

Day Current Being Delayed

Town council Monday night voted against the petition of the Lexington Electric Light & Power company, asking for certain concessions to enable the company to install additional facilities necessary for a 24-hour electric service.

Some time ago the electric company petitioned council for an increase in rates and also for an extension of the present franchise, but no action was taken on the proposition until Monday night, at the regular meeting of that body, and after some discussion by citizens and by councilmen the proposition was voted down. Council took the position that they did not have any right to order an election on the subject on the petition from the electric company, it being the opinion of some of the members that a petition signed by freeholders in Lexington was the proper course to pursue, that being the course taken when the present franchise was granted.

That Lexington is in serious need of an all-day electric service goes without saying, and it is important that some action be taken looking to the establishing of such service. No doubt the petition mentioned will be circulated among the freeholders at an early date and presented to council, asking an election.

The following is the petition presented by the electric company:

Lexington, S. C., October 16, 1922. To the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lexington, S. C.

There being discussions from time to time about the need of twenty-four hour electric service in Lexington and some parties having made requests for power we wish to make the following proposition for your consideration and for the consideration of the citizens of Lexington, S. C.

We will make arrangements to give twenty-four hour electric service on the following conditions:

First: That our rates for electric current be increased to the following:

First 50 K. W. Hrs. per month at 15c per K. W. Hr.

Next 50 K. W. Hrs. per month at 13c per K. W. Hr.

All over 100 K. W. Hrs. per month at 10c per K. W. Hr.

Minimum rate \$1.25 per month, all with 10 per cent. reduction if paid before the 10th of month in which bill is mailed.

Rate for street lights to be \$24.00 per year for 60 c. p. lamps with the six 100 c. p. on the business block for price for 100 c. p. lamps to be \$30.00 per year.

Second: That we be given a twenty-five (25) year extension to our present contract and franchise.

Third: That the banks and individuals will aid us in selling sufficient 6 per cent. bonds, at or above par, to raise the necessary amount to build the new plant necessary to furnish twenty-four hour service.

We shall be glad to meet with the council and with citizens of the town and discuss the proposed plan.

Yours very truly,
B. H. BARRE.

After council meeting Monday night, Councilman B. R. Harman gave The Dispatch-News the following statement relative to his position on the matter:

"As one of the councilmen, I wish to state to the public that I do not think council took proper action at the meeting Monday night in regards to the day current proposition. Council has no authority, as I see it, beyond that of ordering an election, and in my opinion that should have been done. I am the only one that did not vote on the proposition, and I took that position for the reason that I did not understand the law as it applies to the matter in hand, and neither do I believe that the others understood it thoroughly.

"I think that council should have ordered an election on the subject and let the will of the people be expressed.

"B. R. Harman, Councilman."

JOINED THE NAVY.

Robert F. Gibbs and his brother, Matthew Q. Gibbs, of this place, last week, enlisted for Navy services and were sent to the main station at Raleigh, N. C., from which point they go to the Navy Training Station at Hampton Roads, Va.

POPULAR COUPLE OF LEXINGTON MARRIED

A wedding beautiful in simplicity was solemnized Saturday at high noon when Miss Florence Pearle Caughman became the bride of Herbert H. Livingston, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents.

In the living room where the ceremony was performed chrysanthemums and ferns were used in profusion.

The wedding was attended by only the immediate family. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. B. Obenschain, of St. Stephen's Lutheran church.

The bride was attired in a tailored suit of dark blue polart twill with accessories of grey and she carried a corsage of bride roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston left by automobile for a wedding trip and on their return will make their home at Lexington.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. E. Caughman. She has been engaged in teaching for several years and has a host of friends over the state.

Mr. Livingston is a popular young business man of Lexington, connected with the Bank of Western Carolina.

BATESBURG NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hazel left Saturday for Washington, Ga., and from there to Atlanta, where they will attend the National Bottler's Convention now being held in that city.

J. F. Bayly, night watchman of our town, was married to Miss Ruth Rodgers Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. S. E. Welchell officiating.

Messrs. J. D. Hiltiwanger, Nealy Hall and Gordon Cockrell are attending court at Lexington this week as members of the petit jury.

Rev. T. W. Munnerlyn, for the past year pastor of the Methodist church here, has been returned to this charge by the Conference to the delight of his many friends in town.

Hon. George Bell Timmerman and Mr. Ira C. Carson attended court at Lexington Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rutland are spending a few days this week with relatives at Greenville.

Mr. Jesse F. Ouzts, the well known business man of Greenwood was in town Saturday.

