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SIMPSON-TAYLOR.

A coming marriage of statewide interest is that of Miss Katherine Simpson of Richburg, Chester county, and former Mayor Chas. Edwin Taylor of Lexington, which is scheduled for December 31, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simpson, at Richburg. The bride-to-be, for the past two years head of the teacher-training school at Lexington, is a young woman of brilliant literary attainments; and, not only in Lexington is she well and favorably known, but she is loved and esteemed for her many excellent traits all over South Carolina. She comes of one of the oldest and most honored families of the section in which she resides, and the announcement of her approaching marriage which will mean her permanent residence in this town, will be received with interest and pleasure by her host of friends and admirers. Mr. Taylor is a born and bred Lexington county young man, and is widely known and deservedly popular in the business and social life of the county and state. He is at present head of one of the largest furniture establishments in this section of the state, is president of the South Carolina Embalmer's association, and is also widely known as a secret order man. His marriage will occasion far reaching interest and will call forth many sincere congratulations and the heartiest of good wishes. The marriage will be a brilliant society event in Richburg.

LEXINGTON CIRCUIT.

Preaching appointments are as follows:

Hebron: First Sunday, 11:00 A. M., third Sunday, 3:30 P. M.
Frieb: Second and fourth Sundays, 3:30 P. M.
Lexington: Second Sunday, 7:30 P. M., fourth Sunday, 11:00 A. M., Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. every Sunday.
Red Bank: Second Sunday, 11:00 A. M., fourth 7:30 P. M.
Shiloh: First Sunday, 3:30 P. M., third Sunday, 11:00 A. M.
The annual meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held at the Parsonage Friday, Dec. 21, at 11:00 A. M. The Board of Trustees will meet at the same hour.

FOSTER SPEER.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS DURING FREEZE

"Tuck" Warring, a well known negro transfer driver of Lexington, narrowly escaped death on Sunday night while enroute to the Depot. While going down the long hill on Depot Street, the car slipped on the ice and turned completely over beside the roadway. Fortunately the driver was not pinned beneath the machine, and other than the top to the machine, it was not injured. Sheriff Miller's transfer car also turned over with the driver on Monday morning completely demolishing a portion of the machine, but the driver was unhurt.

EXERCISES AT OAK GROVE.

There will be a Christmas Cantata entitled "Santa's Messengers" given by the pupils at Oak Grove school house Wednesday December 26th, beginning at 6:30, P. M. A small admission will be charged for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this means of thanking my friends and neighbors for the kindness shown me at the time of my misfortune last July. I appreciate all that was done for me from the bottom of my heart and will endeavor to show my appreciation whenever an opportunity presents itself.

S. RUFUS SMITH.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Baptist Sunday School will have its annual Xmas tree, Dec. 24, at 7:30 P. M. in the Lexington Baptist church. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the evening with us. The offering will be for the benefit of suffering humanity through the charity fund at Baptist hospital at Columbia, S. C. Let us remember our masters words "Go thou and do likewise."

D. Z. Swygert, a good farmer from Gilbert was a visitor in Lexington yesterday.

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CHANGE IN THE DRAFT RULES

Washington, Dec. 14.—Beginning tomorrow voluntary enlistments in the United States army, of registered men, will be forbidden, except as to certain medical and dental students.

Uncle Sam will select his fighting men from the list of nine million men who on tomorrow will answer 148 searching questions the answers to which will determine his liability to military service.

The questionnaire automatically revokes all exemptions and discharges under the first draft. Failure to return his answers in seven days after he receives the questions makes the registrant liable to a year in prison. Mailing of the list by the local board constitutes legal notice to the registrant. His failure to receive it does not excuse him.

The questions are framed to draft out every bit of information that may be of value to the boards in fixing the class to which a man is to be assigned. No details of the status of dependents, or of possible or actual outside sources of income, has been overlooked.

