

LEXINGTON FARMERS TO HOLD
COTTON FOR THIRTY-FIVE CENTS

Cotton Conference Largely Attended Friday--Senator Bennet Made Strong Address.

Lexington county farmers put them selves on record as being unalterably opposed to selling cotton for less than 35 cents per pound at a big public meeting in the county court house Friday, when ex-United States Senator Christie Bennet, of Columbia, made a ringing address in behalf of food conservation, and the urgent needs of the people at this time. The meeting had been called by Dr. D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, chairman of the Lexington County Council of Defense, and T. C. Callison, county food administrator; and, although the meeting had not been widely advertised, a representative of farmers were present. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Crosson.

It had been hoped that Mr. D. R. Ocker, State chairman of the council of defense, who recently returned from the European countries, could attend the meeting, but pressing business engagements elsewhere prevented his coming. However, Hon. Christie Bennet, former United States senator, was present and made a magnificent address. Mr. Bennet paid a splendid tribute to the American soldiers, picturing the valor and heroism of those who participated in the great battles of France just prior to the signing of the Armistice. Especially did he praise the boys comprising the Thirtieth Division, who, after plunging into the thickest of the fray, were attacked from behind and fought their way to victory over the enemy. This division was made up of many from South Carolina and there will yet be many casualties reported declared Mr. Bennet. All of the soldiers should be treated with the same respect, said the speaker. Those who remained at home in the camps should not be forgotten, for they, too, would have been glad to have gone to the front and would have fought with just as much zeal.

Mr. Bennet said that we are now to have a period that will test the loyalty and patriotism of every American citizen. We should not criticize those in authority, but, instead, should keep our tongues and help the best we can. Had the war lasted a few weeks longer, said Mr. Bennet, we would have had an opportunity to show the great scientific war machines made by Americans. Mr. Hoover says that Germany is supplied with food sufficient to last until next March. Germany will be provided for but not until after the Allies have first been provided. Germany did not know that we were getting our men across the waters and food to our Allies--at least the German people did not; the submarines at Kell were the only ones to know the real truth about the matter. These submarine sailors told the story, and it soon reached the German people that something was wrong.

Mr. Bennet made a strong appeal for a constructive programme in this country. The older heads should stand for the ideals of good government.

With reference to the cotton situation, Mr. Bennet said that during the last few weeks he had discussed the cotton problem with McCombs, Secretary Houston, Baruch, and others and had reached two conclusions. We must get it out of the people of the North and West that we are going to plant cotton and sell it during the months of October, November and December. The farmers must hold their cotton for at least one winter now in order to break the backs of the speculators, and then there will be no more hammering down the market. Cotton, said Senator Bennet, is worth more than it is bringing today. Lexington county people have always raised their own supplies, and he urged them to do so the coming season as never before. The West, he said, is bitter against the South because the government fixed the price of wheat and did not fix the price of cotton, on a basis with that of wheat. They wanted to fix the price of cotton on the basis of what it was bringing when the war opened--not a fair proposition at all. The West doesn't know that it costs as much as it does to grow cotton, and it doesn't know that the real facts may be very different from what they are. Bennet, admitted that cotton should be bringing 35 cents a day. The bulk of our cotton goes abroad, and up to a very few weeks ago it was impossible to do any exporting on account of the boats being used for transporting soldiers to the war zones. Since the signing of the Armistice the embargo has been removed and boats can now carry cotton across. There will be an enormous demand for cotton abroad now, said Mr. Bennet. All of the countries want it, because they need it, and they are going to have it.

