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DISPATCH-NEWS APPEARS UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT

Ira M. Sligh and W. T. Walker Buy Out Former Owners--Improvements to Be Made--Mr. Harmon Remains With Paper.

This week The Dispatch-News appears with its first issue under new ownership and management. Several weeks ago negotiations were begun for the sale of the paper which culminated in the transfer of the property August first to Ira M. Sligh and W. T. Walker, formerly of Columbia, the new owners taking immediate charge. Having in mind the acquiring of The Dispatch-News and wishing to make immediate changes for the better in the mechanical arrangement of the paper, the new management placed an order for a new linotype, which they had hoped would arrive in time for to begin a decided improvement with the first issue of the paper under their direction. Owing, however, to a strike at the linotype factory and the great demand for machinery at this time, it will be several months before it will be possible to make this addition to the mechanical facilities of the plant. However, every effort will be exerted to produce the best newspaper possible until this change can be effected.

Mr. G. M. Harmon, who for about fifty years so successfully conducted The Lexington Dispatch, and who made its name a household word in Lexington County, remains with the paper as associate editor. His good wife, who has been a factor in the up-building of the paper since the consolidation of The Dispatch and The News, will also remain on the advertising staff of the paper. The new owners bespeak for them the cordial cooperation of their host of friends.

Mr. S. J. Leaphart, who was one of the founders of The News and who so successfully managed that paper, and has since the consolidation managed The Dispatch-News, retires from newspaper work after five years' service, with the good wishes of numerous friends throughout the county. He will engage in the fertilizer business and will look more closely after his farming interests. His successors in the newspaper work wish for him every success.

Ira M. Sligh, one of the members of the new firm, is a native of Newberry County, where in early boyhood he learned the printing trade in the office of the Newberry Herald and News, which has for many years borne the reputation of having graduated more first class printers under the tutelage of Col. E. H. Aull, than any other printing office of like size in South Carolina. For the past ten years Mr. Sligh has been connected with the mechanical departments of both Columbia newspapers, until about two years ago when he, with James L. Aull, organized the Columbia Linotype Composition Company, which proved to be a successful business.

W. T. Walker, the other member of the new firm is a native of Camden, and has worked at the printing business almost continuously for 39 years, having been in the mechanical departments of Columbia newspapers and job printing establishments for twenty years. Mr. Walker has for the last three years held the position of clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing of the General Assembly, and also the clerkship of the State Senate Finance Committee.

The new owners bring to their task a well rounded newspaper experience in the work of making a newspaper and feel sure that with the same cordial cooperation which the people of Lexington have in the past given the paper they will soon be able to give the county a newspaper of which the citizens will be proud.

All accounts due the paper will be paid to the new management, who will appreciate the aid which prompt settlement will afford them.

The paper will for the present be continued as a weekly, but it is the intention of the present owners when it is possible to secure additional equipment to consider the advisability of publishing twice a week, providing our friends deem it advisable.

American Legion Organized Here

A meeting was held at Lexington school house on July 31st at 8 p. m. for the purpose of permanently organizing in Lexington County a post of the American Legion. There were about 40 former soldiers and sailors present. Brief discussions of the purposes and advantages of this organization were made by Sam P. Schneider, Julian C. Miller and Jno. D. Carroll.

The following officers were elected: John S. Schneider, post commander; J. A. Barre, vice post commander; R. E. Cook, post adjutant; Julius E. Sharpe, post treasurer; Sam P. Schneider, post historian; G. Melton S. Roof, post chaplain. J. D. Carroll, S. J. Schneider and J. A. Barre were appointed a committee to draft by-laws and submit at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, August 28, at 8:30 p. m., at Lexington high school building. The Lexington post has a very good beginning, as it has more than 30 regular members at present, and many others have expressed their anxiety to join at the first opportunity.

It is urgently requested that every ex-member of the military forces in Lexington County be present at the next meeting. There are some 500 white men in this county who say service in the world war, and when they realize that this is an organization to which they alone are eligible for active membership it is believed that each one of them will be anxious to join.