The registrant after filling in the inside of the questionnaire, indicates on the front the class to which he believes he should be assigned. If the board agrees, there is no further action necessary by either party until the individual comes due for military service and is called up for physical examination. If the board disagrees and places the registrant in another class, the machinery for appeal to the district board is set in motion automatically.

SOME FURLOUGHS TO BE GRANTED CHRISTMAS.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Baker today denied reports that commanding officers at camps and cantonments have been ordered to refuse granting of Christmas furloughs. They were told, however, he said, to discourage the granting of unusual numbers of furloughs at the holiday time.

The chief reason given for the order is that transportation facilities of the country have been taxed to their utmost and it is felt that to send the great numbers of men home from camps for Christmas would be too heavy a burden. It is also stated that the training of the men might be seriously affected if many were absent.

AMERICAN TROOPS HIGHLY COMMENDED

With the American Army in France—a number of well known war correspondents of important French newspapers have visited the American troops and followed the lines of communication from the sea to the advanced camps. After interviewing Gen. Pershing, who expressed to them his unalterable confidence in an allied victory, the journalists summarized their impressions in the following statement:

"We have come to a striking realization of American power. We have the fullest confidence in the aid which America's army will render us and we are more than ever convinced of victory. We have been struck particularly by the brotherhood in arms of Americans and Frenchmen, and nothing rejoices us more than the vigor, high spirits and enthusiasm of our allies from overseas."

The party made a long visit to a camp of former national guardsmen where they partook of the soldiers' mess. They also visited and had long talks with the troops returned from the trenches, especially those who were wounded.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, SEALS, ETC.

We are showing the largest and prettiest line of Christmas cards, booklets, seals, tags, holly, crepe and tissue paper ever shown here. Read our advertisement elsewhere in this issue, and call to see our display of holiday goods before buying your gifts.

HARMON DRUG CO.

BOX PARTY AT LONG BRANCH

There will be a box party and cake walk at Long Branch school house Saturday night December 15th. The ladies will serve refreshments and a good time is promised all who attend. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Belton D. Shumpert, a leading farmer and good citizen of Gaston Route 2, while in town Monday gave us a pleasant and profitable call.

NEW ORDER FOR EXEMPTION BOARDS

To All Local Boards of Exemption: The Governor has received the following telegram and order from the Provost Marshal General and has been requested to communicate same to all Local Boards of Exemption.

"Voluntary induction of certain registrants is provided for in Sec. 150 Selective Service Regulations. This section requires Local Boards to send the applicant for voluntary induction to the nearest mobilization camp. To provide a flexible system which will permit men to be sent to places other than mobilization camps the following will govern as to the disposition of men applying for induction under Section 150. This section must be strictly complied with in all respects, except that men should be sent to places herein indicated instead of to the nearest mobilization camp. Attention is directed to the fact that no man in the current quota may be voluntarily inducted and that credit for men so inducted will be given on the quota called for next after their induction into military service, and not on the current quota. While registrants desiring voluntary induction into the various branches of the military service hereinafter named will be sent by Local Boards only to the points designated, as follows: Aviation Section Signal Corps, to Kellyfield, San Antonio, Texas; Land Division, Signal Corps, to Fort Leavenworth, Kan; Medical Department, to Medical Officers' Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kan; Quartermaster Corps, to Camp Joseph Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ordnance Department, to Raritan Depot, Raritan, N. J.; Infantry, by Local Boards of Pacific Coast States to Fort McDowell, Cal.; by all other Local Boards, to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

BOOTH-WHITTLE WEDDING IN COLUMBIA THURSDAY

Wilmington, N. Carolina, Dec. 8.—Mr. J. W. Booth, of the Star mechanical force stole a march on his friends Thursday afternoon, and slipped away to Columbia and where he was married to Miss Veo Whittle, of that city. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the first Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Denham, officiating. The bride is a native of Columbia, and was a student at the Columbia College for Women. The groom is originally from Aiken S. C., but for the past several months has been connected with The Star, coming here from The State. For the present they will make their home at the Wilmington Hotel.—Wilmington Star

Mr. Booth is well known in Lexington, where he made his home for about two years, being connected with the Lexington Dispatch and The Lexington News. He is a capable and energetic young man of sterling character and the girl who won him, is indeed fortunate. He has a large circle of friends here who wish him happiness and prosperity.

