

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR SPOKE TO LARGE AUDIENCE

For four hours and thirty minutes an audience of 500 sturdy Lexingtonians, most of whom were voters listened to a steady flow of oratory on last Saturday. It was by far the largest audience that has yet greeted the candidates for State office this summer; and it caused the speakers to sharpen their spurs. The audience, however, entirely different from other years, sat immovable throughout and was unusually 'stingy' in the way of applause. The meeting reminded one more of a patriotic rally than a political gathering. The candidates themselves appeared to think so; for all of them, with the exception of the two candidates for State superintendent of education, Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Rector who came last, devoted the greater portion of their small allotment of time to a discussion of the war, and its awful consequences to the country. Neither of the two last candidates even mentioned the great conflict, they catching the idea that the audience had had quite enough. On the great war issue there appeared to be no difference; and, while the several aspirants twitted each other about other things, there was not a single charge that any of the candidates in the party were not loyal. On the other hand, each expressed the belief that every man in the party was behind the government and behind the boys who are doing the fighting in the trenches.

Several of the candidates for governor, among them Mr. Richards; Mr. Bethea and Mr. Cooper, differed on the question of the war being an issue. Mr. Richards declared that there was not a man, woman or child in the State, so far as he knew; but who are with the government to the bitter end; and said that it was a reflection upon the manhood and intelligence of the people of South Carolina to assert that the war is the leading issue; and especially so since there are so many other questions of vital interest that should be considered. Mr. Bethea said that it was the teeming question of the hour, and so did Mr. Cooper; but neither intimated or charged that Mr. Richards was not sincere or that he was not patriotic to the core.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:30 o'clock in the county court house, Judge C. M. Efrid, democratic county chairman presiding. After a few of the candidates had spoken and after the court house had been filled to overflowing, the meeting was adjourned to the court house green.

Candidates for Governor

John Madison DesChamps, the first candidate for Governor to speak, came out squarely for "Old Ben" and said that Congressman Lever had acted wisely in withdrawing from the senatorial race when he did. The speaker took a shot at the Kaiser and predicted victory for the Allies.

John T. Duncan, the second candidate for governor to speak, paid his respects to practically all of his opponents to the delight of the audience; and then went into a discussion of his famous "system." "One of the biggest things that the system has done this year," said Mr. Duncan "is to declare that Ben Tillman must be re-elected to the United States senate or the country will go to the devil." The speaker claimed credit for the price of cotton going to 35 cents by helping to oust the system. He said he was going to keep hammering away, and predicted 50 cents cotton this fall—with the system wiped out of existence.

Attorney General Peoples, seeking promotion to the governorship upon the splendid record he has made as chief counselor of the State, ably and effectively presented his claims to the audience. Mr. Peoples touched upon the great European conflict, pledging his loyalty to the government in unmistakable language. He then launched into a discussion of the tax question which, he said, is becoming more and more burdensome with each succeeding year. The attorney general declared that the people are being burdened with taxes to support useless offices some of which are not worth the paper upon which the acts are written. He declared that, if elected, Tom Peoples will be the governor of all the people; that he would help those in trouble using the same mercy and justice which Almighty God intends for one man to show to wards his fellowman. At the same

time, however he would see to it that all laws are strictly enforced. He promised the farmers to use all of his power to help them in their labor troubles, if elected; he would endeavor to have a law passed that would hold a laborer and one that would make it possible to bring a laborer back if he ran off from his contract. Mr. Peoples closed by inviting the people of Lexington to make the governor's office and the governor's mansion their headquarters for the next two years, commencing next January. Just call for Tom Peoples—he will be there.

Maj. John G. Richards said that it is always a pleasure for him to come to Lexington and thanked the people for the confidence and respect they had reposed in him; and it mattered not whether he was elected or defeated, he would always feel proud of the esteem and affection. The speaker briefly reviewed his work as chairman of the South Carolina railroad commission and said that his whole life—both public and private—was an open book. He stands open and above board for law enforcement; but is unalterably opposed to the appropriation of \$50,000.00 for law enforcement—for the governor to use in sending men over the State, when it is the duty of the sheriffs and other peace officers to enforce the laws of the State. It is a reflection upon the sheriffs and a reflection upon the people of South Carolina, Maj. Richards next took up the burdensome tax question; and was strong in his denunciation of increased levies by the general assembly. There should be a curtailment and there would be a curtailment if he is elected governor—if he has to use the veto power to do it. He said that land assessments had been raised from \$3.19 per acre to \$5.43 per acre, which was uncalled for and useless. The whole country should use the strictest economy in times like these, said Maj. Richards. He was the first of the candidates to make taxation an issue, he said; but all the others are now falling in line. By adopting biennial sessions of the general assembly, which he favors \$100,000 dollars could be saved each year; and by doing away with the State board of charities and corrections another large sum could be saved to the taxpayer. Favored the adoption of free text books in the schools, which would mean the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the people. Maj. Richards told of his efforts in behalf of free scholarships to worthy boys and girls and how, after three years work in the general assembly, he had succeeded in establishing 124 scholarships in Winthrop and 124 in Clemson. Maj. Richards twitted Mr. Cooper about the latter's plan of making boys and girls pay back to the State the cost of their education. Mr. Richards closed with an eloquent appeal for the boys fighting across the waters, declaring; however, that the war is not a political issue in the campaign of 1918 in South Carolina; for there is not an American citizen in South Carolina who is not for America, even to the shedding of his life blood.

