

Young Men's Christian Association For Soldiers

Big Mass Meeting of Citizens For Thursday Night In Lexington Court House.

There will be a meeting in the Court house at Lexington Thursday night Nov. 15, for the purpose of providing aid for Y. M. C. A. work among our soldiers in Camp.

Mr. T. C. Callison, has been appointed Chairman for Lexington County and will wage a vigorous campaign to raise funds for this purpose.

Several good speakers, thoroughly familiar with this work will be present to address the audience and explain the many good features and wholesome influences exerted in our army camps, by the Y. M. C. A. The value of this work is wonderful and should receive the hearty support of every patriotic citizen. It relieves the monotony of camp life, adds to the comfort and cheer of the soldiers. It keeps alive home influences. It sets in motion influences for good to counteract the new and fierce temptations of camp life. It thus improves the morale of the soldiers and makes them more efficient fighters.

Mr. J. D. Carroll, who is assisting Mr. Callison in this work, is very enthusiastic over the results that can be obtained and stated today that he hoped the people of Lexington county would respond readily and do their bit. The only means of maintenance for this work is by personal subscription and the help of the public is requested. The National War Council of the Y. M. C. A. has decided that in order to meet adequately, on July 1, 1918, the needs for this work among the soldiers of our own army, both at home and abroad, and to conduct similar work among the armies of certain of our allies who have not the men or the money to carry it on themselves, at least \$35,000,000 is needed.

This amount is to be raised during the period November 11th to 19th inclusive. The pledges which will be made in the campaign will be based upon the plan of payment 50 per cent within thirty days, 10 per cent on January 1, 1918, and 40 per cent April 1, 1918, if subscribers desire to take advantage of a partial payment plan. Remember that the appeal is not for the support of the Y. M. C. A. but for a useful service to our soldiers.

CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET DEC. 1.

The Lexington County Corn Growers Association will hold their 7th annual meeting at Lexington December 1st. This meet promises to be one of the best ever held in the county.

With abundant crops and good prices prevailing a record breaking attendance and exhibits are assured. Good prizes will be offered and keen competition is expected.

WILLIAM POPE PASSES AWAY

William Pope, son of John Hite, died Nov. 9, 1917 aged 33 years, 4 months and 7 days.

He was Baptised in infancy, and in early youth was confirmed a member of St. David's E. L. Church, and was true until called away by death. He leaves a true and affectionate wife, two sons, 2 daughters, one daughter preceded him to the spirit land, 3 brothers, 7 sisters and other relatives to mourn his departure. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of his church service by Rev. J. A. Cromer.

O. W. WILL HOLD UNVEILING CEREMONY AT BETHEL CHURCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Pelion Camp W. O. W. will hold their unveiling ceremony at the cemetery of the late Senator Sharpe in the cemetery at Bethel church Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

An address will be made by Senator W. H. Cobb of Columbia, and an impressive unveiling ceremony by the Woodmen of the World permitted. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Wilbur W. Coughman has returned from Atlanta where she has been for several days attending the funeral of her grandfather.

EARLY DECISION BY THE SUPREME COURT EXPECTED ON DRAFT.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The United States supreme court will make an early decision on the constitutionality of the draft law. The nine so-called "slacker" cases have been consolidated and set for hearing December 10. By Christmas it is possible the court will render its decision.

At the same time it is expected the court will hear arguments on the constitutionality of sending drafted men abroad. This question has not yet been judicially raised, but it is understood cases will be brought to the supreme court at an early date.

"The two questions are absolutely separate," said Hannis Taylor, noted as the exponent of the contention that the drafted army can not be sent outside the United States. "The right of exemption from foreign service is quite distinct from the question of the draft law's constitutionality. I contend, and shall argue to the supreme court, that this law is constitutional."

"Neither have I a particle of doubt on what the court will rule as to the right of the drafted man to exemption from service on foreign soil. I regret the question of constitutionality of the draft law has even been raised, because I do not wish to see the other question clouded."

Eight of the cases to be argued December 10 are the result of prosecutions for neglecting to register as required by the draft law. The ninth case, that against Emma Goldman, an anarchist, is brought under another section of the draft law which makes it a crime to resist the draft. Emma Goldman is charged with making speeches and circulating literature urging resistance to the draft. The New York court sentenced her to San Quentin penitentiary in California for a long term. An appeal was granted her by Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, who also directed reasonable bail be accepted pending an appeal.

The other cases came up from Ohio, Minnesota, Georgia and New York. The titles of these cases are Ruthenberg Vs. The United States, (Ohio); Arver vs. The United States, Grahl vs. The United States; Wagoner vs. The United States (Minnesota); Kramer vs. The United States (New York); and Jones vs. Perkins (Georgia.)

