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BIG MEETING PLANNED FOR CONSERVATION FRIDAY

Great Outpouring of People to Discuss Intricate Cotton Question and Food Conservation—Prominent Men Coming—Dr. D. M. Crosson Will Preside.

One of the biggest meetings ever held in the country is planned for Friday of this week, when, under the auspices of the County Council of Defense and Food Administration the people will gather in the Court house for the purpose of discussing the intricate cotton situation, food conservation, and many other matters pertaining to the common good.

The meeting is to be a great outpouring of the people, all of whom are interested in the grave situation now confronting the people of all nations, since the mighty conflict has ended.

Dr. D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, head of the County Council of Defense, and Mr. T. C. Callison, County Food Administrator stated today that many prominent speakers will be here chief among whom will be Mr. D. R. Coker, Chairman of the State Council of Defense. Mr. Coker has recently returned from the war-stricken fields of Europe, where he studied, first hand, the needs of the people in distant lands. He will be able to tell the people of Lexington many things that they have not been able to learn through the press dispatches, and what he has to say will be of peculiar interest at this time.

The meeting will be opened promptly at 11 o'clock and a special invitation is extended to everybody—men, women and children.

BOARD OF THANKS.

We wish, to sincerely thank every one of our friends, who so kindly and tenderly ministered to our loved ones; Maggie L. Epting and Fannie E. Lybrand during their last illness. For the many beautiful floral gifts, and for the many kind and tender words, messages and letters of sympathy and consolation in this hour of bitter sorrow and grief.

It would be a pleasure to personally thank each one, but at this time are unable to do so, and wish, in this way, to show our appreciation of their kind thoughtfulness, and friendship for us and ours.

May you ever be blessed indeed by our Heavenly Father in our every wish.

E. L. and Mrs. C. R. Lybrand
Johnnie and Roselyn Epting
M. H. Lybrand and children.
J. C. Lybrand and family.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, TAGS, SEALS, BOOKLETS AND HOLLY BOXES.

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THRAILKILL—ROBERTS.

An interesting wedding of Sunday morning was that of Mrs. Martha Owen Thrailkill, formerly of Chester, and Mr. Clay C. Roberts of this city, which was solemnized at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Thomas M. Owen, in College Place, at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. Paul Patton officiated, and only a few of the intimate friends and relatives of the couple were present. The Record.

Mr. Roberts is a Lexington boy born and reared a few miles west of Lexington and has a large circle of friends and relatives here who wish him well. The Dispatch-News extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

WELL KNOWN FAMILY REMEDIES.

We have just received shipments of fresh stocks of "666" Chill and Fever Tonic, Vick's Eucalypti and Peppermint salve, Mentholatum, King's New Discovery cough remedy, and all the popular cough and cold remedies.

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RED CROSS INVESTMENTS PAY THE FINEST DIVIDENDS.

ATTENTION LEXINGTON FARMERS

Do you know that about 75 per cent of all the corn grown in raised in the United States and that our annual production is nearly 3,000,000,000 bushels? We should be proud on corn growing to have such stupendous figures to our credit.

We need the corn in S. C., and will have it as evidenced by the shipments into our state a few years ago when it reached 13,244,000 bushels per annum. With our soil and climate we should be sellers and not purchasers. We are improving as the following average yields per acre for S. C. Shows: 1879 9bu., 1909 13.3 bu., 1915 16.5 bu. This yield can be greatly increased by a correct knowledge of the plant, how to cultivate and fertilize it. Our Lexington County Corn Club boys grow 50 to 100 bu. per acre and at a cost far less than the man who gets only 16 bu. If you will attend their corn shows and hear the lectures you will know how it is done. They are open to the public free and you are cordially invited to attend. A specialist will be at the Show Dec. 14, and speak on Corn Growing.

