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## Lexington County Organized For Memorial Subscription

Col. T. C. Callison, county chairman for Lexington County for the drive for funds to be used in erecting a suitable memorial to the South Carolina soldiers and sailors who were in the service of their country during the world war, is busily at work perfecting plans for a tip top organization to carry Lexington County over the top. He has appointed Miss Ruth Efrid as lady chairman for the county, and she in turn has appointed a corps of assistants who will act in their respective communities as chairmen. The list will be seen herafter.

The quota assigned to Lexington County is \$4,950 and Col. Callison believes that it will not be difficult to reach this goal if those asked to help will put their shoulder to the wheel.

**Ask Ministers to Help.**  
Col. Callison is specially anxious to have all the ministers of the county call the attention of their congregations to this matter, and, where possible, he requests that they deliver special sermons on the subject next Sunday.

The following is a list of the chairmen for the various sections designated, who will ask subscriptions, but it is urged that all who can come forward with their subscriptions without waiting for the committees to call do so as early as possible.

- Men's Committee.**  
Ira C. Carson, Batesburg.  
J. C. Swygert, Leesville.  
Dr. P. A. Smith, Gilbert.  
G. L. Taylor, Pelion.  
B. E. Craft, Swansea.  
H. D. Wessinger, Chapin.  
J. O. Chapman, Peak.  
J. T. Sox, Lexington.

- Women's Committee.**  
Mrs. Bettie Bouknight, Batesburg.  
Mrs. H. C. Meetze, Leesville.  
Mrs. C. J. Rucker, Swansea.  
Miss Shumpert, Pelion.  
Mrs. Wilbur Frick, Chapin.  
Mrs. E. Mathias, Irmo.  
Mrs. Ella Stueck, Peak.  
Miss Essie Efrid, Lexington.

Next Monday, September 29th, first anniversary of the breaking of the Hindenburg line, in which achievement South Carolina troops in the immortal Thirtieth Division took a leading part, the campaign of the South Carolina Memorial Commission to raise by public subscription \$400,000, which shall be used to erect a fitting memorial to South Carolina's soldiers and sailors who participated in the Great War, some of whom made the supreme sacrifice, will begin. Every white person in the State will be given opportunity to have a part in the tribute to be paid to the State's noble sons and which shall serve as an expression of the pride and gratitude of the people of South Carolina as well as a memorial to those who gave up their lives on the frontiers of freedom. And while it is expected that a great many small subscriptions will be necessary to raise the memorial fund, and those who are unable to give as their hearts might dictate are invited to give what they can, thus having a part in this worthy undertaking.

The people of the State should not lose sight of the fact that this is purely a South Carolina cause and that all of the money raised during the campaign, with the exception of the small amount necessary to the legitimate expense of the same, will be used for the purpose which it will be given.

South Carolina has borne a proud record in all the wars which have been precipitated in the life of the nation as the results of domestic and foreign crises, and in the Great War, fought for human freedom against the power of militarism and autocracy and to the end that world civilization might be preserved. The troops of no State bore prouder part than the young manhood of South Carolina. They gave themselves unselfishly to the cause of humanity and some of them fell fighting with their faces to the foe. The debt of gratitude the people of South Carolina owe these valiant sons of the State can never be paid, but all that can be done is to give expression to the sentiments of the people of the State to be raised. To do less would be to leave undone the State's duty. We cannot pay the debt, but we can pay a fitting tribute.

The legislature at its last session appropriated \$100,000 toward the fund and authorized the Memorial Commission, which it created, to invite the

**LEXINGTON COTTON MARKET**  
Wednesday, Sept. 24.  
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### CAROLINA AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS WILL ORGANIZE STATE BODY

(Special to The Dispatch-News.)  
Columbia, Sept. 23.—The Automotive trade generally is greatly interested in the decision, reached by the Columbia Automobile Dealers Association, at a recent meeting, whereby it is proposed to organize South Carolina independently, and to have the State Association affiliate with the National Association. The Charlotte Automotive Trades Association sponsored the movement for a bi-state organization, and while the South Carolina distributors and dealers look upon the Charlotte movement as an excellent one, they feel that the interests of the Automotive trade in South Carolina can best be served by a separate South Carolina Association which will gladly co-operate with the North Carolina Association in all matters of mutual interest but will be free and independent to act separately when occasion requires.

The Columbia Automobile Dealers Association, which is the oldest dealers' Association in the State, is very much gratified by the steps taken by the Charlotte Association and in taking the initiative looking towards the organization of South Carolina dealers, does not in any way tend to discredit the Charlotte association, but feels that the volume of business embraced in this trade, running as it does into millions of dollars and including not only passenger cars and trucks but also tractors, farm lighting equipment and accessories of every kind, together with electrical apparatus, and all affiliated lines should be represented by its own organization with headquarters at Columbia and it proposes to hold a preliminary meeting in Columbia during Fair week, to which all South Carolina dealers in these lines are invited and urged to be present. Further announcements will be made later.

