

Negro Kills Another One Early on Sunday Morning

Early Hill, negro, shot and mortally wounded John Geiger, another negro, early Sunday morning, from which wounds the latter died Sunday night about 9 o'clock.

Hill and several other negroes had attended a party near town Saturday night, and the car in which they were returning home early Sunday morning became disabled. They went to the home of John Geiger, who lived in town, and asked him to carry them home, about six miles in the country offering to pay him for the trip. It is said that when they had gone several miles Hill refused to pay for the trip, and without but few words pulled his pistol and shot Geiger. At the coroner's inquest yesterday the only eye-witness to the shooting was Hill, but those in the party shortly before the shooting testified that there had been no bad feeling between the two that they knew of. The inquest was recessed yesterday and will be continued this afternoon at 2 o'clock to hear the testimony of James Williams, the eye-witness.

After the shooting Sunday morning Geiger was carried to the Good Samaritan hospital in Columbia and operated upon, but his life could not be saved. He died about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

Early Hill came to Lexington Monday morning and surrendered to Sheriff H. Aasia Roof, and is now held to await trial.

Hill lived on Mr. John T. Kammer's place and Geiger worked with C. E. and S. J. Leaphart near town.

The inquest was conducted by Sheriff H. Aasia Roof, with the following witnesses: C. Wood with the following witnesses: H. F. Oswald, H. F. Oswald, W. W. Winard, Robert Corbett, J. Roberts, T. H. Wingard, J. W. Roberts, S. E. Roberts, J. W. Roberts, John Fox, Renben Fox, Murphy, John, Sam P. Lewis, E. H. Roof.

The testimony taken Sunday afternoon in part as follows: J. W. Roberts, being duly sworn, testified as follows: Yesterday morning I was called to see John Geiger. I found him with a gun pointed at the left side, between the sixth and tenth intercostal space and the ribs, about four and one-half inches from the median line. This bullet entered the body and lodged in the muscles of the back on the left side, fracturing the intestines several times from which injury the said John Geiger died. When I went to see him he said that Early Hill had shot him and had shot him for nothing. That he had shot him because he would not pay him for carrying him from Lexington home. I asked the bullet to be a .32—it may have been a .38 caliber. It was a good big ball.

Sim L. Hendrix, being duly sworn, testified as follows: Geiger said Hill had shot him, Early Hill had shot him for nothing. Said "Old John is gone, never will get up, will die." He said about the same thing Dr. Roberts told you. He said that they came over and woke him up and got him out of his bed and told him he wanted to hire him to take him home. He got up and carried him home and he would not pay him for carrying him up and that they got into a row and that he shot him. He said James Williams was with him when he shot him. I do not know whether he said anybody else or not.

Will Meetze, colored, being duly sworn, testified as follows: I was with them the last part of the night—before day in the morning. Well, that morning I was coming from home, from Mr. Roscoe Caughman's, and a car was in the road. I thought it was Emory, but he says "This is Bubber". I said, "How about carrying me back to the camp?" He said, "We are waiting for John Geiger who has gone for some gas. I have some more boys here and will carry you". I said, "How long he been gone?" He said, "Long enough to be back". I went down to John's house, and I saw him and he said "Come on". And I went on the opposite side of the road and him and James Williams were in the car. I said, "What's the matter?" He said, "The car is broken".

tee." I asked him if he was going to carry them boys". He said, "Bubber will carry them, I have nothing but my stripped". He said, "You want to go?" I said, "Yes". He said, "If Bubber cannot, I will." He got in his car and come up the road and taken us and carried us on to the river. When we got there, all got out and paid him and they turned around. They had two pistols playing with them. I told them they ought not to play with them. He said, "We will give them to James" and when they left, James had both of them. John gave his to James, and Early gave his to him. That is all I know.

Silas and Joe Leaphart testified about as Will Meetze.

WHITE MAN KILLS McCORMICK NEGRO.

McCormick, June 26.—Richard Sims, negro, was shot and killed this morning near Parkville by W. T. Wood, a white man. Mr. Wood, according to the testimony offered at the coroner's inquest this morning, shot in self-defense, drawing his pistol only after he had been attacked by the negro. Mr. Wood's left arm was broken by a blow from a shotgun, wielded, witnesses say, by the negro Sims.

Mr. Wood came to McCormick after having his arm dressed and this morning surrendered to Sheriff Leroy. The coroner's jury, investigating the killing, brought in a verdict that the negro came to his death by a gunshot wound at the hands of W. T. Wood. The dead negro was considered a desperate character.

