

Go To Polls Tuesday And Vote

VIEWES OF CANDIDATES AS TOLD BY SELVES

ERNEST D. AMICK.

To the Editor of The Dispatch-News: In accordance with your request, I take this means of making a short statement of my views to the voters of Lexington County. If elected I will use my utmost endeavor to accomplish the following results:

1. Economy in administration of the State government.
2. The abolition of all officers and clerks whose services can be dispensed with or performed in offices of other departments.
3. The utmost economy in administration of county affairs.
4. The repeal of the Statute providing a rural police system for this county, which takes from the taxpayers \$4,500.00 without any apparent return, all of which I have opposed from the very outset.
5. Building and maintaining the best roads possible commensurate with the ability of the tax-payers.
6. Building up the common school system to the highest possible attainment.

My record for the past two years has been made and from an examination of that record my fellow citizens will find that in every act and vote of mine I have been guided by these principles, and if re-elected, I think that with two years experience in legislative work I can be of more service to my people in the future than in the past.

D. ERNEST AMICK.

MCKENDREE BARR.

To the Voters of Lexington County: Your vote which elected me your representative for two years ago in the first primary was greatly appreciated by me and I now take this opportunity of thanking you therefor. Now I am asking for reelection to the House of Representatives on my record during the past eighteen months that I have been your representative and on my merit for the office I am seeking.

I have tried as fully as possible to bring about relief to the taxpayers of Lexington county. I have tried as near as possible to enact legislation that I deemed at the time needful and demanded by the people of my county and State. I stood for and still stand for tax reform whereby the burden of taxation may be as much as possible removed from the shoulders of our farm lands and visible property. I worked for and voted for every tax reform measure which came before the General Assembly last year. As a result of some of these efforts in association with similar efforts on the part of other members of the General Assembly, we were enabled to reduce your tax levy for State purposes in South Carolina, from twelve mills in 1921 to seven and one-half mills in 1922. Had the luxury tax bill and the Hydro-Electric tax bill become laws, your tax levy instead of being seven and one-half mills for State purposes would have been about four mills. I stand for a fight to the finish, if re-elected, that the above tax reform bills along with others will yet become laws, making it unnecessary to call on the general property of our County and State to pay a single mill of taxes toward the support of our State Government.

Our county two years ago owed about \$75,000.00 in back debts that lawfully should never have been made. But, nevertheless, they were made and had to be paid or else involve our county in numerous law suits. To provide the money to pay this back indebtedness we put four mills on you in 1921 and four mills in 1922. For the running of our county government we put on seven and one-half mills in 1921 and six and one-half in 1922. Before I took office your county levy was fourteen and one-half mills for all purposes, including about \$35,000.00 that was borrowed by our predecessors in office to take care of the damage to your roads and bridges caused by the

floods of 1919. I stand for a still more economical administration of our county and a further reduction in our county levy if possible.

Your last General Assembly failed to provide sufficient money to match local money guaranteeing a seven months term of school under the law that we all are familiar with. This was no fault of mine for I voted giving the Superintendent of Education all the money he asked for for this purpose. I think the next General Assembly should make this deficiency good as we had to do the deficiency caused for this same purpose by the General Assembly in 1920.

I stand for law enforcement and for the maintaining of our morals and the upbuilding of our citizenry. To this end I supported our present rural police system in a time immediately following our World War when conditions were abnormal. I do not believe from the results thus far obtained that at the close of the first two years of operation of the rural police in Lexington county that this system will have cost the taxpayers one single cent in taxation. The first twelve months of operation of the rural police nearly sustains this statement for the first year when the system was new and the policemen inexperienced. But, fellow voters, if a majority of the good law abiding citizens of Lexington county do not want the rural policemen regardless of whether it cost them anything or not, (and I believe they do not) I would not be in favor of forcing such a system on them. My honest and candid opinion as one of your representatives now and as a private citizen of Lexington county, I believe the downfall of our rural policemen, if they have had a downfall, is due in some cases to the personnel of the police force and not to the rural police system as a law enforcement body in our county.

