

County Campaign Got Under Way Tuesday

The Lexington county campaign got under way Tuesday at Summerland. All the candidates for the several offices being present and each presenting their claims, qualifications and reviewing their past records.

The meeting was held at the Grey Rock mineral springs midway between Batesburg and Leesville, and was attended by a couple hundred voters. Best of order prevailed during the meeting, and each speaker received close attention. By agreement the candidates for congress addressed the gathering as did also several running for state offices. The meeting was called to order by County Chairman T. C. Callison, and after introductory remarks by him he turned the gavel over to Dr. W. P. Timmerman, who presided through the meeting.

In calling the meeting to order Chairman Callison spoke in a very commendable way as to the array of the excellent material the voters had to select from their choice for the different offices. He said that "it was the best bunch of candidates he had seen in recent years." He said also that every good man and woman should have the best interests of the county at heart, and that "I know they will vote right." Mr. Callison then read a list of the candidates for the county offices, after which he turned the meeting over to Dr. Timmerman.

Dr. W. P. Timmerman, on taking the chair, read a list of questions which had been handed to him signed "Taxpayers," a copy of which was furnished to each of the candidates for the general assembly. The questions were: "1. Are you in favor of reducing the tax levy on land for state purposes? 2. Are you in favor of increasing tax on luxuries? 3. Are you in favor of taxing bonds, mortgages, etc., which now escape taxation? 4. Are you in favor of taxing to build overhead bridges and to pay over and under railroad crossings and to remove when same are eliminated by placing the highway of rails conveyed by highway? 5. Are you in favor of the reform as adopted by county and Democratic conventions?" Some of the candidates replied to these questions and some said they would answer them at a later time.

For the House.
The candidates for the house of representatives spoke first. D. E. Amick, present member of the lower body of the general assembly, and candidate for reelection, being the first introduced by Chairman Timmerman. Mr. Amick opened by thanking the people of Lexington for the honor they had given him two years ago, and invited the voters to look into his record in the general assembly since that time. He said that a search of the record would show that on every occasion he had voted against higher taxes. He said the burden of taxation must be shifted from the shoulders now carrying it, and that the reform suggested by the last general assembly, but which was voted down, would go a long way in relieving the people of heavy taxes. That he heartily approved that program then and he is still in favor of it. Mr. Amick being the first speaker after the questions signed taxpayers were presented, said that he had not had time to read and digest them but would answer them at a later date.

McKendree Barr followed Mr. Amick. Mr. Barr reviewed his record in the general assembly for the past two years, and said that on account the depressing financial condition of the state sitting in the general assembly had been a hard job, but that he had studied the needs of the people of this section and had done everything in his power to relieve them of what he considered unjust burdens. He said that he had been instrumental in reducing the levy for county purposes from 14 1-2 mills to 5 1-2, and state levy from 12 to 7 1-2 mills. He said he voted for all tax reforms introduced in the general assembly, including the luxury tax, which was killed to a certain degree, and for the hydro-electric tax; his vote in the legislature on all occasions was a paying proposition in dollars and cents to the people of Lexington county. He is in favor of abolishing the office of county supervisor and passing a law devolving the supervisory

or's duties upon the county commissioners; commissioners to be elected instead of appointed. Such change would save Lexington \$1,000 a year. He said he thought his record justified the people in reelecting him.
Cyrus L. Shealy was the next candidate to speak. He said that some of the old members of the house claimed that the present was a bad time to change legislators, but he thought that if they could make a record in one term of which they were not ashamed he could do the same thing. He thought that taxation, roads and schools were the main issues, if they were properly solved all other things would come out all right. He said that no one man could reform taxes, but if sent to the general assembly would do all in his power to relieve the people. He is in favor of increased taxes on luxuries, inheritance tax and hydro-electric tax, and wants taxes on necessities reduced. The legislature each year is taking the government out of the hands of the people, only last session depriving the voters of electing the railroad commission and making them appointive; this is not Democracy. Mr. Shealy said the state had broken faith with the common schools when they promised to put up dollar for dollar and guaranteed a seven months school where the trustees raised a certain amount, and that this had not been done; he is in favor of complying with the law or repealing it. He is not running against any man, he said, but on his own merits.

