

Candidates Are Getting In Line

With three more days in which to enter the primary this year there is already opposition in all of the more important races with the exception of that of probate judge.

For the House. To date there are six candidates for the house of representatives from Lexington county, two having come out since our last issue. They are: Hon. D. Ernest Amick of Lexington, at present a member of the house.

Hon. McK. Barr of Batesburg, also a member of the present delegation. Hon. S. E. Smith of Swansea, who has represented this county in the general assembly before.

P. J. Wessinger of Brookland, a merchant.

John F. Shealy of Lexington, employed by the Lexington Manufacturing Company.

Chas. E. Taylor of Lexington, who at one time served the town as mayor.

Lexington county sends three representatives to the general assembly, therefore there are two seeking each place.

For County Treasurer. W. J. Smith is asking reelection as county treasurer. He succeeded C. B. Leapheart in this position in the last primary, and has been attentive to duty and conducted the office well.

Harry D. Wessinger of Chapin is in the race for treasurer. Mr. Wessinger held the position of cashier of the Bank of Chapin for a number of years and is well fitted for the office he seeks.

For Auditor. W. D. Dent is seeking reelection as auditor. He has held the office for a number of years and has made a conscientious and efficient officer.

D. L. Shealy is announced a candidate for auditor. Mr. Shealy was in the race for treasurer two years ago and made a good run. He is well qualified to fill the place.

So far Walter F. Hook has no opposition for the office of probate judge. He was elected to this office in a special election last summer to fill out the unexpired term of the late Judge George S. Drafts.

For Magistrate. Three have announced for magistrate for the First district which includes the town of Lexington. They are J. Arthur Harman, R. J. Hook and Lewis B. Roof. Sim L. Hendrix, the incumbent, will not seek reelection.

J. W. Hook is running for magistrate of the Irmo district.

E. M. Martin is a candidate for magistrate in the Sixth district.

In the Fifth district there are two candidates for magistrate, the incumbent, C. R. Rish, and Boyd F. Berry.

A number of others have been mentioned as possible candidates for the several offices, and it is expected that before the time for filing pledges expires next Monday noon there will be others in some of the races at least.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR NEXT SESSION.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Lexington schools held Monday teachers for the coming year were elected, and all of these asking reelection were retained:

Those elected to teach the different grades were:

Miss Mary Wingard, first grade; Mrs. J. A. Sease, advanced first; Miss Vera Corley, second grade; Miss Annie Lou Taylor, third grade; Miss Kate Shull, fourth grade; Miss Nell Hill, fifth grade; Miss Emma Blocker, sixth grade; Miss Madama Bigby, seventh grade.

High School. Miss Elma Coskrey, Miss Ethel Dreher, Miss Ellen Hendrix, C. S. Addy, agriculture; Mrs. E. B. Roof and Miss May Lois Boozer, music; Mrs. J. D. Carroll, expression; Prof. L. E. Whittle, superintendent.

The next school session will begin on Monday, September 4.

FAIR AND CUE AT WHITE KNOLL. The annual fair and cue at White Knoll (Union) will be held at the school house August 31.

This event is looked forward to with great interest by those of the community and this year promises to be of greater interest than last.

A good dinner, music, refreshments and entertainment for all.

BANKERS SUPPORTING COOPERATION WELL.

Columbia, July 31.—Assurances from the banks of the state that they will support the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association to the limit are being received daily, officials of the association said today. Letters were received yesterday from over 100 banks, they said, stating their desire to cooperate with the organization in every way possible.

Many of the banks have signified their intention of launching rigorous advertising campaigns in behalf of the association and of doing everything in their power to encourage those farmers who have not yet done so to sign the contract.

The Commercial Bank of Newberry, of which John M. Kinard is president, has already begun a campaign of this nature in Newberry, the Newberry papers having carried in their last issues large advertisements by their bank endorsing the movement and urging the farmers to join.

"After a thorough investigation of the cooperative marketing plan," says the statement of the bank, "we wish to state that we cordially endorse it and without hesitation further, advise every cotton grower in this and adjoining counties to join. They have not already done so.

"If the plan wasn't a success, our government would not have loaned to loan the association \$10,000,000 for South Carolina.