I am opposed to your legislative delegation having the appointive power by law to appoint a single officer in our county. If re-elected, I propose letting you vote on your County Road Commissioners. Let your commissioners elected by you, have absolute control of all county matters now under the control of your County Supervisor, thereby going away with the necessity of having a County Supervisor. Have it written into the law that each County Road Commissioner shall have the chain gang in his particular district three months in every year and while in his district be under his complete supervision. It would be necessary for the Commissioners to select a captain or an engineer to be in charge of the chain gang but directly responsible to the County Commissioners as a whole and to each commissioner in particular while in said commissioner's district. When this is done we might hope to have such systems of roads as now obtain in Aiken, Newberry and Orangeburg, our surrounding sister counties. I believe that such a system of county road government will save the taxpayers at least \$1,000.00 in officer's salary alone. I believe our present road working law to be unsatisfactory in most cases and if put back to a pay basis I favor making the road tax one or two dollars and no more.

I do not want to go backwards in any of county matters, but under present depressed financial circumstances due to the farmers inability to produce the one big money crop of the South, I would not vote taxes on the people of my county for any new project regardless of what it is or where it might be situated, unless same would become necessary by reason of some unforeseen act of God.

I want the farmers of Lexington county to know that though I am a young lawyer that I am also a farmer-living on the farm and doing all in my power to improve conditions for my fellow farmers. That I ac-

knowledge my susceptibility as a human to making mistakes, but I ask the voters of my county to give me a chance on my record and my ability to serve them for two more years as their representative and I promise that with my two years of experience as your representative to give the best service that I am capable of giving.

I ask that before you cast your ballot that you investigate my record in office and my life as a private citizen in the community in which I live. Your vote on the 29th of August will be highly appreciated and readily acknowledged by me at all times.

MCKENDREE BARR.

CYRUS L. SHEALY.

To the Democratic Voters of Lexington County:

The Editor of The Dispatch-News has kindly offered to all candidates for the House a reasonable space in which to set forth their platform upon which they are seeking nomination. In appreciation of this kindness, I shall use as little space as I can.

At the outset, I wish to state most emphatically that my purpose in offering for the Legislature is to be of officers and clerks here and there in the county and state who are drawing from the public treasury more money each year than the average taxpayer earns in five years! And many of them are absolutely unnecessary. They tell us that this is in the interest of efficiency in the administration and enforcement of the laws. Efficiency is all right, but what we need more than anything else is honest-to-goodness hard work on the part of those holding the main office! They seem to think that all that is expected of them is to sit, or ride, around, smoke fine cigars, and wear out office furniture and burn gasoline at the expense of the public! If I am elected, I shall work for the highest efficiency at the least possible expense.

Another question has been brought to the front in the present campaign, and that is your Rural Police system. Up until a few days ago, I had been content to let those responsible for the system answer to the people for it; but the question has been put up to every candidate for the Legislature, and I do not hesitate to answer. I say frankly, and without any personal feeling in the matter, that I am opposed to the present system of rural police. If it was needed two years ago when it was first inaugurated in this county, I do not think it is needed now. Conditions have changed, and I think our sheriff, together with his deputies and magistrates' constables, is amply able to handle the violators of the law, and to protect the peace of the county. Moreover, the rural police system was founded on the wrong principle. I was told, two years ago, by those who made the system, that if these officers did not earn their salaries of \$1,500.00 a year, they would be cut off. Figures have been quoted in this campaign tending to show, on the one hand that these three officers have earned their salaries in the way of fines imposed on violators of the law, and on the other hand that they have not turned into the treasury as much as they drew out. I have not checked the records, but whether they have earned their salaries or not, I am opposed to the system on principle. I think it is a dangerous thing to give authority and a gun to a man and tell him to go out into the highways and by-ways and bring in \$1,500.00 a year—or lose his job! If we really need rural police, we will have them regardless of the cost, but I do not believe in this drag-in or lose-out system! Neither do I believe that the violation of the law in Lexington county is so flagrant that we need an officer at every road crossing. If there is any section of the county that needs special protection on account of its location and peculiar surroundings, I

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Hunting Season To Open Soon

The open season for hunting fox, deer and doves will open on September 1, and for rabbits, squirrels and possums October 1, and after the opening date the sound of the sportsman's gun may be heard regularly in sections where the land is not posted.