The killing grew out of an attempt on the part of Mr. Wood and W. T. Self and W. P. Langford, two other white men, to settle a dispute between the negro Sims and John Lee, another negro, living about one and a half miles from Parkville. The wives of the two negroes quarreled yesterday and Sims, according to the negro Lee, threatened yesterday to kill him and this morning, Lee said, carried a gun to the field with the avowed intention of carrying out the threat.

From information received here the Lee negro lived on the farm of W. T. Self of Parkville and Richard Sims went into the field this morning armed with his shotgun to await the arrival of Lee, whom it was alleged, he swore he would kill on sight. Lee on learning of the presence of Sims in his field went to Parkville and reported the matter to his landlord, W. T. Self. Mr. Self, in company with W. T. Wood and M. P. Langford, went to the field where the negro Sims was waiting and tried to get him to go to the home of Lee to talk the matter over and et their differences settled. When the three white men reached the field the negro, they say, ordered them not to approach him and drew his gun on them. They assured him that they had not gone there to create a disturbance but to get the differences between him and Lee settled and they succeeded in getting him to put his gun down and talk with them in an effort to reach an adjustment of the differences.

When Sims put his gun down Mr. Langford picked it up and unloaded it. Mr. Wood then took the negro by the arm and started in the direction of the negro Lee's home. As they proceeded down the road Mr. Langford, it was testified, overtook them, carrying the negro's gun in his hand and walking along beside Mr. Wood and on the off side from Sims. The negro, witnesses said, suddenly reached over, grabbed the gun from the hands of Mr. Langford and began beating Mr. Wood with it. The Sims negro is about 30 years of age and stronger than either Mr. Wood or Mr. Langford, it was testified, and succeeded in striking Mr. Wood several blows with the gun barrel, one of the blows breaking Mr. Wood's left arm just above the wrist. The negro, witnesses said, continued beating the white man and Mr. Wood drew his pistol and shot the negro to death.

Mr. Wood came on to McCormick after having his arm dressed and gave his testimony to Sheriff Leroy.—The

WOMEN URGED TO SIGN CLUB ROLLS.

The Dispatch-News has received the following letter from Mrs. Richard Williams, state chairman of the League of Women Voters, and we pass it along to our readers:

"My dear Mr. Editor:—Knowing that men of your profession are, as a rule, particularly interested in contributing to the public welfare, I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if you will make a special effort to get the women of your county to enroll and vote in the approaching election. "The timidity and indifference of the newly enfranchised voter will, in many instances, outweigh her sense of responsibility in the matter, unless she is made to realize fully that it is a moral obligation to vote and that voting is not a question of preference but a bounden duty.

"Though conscious of the fact that you ask no reward for this effort other than a realization that you have rendered a service to your state, I can not refrain from expressing my gratitude for anything that you may be able to do in getting our women to the polls on August 29.

"Very truly yours,
"MRS. RICHARD WILLIAMS,
"Chm. S. C. League of Women Voters."

ENROLL FOR THE PRIMARY

Citizens of South Carolina should enroll in their township club or ward club in order to participate in the primary election next August. The books for enrollment are now open and will remain so until the last Tuesday in July.

According to the rules of the Democratic party of South Carolina, the qualifications for membership in any club of the party in the state and for voting at a primary election are as follows:

"The applicant for membership, or voter, shall be 21 years of age, or shall become so before the succeeding general election and be a white Democrat. He shall be a citizen of the United States and of this state. No person shall belong to any club or vote in any primary unless he has resided in the state two years and in the county six months prior to the succeeding general election and in the club district 60 days prior to the first primary following his offer to enroll: Provided, That public school teachers and ministers of the gospel in charge of a regular organized church shall be exempt from the provisions of this section as to residence, if otherwise qualified."

OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER CLEMSON.

The attention of young men interested in a technical education is directed to the Clemson scholarship announcement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Lexington county is entitled to 4 four-year scholarships and 1 one-year scholarship. Last session there were no young men from this county at Clemson on scholarships.

For the session of 1922-23 there are 4 four-year scholarships and one One-Year Agricultural Course scholarships vacant in this county.

A college education, viewed merely as an investment of time and of money, is equal to an estate worth thousands of dollars. Viewed, however, from its highest sense such an education prepares a young man for greatest service to his country and places him in a position to enjoy some of the good things of life. Education fits one for a life whose possibilities are limited only by his capacity and his character.

BOLL WEEVILS PLAYING HAVOC WITH COTTON.

Reports from over the county would indicate that the boll weevils are much more numerous than ever before, and that anything like a crop of cotton is absolutely impossible. It is said that the weevils were in the fields waiting for the cotton to come up and that they are working on the small cotton before it starts putting on squares. The chances are that very little cotton will be raised in Lexington this year.