"We are going to back the association to our limit, and in doing so, we feel that it means a long step forward in bringing independence and prosperity to the farming industry and putting it upon a more secure and solid foundation.

"We believe the farmers need to adopt more modern and more business-like methods, and unless they do this there can be no hopes of lifting their occupation from its present depression and putting it upon the organized and systematic basis that other enterprises rest upon. We see in cooperative marketing the first and most solid hope for accomplishing this. We look upon it as a sensible business-like effort to increase agricultural prosperity and think that farmers should join with each other in this enterprise. If you haven't joined, don't stand back and let your neighbor do this work for you. Cooperative marketing in our opinion, is here to stay, and we are all going to benefit by it. Therefore, don't wait until the last drive is made but join in now with your neighbors and friends and sign.

"It has been reported that the credit of farmers might be injured if they joined the marketing contract. Don't be afraid of this, for if you existed under the old plan which has caused so many to lose their credit we assure our customers and friends that their credit will not be injured with us in the least account of signing the marketing contract nor do we believe their credit will be injured with any other business institution.

"Cooperative marketing spells prosperity to all of us, and we want to see the county sign up 100 per cent strong."

BARBECUE AT BOILING SPRINGS.

The Ladies' School Improvement League of Boiling Springs school will give a barbecue on Saturday, September 2, at the school house. All candidates are invited to be present. The proceeds are for the benefit of the school.

HERE FOR A DAY.

United States Marshal S. J. Leapheart came in Tuesday afternoon from Charleston to spend a day at home. Mr. Leapheart is kept very busy at present and returned to his duties in Charleston Wednesday night.

PRISCILLA CLUB.

The Priscilla club will be entertained Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. A. Whitten.

THANKS.

The Dispatch-News force is indebted to Mr. Van Wingard for a fine watermelon. Mr. Wingard raised some fine melons this season, some weighing as much as 64 pounds.

BON HEUR CLUB.

Mrs. E. K. Mitchell will entertain the Bon Heur Club Friday afternoon at 4:30.

Death Claims Great Inventor

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 2.—At sunset on Friday on the crest of Beinn Breagh mountain, the body of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who died this morning at his summer home, will be buried in a spot chosen by the inventor of the telephone himself.

The grave of the venerable scientist the immensity of whose life work was attested by scores of telegrams which came today to the Bell estate from the world's prominent figures, is at a point overlooking the town of Baddeck, Cape Breton. The sweeping vista from the mountain top, so admired by Mr. Bell stretches far over the Bras d'or lake; sunset, chosen as the moment when the body will become forever a part of the sturdy hills, glids the waters of the lake until they are really what their name means—"the lake of the arm of gold."

Alexander Graham Bell lived to see experiments which he began with a dead man's ear less than 50 years ago result in a means of communication for millions of long distance telephone conversations daily in all parts of the world. The possibility of talking over a wire, ridiculed then as a dream by almost everybody except Bell, became during his lifetime a reality, commonplace and marvelous.

The Bell basic patent, known in the records at Washington as No. 174,465 has been called the most valuable single patent ever issued in the whole history of invention. There are today over 13,000,000 telephone instruments through which billions of telephone conversations are carried on each year.

Bell spent three years in night work in a cellar in Salem, Mass. His money needs were met by Gardiner G. Hubbard, his future father-in-law, and Thomas Sanders, the owner of the cellar. As he worked he began to see the possibility of conveying speech over an electrically charged wire—the telephone. He used a dead man's ear for a transmitter.

"If I can make a deaf mute talk," Bell had declared, "I can make iron talk."

His first success came while testing his instruments in his new quarters in Boston. Thomas A. Watson, Bell's assistant, had struck a clock spring at one end of the wire, and Bell was electrified to hear the sound in another room. For 40 weeks the instrument struggled, as it were, for human speech. Then on March 10, 1876, Watson became almost insane with joy when he heard over the wire Bell's voice saying:

"Mr. Watson, come here, I want you."

On his 29th birthday, Bell received his patent. It was at the Centennial exposition held at Philadelphia, two months later, where men of science the world over who had come to examine and study the numerous inventions exhibited, saw Professor Bell give a practical demonstration of the transmission of the human voice by electricity.

