

# LEXINGTON DISPATCH-NEWS

## ALL MEN BETWEEN 18 AND 45 REGISTER

### President Wilson Signs Bill Calling Up Thirteen Million Americans--Must Register On Next Thursday, September 12.

Washington, Aug. 31.—All men from 18 to 45 years of age in the continental United States, except those in the army or navy or already registered, are summoned by President Wilson to register for military service on Thursday, September 12.

Machinery of the provost marshal general's office was set in motion to carry out the second great enrollment under a presidential proclamation issued soon after the president had signed the new man power act extending the draft ages.

It is estimated that at least 12,778,758 men will register this time, compared with nearly ten million on the first registration of men from 21 to 31 on June 5, 1917. Of those who enroll now it is estimated that 2,300,000 will be called for general military service, probably two-thirds of the number coming from among the 3,500,000 or more between the ages of 18 and 21.

General March has said all registrants called into the army will be in France before next June 30, swelling the American expeditionary force to more than the 4,000,000 men expected to win the war in 1919. The last to be called will be the youths in their 18th year, but those of that age who desire and who have the necessary qualification may be inducted into service on October 1, for special technical or vocational training.

Registration this time will be conducted as heretofore by the local draft boards. All federal State, county and municipal officers are called upon to aid the boards in their work to preserve order and to round up slackers. All registrants will be classified as quickly as possible under the questionnaire system and a drawing will be held at the capitol to fix the order of registrants in their respective classes.

The provost marshal general's estimate today places the number of men under 21 now in the army at about 245,000 and the number of those from 22 to 45 at 165,000.

In a proclamation issued immediately after he signed the new man power bill authorizing extension of the 21-31 draft ages, the president called on the younger and older men to enroll on that day with local draft boards where they make their permanent homes.

It is the call to duty to which every true man in the country will respond with pride and with the consciousness that in doing so he plays his part in vindication of a great cause at whose summons every true heart offers its supreme service.

The hours of registration will be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. and all State and local officials are called on to make immediate arrangements for maintenance of registration places on that day.

All men within the new ages, whether citizens of the United States or not must register, unless they are diplomatic or consular representatives of foreign nations.

In case of illness arrangements for tardy enrollment may be made with local boards, and men who expect to be absent from their homes may register by mail, sufficiently in advance that the registration record reaches the board by September 12. If a man has no permanent residence, he is to register at the place he is on September 12 and those out of the country on that day are required to enroll within five days after their return.

At least 13,000,000 men will place themselves subject to call for war service under the new regulation, it is estimated, although only those without dependents, in good health and otherwise qualified for arduous duties of a soldier, are to be taken first.

Youths in their 18th year will be placed in a separate group, the war department has announced, to be subject to a special educational program and will not be called until the supply of other available men in the new classes is exhausted. This does not mean that their calling will be long deferred, however, inasmuch as it has been announced that all men in the new registration accepted for general service will be under arms by June 30, 1919. The man power bill makes no specific provision for separate classification of 18 year old boys, and war department plans for their treatment have been made on executive initiative.

### COURT TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 18.

The Court of General Sessions for Lexington County will open on Wednesday morning, September 18, with Judge Jas. H. Pearfoy of Walterboro, presiding.

### LESTER MILLER GOES TO CHAPIN

Mr. Lester C. Miller has accepted a position with the Chapin Auto Co. and has already commenced upon his duties. Mr. Miller is an experienced and successful automobile mechanic, and that he will make good in his new field, goes without saying. For the present, Mr. Miller's family will remain in Lexington.

### JULIAN MILLER READY TO GO.

Ensign Julian C. Miller, second son of sheriff Sim J. Miller, who recently finished as an ensign in the Navy Training School at Norfolk, is now stationed in Philadelphia, where he is helping to get a new ship equipped ready to move overseas. In writing to his father, Mr. Miller states he is ready, willing and anxious to "cross the pond," but would like to come home before going. Julian Miller is one of the most popular young men to go out from Lexington to fight for his country, and his friends predict a brilliant future for him.