CAMPAIGN MEETING HERE ON WEDNESDAY

The primary election to nominate a successor to Hon. A. F. Lever, as congressman from the Seventh district, has been set for Tuesday, August 26. According to the regulations prescribed by the State executive committee the enrollment books used last year will be used for this election, there being no new enrollment of voters.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the campaign, which opens at Columbia next Tuesday, August 12. The Lexington meeting will come off the day following, Wednesday, August 13, and a large crowd of voters is expected to be on hand.

The entries to date are as follows: Geo. Bell Timmerman, Lexington; Colin S. Montell, Columbia; John Hughes Cooper, Columbia; H. P. Fabner, Seneca; Ed C. Mann, Calhoun. Other prominent men in the district have been mentioned in connection with the race, but these above are the only ones who have made definite announcements. The lists will close next Monday.

THE CROMER PICNIC.

Large Crowd Attends Annual Event of Popular Pastor.

A large crowd attended the annual Cromer picnic, at the home of Rev. J. A. Cromer. Mr. Cromer has been pastor of five Lutheran churches for more than forty years, and is quite popular in the county among his own and other denominations. A bountiful dinner was served and addresses were made by Dr. J. W. Oxner and Rev. J. L. Cromer. The day was pleasantly spent by all who attended.

BROOKLAND AID SOCIETY TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS

New Brookland, Aug. 5.—The Ladies Aid Society will serve refreshments August 9 (Saturday evening) at 2 o'clock, right at six mile creek on the road to Columbia.

Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the evening. The proceeds will go for the benefit of Congregational church.

BIG STILL CAPTURED

An Aggressive Campaign Against Illicit Distilling Goes On—One Arrest

Sheriff Sam J. Miller continues to wage a relentless war against illicit stilling. Since the last issue of The News-Dispatch one arrest has been made, and two complete outfits seized which makes five outfits of considerable size destroyed lately.

Newman Senn, white, who lives near Dixiana, was arrested last week when a complete outfit was located on his place. He is now out on bond for appearance before U. S. Commissioner Sloan at Columbia August 7. At the time of capture 350 gallons of mash, ready to run, 100 gallons of molasses, 16 gallons of liquor were seized, together with a copper worm, a wash pot and other paraphernalia used in making the liquor.

Sheriff Miller has information that parties from other counties are continually crossing the river and conducting distilleries in Lexington. He is close behind these people and expects to corral them if they persist in violating the law.

The sheriff is determined to break up illicit distilling in Lexington County and means to keep up an active campaign against these people until he succeeds.

Early yesterday morning Sheriff Miller captured the largest outfit which has yet been seized. The still was located about eight miles from Lexington in a thick swamp, about 100 yards from the road which leads to Columbia. Three hundred gallons of beer about ready to run and five gallons of liquor which had had one run were seized along with the still. No arrests were made, as the men had decamped. Evidence that the still had recently been operated was abundant.

RETURNS FROM FRANCE.

B. P. Callison, Jr., Returns From France After Family Had Abandoned Hope.

Friends of Mr. P. B. Callison, Jr., are rejoicing at his return from France after having been reported dead from spinal meningitis while serving with the army in France. Last April Mr. Callison was officially reported by the government as being critically ill with meningitis at a hospital in France. Members of the family were later notified by a comrade in arms that he had died, but after battling with the disease for four months, he completely recovered and is now on a visit to his brother, Col. T. C. Callison in Lexington, having received his discharge.

Members of the family were first notified of his recovery and he had returned to the United States.

Mr. Callison arrived with the headquarters company of the 520th Infantry.

FEDERAL SALES.

The Federal Reserve Bank, at the Lexington branch, has a new building. The crowd was in attendance on various parts of the building. The rooms generally report fairly good crops and all of them seem to yield and contented. A number of them called in to see us and we were glad to see their smiling faces and receive a hearty hand-shake. Call again, we will always be pleased to see you.