Miss Pliny Timmerman returned Monday from a visit to friends at Pomaria, in Newberry county.

Mr. W. C. Bates made a business trip to Columbia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Curtis Callum have returned from a bridal trip to Washington, D. C., and other points North.

Mr. W. Ralph Hite spent Sunday in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hite.

Eugene L. Hartley, city engineer, was at Aiken Monday on business.

Mr. W. Grady Hazel, formerly of Saluda but now engaged in the job printing business at Johnston, was in town Monday afternoon.

Miss Edith Hildgel of Batesburg, route 1, was married Sunday afternoon to Mr. Roy Bartley of Saluda county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. S. E. Welchell, pastor of the Batesburg Baptist church.

Mr. Morgan P. Bodie of Lexington was here on business Monday.

Messrs. Walter J. McCarthy and J. P. Copeland spent Tuesday at Lexington.

Sheriff E. A. Roof and deputy Cromer Oswald were here on official business Tuesday afternoon.

Hon. and Mrs. McKendree Barr motored to Columbia Tuesday.

Mr. J. Henry Caughman of Columbia, special agent of the Southern Railway was here Monday.

Mr. Frank Copeland, a student of the University of South Carolina, had to undergo a very painful operation in Columbia last week and he arrived home Tuesday to spend a few days in order to more rapidly regain his lost strength.

Our farmers are through gathering cotton which did not yield more than one-half a crop. Corn in places has been above an average while in others it has been almost a failure. Small grain is being sown on an increased acreage over last year.

PRISCILLA CLUB.

The Priscilla club will be entertained Wednesday, November 22, at 4 o'clock by Mrs. G. F. Roberts.

Obituary of Mrs. Leaphart

The following obituary was read at the funeral services of Mrs. Leaphart by the Rev. A. B. Obenschain:

Amanda Marcella Caughman, daughter of Samuel P. Caughman and his wife, Bethany Boozer, was born on September 3, 1848. She was reared at the home of her parents a few miles west of the town of Lexington, and was given such advantages as this section afforded in those days. Of this family only her sister, Mrs. Joanna Hendrix, survives. She was baptized in infancy, and in early youth was confirmed in Providence Church. On October 10, 1871, she was married to Dr. C. E. Leaphart, a resident physician of this town. After her marriage she moved here with her husband, living for sometime at the Berley residence and later at the residence of Mrs. Kate Hendrix, from which place she moved to the Hazelus property, at which she was living at the time of her death.

While living at the Berly property two little girls, Alberta Zulene, born on September 14, 1873, and Jeanette, born in August 9, 1875, succumbed to that terrible disease diphtheria which was then epidemic in this section, was new to physicians, and they were not successful in the treatment of it. Little Alberta died on September 30, 1879, and Jeanette on October 6, 1879.

After their residence was taken up here, Mrs. Leaphart transferred her membership to this church, of which she has been a consistent and active member all of her life, and in her active days was connected with the Woman's Missionary Society.

On October 8, 1902, her husband, Dr. Leaphart, was called to his final rest, and she was left alone with her two sons, S. J. and C. E. Leaphart, both of whom have lived with her or near her up to the present time. She has been afflicted for several years, and on Thursday, November 9th, at about seven-thirty o'clock in the morning, she departed this life, having lived 74 years, two months and six days.

She was noted for her kindly and cheerful disposition, and it was always a great pleasure to her to make her friends and acquaintances happy while with her and about her, and whoever she met in the walks of life always felt more cheerful after coming in contact with her than before. She always loved the beautiful. Her flower gardens were the attraction of the young folks of the town and were often the subject of comment by passers-by. It was one of her greatest pleasures to gather about her the younger girls of the town from time to time, entertaining them at her home in an unassuming manner, and distributing amongst them as they departed bouquets of beautiful flowers.

We shall all miss her,—her children and her friends—but those who shall miss her most are her little grandchildren, who came to see her every morning that it was possible for them to do so, and when she became so feeble that she could no longer lift them upon her knees, she had a stool placed at her feet that from it they might pull themselves up into her lap.

C. M. E.

WHITE ROCK NEWS.

White Rock, Nov. 11.—Prof. Herbert C. Smith, principal of the school at Whitsett, N. C., came home on account of the death of his brother, Luther E. Smith, who was killed by the road truck below Columbia, and spent several days with relatives before returning.

Miss Mildred Wesinger and Lula Shenley, teachers in the Pelzer high school, spent the past week-end here with parents.

Mrs. W. P. Cline has sufficiently recovered from an operation that she underwent in the Baptist hospital to be able to return home.