The Hon. Andrew Jackson Bethea the next speaker, devoted the greater portion of his time in a patriotic endeavor urging at the outset conservation of foodstuffs and appealing to the farmers to pay greater attention to diversified farming as the only salvation of the people at this time. Mr. Bethea said he was in favor of preparing now for the return of our boys after the war had been won. Asserting that the war was the only great and vital issue in the campaign, the speaker said it was the business of American citizens to speak for America and her Allies. He said he did not doubt Mr. Richard's sincerity upon the tax question; but he did not think that he could effect any decrease. The lieutenant governor said that he had a hundred or more relatives in the army and he was endeavoring to serve his country as best he could.

Robert A. Cooper of Laurens was the next and last of the candidates for governor. The Laurens candidate at once went into a refutation of the charges of Mr. Richards with reference to reducing taxes. Mr. Cooper said he did not for a moment question the honesty of Mr. Richards; but he did not believe it could be done without crippling the institutions of the State. Further more, he said Mr. Richards' estimate

of the cost of a session of the general assembly was inaccurate; that it only cost \$59,000 per year; that the State board of charities and corrections cost but \$13,000 per year and saved the State more than it cost by making those who are able to pay in the colleges. Mr. Cooper said he could see no honest way by which to curtail now. He pledged his support to law enforcement; said that the war is the paramount issue in the campaign and will continue to be the paramount issue if he is chosen governor.

SEN. TILLMAN DEAD

United States Senator Benjamin Ryan Tillman died at 4:20 o'clock this morning at his apartments in the city of Washington, following a stroke of paralysis on last Thursday. The funeral and burial will be held at Centerville, Edgefield County on tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. He was 71 years of age.

The death of Senator Tillman leaves only three candidates in the race for the Senate—Cole L. Blease of Columbia; N. B. Dial of Laurens; and James F. Rice of Anderson.

RAST-FORT.

Holy Trinity Lutheran church was the scene of a simple, but very impressive marriage service, on Sunday afternoon June 23, when Miss Rean Mary Fort became the bride of Lewis Oliver Rast, of Swansea. Promptly at six o'clock the bride and groom marched down the middle aisle to the strains of "Lohengrin's Bride Chorus. They were preceded by little Miss Gladys Kneec who was flower girl. They were met at the altar by the groom's pastor Rev. T. A. Shealy, who performed the ceremony.

The church which was crowded with the relatives and friends of the young couple, was decorated with pot plants and cut flowers, Carlisle Rast presided at the organ, playing Mendellson's Wedding March after the Ceremony. Just before the appointed hour, Miss Jimmie Fort sang "A Love Song by Hastings."

The natural beauty of the bride was heightened by her wedding dress of white georgette, with touches of embroidery in palest blue and silvers. Her hat was of georgette, also and she carried an armful of white carnations and ferns.

After the ceremony at the church many friends gathered at 'Sycamore Slope' the home of the bride's mother to extend their congratulations.

Wedding cake and fruit punch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Rast left by auto late in the afternoon, for an extended trip. It was their intention to go to Washington, D. C. in their car and from there to more northern points by train. The bride who is the elder daughter of Mrs. Lessie H. Fort, has spent all of her life here. Her father was the late Capt. J. C. Fort, who was the founder of Pelion. She was graduated from Limestone College, being the youngest member of the class of 1916, receiving besides her A. B. degree a diploma in Piano and one from the Minnie Davis School of History. She is very musical, and is the author of a number of creditable unpublished compositions.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rast.

Since his graduation from Wofford College, four years ago he has been associated in business with his father, being junior member and manager of their manufacturing enterprises at Swansea. After July 10, Mr. and Mrs. Rast will be at home to their friends at Swansea.