John F. Shealy, Jr., of Lexington followed. He is seeking membership in the house that he might work for the best interests of the laboring people, of which he is one. He said the people must have relief from high taxes and he favors reducing the road tax from \$5.00 to \$2.00 a year. Mr. Shealy is against immigration; he thinks that if the present rate is kept up foreigners will eventually run our government. He said that it was almost impossible for poor people with several children in school to pay for the necessary books to educate the children under the present financial stringency; if elected would do his utmost to have law enacted for the state to furnish free text books to all the people; the prevalence of illiteracy in South Carolina demanded free books. S. E. Smith of Swansea spoke next. He said that he felt his section of the county should have representation in the legislature; that he had had experience in that body and was qualified to discharge the duties of the office. If elected he would do his own thinking and not be dictated to, but would work in harmony with the other members of the delegation; he is in favor of liberal support of the rural schools, and economizing elsewhere when possible; economy, though, he thought could be carried too far. He is of the opinion that sufficient luxury taxes can eventually be levied to make it possible to do away with taxes on visible property. He favors reducing the road tax from \$5.00 to \$3.00 a year; that amount would be sufficient if properly expended. Favors the strict enforcement of all laws.

George Bell Timmerman, told the ladies present that he was glad they had been given the right to vote, and that he felt they would be a great uplift to politics and humanity in their new role. He said he was not asking election to satisfy any personal ambition; that the people of Lexington had already honored above what he is asking for now; that it is his desire to be of service to his people, and that in the legislature he can accomplish good for them. He wants to see every white child in Lexington county given every opportunity to attend school, but the legislature will have to have the backing of patrons in the districts in the way of special levies before much can be accomplished. He said the biggest items for which money is needed are maintenance of roads, bridges, poor house, jail, etc., and his money could be raised only by direct taxation. He charged that the legislature had been spending too much of the people's money by way of killing time and extending the sessions longer than necessary. He thought each county delegation should get together before the general assembly convenes and ascertain the needs of their county and be ready on the opening day to introduce

PERSONALS.

Messrs. J. D. Carroll, H. L. Harman, E. R. Harman and others have returned from a weeks' tour of the mountains of North Carolina, and report a fine trip.

Mr. Owens Day of Baltimore, son of Mrs. G. M. Harman, is spending the week with his mother here. Mr. Day is a prominent business man of the Maryland city.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Whitten left this morning for Anderson and Wall-halla, where they will spend a couple weeks' vacation with relatives and friends. They will return on the 25th.

Mrs. Ira M. Sligh and children and Mrs. J. M. Moorman and son left this morning for Lancaster, where they will spend several weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Hathcock.

Mr. Barney Coyle of Columbia was a business visitor in Lexington Wednesday.

Dr. J. C. Patrick of Charleston was a business visitor in Lexington this week.

The candidates for congress, Messrs. H. P. Fulmer, A. J. Bethea and J. J. McMahan, were visitors here Tuesday.

Mr. C. H. Fields, a former citizen of this town, is now working in Gastonia, N. C.

Little Ruth West of Columbia is visiting Miss Corine Fields on Upper Main street.

C. C. Justice, a substantial farmer and good citizen of the Edisto section was in town Monday.

EPWORTH LEAGUE FOR SWANSEA ON THE 14TH.

The Epworth League District Institute for Columbia District will be held in Swansea, August 14th and 15th. About sixty leaguers from all over Columbia District will be the guests of the Swansea Epworth League on these two days. A full and interesting program has been arranged for the three services, to be held on the night of the fourteenth, and the morning and afternoon of the fifteenth. Following the address on the first night a "stunt" program will be given by the Swansea League, and this will be followed by a social hour and refreshments. Picnic dinner will be served on the grounds on the fifteenth. The speakers include Rev. R. L. Keaton of Columbia, Rev. Fritz Beach of Ridge Spring, Rev. J. R. T. Major of Columbia, Rev. James E. Ellis of Columbia, Rev. W. L. Mullikin, of Pelzer and others.

CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS SPEAK.

The three candidates for congress from the Seventh Congressional district attended the campaign meeting at Summerland Tuesday and addressed the voters after the county candidates had been heard. All three of them made excellent addresses and were given close attention throughout. Hon. A. J. Bethea, Hon. H. P. Fulmer and Hon. J. J. McMahan spoke in the order named. Mr. Fulmer returned by way of Ridge Road, where a picnic was being held and addressed the voters there.

the necessary legislation and get it over with. He said he was in favor of reducing taxes on land for state purposes, in favor of luxury tax, and in favor of taxing bonds, mortgages, etc., their just portion.

Paul J. Wessinger said that he was making the race on the solicitation of friends, and if elected would support all good measures. He said the old way of taxation was wrong and that a new way would have to be found; new ways must be devised to run the government; putting the county on a cash basis would be a long step in the right direction; it would save the county money. He favors the strict enforcement of all laws. If elected will serve to the best of his ability. Mr. Wessinger did not consume all the time allotted him on account of the dinner hour arriving.

Other Candidates.
After the dinner recess candidates for treasurer, auditor, and congress spoke to the gathering.

The next meeting will be held at Williams Cross roads Thursday, and other meetings will be held in the county as follows: Brook, August 12; Summit, August 15; Pond Branch, August 17; Chapin, August 19; Pelion, August 22; Swansea, August 24; Brookland, August 26; Saxe Gothic, August 12, night.

