

## LIEUT. JOHN H. DAVID KILLED IN FRANCE

### THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER FOR FOREIGN SERVICE

His Death Brings Sorrow to Hundreds of Friends in State and County

Lieut. John H. David, fighting in France, was killed in action March 1st. This announcement will bring genuine sorrow to scores of Lieut. David's friends throughout the county and state.

The details of Lieut. David's death were not given. His father, Dr. J. H. David, received a telegram from the war department Monday night at 7 o'clock announcing that Lieut. David had been killed in action March 1st.

There was no more popular young man in Dillon county than Lieut. David. He numbered his friends by the hundreds, not only in Dillon county but all over South Carolina. Graduating from the South Carolina Military Academy in the class of 1913, where he took a high stand in his classes, Lieut. David returned to Dillon and was associated with his father in agricultural and mercantile pursuits until the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

Lieut. David was the first Dillon county boy to seek admission to the officer's training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe, but was rejected on account of a slight physical defect. Having offered his services to his country he could have returned to his usual pursuits in civil life without the slightest sacrifice of honor, but he was determined to be of service to his country and going to Washington he secured a special permit from the War Department admitting him to the officer's training camp. Here he took a very high stand and at the end of three months was given a first lieutenant's commission.

When his company commander asked for volunteers to go to France Lieut. David was among the first to offer himself for foreign service, being the first Dillon county boy to volunteer for service abroad. After a brief furlough at home he was ordered to New York where he spent several weeks drilling raw recruits and preparing men for foreign duty. He sailed for France in October and shortly after his arrival was assigned to duty in the trenches. Letters were received from Lieut. David at regular intervals and while he was not permitted to tell what part he was taking in the war, yet a careful reading between the lines showed that he was in the fiercest of the fighting. In one letter he told of having been in the trenches for several weeks in mud and water waist deep and spoke of the comforts he enjoyed while out of the trenches for a brief rest.

While the details of Lieut. David's death will not be known until a fuller report is received from the war department, yet it is probable that he lost his life in the fierce fighting between the American and German forces on March 1st. This was the first big engagement with the enemy and although the Americans were victorious, the casualty list was heavy. In this engagement the Germans used all the barbarous methods they could conceive of to demoralize the American forces, but their attacks were met with undaunted courage and they were finally driven back to their trenches with great loss of life.

The first to volunteer for service abroad, Lieut. David was the first Dillon county boy to die in action on foreign soil. His death brings the war with its attendant horrors close to the hearts and homes of hundreds of Dillon county people.

In early life John David's ambition was to be a soldier. It was a dream of his boyhood days and as he grew into young manhood his fondness for the military increased. Shortly after entering the Citadel he was tendered an appointment at the United States Military Academy, but could not enter on account of a slight defect of vision. This was a great disappointment to him, but he continued his studies at the Citadel with unabated energy and when he graduated from this institution he took a high stand in military science. He promptly took advantage of the first opportunity circumstances offered to follow the profession he loved so well, and it is safe to say that if his manner of death had been of his own choosing he would have preferred to die as he did—a soldier's death on the battlefield fighting in defense of human rights and liberties.

John David will be missed in the community. He was a model young man who held truth and honor as

## METHODISTS GET VERDICT

Supreme Court Sustains Lower Court in Insurance Case.

A telegram was received Saturday stating that the supreme court of Illinois had sustained the verdict of the lower court which gave the Dillon Methodist church a verdict for \$12,000 against an insurance company for losses sustained in the fire that destroyed the church three years ago. There was universal rejoicing in Dillon when the good news was received.

The insurance company against whom the verdict was obtained makes a specialty of church insurance. Rev. Mr. Cauthen wrote the company and asked if they would take \$12,000 on the church at a certain rate. The company replied, stating they would be glad to carry that amount at a certain rate and enclosed an application blank which the church trustees were asked to fill out and return. The application was duly executed and mailed to the company a day or two before the fire occurred. The company refused to pay the loss, claiming the insurance was not in force at the time of the fire. Suit was instituted and the lower court gave the church a verdict for \$12,000. An appeal was taken and a few days ago the supreme court of Illinois handed down a verdict sustaining the decision of the lower court.