Those who contend the draft law in itself unconstitutional rely on the clause in the constitution which forbids involuntary servitude, basing their argument on the contention that enforced military service amounts to involuntary servitude. This is the argument urged by Thomas Watson of Georgia, who inspired the Georgia cases. Federal Judge Speer of Georgia rendered a decision declaring the law constitutional and an appeal was taken.

The constitutionality of the law is upheld on the ground that the federal government is given authority specifically by the constitution to draft men for three purposes: namely, to enforce the laws, to suppress insurrection and to repel invasion. This provision of the constitution was invoked in 1863, when congress authorized Lincoln to draft soldiers to suppress insurrection. The court has held the law then passed was constitutional. The present law is almost identical.

Constitution lawyers generally agree with Hannis Taylor that the draft law as such will be declared constitutional. It is only a matter of getting a court declaration at an early date. On the question involving the constitutionality of sending the troops abroad, there is a much wider division of opinion, many holding with Taylor that service outside the country is opposed to the constitution.

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MIKE RUTLAND ELECTED BY BIG MAJORITY

(Received too late for last week)

The primary election held here last Tuesday for Mayor resulted in the election of Hon. M. E. Rutland by a majority of 52 votes over the present incumbent Dr. C. M. Cain. Mr. Rutland held the office of Mayor before for two years having been elected to the position in 1912, and made one of the best officials the town has ever had. He is one of the largest property owners in this town and has erected a number of handsome brick buildings which would be a credit to a city many times the size of Batesburg. Mr. Rutland is largely engaged in farming and stock raising and has been unusually successful in both enterprises.

Attorney T. C. Callison of the Lexington bar was in town Monday.

Mr. Barrett Jones spent Friday in Aiken looking after the legal interests of his clients.

Hon. George B. Cromer of Newberry addressed a large and appreciative audience in town Friday night. His theme was why this country is at war with Germany, and also impressed upon his hearers the importance of purchasing bonds to help finance the country in winning the war.

Miss Eva Hite a teacher in the public schools of Aiken county, near Wagener, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hite.

Miss Rosa Ridgell daughter of Senator Ridgell has accepted the principalship of a large and flourishing school at Warrenton in Aiken county.

Dr. Ransom H. Timmerman made a business trip to Edgefield one day last week.

Mr. D. G. Livingston a prominent farmer and citizen of Newberry county was in town Monday afternoon.

Efforts are being made by members of the Baptist church to raise funds to remodel their church building. The members of the Methodist church here are preparing to erect in the near future a large and up to date brick building on their lot near the business section of the town.

T. R. KEISLER ELECTED MAYOR

Election Quite and Friendly.

The municipal election held here Monday for Mayor and six Aldermen resulted in the election of Tally R. Keisler mayor and the following Aldermen: J. P. Meetze, Dr. J. H. Mathias, W. A. Harman, R. F. Roberts, J. Lem Sox and Joe M. Caughman. Dr. J. H. Mathias and J. Lem Sox are new men, the other four being reelected.

Mr. Keisler who was elected over the incumbent Chas. E. Taylor by a majority of 14 votes, is a young, progressive, business man of Lexington where he has resided for the past 12 or 15 years, and at present conducts a general merchandise business. He is a young man of sterling qualities, conscientious and fearless and will undoubtedly make a good mayor. Mr. Taylor who was defeated by Mr. Keisler has served as mayor for the past four years and made an excellent officer. His administration being marked by many improvements in the government of municipal affairs. The election was quite and good natured no bitterness or personalities being resorted to by any of the candidates.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES ORGANIZE

The ladies of the St. John school met at the school house on Friday afternoon Nov. 9th.

After having the work of the Rural School Improvement association explained by Miss Simpson—these ladies organized into an association and with great enthusiasm outlined the needs of their schools and made plans to fill these needs as soon as possible.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Clide Livingston, President, Mrs. Jeff Rawl, Vice-President, Mrs. T. H. Shull, Secretary, Mrs. W. K. Hook Treasurer.

Other members are: Miss Emilie Hook, Mrs. S. E. Hendrix, Mrs. E. E. Hook, Mrs. Ella Keisler, Mrs. J. J. Ballentine, Mrs. W. C. Sease, Miss Amanda Hook, Mr. Lawrence Derrick, Mrs. Scott Keisler, and Miss Alline Harmon.

The Lexington Red Cross chapter will meet Thursday afternoon 4 o'clock at Taylors Furniture store. All members and others who are interested in red cross work are urged to be present.

WAR DECLARATION MADE IN FINLAND

Helsingfors, Finland, Nov. 10 (Saturday, 11:50 a. m.).—A state of war has been declared in Finland. The provisional soldiers' committee has appointed a sailor named Schiecks as commissary of Finland in place of Governor General Nekrasoff.

The diet is in session and Russian representation has been completely ignored. It has voted to elect a state directorate with supreme power.