Entries Close For Candidates

The time for filing pledges and paying assessments to enter the primary this summer closed at noon Monday a good number of candidates announced. When the books closed County Chairman T. C. Callison had seven pledges for the house, two for treasurer, two for auditor, one for judge of probate and three for magistrate at Lexington, and a number of others for magistrate in the remaining seven districts. Probate Judge W. F. Hook is the only county official without opposition.

For the House of Representatives—
D. E. Amick, McKendree Barr, Cyrus L. Shealy, John F. Shealy, S. E. Smith, George Bell Timmerman and Paul J. Wessinger.

For Auditor—W. D. Dent and D. L. Shealy.

For Treasurer—W. J. Smith and Harry D. Wessinger.

For Probate Judge—W. F. Hook.

For Magistrate—
First District—J. A. Harman, R. J. Hook and Lewis B. Roof.

Second District—Joe Wessinger.

Third District—J. W. Hook.

Fourth District—E. H. Addy and Ioor Hayes.

Fifth District—Boyd F. Berry, F. G. Hartley and E. S. Spires.

Sixth District—E. M. Martin.

Seventh District—A. B. Bachman.

Eighth District—Q. E. Britt and E. R. Steadman.

NEWS FROM ROUTE 5.

We are having some hot weather now, but the pond is still cool.

Miss Belle Yonce from Johnston spent a few days with Mrs. John Roof and Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Master James and Charles Taylor from Florida is spending awhile with their aunt, Mrs. Fannie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lindler spent Saturday night with Mr. Lindler's parents.

Miss Louise Lindler spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Eva Rawl.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hiltwanger spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rawl, Sunday.

Misses Grace and Zelm Lee visited Misses Genevieve and Duvall Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roof, accompanied by Mr. Roof's mother and sister spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor.

Misses Allie and Lucile Hiltwanger visited Miss Louise Lindler Sunday.

Mr. Evans Glenn and a number of boy friends from Gastonia, N. C., are camping at Smith's pond this week. Go to it boys and have a good time.

Mrs. H. E. Smith and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Smith.

The patrons of Round Hill district will meet at the school house Monday afternoon for the purpose of clearing the ground for the erection of the state plan school building.

MAD DOG KILLED IN THE COUNTRY.

Considerable excitement was created by a mad dog in the Pilgrim section Tuesday, until it was killed in the afternoon. The dog was one of Mr. D. Frank Efrid's prize fox hunters. It was known to have bitten eleven other dogs in the community before it was killed and possibly others. The dog was discovered in front of the home of Mr. J. B. Meetze, and was shot by Mr. T. L. Huntley. In the party at the time were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Huntley and Dr. C. T. Patrick of Charleston, who was in the neighborhood at the time on a business trip.

AT RED BANK.

The Ladies Aid Society of the New Lutheran church at Red Bank will furnish a hot supper and refreshments on the school houses grounds, August 12, 1922, at six o'clock. County candidates and State candidates will speak, that being campaign day. Everybody cordially invited. The proceeds will go to the building of the church.

PLAY AT CAMP BRANCH.

There will be given a play entitled "And Home Came Ted," by the young people of Camp Branch at the school house, August 19, 1922, beginning at 8 o'clock prompt. Refreshments will be served. Come and spend a pleasant evening.

BATESBURG NEWS.

Batesburg, Aug. 8.—The county campaign meeting was opened up at Summerland Springs today with a good attendance. A barbecue dinner was served by Edward Fallaw.

Mrs. H. J. Aldridge was the guest of friends in Columbia Sunday.

Mrs. Brunson Holley is at the city hospital in Columbia, where she had to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. J. Boyce Langford and family for the past few years residing in Florida, are spending this week with friends and relatives in this section of the state. Mr. Langford and family are well pleased with their new home.

Mr. J. E. Ballentine, manager of the Bank of Western Carolina, is having erected on his lot on Railroad Avenue a nine room brick dwelling. Messrs. Boland Bros. are the contractors to do the work.

Hon. Cecil H. Seigler, candidate for state superintendent of education, was a recent visitor to relatives in town.

Senator Wightman of Saluda county, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, is spending a portion of this week with his family in town.

Several candidates for the various county offices were shaking hands with their friends in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Unger have returned from a visit at Murrell's Inlet.

Mrs. J. B. Towill and family have returned from an extended visit to friends at Jocassee Camp in the mountains of North Carolina.

Rev. Mr. Dick, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Batesburg, left Monday with a body of boy scouts to spend some time at Jocassee Camp.

Dr. W. P. Timmerman and family attended services at Mt. Calvary Lutheran church in Aiken county Sunday.

Hon. George Bell Timmerman and family have returned from a visit to relatives at Anderson.