DEATH OF MRS. SOX

Mrs. Charlotte Sox, wife of Lemuel Sox, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of the Emanuel Church section, died at her home on Sunday morning, following a lingering illness of more than one year's duration. Mrs. Sox was more than 70 years of age and had lived in the immediate locality for all the years of her existence. She leaves her aged husband and five children, the Rev. Charlie J. Sox, of this town; Messrs. Jesse and Julian Sox and two daughters.

For many years the deceased was a devoted member of Emanuel's Lutheran church, and until her health declined she was a regular attendant upon all church services.

The funeral will be conducted from Emanuel's church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by the Rev. J. Albert Cromer, after which the body will be laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.

FEARFUL COLLISION.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In a collision on the Southern railway this morning near Calhoun S. C., between northbound local train No. 46 and southbound express and mail train No. 43, the fireman and baggage master of the express were fatally injured and several passengers were slightly injured. Accident was caused by the failure of the telegraph operator at Seneca, S. C. to deliver orders to the engineer of the local.

BELOVED CITIZEN DIED SUNDAY FUNERAL MONDAY

Gen. Ulysses Robert Brooks, for many years clerk of the South Carolina supreme court, died early Sunday morning at his home after an illness of several weeks. He had been in bad health for some time, but was taken ill several weeks ago and during that time his condition has been serious, although at intervals he rallied. With the death of General Brooks passes one of South Carolina's distinguished and prominent figures. He had made a large number of friends throughout the State because of his long association with the position he had held in the State capitol and also because of his prominence as a writer and speaker. He was a man of genial disposition and those who knew him became attached to him. He numbered his hosts of friends both among the older citizens of the State and the younger people. He was ever ready to greet a friend with a smile.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. Peter's Catholic church at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Father T. J. Hegarty. Interment followed in the Catholic cemetery at Elmwood. General Brooks was a faithful and active member of this church for a number of years.

The honorary pallbearers for the funeral will be the members of the supreme court, namely: Chief Justice Gary, Associate Justices Watts, Frazer, Gage and Hydrick. Other honorary pall bearers will be Gen. Willie Jones, B. L. Abney, Col. J. Fuller Lyon, Judge J. W. Devore and Dr. T. M. DuBose, Sr. Active pallbearers are: E. J. Brennen, J. C. Otis, D. C. Ray, W. H. Townsend, H. F. Jennings and Dr. F. W. P. Butler.

Members of Camp Hamton, United Confederate Veterans of which General Brooks was an active member up until his last illness attended the funeral in a body, as several representatives from the Confederate soldiers' home at Columbia, an institution in which the deceased was always interested.

The Daughters of the Confederacy and the "Girls of the 60's," of which Mrs. Brooks, widow of the late General Brooks, was an active worker, also attended the funeral.

MEANS ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Concord, N. C., Dec. 17.—Gaston E. Means was acquitted here yesterday of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy widow of New York, whose business affairs he had handled. The case went to the jury last night at 7 o'clock and as Presiding Judge Cline had ruled that a verdict might be rendered on Sunday, the jurors sent for him today and returned the verdict shortly after 10 o'clock.

After the foreman of the jury had formally pronounced the verdict of "Not guilty" counsel for Means asked the court if it had any other charges against Means. Judge Cline replied there was none and Means was given his freedom for the first time since last September, when he was arrested on a warrant charging him with having shot the woman, who met death near here in August. Means always asserted she shot herself accidentally.

TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT AT CHARTER OAK SCHOOL

The ladies school improvement league will give a Christmas tree and entertainment at Charter Oak school house, Friday Dec. 28th, 1917. The exercises will begin at 2 p. m. There will be fun and amusement for children and all who may attend. All desiring to help in the improvement of the school are asked to bring a "pound" to be donated to the school which will be used in raising funds. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present and enjoy the afternoon with us at Charter Oak.

BROKE HER HIP.

Mrs. John Rish, wife of a well known farmer of the Edmund section, accidentally fell upon the ice on last Wednesday morning and broke her hip, causing great pain for a time. Dr. Roberts of Lexington was called at once and gave the unfortunate woman all possible medical and surgical attention. Mrs. Rish, however, is up in years, and it will doubtless be several weeks before she will be able to again be out.

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LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY

By virtue of the authority vested in us as the duly commissioned Legal advisory Board for Lexington County under the rules and regulations governing the Selective Draft Laws we hereby appoint the following named persons as assistants to aid the Legal Advisory Board to aid and assist the registrants in their respective communities in answering the questions contained in the official Questionnaire mailed to each registrant by the Local Exemption Board for Lexington County.

Peak:—W. H. Suber, W. M. Wilson Jas. B. Addy, Jno C. Swygert.
Chapin:—Harry Wessinger, R. Wilbur Frick, Jacob Roberts, M. P. Lindler.

G. W. Mills, E. H. Addy, T. Haskell Shull, Jesse S. Ballentine.
Lexington:—G. H. Ballentine, Karl Oswald, H. L. Harmon, W. D. Dent, Geo. Bell Timmerman, T. C. Sturkie A. D. Martin, S. J. Leaphart, W. E. Sawyer, Henry D. Lybrand, Frank George.

Batesburg:—Barrett Jones, W. S. Hite, Ira C. Carson, C. E. Ridgell, J. M. Malpass, C. B. Kneece, Baxter, S. C. C. W. Calhoun, Ab. Jones.
E. R. Steedman, Cullum.

Leesville:—E. L. Asbill, Henry Bo die, D. M. Crosson, F. Hamp Hendrix E. P. West, H. A. Meetze.
Gilbert:—R. L. Keisler, Ioor Hayes.
Pelion:—J. D. Haltiwanger, L. W. Wise, D. R. Kneece, D. I. Wingard.
Swansea:—B. E. Craft, S. J. Derrick, E. W. Burnett, C. L. Rast, Bert Williams, L. C. Brooker, L. O. Rast.
Brookland:—W. W. Hawes, L. S. Trotti, Sanders Guignard, James B. Mims.

Irmo:—J. W. Hook, R. E. Mathias.
All registrants in the vicinity of the above named persons, who may desire aid in answering the questions are earnestly requested to apply to one of the above named parties for aid and advice in preparing their answers.

C. M. Efrid, T. C. Callison.
J. B. Wingard.
Legal Advisory Board.

LEXINGTON EXEMPTION BOARD VERY BUSY.

The Lexington County Exemption Board, D. Frank Efrid, chairman; Dr. W. Price Timmerman and William H. Witt, are a very busy body nowadays. John D. Carroll, clerk of the board, has been busily engaged in sending out the new questionnaires to all registrants in the county; and the answers are expected to commence to arrive at an early date. The board appointed to assist registrants consists of Judge C. M. Efrid, J. Brook Wingard and T. C. Callison, all residents of Lexington, and these gentlemen are already performing their patriotic tasks willingly and freely. Lexington county registrants are always on the job, standing ready at all times to respond when duty calls.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

Under jurisdiction of this Local Board whose order numbers are between No. 1 and No. 635, inclusive. There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and results in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

W. H. WITT,
Member of Local Board.
Date Dec. 19, 1917.

BOX PARTY AND CAKE WALK.

There will be a box party and old time cake walk at the Pelion school house on Friday night Dec. 28th. The public is cordially invited. There will be music furnished by Miss Rean Fort.

A good time assured to all. The young ladies specially invited to come and bring a box.