Stock Raising is being considered more favorable in S. C., than at any previous time. Ticks are about eradicated, the quarantine will soon be raised and cattle can be shipped out of the state at fancy prices. Already new breeds are being introduced and doing well in our state. I mention the Gurnsey of which it is said they have averaged \$300 per head. With corn, velvet beans and Bermuda grass the cattle can be easily cared for and much land used that otherwise would not be. Verily a new day has dawned for us in this line and we should not be to slow to use it. A specialist will be at the Corn Show Dec. 14, and talk on Stock Raising when you can see and hear him.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING suits the Lexington man as they have proven their ability by the many prizes taken at Fairs and the reputation of good things to eat from Lexington county. It is fortunate for them as they will probably have to depend on this line more than ever as the cotton boll weevil is rapidly nearing our county and will prove very disastrous to cotton growing. But you have not reached perfection in Diversified Farming this you know therefore you should seize every opportunity to inform yourself on it. You will have the privilege of hearing an expert at Lexington Dec. 14, speak on this subject and you can exchange views with him. It is a great pleasure for me to extend to all of you an invitation to attend Lexington County Corn Growers Association and Corn Show Saturday 10 A. M. Dec. 14, 1918 at Lexington and share with us its benefits and pleasures. Come and may the day bring all the joys we anticipate.
E. C. RIDGELL, Pres.

FARMERS, LOOK AND LISTEN.

If the farmers ever needed organization we need it now. The few farmers that have organized, and worked co-operatively have done more good for lower prices on fertilizers and things that the farmer is compelled to buy, to grow a crop, and higher prices on cotton and other products that he has to sell, than all other men.

Center local No. 339 of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, guarantees that if any man in and around Center local, joins this local, and is not benefitted, we will pay his dues at the end of three years provided; he will do his duty as a member.

Center Local is doing this for no other purpose than to organize the farmers for the uplift of humanity.

If a few men organized can do what the few have done, what can the whole farming generation do organized. Sincerely yours for organization and co-operation.

Center Local No. 339.
Lexington, S. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MET SUNDAY.

The interdenominational Sunday School convention met in the Lexington Methodist church Sunday afternoon and despite the inclement weather a very enthusiastic crowd was present. Interesting addresses were made by Messrs. Mars, and Callison and Revs. Funderburk and Riser. A musical program consisting of patriotic and sacred songs was rendered by a special choir. On account of the bad weather the attendance was not as large as was expected but much interest was shown and it is thought good results will follow.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of the Knights of Pythias held in their hall Wednesday night December 11th. This is the regular meeting for the election of officers and other business of importance will be transacted. All brethren are earnestly requested to be present.

R. F. Roberts,
Chancellor Commander

UNIVERSAL TRAINING WILL BE CALAMITY.

Dr. Dreher Has Decided Opinion as to Wisdom of Proposed Policy.

To the Editor of The State:

I wish to add my emphatic indorsement to the article by "Observer" which appeared in your columns, November 15. Now, above all times; every man who has the welfare of his country at heart should not be afraid to speak out, one way or another, upon a big standing army and universal military training, as "Observer" has done. This war will result in a calamity, instead of a blessing, should it bring about such a gigantic misfortune. A millstone like that about our necks will mean nothing more nor less than that all this propaganda against German militarism was the rankest hypocrisy. This twaddle about such undue preparedness being no menace to a naturally peaceful nation is all boosh. Germany was the best prepared nation on earth, in a military sense, and the Kaiser frequently boasted that it was only for defense against the attacks of her enemies. We all know that she did the attacking and is now utterly crushed and reduced to the ranks of the minor kingdoms. The Kaiser and his militaristic crew brought this terrible affliction upon the world, for loot, and got what they deserved. If we follow in her footsteps, the day will come when we will meet a similar fate and, probably, get what we deserve. We may pull the robe of selfrighteousness about our shoulders and think that we are better than other people but human nature is largely the same all over the world.

Mr. Roosevelt said some time ago in a New York speech on "Preparedness," that the only effective preparedness must rest upon a system of universal military training for all our young men; a training which is against war for it will render most unlikely that there will ever be war.

It is a pity that an ex-president with a considerable following should parade over the country preaching such a pernicious doctrine as that and advocating the Prussian system, which he pretends to despise, as a means of safety to this country. Preparedness made me bloody war, as every thinking man knows then why should we not avoid a danger which will likely involve another generation in a war more bloody, if possible, than this.