Miss Bertha Ashworth has returned from a visit to friends at Swansea and Wagener.

Mr. Paul Garer, a leading merchant of Batesburg, left recently for the Northern markets to purchase his stock of fall and winter goods.

The boll weevil has recently been putting in some good work in this section. Much damage is being done in many places.

The corn crop is fairly good and the pea and potato crops seem as present to be above an average.

ENTERTAIN FOR VISITOR.

Miss Juanita George entertained a few of her friends on last Thursday evening at Laurel Falls with a delightful chicken stew in honor of her guest, Miss Virginia Rawl of Batesburg.

On last Monday evening Miss Juanita George entertained a number of her friends in honor of her popular guest, Miss Virginia Rawl of Batesburg. Tables were arranged for Hearts Dice on the spacious porch and this entertainment was followed until a late hour in the evening. At the conclusion of the games, a delightful course of ice cream and cake was served by Misses Blondelle Harman and Catherine Whitten. These young ladies also served fruit punch throughout the evening.

Miss Bruce Clarke entertained informally a few of her friends on last Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Juanita George's guest, Miss Virginia Rawl of Batesburg.

Good Cook

When the new husband reached home from office he found his wife in tears. "Oh, John," she sobbed, "I had baked a lovely cake, and put it out in the back porch for the frosting to dry, and—the puppy ate it." "Well, don't cry about it, sweetheart," patting the pretty, flushed cheek; "I know a man who will give me another dog!"

Always Loyal.

A well-known Scotch professor was occasionally called to Balmoral to attend the late Queen Victoria and was extremely proud of the honor. One day a notice appeared in the university which stated that Prof. ——— could not attend his class that day because he had been called to Balmoral to see the Queen. A waggish student saw the notice and wrote underneath it: "God save the Queen."

Center Rally Big Success

The annual gathering of Center Union was held last Saturday at which time a large gathering of Lexingtonians and some outsiders were royally entertained with instructive speeches and served a picnic dinner that a king would be proud to sit down to.

This event, started in a small way several years ago, is now looked forward to with much interest by the people of this section, and each year sees an improvement over the preceding one, and the people have come to look upon it as an indispensable get-together meeting.

At the meeting last Saturday three men of unquestionable learning and ability addressed the people, and each treated his subject in a straightforward manner, bringing to their hearers a message well worth hearing.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. C. Leaphart, who introduced the speakers, the first of who was Mr. D. C. Badger of the United States department of agriculture who spoke on "Dairying." He related the fact that there should be five good milk cows on the average farm in South Carolina. This would aid in keeping the farmers on a cash basis and would assist in the diversification of farm crops. By increasing the number of live stock on the farm the fertilizer bill be reduced and the fertility of the soil increased.

Mr. N. E. Winters, the "Billy Sunday of Agriculture," also of the United States department of agriculture, addressed the meeting on "Soil Building." Mr. Winters illustrated the fact that the farmers were "robbing" the soils without growing any soil building plants. He said that the farmer should keep something growing on the fields the year around. The farmer fails to recognize the value of legumes in soil building. Mr. Winters gave a message worth while for the farmers of today.

Hon. A. Frank Lever, a native Lexingtonian, and at present president of the Joint Stock and Farm Loan Bank of South Carolina, addressed the meeting on "Farm Credits." Mr. Lever explained to the farmers the method of borrowing from the institution which he represents. All of the speakers were well received and their addresses listened to with close attention.

ORPHANAGE CHILD FATALLY INJURED.
Henrietta Todd, 11-year-old Epworth orphanage girl, was hit and almost instantly killed by an automobile driven by T. F. Phillips yesterday afternoon about 1:15 o'clock. The accident occurred on Millwood avenue, across from the orphanage grounds. The little girl had obtained permission to go over to a traveling store which was parked in front of the orphanage and was in the act of stepping off the rear of the store when the automobile, driven by Mr. Phillips coming from the opposite direction knocked the child down, killing her almost instantly.

W. D. Roberts, superintendent of the institution, said yesterday that when he reached her there were still faint signs of life but that death came within a very few minutes. Several children and a matron witnessed the deplorable accident.

Mr. Roberts said the little girl had evidently not found what she wanted in the rolling store, for when he reached her she still held her money wrapped tightly in the corner of her handkerchief.

Mr. Phillips, who operates a grocery store on Millwood avenue, has always appeared very fond of the orphanage children and often gave them candy and other goodies, according to Superintendent Roberts. He picked up the child and carried her to the orphanage and then broke down completely.

NEGRO MINSTREL.

On August 19th there will be a negro minstrel at Round Hill school house given by local talent to start promptly at 8:30. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies School Improvement League. Everybody come as this is going to be funnier than anything seen here before. Make you forget the boll weevil.