Prof. Von Wendt a delegate of the diet, has telegraphed President Wilson that owing to the poor harvest the country faces starvation until food can be obtained in the United States.

ARRIVE HOME SAFE

New York, Nov. 12.—Lord Northcliffe, British commissioner to the United States, and Lord Reading, chief justice of England, special financial commissioner to this country have arrived in England it was announced today.

CLERK'S SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Lexington County. In the Court of Common Pleas.

Atlantic Life Insurance Co., Plain tiff, vs. Levi Poole, R. Elmore Shealy and Lorick & Lowrance, Defendants.

By virtue of authority upon me conferred by the decree of the Court of Common Pleas in the above entitled cause, dated the 3rd day of September, 1917, and now on file in my office, I will sell on salesday in December, 1917 within the legal hours and before the Court House door in Lexington County, those two tracts of land both situate in Lexington County described below:

1. The Home Place of the defendant, Levi Poole.

Tract of land containing SIXTY AND ONE QUARTER (60 1/4) ACRES, more or less, bounded on the North by lands of E. J. Etheredge, on the East by lands of George W. Ashill, on the South by lands of L. H. Shealy and on the West by J. P. Able. Upon this tract of land is the residence of Levi Poole and other outbuildings.

2. All that tract of land containing THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND 1/2 ACRES, more or less, bounded on the North by land of J. P. Bodie, George Asbill, Alonzo Taylor and David Clamp and on the East and Northeast by land of Alonzo Taylor and David Clamp and on the East and Southeast by the land of Daniel Senn, on the South by land of Daniel Senn and Walter Smith and Hell Hole Creek, and on the West by lands of Clara Kneecr R. E. Shealy and J. P. Bodie, which tract has been sub-divided into three tracts, to wit:

1. Tract No. 1, containing SIXTY ACRES, more or less bounded Northeast by lands of George Asbill, from which it is separated by a branch, Northwest by land of J. P. Bodie and Clara Kneecr, South by lands of Clara Kneecr and East by tract No. 2, below described.

2. Tract No. 2, containing ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO ACRES, more or less, bounded North by lands of George Asbill, tract No. 1, above described and lands of Miss Clara Kneecr, West by Hell Hole Creek, South by lands of Walter Smith and tract No. 3, below described, East by land of Alonzo Taylor.

Tract No. 3, containing ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO AND FIFTY ONE HUNDRETHS (132.50) ACRES, more or less, bounded on the Northwest by tract No. 2, above described, on the West by Mill Branch, separating it from lands of Walter Smith, on the Southeast by land of Daniel Senn, on the North east by lands of David Clamp.

Tracts Nos. 2, and 3, containing respectively ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO ACRES, more or less, and ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO AND ONE HALF ACRES, more or less will be sold at the risk of the former bidders.

Terms of sale one third of the purchase price of each tract of land to be paid in cash, the other two thirds secured by the bond or bonds of the purchaser or purchasers and a mortgage or mortgages of the premises purchased, payable in three equal annual payments, with interest from date of sale, payable annually. Said deeds of mortgage to contain a provision for the payment of attorney's fees in case that bonds are put into the hands of an attorney for suit or collection upon default, not exceeding ten per cent of the amount, and also a clause for insurance on the property covered by the mortgaged premises against loss by fire and with the further provision that in case of default in the payment of principal or interest, the whole debt shall become immediately due and payable.

The undersigned will require, on each purchase a deposit of fifty dollars to be made by each successful bidder, immediately upon the acceptance of his bid, such amount to be forfeited in case of non-compliance with his bid after a reasonable length of time to ascertain whether the title be good, and that upon default of making such deposit, the property to be immediately resold at the risk of such bidder making default.

Nov. 12th, 1917.
Lyles & Lyles, Attys for Plaintiff.
H. L. HRAMON,
Clerk of Court, Lexington County

November Common Pleas Court Convened Monday

One Case Tried and Another Under Way---Strickland Damage Suit to Be Next Called.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CONVENED ON MONDAY.

Judge Hayne F. Rice of Aiken, Presiding, and Many Important Cases to Be Heard.

The regular November term of the Court of Common Pleas for Lexington County, convened on Monday morning with all of the officials in their proper places.

The first case called for trial was that of W. H. Townsend, et al, Trustees, plaintiffs, against A. P. Corley, This case was a suit brought by the Trustees of the W. P. Roof bankrupt estate for collection of an account claimed by the estate against A. P. Corley. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$111.60.

The Court has been engaged since Monday afternoon in the trial of Williamson and others against Elijah Hall. This is a suit brought for possession of 722 acres of land in the lower part of the county on Edisto River. The validity of the title to this land is involved and many interesting points have been brought out by both sides. The case has not yet reached the jury, and in all probability it will consume all of tomorrow.