Hugh S. Crosson, son of Dr. D. M. Crosson of Leesville who has been with The Murray Drug Company in Columbia for the past several years, is now in the army and is stationed at Camp Jackson. Drafts Crosson, another son of Dr. Crosson, is in the last draft and will likely be called in the near future.

FIRM NAME CHANGED.

Notice is hereby given that after July 1st, 1918 B. A. Wessinger will become a partner in the business formerly conducted by J. S. Wessinger at Chapin and will continue to do business at the same stand under the firm name of J. S. Wessinger & Son. All obligations of the former business will be assumed by the new firm.

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Junius T. Liles and Geo. W. Wightman, for lieutenant governor; John E. Swearingen and Victor Rector for State superintendent of education, addressed the voters. All of them made splendid efforts, and the greater part of the crowd remained to hear them.

TIMMERMAN AGAIN WRITES SENATORS ABOUT WHEAT.

In our issue of June 5th we published a letter from Solicitor George Bell Timmerman to our United States Senators and representatives in Congress from this district in regard to the milling of wheat by farmers. Since that letter the federal food administration has issued a new regulation allowing farmers to mill a supply sufficient for their needs until October, and allowing them to store a years supply of wheat but the rule does not permit the producer to sell any of his supply to his neighbors to be ground into flour.

We publish below a letter written by Solicitor Timmerman to the Senators in regard to this latter rule.—It is as follows:

June 27, 1918.
Senator E. D. Smith,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:
When I wrote you under date June 1st in regard to wheat conditions and regulations governing the milling of the same by the producers of it, you were kind enough to manifest an interest in procuring some relief for the farmers affected. In the last few days I have noticed though the papers that some good has come from the efforts made and that the farmers will be allowed to have ground into flour a supply to last them until October 1st.

Another very serious question arises, and that is: What is the farmer to do with his surplus wheat, all that he has in excess of enough to supply him until October 1st? A statement was carried in the papers to the effect that he will be allowed to keep enough wheat to supply him flour for the entire year, if he has it; but as stated in my former letter, and as is well known here and elsewhere, it is utterly impossible for the farmer in this territory to preserve his wheat so as to have it ground in winter months. The statement read by me also says: "Farmers will not, at the present time be permitted to sell wheat to their neighbors to be ground into flour." In case one has a surplus over a year's supply, what is he to do with it?

The farmers generally with whom I have talked do not object to government regulations, in fact they expect them but they had hoped that the government would hit upon some rule which would permit them to have their years supply of flour milled before the weevil attacks the grain, and further that they would be permitted as soon as possible, to make disposition of any surplus which they might have over a year's supply. A large quantity of wheat in this territory will become useless for milling purposes, if it is kept too long.

If you can do anything further in this matter, it will be appreciated. I hope you understand that I have no disposition to interfere with the business of someone else. But I feel that the times and conditions warrant every loyal and interested citizen to do all he can, either by action or suggestion to aid the government.

With kind personal regards I am,
Sincerely yours,
George Bell Timmerman.

PEAK RAISES \$116.00.

Our attention has been called to the fact that in publishing the amounts raised by the different towns in the second Red Cross drive. Evidently this amount was included in the Chapin report Peak Raised \$116.00 and we gladly make this correction.

CITATION NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County of Lexington.
By George S. Drafts, Esquire Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, M. D. Corley made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Preston S. Corley.

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Preston S. Corley deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lexington, S. C. on 17 July 1918 next, after publication hereof at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have why the said Administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my Hand, this 2 day of July Anno Domini 1918.

Geo. S. Drafts, (L. S.)
Probate Judge Lexington Co. S. C.
Published on the 3 day of July 1918 in the Lexington Dispatch News 2 weeks.

FARMERS MAY GRIND WHEAT TO DO ONE YEAR.

Washington, June 27—Upon complaint of farmers of South Carolina that the recent modification of the regulations governing the grinding of wheat by farmers permitting them to grind a three months' supply did not remedy the situation, Representative Byrnes today had a conference with Mr. Hoover and succeeded in inducing him to issue an order permitting the farmers of the south to grind a 12 months' supply of flour. This supply will be determined by allowing 12 pounds of flour per month per person, dependent upon the farmer including tenants.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

The following has been fixed as a schedule for the County Campaign meetings at the last meeting of the County Executive Committee.

Gilbert August 14th.
Pelion August 15th.
Swansea August 16th.
Brookland August 17th.
Chapin August 21st.
Pine Ridge August 22nd.
Summerland August 24th.