One of the curious things about the invention of the telephone is that Bell knew almost nothing about electricity when he started. He knew a great deal about acoustics, though, and the formation of the human organs of speech and hearing. Bell was called to Washington once when he was in the slough of despond and took the opportunity to call on Prof. Joseph Henry, who knew as much about electricity and the telegraph as any man then alive. Henry told him he had the germ of a great invention.

"But," said Bell, "I have not got the electrical knowledge that is necessary."

"Get it," said Henry.

Bell did get some of it—enough. "Had I known more about electricity and less about sound," he said, "I would never have invented the telephone."

KILLS ALLIGATOR.

Mr. W. S. Shealy, living about seven miles from Lexington near St. Matthews school house, killed an alligator last Saturday weighing 57 pounds and measuring 6 feet 4 inches. It had been near the house interfering with Mr. Shealy's chickens and was less than 200 yards from the house when killed. The alligator had been shot several times before, the healed places showing.

GOOD ENROLLMENT IN LEXINGTON.

The total enrollment for the coming primary in Lexington county was 5,517, the largest in the history of the county. Of those enrolling about one-sixth are the newly enfranchised women. The men enrolled about as heavily as heretofore and the increase is due to the women who took advantage of the nineteenth amendment to the constitution, and who will participate in the coming elections for their first time.

The enrollment by precincts will be published next week.

The county campaign will open next Tuesday at Summerland and meetings will be held from time to time until the county has been covered. The following itinerary has been arranged for the candidates: Summerland, August 8; Williams Cross Roads, August 10; Brook, August 12; Saxe Gotha, August 13; Summit, August 15; Pond Branch, August 17; Chapin, August 19; Pelton, August 22; Swansea, August 24; Brookland, August 26.

The time for filing pledges to enter the primary will expire next Monday at noon.

NORTHEAST DOTS, NO. 87.

The health of this section does splendid. We have just had another trash moving rain.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Jefcoat visited their mother, Mrs. J. J. Barrs, Saturday afternoon also Mrs. Charlie Glenn is up from Charleston visiting her mother, Mrs. J. J. Barrs.

Mr. Grunvyle Spires was home Saturday and paid Miss Iva Craft a pleasant call Saturday night.

Mr. Clifton Kirkland called on Miss Viola Rutland Sunday afternoon.

Remember services at Ebenezer church on Second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and fourth Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The meeting at Salem church last week was a success and enjoyed by all.

We are glad to say that Mr. Shealy is certainly doing good work in the corn club at Edisto also Miss Caughman is doing her best in the sewing and gardening clubs.

NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEWS.

We have been having plenty rain for the past while.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Steele and sons visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steele, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Keisler and children visited Mr. J. M. Keisler and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Keisler and little daughter spent Sunday at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keisler's.

Miss Gerlie Keisler spent a short while Sunday afternoon with Misses Mae and Lessie Crout. Quite a number of folks from around here attended the Children's day exercises at Pleasant Hill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Steele visited his brother, Mr. S. L. Steele at Lexington, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crout and son, Callison, spent a short while Sunday afternoon at Mr. J. A. Keisler's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McCartha worshipped at Enon Sunday.

Messrs. J. D. McCartha and W. H. Keisler and families attended conference at Nazareth last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McCartha and sons spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Ollie Kyzer's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Price and children visited Mrs. Price's father's, Mr. J. D. McCartha.

Mr. Bodie Gillian spent Sunday with Master Grover and Cork Keisler.

MR. BALLENTINE WILL LEAVE LEXINGTON.

Mr. Jesse S. Ballentine, who for some time has been assistant manager of the Bank of Western Carolina, has resigned that position which took effect Tuesday. Mr. Ballentine will go to Johnston Monday, where he assumes management of the Edison Motor Company. Mr. Ballentine has been a valuable man in the bank here, and his place will not be easy to fill. He has numerous friends here, both in business and social life, who regret that he is leaving, but who wish him well in his new place.

Annual Rally Center Union

Large preparations are in the making for the Center Union rally on Saturday, August 5, at which time the people of Lexington and some from outside will be treated to a day of pleasure and profit. This annual event, which was started in a small way several years ago, has grown to be one of the largest gatherings staged in Lexington county each year, to which thousands of people go. Last year there were in attendance upwards of 2,000, and a still larger assemblage is expected this year.

