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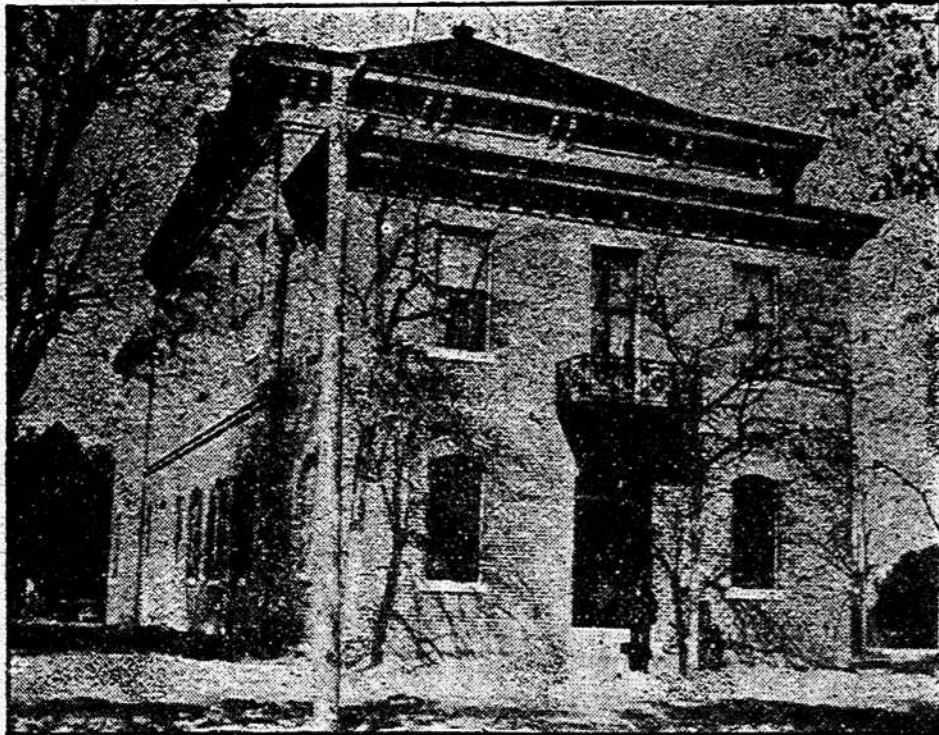
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SCENES IN LEXINGTON, S. C.



COURT HOUSE, LEXINGTON, S. C.

Lexington county, like many of her sister counties of the State, has had its ups and downs in reference to its public buildings, but we are glad to say that each succeeding one has been a great improvement over its predecessor until today we have as pretty and as convenient a court house and jail perhaps as there is in the State.

The original court house was built on the site of the present one, out of Lexington county granite which came from the place now owned by Mr. Ab Corley, on the Dreher's Ferry road, and later was remodeled by Henry Hoyt, of Columbia, by the addition of a porch in front, which was supported by fluted columns whose foundations were on the ground. Winding stairs led from the ground to the porch above which was the entrance to the court room. This building was burned, as was also the jail, at the time that Sherman's army laid in waste homes and public buildings of the people of the South, in February 1865.

The next court house was built of lumber on the lower corner of the public square. David Rawl, Austin Hendrix and Samuel M. Roof were the contractors.

In 1883-84, when J. Belton Shealy,

Capt. Levi Gunter and George S. Drafts were the County Commissioners, the present handsome building was erected on the foundations of the first one, at a cost of about \$13,500. The plan was drawn by the late G. T. Barg of Columbia and Mr. Troy of the same city was the contractor. This building stands as a monument to the public spiritedness and the wisdom of the Commissioners in whose administration it was built. It is conveniently arranged; a substantial brick building with the latest improved fire and damp proof vaults for the safe keeping of the public records. The present county officials are:

Samuel B. George, Clerk of Court.
P. H. Corley, Sheriff.
J. E. Rawl Kyzer, Superintendent of Education
George S. Drafts, Judge of Probate
G. A. Derrick, Auditor.
Frank W. Shealy, Treasurer.
Louis J. Langford, Supervisor.
Isaiah Hallman and James W. Shealy, County Commissioners.
A. O. Wilson, Coroner.

All of these are gentlemen of strict integrity, and ability and sound judgment has marked their administration.

The Temperance Meeting.