The former Senator told of the awful conditions now prevalent in Russia and other stricken countries where the war has been raging for our long years. In Russia, he said, more than ten million people will starve to death this winter in spite of all that we can do to save them. In Armenia, thousands will die. It is

up to the people of America to save--to save now governing their appetites just as much so as they did before the war ended. America has done much, as now she has the respect of the entire world.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bennet's splendid speech the following resolution was offered by T. C. Callison and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS it appears that there is now a world shortage of cotton, and that the apparent lack of demand for cotton, and that the apparent lack of demand for cotton is not due to a surplus of cotton in the hands of the manufacturers, but due largely to lack of transportation facilities;

AND WHEREAS now appear that ocean tonnage will soon be provided for the export of cotton which will greatly increase the demand for the staple, and until sufficient tonnage can be provided to export our surplus crop, it will be disastrous to the cotton growers to continue placing cotton on the market, as by doing so before the surplus can be absorbed by exportation, will necessarily depress the market, and thus cause the whole country to suffer great financial loss and depression;

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the farmers of Lexington County, here assembled, that we do hold all cotton now in our possession until the price offered for same shall be equal to its intrinsic value, it is the sense of this meeting that a fair value of cotton under present conditions is thirty-five cents per pound.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of this convention, that all farmers who cannot hold their cotton should place the same in warehouses and apply to their bank to loan them such money as they may need to aid them in holding the same.

And be it further resolved that all banking institutions be requested to render all aid possible to farmers desiring to hold their cotton.

LETTERS TO
SANTA CLAUS

Lexington, S. C.
Dec. 5, 1918

Dear Santa:
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a watch, a writing desk, and a box of engine firecrackers and other kind, and crackers candy, nuts and other nice things. I wish you a merry Christmas. Good-bye Santa.

From,
Martin Wise Caughman.

Lexington, S. C.,
December, 5, 1918.

Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a fountain pen and a watch and some firecrackers and some candy and some fruit and other nice things.

I hope you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Henry Montford Caughman

Lexington, S. C.,
December 5, 1918.

Dear Santa:
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a wagon horse and a train that runs on a track. And lots of good things to eat. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

R. H. Caughman Jr.

CLERK'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Lexington.

In the Court of Common Pleas, C. S. Steedman, et al. Plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. Ione Steedman, et al. Defendants.

Pursuant to an order heretofore made in the above entitled cause, I will sell on the first Monday in January, the same being the 6th day of said month, before the Court House door, at Lexington, S. C., during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, containing two hundred forty seven (247) acres, more or less, and being bounded on the north by lands of Willie Shealy; on the East by land of Hallman; on the South by George Rish lands J. P. R. . . . as will more fully appear by reference to a plat of same made by D. J. Knotts, Surveyor, on the 20th day of November, 1917, as filed as an exhibit in this case."

TERMS OF SALE: CASH; purchaser to pay for papers, recording fees and revenue stamp.

H. L. HARMON,
C. C. C. P. & G. S.

The many friends of Mr. D. James Caughman will be glad to learn that he is recovering from a recent severe illness. Mr. Caughman has been confined to his home near town for the past six weeks, but was able to come to town yesterday, when he was cordially greeted by everyone.

I now have 2 Columbia Sixes in stock. Come in and see them.
OSWALD GARAGE.

CO. AUDITOR'S
SCHEDULE, 1919

In accordance with law in reference to the assessment and taxation of personal property the County Auditor or his Assistant will be and attend the following named places for the fiscal year 1919. Taxpayers will please be prompt in meeting the appointments. Come prepared to give the name of the township and the school district in which you reside also all personal property with valuation for taxation. In case you have bought or sold any real estate since last returns be prepared to state No. of acres purchased or sold and from and to whom.

1ST. WEEK.

Irmo--Tuesday P. M. Jan. 7th.
Chapin--Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 8th and 9th.

Peak--Friday A. M. Jan. 10th.

2ND. WEEK.

Edmund--Tuesday A. M. Jan. 14th.
Gaston--Tuesday P. M. Jan. 14th.
Swansea--Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 15th and 16th.

Pellon--Friday Jan. 17th.

3RD. WEEK.

Steedman--Tuesday A. M. Jan. 21.
Samaria Tuesday P. M. Jan. 21.
Batesburg--Wednesday Jan. 22.
Leesville--Thursday Jan. 23.

Summit--Friday A. M. Jan. 24.
Gilbert--Friday P. M. Jan. 24.

Crout's Store--Saturday A. M. Jan. 25th.

4TH WEEK.