Rev. J. B. Harman went to Corinth church, Saluda county, last Monday to conduct the funeral of a former parishioner, Mr. John N. Peritt, a Confederate veteran.

Mesdames Baxter Shealy and Arthur Cotney of Brookland have been visiting their father, Mr. Ben. J. Derriek, who is very ill.

The Rev. S. P. Koon of Prosperity was a visitor at the White Rock parsonage this week.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT LEXINGTON SCHOOL.

Thanksgiving services will be held as usual this year at the Lexington school with exercises by the children in the morning followed by a basketball game between the girls of the Lexington school and the team of the Batesburg-Leeville high school, which promises to be a good one.

The school fair exhibits will be open for inspection by the public during the entire day.

An old fashioned turkey dinner will be served on the grounds at noon by the Ladies' School Improvement league, and that statement alone assures everyone of plenty to eat.

The full program of the day will be printed in The Dispatch-News next week.

COURT IN SESSION AGAIN FRIDAY.

Court of common pleas, which started Monday morning recessed Tuesday afternoon for the lack of work ready. Only one case was tried, that of Marcellus Whitaker against Willie, Jelfcoat, which involved some land in the lower part of the county. A verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff. Court will reconvene Friday morning.

NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEWS.

The health of this community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McCarthy and little son, Victor, spent Sunday at Mr. McCarthy's brothers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Steele spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ballington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McCarthy and daughters, spent Sunday with Mrs. McCarthy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steele.

Misses Ellie, Leslie and Gerlie Keisler spent Sunday with their friend, Miss Genevieve Smith.

Mr. J. Silas Keisler visited the city of Columbia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith and children spent Sunday at Mr. Jesse H. Keisler's.

Some of the folks from around here attended the funeral of Mr. Clinton H. Oswald Sunday afternoon at Cedar Grove church.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Smith spent Sunday at their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCarthy's.

Mr. Shafter Steele is at home again after spending several weeks with his brother, Mr. P. D. Steele, in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crout and son, Callison, spent Sunday with Mrs. Crout's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Price and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Linder.

The new school house of district No. 74 is now completed. Thanks to the unflinching efforts of the trustees and parents of the district we now have a school building that the community should be proud of.

School has begun in the new school house, and another teacher secured for the first three grades, which was much needed.

LEXINGTON COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

December 3 to 9 has been designated as educational week in South Carolina and the central committee has appointed committees in each county to arrange for the mass meetings to be held. The Lexington committee is composed of E. L. Ashill, chairman; County Superintendent J. E. Sharpe; Prof. L. E. Whittle and Mrs. John Bell Towill.

OYSTER SUPPER SATURDAY EVENING.

The Ladies of the Red Bank Methodist church will serve oysters, chicken stew and other meats at the school house next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, November 18th. Also other refreshments coffee, chocolate, cream, and cake.

Come and enjoy the evening and help a good cause.

Committee.

PERFECT DUCK.

Mr. J. A. Wise of Edmond brought to The Dispatch-News office this week a sweet potato grown by him which was a perfect duck in shape, with head, breast and all but legs.

Economy Home Will Expand

Mr. Julius E. Sharpe, Supt. of Education of Lexington county has accepted chairmanship of drive to raise funds for the economy home, orphanage for motherless children, located at King Creek, S. C.

At present the home has about 50 children with over 500 applications. A large number of these applications are for helpless babies. Dr. J. N. Nesbit, president of the institution states that no infants must be taken until the home is provided with running water and lights. Mr. Dorsett of Hackney Bros., plumbers of Charlotte, N. C., states that he will do the work of putting in the water if the material is placed at his hands. This drive is for the purpose of raising funds to put in the water, lights and to build a cottage for the babies. Let us come to the front and help provide these necessities.

Any information concerning this home and its work will be gladly given from the office of the economy home. This work has the endorsement of Ex-Gov. Cooper, Gov. Harvey and many of our leading men.

ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Mr. B. H. Barre, Supt. of Sunday school.

Divine services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

The morning theme on Sunday, November the 19th, will be: "Our Duty to God and Our Duty to Caesar Contrasted." The evening theme will be: "Receiving Light From God." To all the services the public is most cordially invited.

ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN, Pastor.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

There will be Sunday school on Sunday, November the 19th at 10:00 a. m. Divine services at 2:30 p. m.

The Rev. Arthur B. Obenschain will preach. The theme will be: "Serving God Faithfully." To these services the public is very cordially invited.

ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN, Supply Pastor.

LEXINGTON CIRCUIT.