We have heard much, until recently, about universal disarmament not universal militarism; about world democracy against autocracy. Does any sane man believe that there will be democracy with America as an armed camp? The most brazen and uncompromising foe to democracy and freedom is militarism. The rank and file in its clutches will be helpless. There is good reason for America having a strong navy but, situated as it is, a large standing army will be its devil's workshop. Not even England, in a ten-fold more dangerous position, has it in times of peace. We may argue that universal military training does not necessarily mean that but it does in nine cases out of ten.

My experience as a member of the local exemption board convinces me that the young men who fight our wars would never drift into militarism if left to their own inclinations. The war spirit and the killing spirit, strange to say, is rife mainly among the older set who never shouldered a gun and who, as a rule, would climb a barbed wire fence 20 feet high to escape a whizzing bullet. I also found that it was utterly impossible to get the same ratio of soldiers from the class who claimed a monopoly of patriotism and shrieked the loudest for war and best able to go, as compared to the poor man who knew little or nothing about the intricate questions involved and did not want the war. The selective draft is a great thing but it was not equal to the emergency in all too many cases with pull money and agriculture as levers. Those of us who read know that the present congress voted one beautiful day to waive their official exemption and subject themselves to the draft but got cold feet over night and rescinded their action without a record vote. I think The Congressional Record also proves that not a single Democratic congressman resigned and went to the front in this war. I mention these facts merely to prove that there is a world of hypocrisy abroad which is liable to befuddle our minds at this critical time and induce us to take steps on a basis of a false sentiment of patriotism. Every blind idiot knows that there will be no more war for at least a generation to come. Then what is the reason for this insidious propaganda for universal military training at this time? After America entered the war an effort was made in the United States senate to jam this resolution through while the killing spirit was rife in the land but was defeated by an unpleasantly small margin. On that occasion John Sharp Williams made a special against universal military training which I wish could be published in every American newspaper. And John Sharp was an aggressive and rabid advocate of the war.

A minister of the gospel could offer no better argument for preparedness and universal military training than that the Bible says there will be wars and rumors of wars until the end of time. When a man, supposedly under

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

With Hearts Teeming Over in Fond Expectancy, Children Tell Their Wants to "Dear Old Santa"

Gaston, S. C.
November 30 1918.

Mr. Santa Claus,
(via) Lexington Dispatch-News,
My Dear Santa:

As Christmas time is coming soon, we are writing to you to tell you what we would like for you to bring us. Of course Santa we know you have lots of little folks to visit so we'll try and not want so much.

Perhaps for the first thing we had better tell you how we look.

Georgie Lou is six years old and my little sister Edith is four. We both brunettes and are almost the same size now Santa we both want you to bring us sleeping dolls, and two carriages, fruits, nuts and we'll like to have some story books if you'll be so kind. Now Santa the rest we'll leave to you and whatever you do not forget the little children in France, and remember our boys "over there."

From two little brown eyed girls.
Georgie Lou and Edith Goodwin.

Dearest Santa:

I am a little girl just two years old but I'm old enough to want a sleeping doll and a cradle to rock it in. I would like for it to have light hair and blue eyes, as I am a blonde. Santa just bring anything else you think a little girl like me would like, from.
Little Elaine Price.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy, seven years old. I have a little sister too, so please bring me an air rifle if you have one to spare and cap pistol too. And being it is war times, I will not ask for anything else, so bring little sister, something too. We will close with best wishes, to you.
Clarendon Shealy.

Lexington, S. C.
Dec. 4, 1918.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a train that runs on a track. I wrote you this letter to let you know what I want you to bring me for Christmas.

Traizer Ruff,
Lexington S. C.

Lexington, S. C. Dec. 4, 1918.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a drum and some firecrackers and some things to eat.

I wrote you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas.

Otto Ruff
Lexington, S. C.

God's guidance uses such an argument I confess that it weakens my faith in his profession and his church. The socialist is his superior along that line. Every intelligent man has perused the documents of ante-Civil War ministers justifying slavery as based upon the Old Testament and its teachings. But, we know that the march of civilization has practically banished slavery from the face of the earth. Liquor advocates were not without scriptural arguments yet booze is in its last gasp throughout America and her possessions. It was difficult for even the saintly old prophets to get entirely beyond their environments. I doff my hat to our ministers for the part they played in this drama. With few exceptions, they were always in the forefront, regardless of cost and sacrifice to themselves, fighting this great evil.