At each annual gathering speakers of wide experience and reputation are on hand with a message well worth hearing and the coming event will be no exception. To date three men of known ability have accepted invitations to be present and deliver addresses.

Mr. D. C. Badger of the United States department of agriculture has accepted an invitation, and will speak on "Dairying." Many of the people of this territory will remember him pleasantly, as he has addressed Lexington audiences on former occasions.

Mr. N. E. Winters, also of the United States department of agriculture, will be present and speak on "Soil Building." Both of these speakers are experts in their lines, and will bring messages well worth hearing.

The other one who has accepted the invitation to take part in the program does not need any introduction in Lexington. Hon. A. Frank Lever, a native Lexingtonian, who represented this district in congress for a number of years, and later was a member of the Federal Farm Loan board, and at present is president of the Joint Stock and Farm Loan bank of South Carolina, will address the gathering on "Farm Credits". With men like these, with broad visions and a good knowledge of general conditions, the people are assured of a day of profit.

Aside from the speeches there will be served a picnic dinner.

NEWS FROM ROUTE 5.

The health of his community is fine at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Caughman and family, accompanied by Mr. Caughman's mother from Columbia spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith and family.

Miss Louise Steele entertained the Sewing Club Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Roberts is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. W. Smith.

Mr. W. L. Rawl, Misses Lou Landler and Allie Haltiwanger at Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith from P. gag Luther League attended the district conference at St. Stephen's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Evans, accompanied by two lady friends from Batesburg spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Cline Taylor at children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith and family. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McCarth spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Kyzer.

Messrs. Harold Roof, Harold an Asbury Smith and Miss Mary Lo Caughman visited Misses Genevieve and Duvall Smith Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mr. Carlisle Smith and Miss Grace Le worshipped at Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Rawl and little son, S. J. visited the former's parents Sunday.

MAJ. M. D. HARMAN HONORED.

We notice in the organization of South Carolina Division of U. C. V. that W. A. Clark, Columbia, Major-General Commanding, has appointed on his staff, M. D. Harman, Assistant Paymaster General, with rank of Major, who will so be obeyed and respected.

CHILD BREAKS ARM.

Little Jack Callison, the two and one-half year old son of Solicitor and Mrs. T. C. Callison, suffered a broken arm late Tuesday afternoon when he fell from a ladder while playing at the home of his parents. The little boy is doing as well as could be expected.

BATESBURG NEWS.

Children's day was observed Sunday by the pupils and teachers of St. Peters Sabbath school near town. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations and addresses by the pastor, Dr. V. Y. Boozer, and others. The superintendent, Mr. Berley V. Shealy, is doing a good work in this school and his efforts are meeting with success each year. This church is probably the oldest in this section of the state.

Hon. Holly L. Harman, referee in the case of J. T. Perry vs. Mrs. Sallie Mabus and E. R. Mabus, was in town last Wednesday taking testimony in the case. Timmerman & Graham represented the plaintiff and E. L. Ashll, the defendants.

Rev. J. M. Kneec, a well known pastor of the Baptist denomination and a former resident of this town but for the past few years living at Leesville, died suddenly at Steedman Saturday morning where he had gone to represent his church at the Union Meeting being held at that place. He had been in failing health for a number of years but his death came as a severe shock to his family and friends. He was about 65 years of age and had resided in this section all his life. The remains were interred in the Batesburg cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. The funeral services being conducted by his pastor of Leesville assisted by the pastor of the Batesburg Baptist church. He is survived by his wife, several children and grand children and was a son of the late Jacob Kneec of Aiken county.

Mr. Lee C. Gunter, a prominent business man of Knoxville, Tenn., was here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. U. X. Gunter, a few days last week. Mr. J. Elbert Timmerman, of Johnston, spent Thursday and Friday in town with his brother, Dr. W. P. Timmerman.

Mr. Ira C. Carson returned Monday from a brief visit to relatives at Johnston.

Mrs. Holly L. Harman and children of Lexington visited relatives in town Wednesday.

Mr. Watson Timmerman returned Monday from a business trip to Pleasant Lane in Edgefield county, his former home.

Messrs. L. C. Cullum and Eldridge Cullum have returned from an extended trip to Washington, D. C., and were with their families.

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