## REGISTRARS FOR COUNTY NAMED

- BATESBURG—E. V. Cullum, Chief; E. J. Hite, McKinney Hartley, B. P. Whitehead.
- BOYLESTON—T. Haskell Shull, Chief; W. Crosson Sease.
- BROOKLAND—H. J. Buff, Chief; Hamp Caughman, P. J. Wessinger, Jesse V. Roof, Lee Hook.
- BROOK—D. J. S. Derrick, Chief; J. J. Seatrunk.
- CAYCE—Albert R. Taylor Chief; John E. Davis.
- CHAPIN—J. H. Roberts Chief; R. W. Frick M. P. Lindler.
- CROMER—Lewis Sox, Chief; Yoder Cromer.
- CROUTS STORE—John W. Crout, Chief; J. Ansel Caughman.
- EDMUND—Julian Sharpe.
- EFIRDS STORE—Hugh S. Ballentine.
- GASTON—Perry Goodwin, Chief; Elliot E. Martin.
- GILBERT—Ioor Hayes, Chief; D. E. Hammond.
- HOLLOW CREEK—John L. Hallman, Chief; Henry Price.
- HUFFMAN'S MILL—Boyd F. Berry.
- IRENE—S. Emerson Shealy, Chief; D. L. Shealy.
- IRMO—John W. Hook, Chief; Ollie A. Dreher.
- LEESVILLE—Henry Bodie, Chief; Dr. B. S. Mack, Elmo Shealy, Berley V. Shealy.
- LEXINGTON—Chas. E. Taylor, Chief; D. I. Wingard, J. W. Nipper, J. E. R. Kyzer.
- LOWER FORK—John H. Shealy.
- MACEDONIA—Martin L. Wheeler.
- MAGNOLIA—Eusebius Wingard.
- MIMS—Silas Clark.
- PEAK—James E. Addy, Chief; W. H. Suber.
- PELION—L. W. Wise, Chief; Fred G. Hartley.
- POOLES MILL—C. C. Justus, Chief; E. A. Poole.
- SAMARIA—Henry J. Westmoreland; Sandy Run—W. H. Wannamaker, Chief; Wm. W. Furtick.
- ST. MATTHEWS—A. Rudolph Oswald.
- STEEDMAN—Boyd Hall, Chief; A. B. Quattlebaum.
- SUMMIT—R. O. Shealy.
- SHEALY'S STORE—Jno. W. Sharp.
- SWANSEA—H. E. Rucker, Chief; W. B. Rhoden, B. E. Williams, Samuel J. Derrick.

There will be a meeting at the Court House here at 11 o'clock on Friday morning the sixth of the Chief Registrars for the county, for the purpose of receiving instructions regarding the Registration on Sept. 12th.

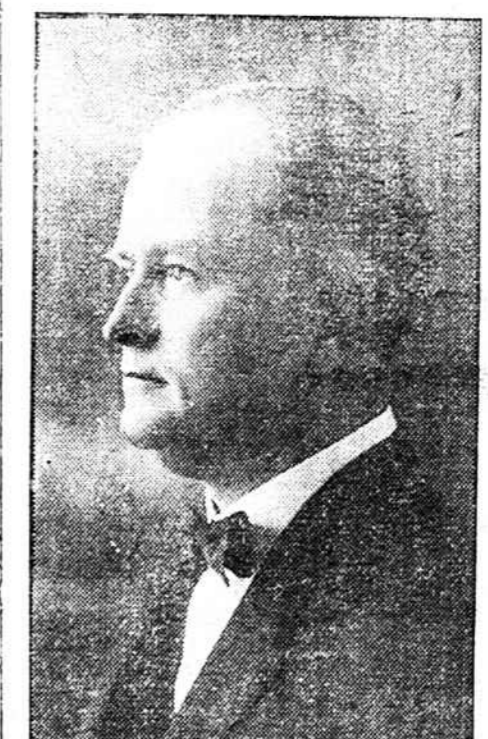
### ROY H. THOMPSON JOINS THE COLORS.

Roy H. Thompson, for the past several months general manager of The Auto Service Station, left on Sunday for the University of South Carolina, where he will take the mechanical military course preparatory to going into the thick of the fight. Mr. Thompson is an expert mechanic and knows the very minutest details in the make-up of an automobile. He is also a young man of undaunted courage, true to himself, true to his God.

The Auto Service Station will continue under the same name, Mr. Claude Thompson, brother of Mr. Roy Thompson being in charge. The firm has had a splendid business from the very beginning, and the present manager expects to receive the continued patronage of those who wish high class workmanship at reasonable prices. Read the new announcement of the Company elsewhere in this issue.

### MR. W. P. ROOF, JR. WINS FAIR COLUMBIA BRIDE

The following announcements have been received in Lexington: "Mr. Milton Kimball Glenn announces the marriage of his daughter, Mrs. Ira Glenn Evans, to Mr. Wade Pickens Roof, Jr., on Saturday, the 31st of August, 1918, Columbus, Ohio. The foregoing announcement will be received with delightful cordiality in Lexington where the groom is well known and where he has a host of friends to wish him well. He is a young man of character and fine business attainments; and since going to Columbus several years ago has made quite a reputation for himself among his employers and business associates.