BON HEUR CLUB.

Mrs. C. E. Leaphart will entertain the Bon Heur club Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, JULY 9.

The Lexington County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention will be held in the Sandy Run Baptist church at Gaston, on Sunday, July 9th, at eleven o'clock in the morning and two-thirty in the afternoon.

All Sunday Schools are invited to have delegates present. A banner will be given to the Sunday School having the largest number of delegates from the lonest distance. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds, and everybody is requested to bring a well filled basket.

The speakers will be experts in Sunday school work. If the interest in your Sunday school is lagging, be sure to come and get some new ideas, or find out how to solve your problems. If it is successful, be just as sure to come and tell others how to make theirs successful. It is strictly interdenominational, and delegates from all Sunday Schools in the County will be welcomed.

In next week's Dispatch-News the program will be printed, and the speakers announced.

J. D. CARROLL,
County President.

FIVE MEET DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Hartford, Ark., June 25.—At least five members of a picnic party were suffocated today in an abandoned mine near here. Three others, who attempted to rescue the victims, were overcome and are reported to be in a serious condition.

The mine which had not been in operation for six months is located six miles from Hartford. It is believed the deaths were caused by an accumulation of black damp.

The death resulted from a small boy's exploring expedition, it is said. The boy entered the mine and is supposed to have opened a door leading into the abandoned shaft. When he failed to reappear other members of the party who were picking blackberries nearby went after him and were either killed or injured by the poisonous vapors.

FROM ROUTE 3.

The girls from Bolling Springs district who are attending the demonstration short course at Chicora College are the Misses Sarah Stork, Bernice Wingard, Lerone Taylor and Vera Taylor.

Little Verillian George of Columbia, after a week's stay with her little cousins, Frances and Martin Stork, has gone to spend a while with her grandmother, Mrs. F. R. Wingard.

Mrs. Abram Stork, after attending the state demonstration short course at Winthrop College has returned to her home near Edmund.

Mrs. F. R. Wingard, after spending a fortnight with her daughter, Mrs. Abram Stork, has returned home.

M. P. George, Jr., of Columbia, spent a few days last week with his cousin, Abram Stork, Jr.

WHERE TO EAT ON THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

For the hungry ones there are advertised three barbecues for the Fourth of July which should be ample to satisfy all with good appetites. "Cues will be given at the fair grounds at Lexington, at Red Bank and at Gilbert. The one at the fair grounds will be given by Messrs. W. S., G. L., J. A., and J. E. Harman; the one at Red Bank by S. F. Rowland and J. W. Ballington, and the one at Gilbert by the Ladies' School Improvement League.

FIRE IN COUNTY.

The home of Mr. J. W. Davis was destroyed by fire Saturday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock, with a total loss of the building and all contents. Mr. Davis' home was one of the nicest in the county. He had some insurance, but not enough to cover the loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.

Mr. G. Willard Wingard has purchased the Lexington Meat Market from H. E. Wingard and will continue to supply the market with fresh tender meats—also, furnish meals, sandwiches, etc., and will appreciate a share of the business of the town and community.

County Politics Slow to Start---Few Announced

Politics in Lexington so far as local offices are concerned are slow to get under way this year, so far only four candidates have announced definitely for the several offices. The heavy assessment placed by the executive committee probably caused some to refrain from offering.

While the assessment for the several offices seems high, it was necessary, for the committee will have to raise the money to defray the expenses of the primary, and the only way this can be done is by assessing the candidates.

Mr. S. E. Smith, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Swansea, has announced for the house of representatives. Mr. Smith represented Lexington in the house some years ago, and made an able and conscientious officer.

Mr. W. D. Dent, the present auditor, is again in the race for reelection. He has served the county well in that office for sixteen years, and according to the comptroller general's office, is one of the most efficient auditors in the entire state. He is usually the first auditor to finish with

the work of the office and get ready for the settlement with the comptroller general. On account of the time for paying taxes being extended, the work has been retarded this year, but he is up with any of them.

Mr. W. J. Smith, treasurer, is asking for reelection. He has served only one term, but in the time he has been in the office he has shown himself well qualified to administer the duties with care and accuracy.

Mr. Walter F. Hook, who was elected probate judge last year to serve out the unexpired term of the late Judge George S. Drafts, is asking for the office again. M. Hook has made an efficient and accommodating officer. With the assessment of seventy-five dollars with fifty per cent additional for the winner for the offices of auditor, treasurer and judge of probate, it is doubtful if there will be much opposition in the three races.

The race for the house of representatives, with only one candidate so far and three places to be filled, there will of course be more announcements.