### NO FOOD SHORTAGE IF WORLD CAREFUL

Brussels, Sunday, Sept. 21.—"The world need have no fear of a food shortage during the coming winter, providing there is proper care in handling the problem and proper distribution," said George H. Roberts, British food controller and one of the delegates to the supreme economic council, in session here today. Other delegates concurred in this view.

### MRS MARY SLIGH DIES

**Beloved Woman Passes Away in Sixty-seventh Year.**

Mrs. Mary J. Sligh, widow of the late John J. Sligh, died at her home in College Place yesterday. Mrs. Sligh was a Christian woman and was loved by hundreds of friends who are grieved at her passing. Her husband, John J. Sligh, died about two months ago. She was 67 years of age.

Mrs. Sligh is survived by three sons, Ira M. Sligh, M. E. Sligh and J. E. Sligh, all of Columbia. Besides these there are three daughters.—The State. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Newberry, Mrs. Sligh's former home, attended by a concourse of sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Sligh was the mother of Ira M. Sligh, one of the owners of The Dispatch-News.

### PEANUT PICKING

About thirty persons enjoyed an old time peanut picking at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hendrix. They picked about eight bushels. After the picking they all enjoyed a supply of boiled peanuts. Who will have the next one?

people of the State to participate in increasing this amount to an adequate

## PENSIONERS MUST REENROLL OR LOSE

TIME IS SHORT—MUST COME IN PERSON AND HAVE TWO WITNESSES—NEW LAW.

Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors who have heretofore received pensions from the State government are required by the act passed at the last session of the general assembly to be reenrolled. It will be necessary for all former pensioners to make new applications, the county pension board has set aside October 16th and 23 as the two last dates on which these applications may be filed with Judge Drafts, clerk of the board. Two days in September were also devoted to this purpose, the 18th and 25th, but so far very few of the old pensioners have taken the trouble to qualify. Unless new applications are filed and approved these former pensioners will not participate in the distribution next year. It is important, therefore, that they comply at once with the requirements.

The applications which were filed in the spring were for those who had not previously received a pension, the legislature making provision for all who had seen service or their widows regardless of property holdings. The applications which are to be made now have no reference to those who were placed on the roll early in the year, but to those who have formerly been drawing a pension.

It will be necessary for applicants to come in person and have two witnesses to prove service in the Confederate army or navy.

### IN MEMORY OF MRS ANNA C. SMITH

Dear Editor: Please publish the following resolutions:

Whereas, Almighty God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst the soul of our dear sister, Mrs. Anna C. Smith. We wish to pay honored tribute to her noble worth, and do hereby render these resolutions as a fitting, but feeble expression to her Christian fidelity. Resolved:

That the Woman's Missionary Society of Pond Branch, Methodist church, has lost one of its most faithful members.

That we feel deeply our loss and while we recognize the all-wise Father "Who doeth all things well." We mourn her passing, do reverence to her consecrated Christian life, and honor her memory.

That the removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy, and a shadow, that is deeply realized by the members of the society.

That her life was so beautiful, her devotion to home and loved ones so true, and her faith so great, that we know where to find her, for she has gone to live with the Father above.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and to the Lexington Dispatch-News for publication. Society.

### ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN FOR PINE VIEW SCHOOL

A play entitled "The Turn of the Tide," will be given Saturday, the 27th, at 8:30 p. m., at Pine View School house. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. After the play refreshments will be served by the Ladies' Improvement League. A pleasant time is promised all who attend, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present.

### REMOVE TO VIRGINIA.

**Mrs. Ellen Seay and Daughter Leave Lexington.**

Mrs. Ellen B. Seay, who has made her home in Lexington for some years, has sold her residence on Depot street and has removed to Ocean View, Va., a suburb of Norfolk, where she will make her home with her daughter. Mrs. Seay was accompanied by her daughter. Mrs. Seay is well known for many sterling qualities and she will be missed in Lexington. Her friends wish her all happiness in her new home.

### CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT

The Ladies' Aid Society of Congaree Baptist church will sell ice cream and other refreshments Saturday evening beginning at 6 o'clock Sept. 27th, at Mr. F. T. Lynch's at Sixx. Everybody come and bring somebody. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

## LANCASTER FREED BY COLUMBIA JURY

COLUMBIA POLICEMAN IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE INTEREST WAS GREAT.

(Special to The Dispatch-News.)