El H. Addy's Store Tuesday A. M. Jan. 28th.

Franklin Keisler's--Tuesday P. M. Jan. 28th.

Red Bank Thursday P. M. Jan. 30.
Cayce--Friday P. M. Jan. 31.

Brookland--Saturday (all day) Feb. 1.

Blanks will be left at Mr. E. A. Poole's store in Bull Swamp Township.

At Lexington, C. H. all days not included in above schedule from Jan. 1st. to Feb. 20th when 50 per cent penalty will be added for failure to make returns.

Poll Tax from 21 to 60 years of age.
Road Tax from 21 to 55 years of age.

Dog Tax Capitation Tax of 50c.
W. D. DENT
Auditor of Lexington Co.

Locals and Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harmon were delighted Sunday afternoon with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Melton of Columbia accompanied by Miss Julia Marshall of the same city and Lieut. Long of Camp Jackson, all very jolly and interesting.

Mr. Carl G. Shoenberg one of the leading business men of North was here on business yesterday. Mr. Shoenberg is a son of the late Prof. Schoenberg, of this town, and his host of friends were glad to see him again.

Mrs. Sara R. Shuler, of Batesburg, as pretty and attractive as in the days of yore, is the guest of Judge and Mrs. C. M. Efrid.

Miss Nellie Harman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harman died last night of pneumonia, contracted from a case of influenza. She was a student of the Lexington school, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Harman.

COUNTY TREASURER LEAPHART
A VERY ILL MAN.

It pains us to chronicle the serious illness of Mr. C. E. Leaphart, the very efficient county Treasurer, who is suffering from a severe attack of double pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of Spanish Influenza.

Mr. Leaphart is one of the most popular and efficient young men the county has ever known, and his hundreds of friends everywhere will join us in the hope and prayer that he may soon be restored to his family and friends. Everything that loving hands and skilled physicians can do is being done to alleviate the pain and slow the fever, a trained nurse, Miss Turner, being in attendance at his bedside.

SHEALY-WINGARD.

One of the happiest social events of the season took place last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Shealy when their eldest daughter, Allie Marie, was married to Lawrence Wingard of near Chapin. The wedding took place in the parlor of the family residence in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom and a few invited guests.

The pretty bride entered the room with her sister Ethel, while the wedding march was played by Miss Addie Mae Short of Columbia, and took her place at the marriage altar, where she was met by the groom, and Mr. H. Caughman Dreher as best-man.

The bride was handsomely dressed in blue messaline with accessories to match. The ceremony was performed by their pastor, the Rev. R. M. Carpenter of Chapin. After the ceremony the company retired to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding luncheon was served to the guests by Misses Allie Fulmer and Ella Rose Shealy, and where the young couple received hearty congratulations. The house was most artistically decorated in southern smilax.

Mrs. Wingard is a popular young woman, belonging to one of the best families of this county and is greatly admired by a large circle of friends for her many admirable qualities of mind and heart.

Mr. Wingard is a successful farmer well known and esteemed over a large part of the State.

The young people will make their home at the country residence of the father of the groom, with the best wishes of a host of friends.

Hon. J. Brooks Wingard returned today from a business trip to Virginia.

Lexington friends of Miss Rebekah Council, Milliner for the Caughman-Kaminer Company, regret the closing of the three months fall season, and her consequent return to her home in Franklin, Virginia. Professionally, Miss Council's distinctive work in Lexington fully merited the constant and efficient attention she gave the Millinery Department of the above firm and the Caughman-Kaminer Company were fortunate in their selection of a milliner whose creative abilities and tastes place her in the fore-ranks of that profession. In addition to a large clientele who will miss her in a professional way, Miss Council's charm of personality and manner readily made for her a host of personal friends in this community.

The Millinery Department of the Caughman-Kaminer Company will remain open until later in the season.

A Home Bank for Home People

The stockholders of The Home National Bank are our own people. Its officers and Directors are business and professional men whom you know intimately; their interest and yours are mutual.

The bank's profits remain here in the community for the upbuilding of our Town, our County and our State.