MILLER-SNELGROVE CO. RECEIVE NEW CARS

The Miller-Snelgrove Auto Company have just received a consignment of Studebaker 18 and are expecting a delivery of light sixes some time this week and will be prepared to serve their customers.

Among recent purchasers of the fours was Mr. Hamp Schofield of DeLeon.

REGISTER!

Let no Democrat neglect the plain duty of registering for the general election. Better be safe than sorry. The responsibility is YOURS.

NO MEETING AT CHAPIN

Chapin Citizens Fail to Meet Delegation Tuesday—To Hold Election.

Dr. E. C. Ridgell, J. Brooks Wingard, Dr. J. P. Derrick and Dr. L. E. Dreher, members of the legislative delegation, accompanied by Supervisor C. E. Corley and Hon. A. B. Martin, superintendent of education, went to Chapin Tuesday for the purpose of meeting the people of that section and discussing the proposed secession from Lexington to Newberry County. They were disappointed, however, to find that most of the citizens who are active in this matter were absent from home. The delegation had been invited to attend on this day, but some misunderstanding appears to have prevailed, rendering the trip fruitless.

"I should certainly not like to see our friends in the upper part of the county cut away from Lexington," said Dr. Dreher, upon his return, "but since the movers in this matter have petitioned the governor for an election on this matter, I want to know the result of that election before pledging myself to build roads for Newberry County with Lexington money. If our good friends decide to remain with Lexington County, as we are so anxious to have them do, the legislative delegation is willing to make immediate provision for good roads for them. This is the unanimous view of the delegation."

No time has been set for an election to decide this matter, but the necessary petition has been filed in the governor's office. The outcome will be watched with interest.

COUNTS FAMILY REUNION.

Many Relatives Enjoy Celebration of Birthday of Well Known Man.

On July 29, 1919, the children of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Counts gathered at the old home place to celebrate Mr. Counts' 74th birthday, which is held annually. There are nine children living, of whom all were present. At 1 o'clock a bountiful picnic dinner was spread on the table in the yard under the shade of the trees, and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion to the highest. Outside the family there were also present Mrs. A. W. Haltiwanger, Claude Eargle and Misses Maggie and Maude Eargle. There were 54 present in all. The day was spent enjoying games and other amusements. At the close of the day everybody went to their homes feeling that their time had well been spent. Mr. H. W. Counts and B. A. Counts are still residing in their home near Chapin.

REPAIRING AT AHEAD.

Mr. T. C. Brown and his crew in Lexington are repairing the bridge over the river at Chapin. The bridge is in a very bad state of repair and it is expected that it will be ready for use in a few days.

TYPHOID VACCINE FREE.

Rural Health Doctor Now Has Supply.

Dr. B. E. Knoee of Batesburg, who is at the head of the county health work for Lexington, and who was in town Tuesday, is enthusiastic about the results being obtained in the work of stimulating a greater interest in rural sanitation.

Dr. Knoee now has on hand a full supply of triple typhoid vaccine, which is supplied free of charge by the State board of health and he urges the people to take advantage of the opportunity to secure immunity from typhoid.

If you order your coal this summer the cellar may look less lonely.

GAME WARDEN JOE M. CAUGHMAN APPOINTS LEXINGTON AGENTS

Large Attendance At Centre Picnic

Two thousand persons, men, women and children, attended the 11th annual rally and farmers picnic at Center school house last Saturday. It was by far the largest crowd that has ever attended any occasion at Center, the crowd being made up of people from every section of the county.

Splendid addresses were made by Gov. R. A. Cooper, Hon. B. Harris, commissioner of agriculture; Hon. J. H. Claffy, president of the State Farmers' Union, and Dr. Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer. They were the formally invited speakers. Other speeches were made by John Hughes Cooper of Columbia and E. C. Mann of St. Matthews, both candidates for congress to succeed Mr. Lever.