## STATEMENT BY THOS. H. PEEPLES

### Candidate for the Short Term for the United States Senate.

I wish to say to the people of South Carolina and my constituents that I am grateful for their confidence, evidences by their liberal support, which have placed me as a candidate in the second race for the short term for United States Senate.

I wish to call to the attention of every person interested that the record will bear me out in ever having stood four-square on every issue and principle that has been advanced by our Government in this time of strife, having been profoundly in sympathy with the Allies from the incipency of hostilities. I have been deeply concerned since the cloud of war has hovered over our great nation, and the record will show that immediately upon a declaration of war I tendered my services to the President and nation and from him I received this acknowledgement: "The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message which has helped to reassure him and keep him in heart," and since have reassured my position and sincere interest in every way possible, as is further evidenced by the following letter addressed to Mr. John Lowell, Chairman of the Special Committee for War Service, Washington, D. C., on June 17, 1918:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing information card which is herewith returned.

"I wish to say that I am in the campaign for Governor of this State, but nevertheless I stand ready to answer the call of my government at any time I may be needed. I will serve in any capacity and will do so for only my actual expenses. I would be glad to do so for nothing if I were financially able to support myself while in the service."

I wired Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, on April 6, 1917, as follows: "Since a state of War has been declared between the United States of America and Imperial German Government, I extend to you my services in any capacity." This telegram expresses my position now as well as then.

This record is not shown as a matter of defense for my position needs no defense and any statement or insinuation to the contrary by any man or set of men is wilful, deliberate and untrue. I further wish to add that I am not running for an office that will detain me long from the service. The term of office I now hold as Attorney General of South Carolina, to which I have been three times elected, will expire in January next, and that of the short term in the Senate will expire on March 3rd next, and whether elected or defeated it will only be a short time before I will answer the call of my government under the recent Draft Act and will be with the boys who have gone forth in this great cause, and will do my part then and there for my opponents and those against me in this election as freely as I will for those who are with me and have been with me in this political ambition; and I am proud to say that the time has come or will soon be at hand when I can don the khaki in defense of our Government and this great cause for humanity, freedom, liberty and justice.

In the discharge of the duties by the one elected to the United States Senate it is incumbent upon him to cooperate and exercise every power to aid the President and the nation in every effort to carry forth to a successful conclusion the great undertaking before the nation and the allied world. I am heartily in favor of sending every available man in America as went forth the ancient hosts of the Lord, to bring victory and glory unto the cause of humanity, and I wish to reassure the people of South Carolina that my efforts will be set forth with this sole purpose in view, returning from the seat of the Senate to the army to do my bit as a soldier in actual service, which I feel will be a greater honor and for a nobler cause than any other in the sight of God and man.

As to the other issues, the short time in the Senate would doubtless give no opportunity to bring them to

## OLD VETS ENDORSE JUDGE DRAFTS FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

We, the undersigned Confederate Veterans, comrades of George S. Drafts, want to say to the people of Lexington county, that George fought with us nearly four years and there was not a braver man or better soldier in our company. He was always present to answer every roll call and to willingly obey all commands. We believe he has been just as faithful in the duties of the office of Judge of Probate as he was in the war, and we, the surviving few in his company, want to endorse his re-election, P. H. Caughman, Captain.

- A. L. Hook, T. E. Wingard.
- W. M. Buff, T. S. Harman.
- J. M. Caughman, G. J. Wingard.
- G. M. Corley, H. P. Roberts.
- J. E. Mathias, J. S. Corley.
- J. W. Sawyer, N. F. Corley.
- L. E. Senn, W. A. Caughman.
- D. M. Hook, G. E. Roberts.
- Joe A. Taylor, W. C. Leaphart.
- G. W. Kyzer, I. A. Lindler.
- Henry E. Drafts.

### Judge Drafts Thanks Voters

To the Voters of Lexington county—

I want to thank the voters of Lexington county for the big vote which they gave me on August 27th I appreciate the confidence you have put in me for the last twenty years, as Judge of Probate, and I promise if elected, to give the same, honest service. Nobody has ever lost a cent since I had the office, nor ever will by me. When the Lexington Savings Bank failed I lost about six hundred dollars which belonged to orphans and minors, and gentlemen, I went down in my pockets and made every cent good. The records in the office show it. I have always tried to do what was right. When I was only seventeen years old my country called me and I shouldered my old musket and left home to fight for what we thought was right. I served faithfully in the war until my general surrender at Greensboro, N. C.

To-day the country is calling for men from eighteen to forty-five to fight, and I wish I could go, but I am too old. The government wants everybody to fill the place wherever is best fitted, and since I am too old to shoulder my gun again, I am asking you to keep me where I am. I think I can fill the office as good as any man.