## LIEUT. LANE DESCRIBES TRENCH LIFE

Says Bombardment is Like Great Electric Display

The following excerpts from a letter from Lieut. R. L. Lane who is in France, will be interesting to his many Dillon friends:

"Of course, the fellows over there are having it easy compared to us, but we have stood everything fine so far. I have ninety men in my platoon. These men are directly under my charge. They are very proud of me and look to me for everything. It takes considerable trouble to attend to their needs. We are allowed to write more freely than at first. In my next letter I will try to make it more interesting. Have lived over here a little over four months and if I have to 'cash in' I have been well paid. So if anything happens to me you all just take it as light as you can.

"Have experienced almost supreme happiness, have been in the trenches several days. Wouldn't write you all about it, but it is so interesting I can't help it. And by the time you get this guess our stay will be over. If you will imagine about twenty of the most severe electric storms you have ever seen all operating at the same time, you can have some idea of some of our displays. We all look at the situation from a jolly point of view, something like a Christmas celebration. Sometimes there is a whole swarm of planes overhead and to watch the barrage is beyond putting it in words. We are not uncomfortable, plenty to eat, sleep as often as we need it in dugouts. Am in one now. The death rate is very small."

## Sale of War Stamps

Charleston, March 14.—The treasury receipts at Washington show that the sales of war savings stamps are increasing with encouraging steadiness, indicating that the mass of the people, now realizing the importance and advantage of this form of government security investment, are getting in the habit of buying the stamps. The February sales for the entire country showed a great increase over January. The following are the official figures: December \$10,945,471; January, \$24,559,722; February \$41,148,244.

South Carolina, while behind in sales, shows a steady increase. The last week reported was the best week yet in the state, the sales being \$44,020.25. South Carolina's total, up to March 2, was \$276,862.75.

priceless gifts and his entire life from his early boyhood days was above reproach. He was popular not only at home where his life had been an open book but numbered his friends by the score all over South Carolina. A gentleman at all times, he was polite and courteous to all classes, and his untimely passing brings poignant sorrow to the homes of the humble as well as the great.

Lieut. David is survived by his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. David, and the following sisters: Mrs. E. O. Bransford, Mrs. W. W. Dixon, and Misses Helen, Edna and Alice David.

As a mark of respect to Lieut. David all the stores and business houses in Dillon closed from 12 till 2 o'clock Tuesday while the graded schools closed for the day.

## NITRATES SURE TO BE DELIVERED TO FARMERS

REPORTS TO CONTRARY PURPOSES  
POSELY CIRCULATED

Charged That Selfish Interests Put  
Out Word In Order to Sell Nitrates at \$100 Ton and Up.

Washington, March 2.—There does not appear to be any foundation for the reports coming to Washington that the Government will be unable to furnish nitrate of soda in time for the spring crops.

Senator Simmons said tonight that his information from the department of agriculture is to the effect that already 4,500 tons of soda have been landed at Wilmington and another cargo is expected to reach that port some time this month. The senior senator says his information is that every order placed with the government for this fertilizer will be fulfilled in plenty of time to be used for the spring crops.

The erroneous report originated through the same source which has been trying to convince farmers that they will not get the nitrate of soda in time for the crop this spring in order that private concerns might sell their supply to the people of the South at from \$100 a ton up. Absolute information has reached Washington that private interests have been circulating these reports and it is more than probable that the reports coming from Wilson that the government will not be able to supply the fertilizer, comes from the same source.

The secretary of agriculture has given Senators Simmons and Overman and Representatives Robinson and Doughton absolute assurance time and time again that the sodas would be delivered in time for use. All of these gentlemen tonight believe the contracts will be carried out to the letter and that there will be no delay in the farmers obtaining whatever amounts they have asked for. They believe the farmers need have no fear that delivery will be made promptly.