All of the speakers discussed the need of organization, cooperation and education. Strong pleas were made for stamping out illiteracy, and for progress in every line of industry.

The Kyzer string band furnished delightful music throughout the day. A bountiful picnic dinner—such as only the good housewives of the Hollow Creek section know how to prepare—was served on a long table in the grove.

The Center Farmers' Union is said to be the oldest local union in the South. Its members have always stood together in every undertaking, and the union has proven a power for good.

Already he people of Center are making plans for a greater occasion in 1920.

RICHLAND CO VOTES \$2,000,000 FOR NEW ROADS

Richland County yesterday joined the league of progressive counties in the State and voted for a bond issue of \$2,000,000 for permanent highways by a majority of two to one.

Incomplete returns Tuesday night gave 1,613 for the issue and 765 against. It was estimated that there were probably 250 outstanding votes in the rural district yet to be reported.

The vote in the city was more than five to one in favor of the issue, the total vote in the eight wards giving 1,694 votes for the bonds with 299 against. In the rural districts there was a slight advantage with the opposition, the total rural vote reported Tuesday night being 516 for the bonds and 527 against.

Probably 250 votes remain to be counted from 1,000 in a voting district in the remote rural area.

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Much Activity for Enforcement of the Law: Some Misunderstanding as to Causes Arrests--Definition of Private Ponds.

Joe M. Caughman, one of the State game wardens, who is in charge of Lexington and Saluda Counties, is making an earnest effort to secure better enforcement of the game law.

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding of the law, especially as to fishing, which has resulted in some summonses by Mr. Caughman of parties whose cases are now pending. In order that our readers may have a clear idea of the law we are printing below a short summary prepared by the office of Wade Hampton Gibbs, chief game warden. Section 1 of the act passed by the last general assembly is as follows:

"Wild Birds, Game and Fish the Property of the State.

"Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That all wild birds, wild game and fish (except fish in strictly private ponds and lakes entirely segregated from other waters) shall be and are declared to be the property of the State."

In the course of an opinion construing this act, Morris C. Lumpkin, assistant attorney general, has this to say:

"It is not believed that the individuals buying shares in the drawing of such a pond would be liable except under the terms of the Act of 1919 above cited, which prohibits the catching of game and fish except by hook and line and the provisions against the fishing with traps and seines, etc., during certain seasons of the year."

"From the above it would seem that a pond to be a purely private pond should be segregated or separated from all other waters. If, therefore, the waters of the creek or stream above such a pond are such waters as will allow the passage of fish, it is believed that such a pond would not be a purely private pond under the terms of the statute cited."

SUMMARY OF LAW.

Game Fish

Can be caught only with hook and line and must not be caught out of their beds in any WAY AT ANY time.

Traps

Are entirely forbidden in all clear water streams, ponds and lakes, except in strictly private ponds not connected with other waters. They may be used in the muddy rivers and creeks, where there is no closed season.

Sein's and Gill Nets.

Not to extend more than half way across the body of water, may be used in the clear waters of the State to catch game fish only between September 1 and May 1. Prohibited in Muddy Streams and Waters.

For non-game fish, with nets, traps and seines must not be used in the streams, is prohibited all the year round.

No fish may be taken from the State in any body of water with, in a limited sense, a fresh water stream emptying into it.

A Fine of \$500.

Is levied for poisoning or dynamiting any of the fishing waters of the State, or for depositing or placing sawdust, ash or poison therein.

Hunting Licenses.

Must be purchased by all hunters of any of the birds or animals of the State, except a landholder and their families upon their own or leased lands. Do not include employees of such landholders holding written permits.

County licenses are good only for county residents. All others must have State licenses.

Game Animals.

Foxes may be hunted only from September 1 to February 15.

Opossums, coons, wild cats, bear, musk rats, mink, rabbits and squirrels must not be hunted at all between March 15 and October 1. Deer may be hunted only from September 1 to December 1. No night hunting is allowed except for raccoons, opossums and foxes and the penalty for

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