Hunting licenses for the coming season are now on sale at the following places in the county:

J. M. Caughman, game warden, Barre Hardware Co., Caughman-Kammer Co., L. R. Shull, T. C. Callison, Dr. P. H. Shealy, E. L. Taylor, W. D. George, S. E. Shealy, H. L. Harmon, clerk of court, Lexington; J. W. Hook, Irmo; T. R. Quattlebaum, Lee Gueter, Steadman; A. D. Hutto, E. S. Spires, R. E. Corbett, J. L. Gleaton, Pelion; Q. M. Gayden, Hook Bros., New Brookland; W. J. Cayce, Cayce; W. D. Pound, Gaston; W. B. Courtney, E. A. Pool, E. M. Martin, Swansea; Hallman-Cullum Hardware Co., H. J. Westmoreland, Batesburg; C. M. Swygert, Leesville; D. E. Hammond, F. C. Craps, Gilbert; The Cash Store, Summit; E. W. Derrick, J. A. Epping, Geo. D. Koon, Chapin; J. M. Slice, Hilton; R. E. Amick, Little Mountain; E. U. Shealy, E. A. Ballentine, Ballentine; W. F. Wilson, New Brookland; L. L. Hancock, Arthur; H. E. Snelgrove, D. A. Hendrix, Gilbert; Drayton Taylor, E. H. Addy, A. L. Bedenbaugh, R. L. Kerner, K. D. Kinard, Leesville.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. D. Carroll left Tuesday for Florence to attend the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion. Before returning to Lexington, Mrs. Carroll will spend several days with Miss Hewitt of Marion.

Mrs. Rosa Weatherall and children of Washington are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Harman. Mr. C. F. Schneider, wife and some of the children also have almost a family reunion by joining others at the home of their parents making it very pleasant for all.

Mr. Simeon Hite, one of our promptest paying subscribers in passing Monday did not forget the printers.

Mrs. Alice Taylor, of Olympia, Columbia, has just returned from quite an extended visit out West and is very much pleased with the country. She says she finds no place like old South Carolina.

Mr. W. B. Redd, formerly of Lexington, but now of Charlotte, spent Sunday with his family here.

Misses Kathleen and Ernestine Lorick of Irmo are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. W. B. Redd.

Mr. J. David Halliwanger of Route 1, Batesburg, was a visitor to our town last Friday.

Mrs. A. O. Geiger, Mrs. E. M. Kyzer and daughter, Olivia and Lillian, have returned after spending sometime in Glenn Springs, Greenville and Hendersonville.

Mr. Jacob Kyzer died last Wednesday at his home out on Black Creek. He was about 85 years old. He was a quiet, good citizen and respected in his section. He was a Confederate soldier and served throughout the war.

MMrs. C. J. Jackson and children of Hagood, S. C., arrive Friday to spend the week end with Mrs. Tom Caughman.

MISS FULMER HONORED.

In honor of her cousin, Miss Kathryn Fulmer of Little Mountain, Miss Bertha Caughman entertained with a card party a number of young friends at her home on upper Main street last Tuesday evening. At the conclusion of the party delicious ice cream and cake were served.

PRISCILLA CLUB.

Miss Mae Boozer will entertain the Priscilla club Thursday afternoon at 4:30.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. George LeFevre and children of DeLeon Springs, Fla., are visiting friends and relatives in and around town.

They have been on a tour through Wyoming and other points of interest out West. While in Wyoming they visited Mr. and Mrs. Meetze Muller at Sheridan. On their return they stopped in Chicago, Cincinnati, Greenfield, Ohio, and after leaving Lexington they will visit Mrs. A. F. Lever in Columbia and later spend some time in Bamberg.

Mrs. LeFevre will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Meredith Muller.

Mrs. A. F. Lever of Columbia was in town Tuesday attending a party given for Mrs. LeFevre.

Mrs. Karl Oswald entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. George LeFevre of DeLeon Springs, Fla.

The house was tastefully decorated in pink garden flowers. Mrs. Sam Roof won top score prize, a hand painted perfume jar and Mrs. Minnie Meetze was presented with the consolation, a dainty hand painted perfume bottle. A handsome piece of handwork was given to Mrs. Geo. LeFevre.

Among those present were: Mesdames Minnie Meetze, Frank Shealy, B. H. Barre, Sam P. Roof, A. D. Martin, W. P. Roof, Jr., S. J. Leaphart, Jno. Sox, E. G. Dreher, M. H. Halliwanger, C. E. Taylor, E. K. Mitchell and Misses May Boozer and Annie Lou Taylor and Mrs. A. F. Lever of Columbia.