## PARTNERSHIPS MUST MAKE RETURNS

All Concerns With Gross Income of  
\$6,000 Liable to Tax

Deputy Collector Jenkins who is here this week assisting persons in making out income tax returns requests The Herald to emphasize the fact that all co-partnerships, whether incorporated or not, whose total business for the year amounts to \$6,000 are subject to the excess war profits tax and must make returns before April 1st. Collector Jenkins says this provision of the law is not generally known and that many co-partnerships have not made returns. This return must be made in addition to the regular individual return made by one or all of the partners in the business. Collector Jenkins will be at the court house every day this week from 9 in the morning till 6 o'clock in the evening. Every person whose income totals \$2,000 per year must make a return. March 31st is the last day for making returns and the penalty will fall on all who fail to make their returns by that date.

## First Aid and Home Nursing Classes

The Avon Club has volunteered in behalf of the Red Cross to get up classes in First Aid and In Home Nursing to be organized and run next week. Dr. D. M. Michaux has been secured to give the lesson in first aid and Mrs. J. A. McQueen to give the lectures on Home Nursing and care of the sick. The classes are limited to twenty-five members each, but it is hoped that other classes may be organized when these are finished, as both Dr. Michaux and Mrs. McQueen have refused to accept any remuneration for conducting the courses, the only expense attached to the classes being fifty cents per member and the cost of the text book which will be very small. The members of the Avon Club have already secured a good many members and expect to fill the classes this week. Any one interested in these classes and wishing to become a member can phone to Miss Annie McNeil, chairman of the Committee on Home Nursing or Mrs. James Sprunt, chairman of the committee of the First Aid.

## Baptist Union Meeting

The Dillon County Baptist Union meeting will be held with Piercen church March 20th and 31st. The churches will please appoint delegates.

H. A. Willis, For Committee.

## WOMEN FORCED TO LABOR

Additional Light on the Working of  
the Celebrated Kultur

The correspondent of the London Times at Amsterdam writes:

"At Blankenburg, the Germans forced a great number of servants to leave their situations and tried to compel them to take up the work of unloading, docking and transportation for the army. The young girls refused and were shut up in the Hotel Belvedere, which serves as a prison. Most of them persisted in their refusal and were liberated; they were requisitioned again and sent to different places, even to the wall of the fort of Zeebrugge in order to work there for the Germans. Daughters of farmers and the bourgeoisie from the surrounding country have also been requisitioned.

"The military authority does not spare even the disabled and ill. The Belgiate correspondent on the frontier reports that a disabled man who happened to remark that he had only one leg was told there was work that he could do with his hands. A one-armed man was told 'We will give you a one-armed comrade and the two of you can do one man's work.'

"The communal school at Duzzele has been transformed into a penal colony. The building is surrounded with barbed wire, like a prisoner's camp. The chateau near Bruges is also employed as a penal colony."

The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung recently contained a communication emanating from the labor exchange of Cologne, which said in part:

"Industry meets with more and more difficulty in procuring artisans, difficulties that can be remedied only in so far as the supply of labor permits. The central intelligence office for manual labor asked at once that foreign artisans should be called on for aid. These artisans will not be able to replace entirely the German workmen, to say nothing of their demands in respect to wages, which are very often in inverse ratio to their capacities. Experience, moreover, has still to teach us whether the employment from the occupied territories will be of advantage for the munition industries. The demand for women workers in the metallurgical industries, is very great, and the supply, according to the figures, is still diminished."

## Red Cross Activities

The Red Cross work room was moved last week into the store recently occupied by Wm. Brick. This is much more roomy and convenient and the chapter can do more efficient work in the new quarters.

The new work room was formally opened Friday afternoon by a Liberty Social which was enjoyed by a large number of patriotic people. A silver offering was taken at the door, the proceeds of which amounted to \$34.25.

The windows and walls were effectively decorated with Red Cross posters, flags, etc., and the young ladies in charge of the entertainment wore the Red Cross nurses' uniforms. Refreshments of punch and assorted cakes were served.

The program consisted of music, an elegant address on "Liberty" by Dr. Watson B. Duncan and an inspiring message from Chaplain John McQueen on the Red Cross work at the camp as he saw it. This personal testimony of the wonderful good the Red Cross is doing should stimulate greater enthusiasm and effort in the work. If the Red Cross means so much to our soldiers in camp here so well cared for and among their own people, what must it mean to the wounded and dying on the battlefields of France.