The next case set for trial following the Williamson land case is that of Mrs. Strickland administratrix against Southern Railway Company. This is the second trial of the case the first having resulted in a verdict for the railway by direction of special Judge McCullough.

Col. W. Boyd Evans, leading counsel for Mrs. Strickland appealed the case to the State Supreme Court which tribunal in a unanimous decision reversed Judge McCullough and sent the case back for another trial. Col. Evans has been in Lexington all week, and is prepared to go to a speedy and vigorous trial. There are many new and interesting points involved in this case and the outcome will be awaited with interest.

POWER LINE TO VENICE CUT BY INVADING ENEMY.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Venice has already felt the heavy hand of the Teuton invader. The Austro-German advance, according to information received here tonight, has cut the high tension electric line over which Venice receives its electricity for light and power.

At the offices of the National Geographic Society it was stated that this current is derived from the falls of Collini. They are located halfway between the Tagliamento and Livenza rivers. They are now well within the territory occupied by the German armies.

POTATO WEIGHS 8 1-2 POUNDS.

Mr. M. Canby Laird, a well known planter of the Pelion section, brought a portorican Yam to our office today which weighs 8 1-2 pounds, just 4 pounds larger than any we have ever seen; and it is one of the most perfect shaped potatoes we ever saw. Mr. Laird raised a large crop, his yield being 150 bushels on 1-4 of an acre. Mr. Laird grows plenty of everything on the farm, and is one of the best men in the county.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

In accordance with an agreement between the heirs of the estate of the late Mrs. R. C. Shealy, deceased, I will sell to the highest bidder at public out cry in front of the Court House door at Lexington, S. C. on the first Monday in December 1917, the same being the 3rd day of said month; all that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Lexington County known as the Jacob M. Shealy place containing 350 acres more or less well timbered and watered adjoining lands of Geo. C. Clarke, estate Henry Gunter, Lott Shumpert and S. Perry Smith. This tract of land may be sold as a whole or divided into (3) three separate tracts.

Terms of Sale—Cash.
J. J. Shealy,
Stpd. Administrator

SIX YOUNG SOLDIERS IN THE LEXINGTON JAIL.

C. H. Blythe, Joseph Rodgers, E. L. Swartz, Harry Thompson, A. R. Schamble and Loyal Warmble, six young Pennsylvania soldiers clad in khaki from Camp Hancock at Augusta, are being held in the Lexington County Jail on the charge of conspiracy to rob one, C. D. Riley, an Augusta transfer driver, of the car in which he, together with the six soldiers were driving at the point of a pistol.

The alleged crime was committed on Monday night at Six Mile Creek, on the Augusta highway, midway between Lexington and Columbia; and the young men were arrested in Columbia and brought back to Lexington by Sheriff Miller on Tuesday afternoon.

The young soldiers declare that they only intended using the car to go back home to see relatives and friends, and that they had no intention of deserting.

The young men declare further, that the life of a soldier at Camp Hancock is nothing short of General Sherman's definition of war, and that a fellow will do most anything to get off for only a few days.

The soldiers will be held here pending instructions from the Augusta authorities, the matter having been reported to them by Sheriff Miller yesterday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Editor of The Dispatch-News:

Please allow us space in your columns to express to the people of this town and community our sincere and most appreciative thanks for their many deeds of kindness, together with their expressions of sympathy, during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, the late Charles A. Geiger. We wish to assure each and every one that every act of kindness and every word of sympathy have found lodgment in affectionate hearts; Only those who have passed through the shadows of a similar bereavement can fully appreciate the depths of our afflictions; and it is only those who know the real value of friends in times of sorrow and bereavement. It is our earnest hope that an All-Wise providence will abundantly bless each and every one of you.

Mrs. Almo O. Geiger
Norman S. Geiger.
Lexington, Nov. 13, 1917.

IN MEMORIAM—MRS. ELLIE MONTS.

Tribute by the Sunday School of Zion's Lutheran church, Lexington S. C.

On the morning of July 7th, the beautiful spirit of our friend Mrs. Ellie Monts, passed from earth to live forever with the heavenly Father in the "home not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

As a teacher in the Sunday school for the past several years, she was always an inspiration to loyalty and consolation to her Sunday school and her church, and we are sad indeed with the sense of our deep loss. We shall miss her sweet companionship and her presence in our midst, but the influence of her beautiful life to higher service in the cause she loved.

And the faith that was her's lives in us, and we comfort ourselves with the abiding hope that we shall find our friend again in that day, "when in the light that circles around the throne, in all his beauty, we shall see the king."

In loving sympathy we commend the bereaved family to the tender love of their heavenly Father whom their loved one faithfully served.

Mrs. Mattie Kleckley
Miss Mannie Corley
Miss Hattie Cromer,
COMMITTEE.

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