About forty persons representing the different sections of the county were present in the court house yesterday to consider the question of Dispensary or no Dispensary, among whom were many life long prohibitionists whose honesty in their belief is above suspicion and some of whom are known to favor prohibition, but between dispensary and high license, they favored the former.

The meeting was called by Capt. A. P. West of Leesville, and was organized by electing Capt. West chairman and Dr. T. A. Quattlebaum, of Batesburg, secretary.

Rev. Josab Edwards moved that the question of Dispensary or no Dispensary be submitted to the voters of Lexington county. Carried.

A motion to appoint a committee of six to obtain signatures to petition, asking for an election, and to file the same with the County Supervisor as soon as the requisite number of signatures were obtained. The following committee was appointed, Col. G. T. Graham, John W. Hendrix, Rev. Josab Edwards, Rev. J. E. Strickland, C. H. Corbitt, and C. P. Robinson.

Rev. Mr. Roundtree wanted information as to the purpose of the meeting, saying that with him it was not a question of Dispensary or no Dispensary, but whiskey or no whiskey. To this Dr. Quattlebaum replied and said it would be prohibition for four years.

A committee to make an appeal to the people and educate them on the aims and purposes of the meeting was appointed as follows: Dr. T. A. Quattlebaum, Rev. Josab Edwards, and Rev. O. N. Roundtree. The following is their appeal to the qualified voters:

To the Voters of Lexington county: Government began in the home and was intended to protect home, and to bring to it material, moral and spiritual blessings.

Any measure which does not promote these ends should be rejected.

The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage are in all instances detrimental to the home, to the community, to the State and to the nation, and in most cases destructive. Many good and conscientious men once thought that the Dispensary method of handling liquors was less destructive than other methods, but after a fair trial of thirteen years in the hands of its friends, the hopes of many of these men have not been realized, and today its chief promoter is on record as saying that, "as it now stands it is rotten." With this view we are agreed. Its rottenness is inherent as seen not only in this State, but also in other places where it has been tried under municipal authority.

There is no politics in this movement. The political downfall of no man or party is sought, and the political elevation of no man or party is intended. Our sole purpose is to rid the State of a business, which is dangerous to the peace, safety and morals of the people, to quote from the Dispensary law.

Therefore we appeal to the qualified voters of Lexington county, as patriotic men, confronted by a foe more terrible than pestilence or war, a destroyer of homes, a maker of widows and orphans, a debaucher of the morals of men and women, to arise in their might and overthrow this monster—the Dispensary.

Theo. A. Quattlebaum.
O. N. Roundtree.
Josab Edwards.

Smith Branch Bubbles.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The weather is very hot nowadays. The crops are all doing very well. But few of our farmers are through laying by.

One of the best meetings in the history of New Hope church has just come to a close. We, from Smith Branch, had been invited to come down and help to do the singing. So, on Sunday morning some of our people got there and on Sunday night the balance arrived. Just after being in there a few moments Miss Cora Rish, one of Smith Branch's most charming girls, was seated at the organ. She is a good singer and never fails to win esteem and friendship everywhere she goes.

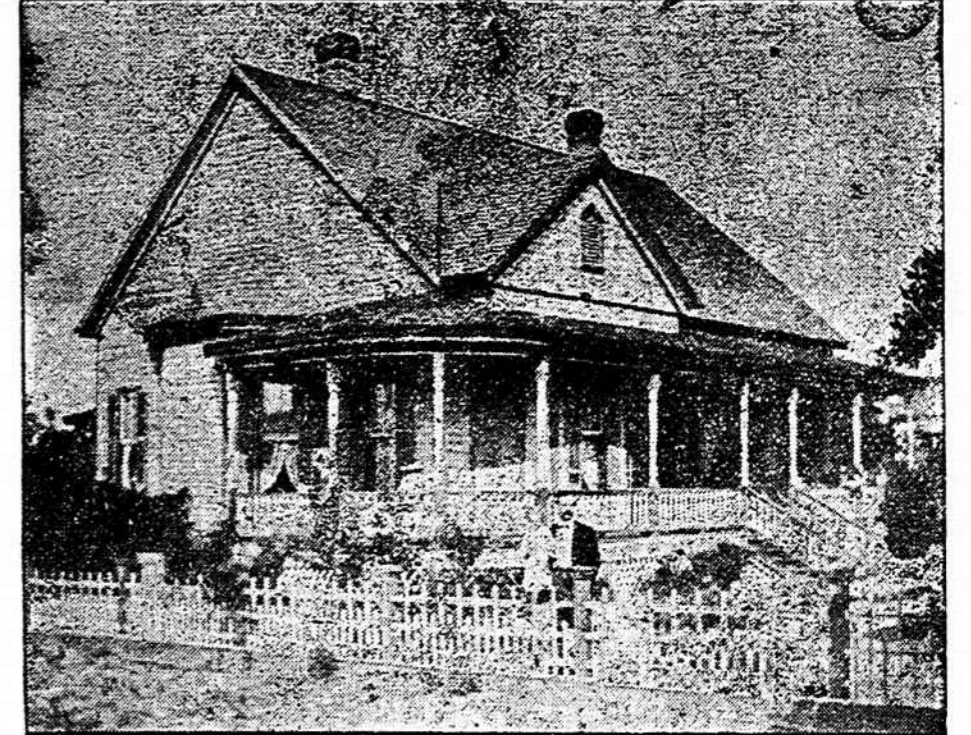
Thursday night was the closing night. After singing that good old song "God be with you till we meet again" we left for home. Thus ended another happy occasion. Rev. LeRoy Lucas is the pastor of this church. He was assisted by Rev. Herlong, who preached the farewell sermon. His text being, "I go to prepare you a place."