Miss Louise Moore is "house-keeper" at the Red Cross work room this week.

The packing committee, Mrs. E. T. Elliott, Mrs. C. L. Wheeler and Mrs. T. W. Bethea shipped a large box of 350 neatly made hospital garments last week. The auxiliaries of Hamer, Minturn, Little Rock and Floyd furnished their share of work. Mrs. Will Floyd sent in 14 more new members for Floydale last week and several members and subscribers to the Red Cross magazine were added at the "Liberty Social."

Mrs. M. G. Bethea chairman of the supply committee has ordered a large supply of material for hospital garments and yarn for knitting.

The following new officers have recently been appointed: Director of Women's Work, Mrs. Wade Stackhouse; Supervisor of Surgical Dressings, Mrs. F. McCurtis; chairman Nursing Service, Mrs. Joe P. Lane. Classes in Surgical Dressings, First Aid and Home Nursing will be started soon. All who desire to take these courses please notify Mrs. Curtis or Mrs. Lane at once as classes are limited to 20 members.

## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR  
CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald  
Readers. Ebb and Flow of the  
Human Tide.

## Mallory

Material is being assembled and the ground prepared at Daleho for a modern school building.

The present two story frame structure that has served for more than a quarter of a century has each year grown more inadequate and the time seemed ripe for the erection of a more suitable building. A lot has been secured just across the road from Catfish Church and only a short distance from the old school house, the contractor is on hand and the prospects are promising for a completed building soon.

Private Lonnie Proctor of Camp Sevier was here last week among relatives.

Misses Olah and Louise Pierce of Latta spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. D. D. Parish and family of Bennettsville were with relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Sedbury of Hartsville was shaking hands here last week.

G. R. Williams and P. S. Campbell of Latta were here on business last week.

Farmers who contracted for cotton seed meal sometime ago are finding it difficult and almost impossible to secure shipment and the worst of it is that the mills will not offer any encouragement as to when if ever orders may be filled. The question now troubling us is, who is responsible for this eleventh hour tie up in that product? The price asked was paid without a murmur yet somehow somebody seems to be trying to queer the game.

## Fork

Dr. Holliday of Marion filled an appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

A. E. Rogers of Mullins spent the week-end with relatives.

Misses Annie Roy Carmichael and Margie Croxon of Nichols were visitors here for the week-end.

James Braswell from Camp Jackson is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Braswell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Elvington of Nichols were visitors here Sunday.

A play entitled "Miss Molly" will be given in the School Auditorium Saturday evening March 16th beginning at 8 o'clock for the benefit of School. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Don't forget the date, March 16th.

## List of Jurors

The following jurors have been drawn for the Common Pleas Court which convenes Monday:

T. B. Campbell, Bethea,  
W. J. Adams, Manning,  
T. W. Fenegan, Bethea,  
A. J. Carmichael, Carmichael,  
W. M. Coleman, Kirby,  
Ellis Scott, Hillsboro,  
C. B. Steele, Bethea,  
D. W. Bethea, Harllesville,  
J. T. McQueen, Hillsboro,  
Geo. R. Campbell, Carmichael,  
J. B. Arnette, Hillsboro,  
Walker B. Ford, Hillsboro,  
L. A. Manning, Harllesville,  
Arthur O. Elvington, Hillsboro,  
S. J. Braswell, Hillsboro,  
W. M. Proctor, Harllesville,  
J. L. Curry, Harllesville,  
W. B. Stackhouse, Harllesville,  
B. A. Moody, Carmichael,  
W. S. Cottingham, Manning,  
Henry Jackson, Manning,  
D. S. Allen, Jr., Manning,  
W. E. Allen, Bethea,  
S. D. Lane, Harllesville,  
J. H. Moody, Jr., Carmichael,  
N. E. McQueen, Carmichael,  
H. L. Bethea, Bethea,  
D. A. Johnson, Harllesville,  
Fred Tart, Manning,  
D. F. Taylor, Manning,  
Cornelius Usher, Harllesville,  
R. L. Norton, Harllesville,  
W. H. Smith, Bethea,  
R. A. Proctor, Harllesville,  
C. E. Taylor, Hillsboro,  
B. K. Pierce, Bethea.