As a Home Bank interested in Home affairs, practicing a liberal policy and afford highly efficient service, we feel justified in inviting your business.

As your fall activity begins, open an account with us.

Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps for Sale here.

THE HOME NATIONAL BANK
LEXINGTON, S. C.

TO ALL LIBERTY LOAN CHAIR-
MEN, BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES
AND NEWSPAPERS OF THE FIFTH
FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT:

The enthusiasm, the team work, the dauntless spirit, which characterized the Liberty Loan Committees, the banks, the press, and all the other agencies in the Fifth District that contributed to the success of the Fourth Liberty Loan, find most gratifying results in the enclosed analysis of subscriptions.

This achievement is the more marvelous when we remember that fifty years ago most of what is now the Fifth Federal Reserve District was the worst war-torn, poverty-stricken area in America. Now, but two generations later, we respond to the call of the nation with the flower of our manhood and with an outpouring of money second only to New England in oversubscription of the Fourth Loan.

These fine evidences of patriotism, of readiness to suffer for ideals, and of financial resources never before dreamed of, much less realized, are reassuring as they are sobering to the Liberty Loan workers upon whom has rested a financial task that three years ago would have been called impossible.

Our people, better than any other in America, know that the war is not yet over. Recalling our weed-grown fields of the Sixties, the nightmare of "Reconstruction" that followed Appomattox, the months that lengthened into years and then into decades before we came back into our own again we know the needs of Belgium and of France, needs which America must meet.

We know that selfishness, a brute force, "carpet-bagging," political seeking must remain beaten and trodden under foot, and that the splendid idealism of modern America must find realization in the treaty of peace, in the frame work of the governments, and in the common thought of the peoples of the world. To forget the responsibilities of the world leadership through world service, to which America has come so notably in these latter days through the martyrdom of her sons, is to turn traitor to our best to revive selfishness and provincialism in our national life, and to prove unworthy of that high spirit which has burned away for us the baser motives of war.

America has more than met the demands of war; she will make worthy response to the more difficult task of peace. For it has been easier to destroy the military machine of the Hun than it will be to stamp out of our national and international life the principles of brute force and the ideals of selfishness which his marvelous propaganda has spread throughout the civilized world.

We must "carry on" to the end. To complete our task will cost much in sacrifice and in money; but to fail to complete it is to endanger the future peace of the world. The testing of America is at hand.

Yours for the FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN
GEO. J. SEAY,
Governor and Chairman,
War Loan Organization,
Fifth Federal Reserve District.

CLERK'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Lexington.

Edie A. George, et al. Plaintiffs vs. W. C. Whitworth, et al. Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me by order of the Court in the above entitled cause, I will sell on the first Monday in January next, the same being the 6th day of said month, before the Court House door at Lexington, S. C., during the legal hours of sale, at public auction the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that piece, parcel, or tract of land, situate lying and being in Lexington County and the State aforesaid on waters of Red Bank Creek and Congaree Creek, containing three hundred and fifty acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Red Bank Mfg. Co., James H. Bailey, lands now or formerly belonging to the estate of John M. Corley, Samuel Corley, Paul Corley and George Hook."

The above tract of land is subdivided into five tracts of equal values and a plat of same being on file in this office. Each of the five tracts of land may be sold separately first and then all as a whole. The same will be knocked down to the highest bidder or bidders.

Terms of sale: CASH; purchaser or upholders to pay for papers, revenue stamps and recording fees.

H. L. HARMON,
Clerk of Court.

PINE LEMONS.

We have a box of select Lemons, as fine as ever grown. We are offering them for the use of our customers. Prices reasonable for quality.

HARMON DRUG CO.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

I will sell to the highest bidder at my place Saturday December 21st at 10 o'clock A. M. the following property: 3 Ford automobiles, mules, wagons, harness, buggies, farm implements, cow etc.

R. L. AMICK,
Lexington R. 5.

ONION SETS AND SEED.

White, Red and yellow onion sets, sound and clean stock, grown by reliable seedsmen. Dwarf Essex Rape and Rye Seed.