Columbia, Sept. 22.—E. M. Lancaster, Columbia policeman, who shot and killed his wife and Newton S. Lorick, a Lexington county farmer, on May 28 of this year, was acquitted by a jury late Friday night of the murder of his wife. An effort was made by the defendant's attorneys to have him tried on both indictments, that of killing Lorick as well as the one for killing his wife, but this was overruled by Judge Ernest Moore, who presided at the trial. Solicitor Spigner has not yet said whether he expects to try Lancaster at the next term of the court for the killing of Lorick, but it is supposed that this will be done.

Lancaster was placed on trial Thursday morning. Several hours were consumed in the selection of a jury. The trial lasted until about 7 o'clock Friday night, when the jury retired, and returned a verdict of not guilty about four hours later.

There were two outstanding features of the trial. One was the testimony of Lancaster himself, and the other was an affidavit submitted by Lancaster's 16-year-old son, who was ill and could not attend court in person.

Lancaster told of circumstances which led to doubt of his wife's fidelity to him. He said that several weeks before the killing he sustained a broken leg and had to go to a hospital. Upon his return to his home, and while still unable to work, his leg being in a plaster of Paris cast, his wife's actions were suspicious. On the day of the tragedy she left home and he went in search of her and hired a negro chauffeur to drive him to the Gervais street bridge. He told the driver to wait there, and soon Lorick came driving across the bridge from the Lexington side with his wife on the seat beside him. As they approached, he said, he drew his pistol and fired at Lorick. He declares he does not remember anything after the first shot until he came to himself in the police station several days later. He says it is all a blank to him. He was closely cross-questioned by Solicitor Spigner, but stuck to his story.

An affidavit by Lancaster's son was put in evidence, after physicians had examined the boy and reported that he was ill and unable to appear in court in person. The boy said he had long known of the intimacy between Lorick and his mother, that upon one occasion he caught them in a compromising position and that Lorick had given him \$50 to keep his mouth shut. Upon two occasions, he said, his mother had tried to get him to kill his father. He said that on one occasion she got a pistol and gave it to him, and that he went into the room where his father was but did not have the nerve to fire the shot.

Several witnesses for the State gave the details of the killing at the end of the bridge. Lancaster, who was on crutches at the time, got into a public service car at the Jefferson hotel and told the driver to carry him to the bridge. After going a short distance he made the driver put up the curtains of the machine. After reaching the bridge the driver turned the machine around and they waited until Lorick and Mrs. Lancaster drove up. One of the witnesses said Mrs. Lancaster had her arms around Lorick's neck. Lancaster opened fire on them and emptied two revolvers at them, every shot taking effect. Both Lorick and Mrs. Lancaster were killed instantly. Lancaster then sat down on the edge of the street and waited until officers arrived and placed him under arrest. Witnesses said he begged Chief of Police Richardson to kill him, that he did not want to live any longer. Lancaster said he did not remember making this request.

The trial attracted a large crowd, and the court room was packed from the beginning until the end. Many of those in attendance were women. Solicitor Spigner was assisted in the prosecution by Solicitor George Bell Timmerman, of Lexington, while the attorneys for the defense were Former Governor Cole L. Blease and A. W. Holman.

From Another Correspondent. Special to The Dispatch-News. Columbia, Sept. 20.—Eugene M.

## American Legion to Hold Important Meet Thursday

### DELEGATION MEETING

Irmo, S. C., Sept. 23, 1919.  
Editor Lexington Dispatch-News, Lexington, S. C.

Dear Sir: Will you please announce that a letter has been sent to each member of the Lexington County Delegation to meet at Lexington Court House at 2 o'clock, Monday the 29th, on very important county business.

Yours truly,  
R. E. Mathias, M. D.

Lancaster, former motorcycle policeman of Columbia, was freed on the charge of murder by a jury late Friday night after a trial lasting two days in which a brilliant array of lawyers fought a hard battle. The trial was the result of a double killing at the Columbia end of the Gervais street bridge last May, when Lancaster shot and killed his wife and Newton Lorick, a citizen of Lexington County, as they were returning from an automobile ride in Lexington County. Cole L. Blease and A. W. Holman represented the defense, while Solicitor George Bell Timmerman assisted Solicitor Spigner into the prosecution.

The jury was out a little less than three hours. Great interest was manifested in the case and the court room was crowded to its capacity.

A summary of the testimony for the prosecution showed that Lancaster met the couple at the foot of the bridge. Finding them in mutual embrace, he opened fire, first upon Lorick and then upon his wife, using two pistols. Lancaster fell to the ground after firing three shots, but was picked up by the transfer driver who was with him, and later fired several more shots into the form of his wife, whose body was literally riddled with bullet holes. "My darling wife, you caused it all," was his exclamation. Lancaster married Orde D. Nipper 17 years ago and there were three sons, 11, 14, and 16 years old and one daughter, 9 years old, born to the couple. J. S. Dunbar, manager of VanMetre's undertaking parlor, Policeman R. H. Wilson, James Harman, negro transfer driver, R. H. Howell, M. A. Mims, Denly Burdell were used by the state to establish the case against Lancaster.