My opponent is a young man about thirty-five years old and is able to do active military service, could he not show his patriotism best by going to war as your boys have done? Would it not be better for him to be running to a recruiting station rather than be running for an office which will exempt him for the next four years?

Are you willing to take this office from an old Confederate Veteran who has fought his share? Your vote will answer.

Again, I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me in the past, and if I am elected I will try to do the right thing as I have always done, Respectfully,

GEO. S. DRAFTS.

a successful conclusion. They can be properly presented and concluded in due course of time. As to this, I wish to reiterate that I believe in supporting labor in its legal efforts and able. Also, that some enactments should be made to adjust the condition of protecting capital in its lawful investments for they go hand in hand and their intercourses should be compatibilities of labor confronting the farmers and others, and that the allotment allowed dependants should be handled through the various Local Boards and withheld from those who refuse to work on account of having this donation from the Government. The farmers and homes in South Carolina are feeling the effects of the independence of those who are sharing in this bounty. I do not believe in deprivations or injustice, but I do believe that the "Work or Fight" system should apply to every able bodied man and woman in America today. Adv.



## CYRUS L. SHEALY, Candidate for Probate Judge, With Strong Assurances of Election, Withdraws From the Race. His Action is Prompted by the Passage of the New Draft Law Since the First Primary. He Wants Nothing to Interfere With the Duty Every Man Owes His Country.

### To the Democratic Voters of Lexington county:

I beg to announce that I have this day handed to Hon. C. M. Efrid, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, written notice of my withdrawal from the race for Probate Judge for Lexington County. This action will probably be a surprise to my friends but I hope that they will understand and appreciate my position and decision. All of you know that our Congress has just recently passed a new draft law including all men between the ages of 18 to 45. This law has become effective since the First primary and has complicated a great many matters. When this campaign opened the age limit was 21 to 31, and many of the high officials in Washington gave out statements that, in their opinion, the law would not be changed any time soon; but since that time, conditions have changed and the law has been altered to meet the new conditions. I will soon be 35 and when I entered the race, I was just as much out of the then limit as was either of the other two aspirants for this office. Since the First primary I have had sufficient assurances to warrant my election on September 10. But I take this view of the situation: After my election, I would have to resign the office or else claim exemption on the ground that I was an office holder—and that is more than my sense of patriotic duty can stand for. If someone benefits by my withdrawal who should not, the loss will be doubly accounted for later; for, as I see it, the welfare of the country is of far greater import than a county office. The people who know me best know that I am no "quitter"; my policy is to fight a proposition to a finish—and that is just what I intend to do in a larger field where there are greater opportunities for public service; and I want to say to my opponents that I am no slacker!

This war is going to put every man to a supreme test, and those who dodge and hide will be weeded out and put on the garbage heap where they belong. I have no fear but that the people of my county will approve my course when they view it from the stand-point of a man rather than from the eyes of a weakling! I consider the man who will stand behind an office door and thus evade the plain duty of serving his country in an active position but little better than an open slacker and with no more courage than a plain coward! As I said before, when the campaign opened, I was clearly without the age limit, but my speeches on the stump, I stated that I was ready and willing whenever and wherever my country called. I re-state that to-day, withdrawing from the race is the reason that I will not live the stigma of standing behind a door when my country is calling for men to fight the battles of liberty. This is no time for shirking duty; the world needs men

of large calibre—men who can forget small things and do big things—men of strength, courage, conviction—men who are big enough to be citizens of the world and brave and true enough to fight for the salvation of the world! I entered the race with clean hands, and I leave it so. I am sure that my friends will not think that I received any compensation for withdrawing—and I have no concern over my political enemies.

This war is a big issue. So far, it has been carried on principally by the young, single men, and I think that that is right so long as it does not become necessary to call out the others. And, mark you, the young men are not afraid, and we are going to fight it out to a victorious conclusion; but it does seem to me to be most ill-becoming in those who know they will not have to go to question and criticize the loyalty of those who will be called.

I thank my friends most cordially for the confidence they have reposed in me, and for the honor they have bestowed upon me in the past; and, I hope, that when the dark clouds of war have rolled away and the sunshine of peace has spread over the world that we may again be able to join hands and forces in the cause of good government in Lexington county and South Carolina.

My convictions as to my course are fixed. When it comes to a question of holding myself and my fortunes in obedience to the patriotic demands of our country, or the gratification of personal ambitions, there is but one choice, and that choice I readily accept.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
CYRUS L. SHEALY.  
Lexington, S. C., Sept. 4, 1918.