BOX PARTY AND CAKE WALK.

There will be a box party, cake walk and other amusements at Sharp's Hill school house New Year's night.

Everybody come. An excellent time is promised all.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. PETERS.

There will be a Christmas tree etc rendered by the children of the Sunday school at St. Peter's church on Wednesday Dec. 26. Beginning at 1 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

11,000 ENLIST IN DAY.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Nearly 11,000 men were listed as accepted yesterday for the regular army and reports showing an additional 2,000 came in too late for tabulation.

The total war volunteers now is 313,852. War department officials expect an even greater showing tomorrow and Saturday, the last day when men of draft age may be taken in through the recruiting station.

FORCES OF PROHIBITION VICTORS IN HOUSE TEST

Washington, Dec. 17.—Nation-wide prohibition won in the house today and only the adjustment of a slight difference in resolution between the house and senate now stands in the way of submitting to State legislatures an amendment to the federal constitution forbidding the manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes in the United States or its territories.

The vote in the house, taken after a day of debate before crowded galleries, was 282 to 128, with the parties dividing almost evenly. The margin for prohibition was just eight votes more than the necessary two-thirds of the membership of the house required for adoption and 26 more than two-thirds of those voting.

Both wets and dries had been predicting victory all day and it was not until the last few names had been called that the anti-prohibition forces conceded their defeat. After Speaker Clark announced the result the victors were joined by the galleries in such a demonstration as is rarely permitted in the house. Former Secretary Bryan, an interested spectator nearly all day, appeared on the floor and joined in receiving congratulations with Representative Webb of North Carolina, who had led the fight.

The resolution passed by the house is identical with that passed by the senate last August except it gives the States seven years instead of six in which to ratify the amendment.

Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicted tonight that the senate would accept the amendment tomorrow. He said he had assurances that the seven years period would be approved and that he did not believe a roll call would be necessary.

The president's approval is not required and the State legislatures may act as soon as they please after the signature of the vice president and Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

"It will be submitted tomorrow as a Christmas present to the American people," said Sheppard, "and I believe it will be ratified within three years."

Every attempt today to put on amendments to except light wines and beer was beaten and 141 Democrats stood aligned with 137 Republicans and four independents to win the final victory for the prohibitionist forces.

PROGRAM LOWER DIVISION OF LEXINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The lower division of the Lexington Baptist association will meet with the King Grove church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December. The following program has been arranged:

Meeting called to order 10:30 A. M.

10:30 to 11:00—Devotional service.
11:00 to 11:30—Enrollment of delegates and reports from the churches.
11:30 to 1:00 P. M.—First query "A live church and how to keep it so"—Rev. J. R. McKittrick and R. J. Fallaw.

1:00 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.—Recess for dinner.

2:00 to 3:00 P. M.—Second query—"What is the meaning of the 6th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John"—By Rev. W. B. Fallaw and J. D. Moore.

3:00 to 4:00 P. M. Third query—"Owe no man anything but to love one another"—Romans 13:8-11—Rev. Carten and B. C. Herlong.

Sunday—Meet at 10:00 A. M.

10:30—11:00—Devotional Service.

11:00—11:30—Sunday school work by union.

Sermon—By Rev. W. B. Fallaw or M. O. Owens.

Miscellaneous and adjournment.

J. G. Fallaw, Swansea, S. C.

MISS TAYLOR UNDER KNIFE.

Miss Viola Taylor, daughter of Jacob Taylor and a very popular young girl among her acquaintances was rushed to the Baptist hospital in Columbia last night suffering with an attack of appendicitis. The young woman was taken ill suddenly on Sunday, and the attending physician, Dr. J. H. Mathias, at once diagnosed the case as appendicitis. The malady failing to respond to heroic treatment, the young lady grew worse and an operation was advised. She stood the operation well, it is said, and no serious developments are anticipated. The operation was performed by Drs. Harman and Mathias at midnight.