The Sunday school at Smith Branch is flourishing. Mr. Rosco Ashford and mother have been visiting friends and relatives in these parts.

Oh, dead! dead! is the new county. Mr. W. A. Rish has been getting signers for a free delivery in this section.

Birdie.

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RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL B. GEORGE, CLERK OF COURT, ON WEST MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, S. C.

Peak News.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Mr. G. A. Swygert is at home again from quite an extensive trip in North Carolina, and we believe is much improved.

Fairfield's chain gang is now grading a new road commencing near the Spartanburg & Union Railroad, running north about one mile. This will be quite an improvement, and, we think, a forerunner to the free ferry, which we hope to see in action soon.

Mr. Rudolph Stoudemire has had his residence painted, and we have been informed that there are others who expect to do likewise in the near future. Such is, as always, quite an improvement, and will add greatly to the charms of these lovely

homes.

Congressman A. F. Lever was in town last week much to the delight of his many friends here.

The home of Mr. Levi Stuck, near Summerville, was broken into last Wednesday morning and robbed of all the money therein. The thief, who is a tall, black negro, passed through Peak about 11 o'clock the same day.

Messrs. Lindler & Epting are sawing the timber of the Eichelberger island. Mr. Jack Stoudemire is the man at the throttle and he knows his business.

Mr. Ozro Swygert spent Saturday night at home here. His many friends heartily welcomed him and congratulated him much upon his success.

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LEXINGTON COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Summer School for Teachers of Lexington County will open in the Palmetto Institute building on Wednesday, August 2nd, and continue four weeks. This school will be in charge of Profs. J. C. Allen, J. R. T. Major and Miss Elizabeth Dominick, all efficient and experienced in Summer School work. We wish to urge our teachers to take advantage of this opportunity for improvement.

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to their teachers for attending this school, as, ultimately, the children are to receive the benefits derived therefrom.

We are anxious for all our teachers to be as well equipped for the public school work as possible and feel that much can be accomplished by a close application to summer school work each year.

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and hotels at reasonable rates for the month. I shall be glad to furnish any further information with reference to the Summer School.

J. E. RAWL KYZER,
County Superintendent of Education.

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Missionary Meeting.

There will be a missionary meeting at Hebron church on August 10th. This meeting will be held in the interest of Lexington circuit. The members of the three other churches are earnestly urged to be present. Services will begin at about 10 a. m. The meeting will be addressed by Revs. J. S. Beasley, Walter I. Herbert, J. M. Pike and W. W. Williams.

O. N. Roundtree, Pastor.

Alliance Picnic.

There will be a joint picnic of Rightwell and Fairview Alliances in front of the parsonage, near Piney Wood church, Lexington county, S. C., Saturday, August 12, 1905. The following is the program:

Address of Welcome—Prof. D. A. Kleckley.

The Need of Farmers' Organization—Rev. J. A. Stigh.

Need of the Farmers' Alliance—Hon. D. F. Eard.

The History of the Farmers' Alliance—Hon. J. C. Wilborn.

Cotton Growers' Association—Hon. A. F. Lever.

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