## Federation Committee to Meet

The Executive Committee of the Dillon County Federation of Women's Clubs met March 12th, and arranged a very interesting program for the spring meeting to be held at Little Rock April the 27th, with Doughton and Little Rock as hostesses. Let all of the Clubs prepare now to have delegates present with good reports.

Gettrude Manning,  
Cor. Secretary,  
Latta, S. C. March 12, 1918.

## A NEW CEMETERY

Movement Launched to Organize  
New Cemetery Association.

At a meeting of several representative business men held last Thursday a movement was started to organize a new cemetery association for Dillon. An option has been secured on 15 acres of land a mile out from Dillon on the New Bridge road and it is proposed to locate the new cemetery on the high bluff on the west side of the road. This is an ideal location for a cemetery as the land is high and well drained and has the proper distance from the city. It is proposed to secure the services of an expert landscape gardener and make the cemetery as attractive as possible with shrubbery and trees. Concrete walks will be laid and grounds will be enclosed with a substantial iron fence. The association offers a prize of \$5 to the lady who suggests the most appropriate name for the new cemetery. The names must be sent in by 6 o'clock Saturday March 16th.

## HATE OF HUNS SHOWN IN RAID

How Women and Children Are  
Butchered by Bombs

London, Jan. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The audacious work of a German airplane raider by whose bombs many women and children were crushed or burned to death in a recent raid on London is vividly described in an interview by one of the victims in the Daily Chronicle. It is such stories as this state have roused the Briton to grim wrath and the demand for vengeance. The narrator, a man, had taken refuge in a shelter with many others, including a number of women and children.

"We had scarcely got the last of the people in when the bomb fell," said the man. "All of them had been as calm and cheerful as you could wish up to then. The children particularly were fine. They were singing 'The Bull Dog Breed' and 'Way Down in Tennessee,' and the younger kiddies were yelling until most of them tumbled off to sleep in their mothers' arms or on the pile of paper strewn about the place.

"Then came the explosion. There was a short sharp hissing sound which I suppose it made in its descent, which even in the basement we could hear quite distinctly, and then came the crash, worse than anything I have ever heard. I think most of us down there were stunned for a moment or two, and the air seemed full of flying pieces of concrete. Fortunately I was just outside two big iron doors at the time, so I escaped the worst of it, but I think it must have been at that time my hand was injured.

"Fragments were blocking up the exit, and we had to fight through to clear a way out. It was pitiful to hear the women, some calling distractedly for their children, and others screaming that their babies had been killed in their arms. Some of the children were brought out dead.

"Our firemen were at work as quickly as possible, but in a few minutes the whole place was like a furnace. The bomb had fallen and exploded, yet not more than ten feet away I came across two little children standing absolutely untouched. They were crying with fright, and I got hold of them and managed to get them out. That was about the last I remember of it, for almost immediately I fainted—I suppose with the pain of my hand and arm, of which only then did I seem conscious.

"One great mass of concrete, weighing, I should think, about half a ton, had fallen down right on a group of four women. Three of them were killed outright, I think, but the fourth was only pinned down and was screaming out to be released. Four of us tried to get her out, but we couldn't make the stonework budge an inch, although we tried to lever it up with all kinds of things.

"All the time the flames were getting fiercer and fiercer and coming nearer and nearer, and at length one great burst of flames and smoke drove us right away, setting fire to our clothes, and we could not get near the woman again. One of the men was alight from head to foot, and we had to roll him in the water, which was ankle deep, before we could put out the flames.

"It's simple horrible inside there, a fireman told me. Masses of stuff had fallen down, making escape impossible for some of the people, and we found them crouched down in all sorts of corners, all dead, where they had obviously tried to get away from the flame and smoke. One woman was kneeling down with two little mites huddled up to her.

"It took five men to lift up one great lump of concrete which lay across a woman's legs. She was dead, partly from burning and partly from suffocation, I think."