COTTON CAMPAIGN TO BE REOPENED.

With approximately 440,000 bales of cotton already signed up, a vigorous campaign to sign up 100,000 additional bales will shortly be launched by the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association, officials announced yesterday. The campaign will be conducted during the months of July and August and every effort will be made to secure the signatures of several thousand more farmers to the contract.

The report of the auditing committee of the association shows that up to May 15, a total of 433,524 bales had been signed. Since that date approximately 7,000 bales have been signed.

The number of bales signed by counties up to May 15 follows: Abbeville, 6,139; Aiken, 9,046; Allendale, 1,985; Anderson, 18,619; Bamberg, 4,570; Barnwell, 4,017; Calhoun, 24,136; Cherokee, 14; Chester, 9,242; Chesterfield, 10,901; Clarendon, 8,212; Colleton, 1,049; Darlington, 26,363; Dillon, 17,243; Dorchester, 7,746; Edgefield, 4,985; Fairfield, 7,592; Florence, 9,588; Greenville, 12,719; Greenwood, 10,416; Hampton, 240; Horry, 25; Kershaw, 10,523; Lancaster, 6,977; Laurens, 17,446; Lee, 18,983; Lexington, 5,891; McCormick, 4,297; Marion, 7,010; Marlboro, 36,890; Newberry, 9,070; Oconee, 4,560; Orangeburg, 37,960; Pickens, 6,070; Richland, 12,194; Saluda, 2,404; Spartanburg, 14,197; Sumter, 25,586; Union, 3,077; Williamsburg, 3,347; York, 11,620; State Farm, 575.

South Carolina now has the second largest sign-up of any state in the belt. The sign-up of an additional 150,000 bales would make this association the largest in the belt, H. C. Booker, secretary of the association, said yesterday.

Plans for handling the 1922 crop are being perfected now, Mr. Booker said. The board of directors is weighing carefully each step taken realizing the importance of the board's duties.

In announcing the campaign to sign up more cotton, it was said that quite a number of farmers over the state had indicated a desire to join the association now that the directors had been named and that the board had decided to give them this opportunity. The more cotton sold through the association, the more effective will be the results obtained by the association, it was said.

COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET MONDAY.

The Lexington County Medical Association will meet in the court house Monday, July 3. All members urged to attend.

NOTICE VOTERS OF CROMER DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

The committee will be at Oak Grove school house Tuesday, July 4th, hours from 5 to 8 o'clock p. m. After that date names will be enrolled at my residence.

JULIAN D. CROMER, Sec.

PLEASANT HILL DOTS.

The health of this community has improved since last writing except Mr. Ernest Long.

Mr. Reuben Taylor and family also his mother, Mrs. D. L. Taylor spent Sunday with Mr. Drayton Taylor and family.

Mr. Lamar Stuckman and family of New Brookland spent Sunday with Mr. D. L. Taylor and family.

Mr. Eddie Taylor and family spent Sunday afternoon at J. Z. Taylor's.

Mrs. J. D. Taylor is spending a few days with her son, Mr. Callie Taylor.

Mr. Grady Craps and family, Berley Leaphart and family and Edgar Price and family spent Sunday afternoon at D. L. Taylor's.

Mr. James Long and family spent Sunday at Mr. Simpson Taylor's.

Mr. Willie E. Taylor and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Loid Alewine and family of the Verona section of Saluda county.

Mrs. J. D. Taylor dined Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Tom Anderson.

There will be Sunday school next Sunday at 10 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

CAUGHT IN NEWBERRY.

Dave Black and John Brooks Koon, white, residents of Lexington county, were lodged in the Newberry county jail Saturday afternoon on the charge of transporting 5 1-2 gallons of corn liquor. The car in which they were riding and a 32 pistol were confiscated by the officers. The seizure was made by Deputies Taylor and Havard and Motorcycle Officer Quattlebaum of Prosperity. These parties will be tried in the town of Prosperity, the state court and in all probability the United States court.—Newberry Herald and News.

AUTO WRECK.

A truck belonging to Corley Bros. and being driven by a negro, accompanied by several other negroes, collided with a Buick touring car just above town Saturday night and several of the occupants of the truck were more or less injured. The Buick was not damaged to any great extent, but the Ford truck is a complete wreck. How the negroes escaped death is a wonder.

WILL SERVE CREAM.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Mt. Hebron church will sell ice cream at Mr. Lonnie Shull's store on Saturday evening, July 1, from 6 to 9 o'clock.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Harriett Sharpe will be given at Gaston on July 9. The public is invited to attend with well filled baskets.

Soft-coal prices have been fixed at the mines; but will probably be overhauled en route.—Denver Express.