Now, the thought uppermost in the minds of many people is? why have all the so-called civilized, Christian nations been at each others' throats for years? What is the meaning of the numerous articles in our leading religious journals asking: "What is the matter with the world?" "Has the church been a failure?" "Is Christianity a farce, etc., etc., etc." As a matter of fact, the church has never thundered very heavily against the evil of war. Will she turn loose her artillery against the menace that is now threatening us or will she drit with the tide? A distinguished Chicago minister recently said: "Militarism and Christianity can not live together. If Christianity and democracy do not conquer militarism now, militarism will for a long time to come cripple both. In that struggle where ought the sympathies and example of the people of America to be found?"

During this war I yield to no member of the home guard in sacrifice, in hard exacting and unpleasant duties performed. I waived my official exemption on the Local Board, offered my services to the government and am now a member of the medical reserve, ready to answer to any call. During war I am with my country, right or wrong, but I was brought up on the ashes of Sherman's brutal raid and hatred of war goes down into the very marrow of the bone. I am no sentimental mollycoddle. I have had personal encounters a plenty in my

MORE LOVE LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT

All Optimistic Over Outcome and Confident of Early Return Home—Tillman Meetze in Third Big Drive, Sends Love to All.

LETTER FROM TILLMAN MEETZE
FRANCE, Oct. 29th. 1918.

Dear Mother:

I will drop you and the family a few lines to let you all hear from me again as I am not doing so well as my stomach is giving me a good deal of trouble, as I have taken cold, and it is in the same shape like it generally gets when I take cold. I hope that you all are well I received some 3 or 4 letters from home. I think I get all of your ails mail. I have not written home in about three weeks as I did not have the chance as we have been in a big drive and we did not have the time to write. I am on the battlefield today on the front in reserve, so this is the third battle I have been in and God has took me through safe, so don't be worried about me. God will take care of me and if we don't meet on earth we will meet in heaven. I think we will soon have the Germans conquered. The Americans and the allies are making good progress in driving them back and hope we all will get to come home before long. From your Christian soldier son,

BEN T. MEETZE,
Co., M. 6th Inf.
A. E. F. A. P. O. 745.

P. S. Let my girl hear from me as I won't have time to write to her today, but will write her when I get a chance.

FRANCE, 10-30-18.

Dear sister:

I received your letter a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you all. I am so glad you all are getting along so well, I am all ways thinking of the dear ones at home and am always looking for news from home. Anna I am just from the front, and am in the rest camp now, and since I have been in rest camp I have been on the race track and I won out in my regiment, Anna, I have been hearing from Lexington quite often of late, I heard from Mr. Woods, Nathan has been slightly wounded, and Senn Hook has been gassed, I saw Walter Gabe a few days ago, he is getting along fine. Anna, I know you have heard great things the U. S. boys have been doing, and I have been in the big fight have been over the top quite a few times, I shall never forget the last few days I have spent in France I haven't wrote much lately haven't had the opportunity, I could write a book of what I have seen over here. Anna take care of the children and tell papa and mama, I am getting along fine. Will write again soon, give all my best regards and write soon.

Your brother,
John J. Head, Jr.
Co. G. 118th Inf.
A. E. F.

FRANCE, Oct. 26 1918.

My dear mother and all:

I will try to write you all a few lines to let you hear from me I am very well at the present and hope this will find you all the same am very weak yet and am very nervous but I think I will be all right in a few days well I guess it won't be long before Christmas don't know whether we will have any Christmas or not it will be one but it won't be like at home. Well have they got any of the boys from around home yet. Well mama I am enjoying life and am out of the hospital now they are very good to us over here. Well I guess you all are through with your work now and are ready to do yet. Well ma I haven't seen or heard anything of any of my cousins or Lewis D. yet. Sure would like to see some of them or hear from them well I would better close. When I came in from the hospital they told me that they had sent my mail up there and they said that they had not got it yet I think I will get it in a few days any way well I will close with lots of love to all your son.

Pvt. Sammie J. Oxner,
5th Battery F. A. R. D.
Am. Exp. Forces.
via New York.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
FRANCE, Nov. 2nd 1918.