Appointments for Sunday, November 19, 1922:

Shiloh—Sunday school at 10 A. M. Mrs. Texas Geiger, Supt. Preaching at eleven o'clock.

Hebron—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. R. N. Senn, Supt. Preaching at 3:30 p. m.

Lexington—Sunday school at 10 a. m. C. E. Taylor, Supt. Preaching at 7 o'clock.

The pastor desires a full attendance of all the members.

H. A. WHITTEN, Pastor.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.

The County Council of Farm Women will meet in the American Legion room at Lexington Saturday, November 18th. This will be the autumn rally day and a full attendance is expected. Everyone who is interested, is cordially invited to attend. A picnic dinner will be served and the ladies are asked to bring baskets. The following program will be carried out:

10:30 a. m.—Assemble.

Invocation by Miss Mary C. Wingard, Pres.

10:45 a. m.—Minutes and Roll Call by Mrs. W. J. Smith, Sec.

11:00 a. m.—Address of Welcome by Mrs. J. D. Carroll.

11:15 a. m.—Demonstration, cutting and curing of meats, by Mr. D. T. Herrman, from Clemson.

1:00 P. M.—Lunch.

2:00 P. M.—Address, by Miss Elizabeth Forney from Winthrop.

2:45 P. M.—Reports from clubs by their respective presidents.

3:15 P. M.—Business.

4:00 P. M.—Adjourn.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Rev. H. A. Whitten had a narrow escape from serious injury or possible death Sunday night on his return trip from the Methodist conference in Gaffney. When just out of Spartanburg the train was derailed and only good luck saved the passengers. They were delayed several hours.

TEMPLE SINGERS HERE THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 23.

The Temple Singers, one of the foremost attractions on the lyceum circuit, are scheduled to provide an evening of entertainment at the Lexington school auditorium on Thursday, November 23rd, at eight o'clock. This is the second number to appear on the season's lyceum course, and next to the most expensive one booked for the year.

The Company is composed of Miss Lucille Buzzo, soprano; Miss Katherine Strong, contralto; Mr. Edwin Delbridge, tenor; Mr. Dimetrie Stoy, baritone, and Miss Pernice Couchhill, accompanist, who are all experienced professional singers, and been especially selected for membership in this company.

By one who has heard their concert, it is said that the blend of voices is beautiful and harmonious.

But it is the choice of program material that gains for The Temple Singers their enthusiastic reports. A program embracing some of the best from the music of four centuries, from jolly Old English ballads and motion songs, a group of inspiring praise songs, given with real feeling and verve, and last of all modern songs, carefully chosen and sung with splendid interpretation.

This will be a treat for the music lovers.

GOOD COTTON WITHOUT THE AID OF POISON.

Mr. S. D. McCarthy of Gilbert beat the boll weevil this year without the aid of any poison. He states that in his particular section the weather condition was favorable for cotton in the early spring and he got a good crop before the weevil became numerous. He planted about nine acres to cotton and gathered eight bales. The fertilizer used was 800 pounds of cotton seed meal and acid to the acre when planting, and 50 pounds of nitrate of soda when the cotton was chopped.

ANOTHER STILL CAUGHT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Sheriff E. Austin Roof and Rural Policeman Freshley added another still to their long list Wednesday afternoon when they captured a 25-gallon copper outfit near Pellon. The still was in about 75 yards of New Hope church and a tomb rock was part of the equipment. A small amount of beer was found and destroyed.

REV. WHITTEN IS RETURNED HERE.

The Upper South Carolina conference of the Methodist church, which met in Gaffney last week, returned the Rev. H. A. Whitten to Lexington for another year.

ENTERTAINMENT AT MAGNOLIA SCHOOL.

There will be given at Magnolia school Thanksgiving night, November 30, a box party, cake walk, fishing pond and contests. The public is cordially invited.

AN ENTERTAINMENT AT RED KNOLL.

There will be a box party and other amusements at Red Knoll school house, Saturday night, November 25th. Everybody is invited to come.

TO HAVE SOCIAL.

The King's Messenger Class of the Lexington Baptist Sunday school will have a social, at the home of Mr. B. G. Peyton on Lower Main street, Saturday night, November 18th. All are cordially invited to come.

ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY

An entertainment will be given at Sunny South school house Saturday night, November 18, for the benefit of the school. Refreshments will be served during the evening and also a cake walk. Public cordially invited.

A WORTHY ACT.

On Sunday, Messrs. Callison and Tart, of the Baptist Sunday school, and on part of his mother, Mrs. Covar, carried to the Reformatory Orphanage, Ralph Covar, to that institution for his care and training.