Pledges of candidates must be filed either with myself or the Secretary of the Executive Committee at Leesville, S. C. by twelve o'clock August 13th.

C. M. Efrid, Chairman Executive Committee.

LEXINGTON GINNERS TO MEET.

At a recent meeting of the South Carolina Ginner's association held in Columbia June 17th it was decided that the quickest way to get the ginner's organized would be to have each county form a similar organization, and Mr. F. S. Evans president of the state organization has requested me to ask the ginner's of Lexington county to meet at Lexington Monday July 8th for the purpose of effecting a county organization. Jas. K. Swygert.

MEETING AT CONGAREE BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a protracted meeting held in Congaree Baptist church at Styx, beginning July the 14th the second Sunday. Rev. M. F. Allen pastor of Oliver Gospel Mission of Columbia will preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. Burt Todd pastor of Riverside Baptist church Columbia, will preach at 8 p. m. Also every service during the week. The public is invited to attend. All visitors cordially welcome.

OPENING BOOKS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Notice is hereby given that Books of subscription to the capitol stock of The Hartley Mercantile Co., of Pelion S. C. will be open at the store of Hartley Mercantile Co., in Pelion on Friday July 5th at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Fred G. Hartley
J. Albert Hartley,
INCORPORATORS.

ENROLL NOW

The enrollment book for Gilbert Democratic Club is now at Ioor Hays store and will remain there until July 28. All voters at the Gilbert precinct are urged to enroll on or before the above named date.

IRMO GOES OVER TOP

The Irmo district in the recent War Savings Stamp drive was the first in the county to "go over the top." The apportionment having been over subscribed more than \$11,000.00 being raised.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Scholarship and Entrance Examinations.

The examinations for the award of vacant scholarships in the University of South Carolina and for admission of new students will be held at the county court house on Friday, July 12, 1918 at 9 A. M. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 12, the will be awarded to those making the highest average at examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarship should write to President Currell for scholarship examination blanks. These blanks properly filled out by the applicant, should be filed with President Currell by July 5.

Scholarships are worth \$100, free tuition and fees, total \$155. Next session opens September 18, 1918. For further information and catalogue, address

THE PRESIDENT,
S. C. UNIVERSITY, Columbia, S. C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN
FOR CONGRESS

THOS. G. McLEOD
BISHOPVILLE, S. C.
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF
CONGRESS SEVENTH DISTRICT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to Congress from the 7th Congressional District subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic Party.

A. F. LEVER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Recognizing his ability and feeling confident that he will represent the people of Lexington County fearlessly and sincerely, we hereby announce the name of Dr. L. E. Dreher, of Leesville, as a candidate for the House of Representatives.

FRIENDS.

S. E. Smith, farmer—business man of Swansea, hereby announces himself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Lexington County, subject to the primary rules of the Democratic party and as before "A farmer for farmers."

Recognizing his ability and special fitness to represent his County in the General Assembly; and, believing that the lower section of the county should be represented, we hereby announce Mr. H. D. Shumpert as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Lexington County, and pledge him to abide by the result of the Democratic primary.

FRIENDS.

Having been solicited to make the race, J. Brooks Wingard is hereby announced as a candidate for the House of Representatives in the coming primary election. He will be governed by the rules of the Democratic Party.

In recognition of his splendid services rendered the County and State during his two years as a member of the House of Representatives from Lexington County, we hereby announce Hon. T. Haskell Shull as a candidate for reelection, and pledge him to abide by the result of the democratic primary election.

FRIENDS

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re election to the office of County Treasurer and promise as faithful service in the future as I have rendered in the past. I pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic party.

C. E. Leaphart.

FOR AUDITOR

Recognizing his ability and special fitness for the position, we hereby announce Mr. D. L. Shealy as a candidate for Auditor of Lexington County, and pledge him to abide by the result of the Democratic primary.

FRIENDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Auditor of Lexington County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

E. W. Burnett.

FOR PROBATE JUDGE

Recognizing efficiency service and faithful performance of duty in the past, we the Many Friends of George S. Drafts announce him as a candidate for reelection as Judge of Probate for Lexington County and pledge him to abide by the result of the Democratic Primary.

For Cotton Weigher

I hereby announce myself for reelection to the position of Cotton Weigher at Swansea and pledge myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary. If reelected I promise honest and faithful service, as I have rendered in the past.

John V. Hutto.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the position of Cotton Weigher at Swansea and pledge myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary. If elected I promise honest and faithful service.

H. BENNIE WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the position of Cotton Weigher at Swansea and pledge myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary.

J. G. Sharpe.