Dear Mother:

Will write you a short note again, to

time—one only recently in resentment of an insult to me as an officer on the exemption board but sinner as I am the thought of indorsing an immense military machine, trained to kill and mangle the blood and brain and wealth of its people is repugnant to the uttermost. We are at the cross-roads where we are to decide whether we are to be ridden and exploited by military taskmasters or whether we will return to ways of peace and happiness which have made us greater people on earth.

T. H. Dreher,
St. Matthews, November 23.

ROY DANIELS TO SPEAK DEC. 15

Well Known Atlanta Orator and Red Cross Worker to Address Lexington Audience Sunday Afternoon, Dec. 15th.

Dr. J. J. Wingard County Chairman of the American Red Cross for Lexington county has just received a letter from Red Cross headquarters stating that Mr. Royal Daniels of Atlanta had been secured to deliver an address in Lexington, Sunday afternoon December 15th., when he will launch the Christmas Red Cross Call Drive. This meeting should be well attended, as Mr. Daniels is a forceful speaker and an orator that always pleases. It will be remembered that Mr. Daniel delivered a Red Cross address in the High School auditorium here last summer and delighted all who heard him. The meeting on the 15th., will be held in the High School auditorium and it is hoped and expected that every person in Lexington will be present.

SAILS FOR FRANCE WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

The State, Friday Nov. 29.
A farewell reception will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, to E. S. Dreher, who will leave next Sunday for New York, preparatory to going overseas in Y. M. C. A. service. Mr. Dreher made application for this overseas duty several months ago and was ordered yesterday to report in New York at the earliest possible moment for a week's preparatory coaching before sailing. He will in all probability leave New York by December 10 and should spend the Christmas holidays in Paris. Mrs. Dreher is a member of the faculty of Chocora College and will remain in Columbia for the present.

Several five minute talks are to be made at the reception this evening. Mr. Dreher has been a member of the board of directors of the association since 1893. He was vice president nearly 20 years and has been president the last three or four years. L. L. Hardin, vice president of the association, will be one of the speakers tonight. Others who are to make talks are Mayor Blalock, Dr. W. S. Currell, W. D. Melton and A. C. Flora. The board of directors of the association has granted Mr. Dreher a year's leave of absence.

Mr. Dreher was superintendent of the public schools of Columbia nearly 25 years and because of his long association with teachers and pupils, A. T. Stratton, General secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, has invited teachers and pupils to the reception this evening.

DIES IN FRANCE.

Leesville, Nov. 30.—Leesville was grieved to learn that Siremba Hendrix had passed away in France from pneumonia. He was one of the most popular young men in town and his death in the cause of his country is greatly deplored by all people.

Seremba Hendrix is well known in Lexington where he was born and lived, until the death of his father, the late Dr. M. Q. Hendrix. He still has a large number of friends here who regret his untimely death.

let you hear from me. I'm fine and dandy, and hope you are enjoying life fine, also the rest of the family. What is the matter with all of the rest. I can't hear from them. If they want me to send them paper and stamps, I can do it, ha, ha! I write to you every couple days, also the others, and I can't hear from any of them. I'll say them all back when I come home and I don't think that will be very long.

Listen to this, I want you to stay out of the cold weather, and take the best of care of yourself. Let Maydell feed the chicks and you stay in the house ha, ha! and don't worry about the farm, for I have turned it all over to Otto; to see after, for me and you. I know he will do it.

I will be home next fall to sell cotton; and put the potatoes away, sit by the fire and roast peanuts, and tell you all about this country and my experience. I ask you to rest easy, don't worry, but laugh, and smile, and keep the home fire burning till I come home.

I guess Harry and C. S. are hunting, now, so am I, but not game. I am hunting a way to come home soon. What is Lester doing? Still on the same old job I guess, but I bet he is no pa, now, ha, ha! I'm very proud of the news that Maydell wrote me about herself and Reta. One of the boys has gone after mail now. Write me and often, and all the news, Lexingtonly your son,

GARY.

Address, ST. GARY A. GOODWIN,
Evacuation Ambulance Co. No. 12,
France, via New York.