After the game a delicious ice course was served.

Mrs. T. H. Caughman, Mrs. C. J. Jackson and children and Mrs. LeFevre and children will be entertained at a family reunion on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Meetze in Leesville.

Mrs. Chas. E. Taylor will give a dinner in honor of Mrs. LeFevre at her suburban home on Thursday evening.

Invitations have been issued by Miss May Boozer to the Priscilla Sewing Club in honor of Mrs. Geo. LeFevre for Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. George LeFevre will be honored with a chicken stew Friday evening at Laurel Falls Mill by Mrs. Karl F. Swald and Miss May Boozer.

Saturday morning Miss May Boozer entertained two tables of bridge in honor of Miss Sadie Hewitt of Marion and Mrs. T. I. Boozer of Newberry, house-guests of Mrs. J. D. Carroll and Misses Caro and Essie Efrid. The top score prize, a hand-painted jewel case, was won by Mrs. S. P. Roof, and the consolation, a bunch of marigolds was awarded to Miss Caro Efrid. Each honor guest was presented with a box of correspondence cards. After the game a delicious sweet course was served. Those who enjoyed Miss Boozer's hospitality were: Mesdames T. I. Boozer, J. D. Carroll, S. J. Leaphart, K. F. Swald, S. P. Roof, Misses Sadie Hewitt, Essie and Caro Efrid.

SCHOOLS BORROW MONEY.

A loan of \$15,000.00 was negotiated with the National Bank of Leesville and the First National Bank of Batesburg for the schools this week. This money is to be used for county building aid. Messrs. Meetze and Unger, the cashiers of these banks are always willing to help the schools. It was through them that money was borrowed last year to pay the teachers when taxes were postponed and tax collections were coming in slowly. They have again come to the rescue and have indicated their willingness to continue this support. There are about ten new school houses being built this summer in the county. The school people are awake and taking advantage of the low prices of materials and labor.

County Fair October 24

At the Lexington county fair grounds on Wednesday, October 24, will be held one of the best county fairs in South Carolina in 1922. Announcement of the event was made Tuesday after a meeting of the fair officials.

Heretofore the fair has lasted for three days, but in view of the fact that there has always been but one big day the officers of the association decided to have the whole thing on this one day. Otherwise the event will be just as big as ever. The men in charge are now hard at work arranging for the entertainment feature, and it is their intention to have on hand the ferris wheel, merry-go-round, shows and concessions—in fact, something to amuse all, old and young.

Of course every one knows that the exhibits will be the best to be found anywhere. They always are. Not only does Lexington pride herself on the showing at other county fairs over the state and also at the state fair always bring away more than their proportion of the prizes.

As customary, Confederate veterans and all school children will be admitted free.

The officers of the association are: The officers of the association are: G. B. Wingard, president; C. E. Leaphart, secretary; W. D. Dent, treasurer; J. H. Roberts, general superintendent.

WHITE KNOLL FAIR AND BARBECUE.

The annual fair and 'cue at White Knoll (Union) school will be held on August 24-25, which neighboring schools and the public generally are cordially invited.

This enterprise started last year through the efforts of the Improvement League at that place was a decided success and every effort is being made to make this one better.

Ten hogs are to be set before the public. Special speakers on educational work and community activities will address the people. Music to be furnished by the brass band.

Some special features are to be added to the exhibits which will make it quite amusing.

Come ready for a hearty laugh and enjoy the day.

SUMMONS.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas.

R. H. Timmerman, as Administrator of the estate of Lottie T. Timmerman, deceased, Plaintiff, versus Harriett S. W. Mitchell, in her own right and as Executrix of the last will and testament of J. Wm. Mitchell, deceased, Mrs. M. E. Strother Mrs. Wessie L. Williams, Rebecca Dial, James B. Guess, Jr., Samuel Guess, Hattie Wiggins, Frances Barre, and Bank of Western Carolina, Defendants.—Summons.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby Summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office, at Lexington, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint herein within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TIMMERMAN & GRAHAM,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

August 1, 1922.—gh.

To the Defendants above named: Take Notice that the original Summons and Complaint in the above entitled action were duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Lexington county on the 19th day of August, 1922.

TIMMERMAN & GRAHAM,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.