HARMON DRUG CO.

FOR SALE--98 1-2 acres fine land on Augusta road 4 miles west of Lexington 500 peach trees and new barn and 2 room dwelling. Cheap for cash.

H. C. OSWELL.

ROY DANIEL
COMING SUNDAY

Will Speak in Court House at 3 O'clock--Well Known Orator and Red Cross Worker.

Mr. Roy Daniel, the famous Atlanta Red Cross orator, will deliver an address in the county court house on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Daniel comes to Lexington under the auspices of the great Red Cross Christmas drive that is being made the country over; and he will have a message of good cheer to give the people in the name of the Red Cross.

The meeting was to have been held in the school auditorium, according to the plans first made, but the place has been changed to the court house--this being a central point for the people of the entire town.

Mr. Daniel is a gifted speaker, and the splendid work he has been doing in the interest of the Red Cross has won for him a high place throughout the entire Southeastern division. A most cordial welcome is extended to every one to attend the meeting in the court house on Sunday afternoon.

TO HOLD BAZAAR.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a Bazaar on Friday and Saturday, the 13th and 14th instant, in DuPre's Garage on Main Street. Attractive articles will be sold, and a general good time is anticipated for those who attend. The proceeds arising from the Bazaar will be expended upon the Church and church grounds, and the worthiness of the cause, in addition to the pleasant time anticipated, merit the consideration of the citizens of this community. It is earnestly hoped that the people of Lexington will liberally attend. The Bazaar will be held in the afternoons of the dates mentioned beginning at 2 o'clock.

DEATH OF MAJOR JOHN WILSON BUTLER.

Lexington friends and acquaintances of Major John Wilson Butler, for a number of years a resident of Lexington, will regret to learn of his death which occurred at his home in Spartanburg on Friday last. Some weeks ago Major Butler contracted a case of influenza, which developed into pneumonia. He was seventy-five years of age, and was well known throughout the State, having for a number of years been engaged in traveling. He was buried in Atlanta on Sunday.

Major Butler was a Georgian by birth, and prior to his residence in this State was a resident of Atlanta. During the Civil War he saw strenuous service in the Confederate Army, and was a man of unquestioned courage and devotion to duty. In after years, his pleasant address and splendid character readily drew close friends to him, and commanded the respect of his large acquaintanceship. Some seven or eight years ago, Major Butler married Miss Alice Meetez of this town, who survives him. By a former marriage he leaves four daughters, Mrs. W. A. Wright of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. A. F. Lever, of Washington D. C., Mrs. Sam Means of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Quay Willford of Darlington.

CLERK'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Lexington.

The Home National Bank, Assignee, Plaintiff, vs. F. K. Knight, et al. Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me in the above entitled cause, by order of the Court, I will sell at Lexington, S. C., before the court house door during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in January, next, the same being the 6th day of said month the following real estate to wit:

"All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the said County and State, containing sixty seven (67) acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Lydie Glenn on the North and on the East by run of First Creek; by Alice Glenn on the South, and West by Henry and Marion Langham, and being the property of Mrs. Sallie Knight."

TERMS OF SALE: CASH; purchaser to pay for papers, recording and revenue stamps.

H. L. HARMON,
C. C. C. P. & G. S.

Dec. 10th, 1918.

CLERK'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Lexington.

Court of Common Pleas, F. A. Reno, et al. Plaintiffs vs. Freddie Drafts et al. Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me by order of the Court in the above entitled cause I will sell on the first Monday in January, the same being the 6th day of said month, at Lexington, S. C., before the court house door during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate, to wit:

"A lot of land in the town of Gilbert Hollow Township, in the County of Lexington, and State aforesaid, bounded by lot now or formerly of D. J. Hallman on the south, and on the east by lot number 8 on a plat of the said town and fronting on Butler street three hundred feet and running back in count which two hundred feet."

TERMS OF SALE: Cash; purchaser to pay for papers, recording and revenue stamps.

H. L. HARMON,
C. C. C. P. & G. S.

Dec. 10th, 1918.