F., Clinton H., H. Cromer and Broadwood I.

The funeral services were conducted at Hollow Creek (St. Paul's) Sunday afternoon, and interment had in the Price burying ground near the church. The Rev. W. D. Wise officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stoudemire, pastor of St. Paul's.

TO RESENTENCE FOX, GAPPINS AND KIRBY.

Solicitor T. C. Callison stated this morning that in view of the fact that J. C. Kirby and J. O. Fox had not completed their appeal to the supreme court, that the court was without jurisdiction in their cases, and that in all probability the two men would be brought to Lexington, along with Gappins, to be resentenced at the coming term of court which will meet here on Monday, May 22. The supreme court yesterday dismissed the appeal of Gappins, and it is not thought that the others will go further with their appeals.

These three men were convicted of murder for the killing of William Brazell at the last term of criminal court in Lexington.