The defense rested its case upon the unwritten law and a plea of temporary insanity. Peace officers who were present at the time Lancaster was arrested testified to unusual behavior on the part of the defendant, depicting condition as highly nervous, a state which lasted several days before the return of the prisoner to normal.

At the time of the shooting Lancaster was recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident, which confined him to a hospital for several weeks.

Lancaster himself, cool and collected, was the star witness for the defense. He underwent a gruelling cross examination, but stuck closely to his story. Reciting how he had come to suspect his wife and Lorick of illicit relations, he told of seeing the dead man dodging behind a nearby house on the day of the tragedy after his wife had told him of her intention of going to a picture show. Arming himself with two pistols, he employed a transfer and proceeded in search of the couple. Going to the river bridge, he soon saw them coming from the Lexington side, his wife in the arms of Lorick. Claiming that the dead man threw one hand to his side, Lancaster said he fired one shot and then his mind became a blank. The defendant claimed that he did not intend to kill either his wife or her supposed paramour, but shot in his own defense.

A warm legal battle was waged over the admission of an affidavit from Alvin Lancaster, son of the defendant, for whom the claim was made that he was physically unable to attend. A commission was appointed by Judge Ernest Moore to examine the boy and report to the court. The affidavit was finally admitted as evidence, after a continuance of the case had been refused because of the absence of this witness. The affidavit recited a knowledge on the part of the son of compromising relations between his mother and Lorick.

To offset this the prosecution put on the stand Mrs. Catharine Nipper,

The Lexington Post of the American Legion meets Thursday evening at 8:30 at the school house at Lexington. This is to be an important meeting inasmuch as the Post is to adopt a constitution and by-laws, select rooms for headquarters, consider the program, if any is desired, to be carried out on American Legion day, (Wednesday) of the County Fair, and decide on the work and policies of the Post.

At the meeting to be held during the County Fair delegates will be selected for the statewide meeting in Columbia during the State Fair, and at the latter place delegates to the national meet will be named.

There are more than 500 white men in Lexington County eligible for membership in this organization. It has absolutely no military feature, connection, or obligation—any more than the Confederate Veterans, and only those men are eligible for membership who served in the army, navy, or marine corps in the world war. Membership dues to the Lexington Post have not been fixed, but will probably be two dollars per annum, one dollar of which goes to the local Post and the other to the State or National organization. The amount of dues will be definitely determined at the meeting Thursday night.

Also only one Post may be organized in a County under the present provision of the State Constitution, any Post may permit the organization of branches subsidiary thereto, and if in any town or community in Lexington County there are as many as fifteen ex-service men who wish to form a branch of the County Post they may secure permission to do so upon making a proper showing to the Post at any regular meeting. It is hoped that several such branches may be formed so that the whole county may be thoroughly organized, for the American Legion is destined to play an important part in the Nation's history henceforth.

Read what The State had to say in an editorial recently:

"In time, practically all of the men of South Carolina who served in the World War will join the American Legion—just as, in time, all of the Confederate veterans joined their association. Why do any of them delay connecting themselves with it? Why not join it now, be with it from the beginning, sharing in the growing influences that it is sure to have in American affairs and augmenting the influence of their State?"

"The American Legion is a permanent institution. Its establishment is secure and firm. With the passing of the years, its significance and importance in American life will more and more be recognized and the men who had a part in its organization and in the nurture of it through its infant days will be honored for their work. It is especially desirable that the membership of the South Carolina branch be as large as possible at this time, so that in the national convention of the Legion the State's representation will be proportionately numerous. Policies having a weighty bearing on the future activities of the organization will be determined upon at this meeting and it would be unfortunate were the influence and vote of the veterans of this State to be not so great as their participation in the war would imply.

"We can not emphasize too strongly the great part that the American Legion is destined to play in the concerns of the country. One day all South Carolinians will be eager to be associated with it—why not join the Legion now?"

Be sure to come out Thursday evening and bring a buddy! And make it snappy! Be on time, 8:30.

mother of the dead woman, who swore that Lancaster and his wife had had fusses before, and at one time defendant had told the dead woman that she would be in need of an undertaker rather than a doctor.

Chief of Police Richardson, Sheriff McCain and others testified to the abnormal condition of Lancaster immediately subsequent to the killing.

Dr. W. A. Boyd testified to the nature of the pounds and to the discovery of evidence tending to establish the fact of illicit relations between the couple.