

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

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

Oak Grove

There will be a Sunday School Institute held at Brownsville next Friday, April 12th for the four Sunday Schools of the Brownsville circuit. It will be an all day affair and dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. W. C. Owens, Field Secretary for Sunday School work in the two conferences of South Carolina, will be on hand and deliver an address. Also two ladies connected with Sunday School work are expected to be present and make talks on the work in the elementary grades.

Misses Mary Rae Carlisle, of Bennettsville, and Belle Allen and C. P. Hodges, Jr., of Brownsville, visited friends in Mullins Sunday afternoon. This section was visited by a delightful shower Monday morning. Most of the farmers are about through planting cotton.

Minturn

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Evans left Sunday afternoon for their home in Atlanta, Ga., after visiting Mrs. W. W. Evans.

Miss Ohlyn Calhoun from Clio, spent the week-end with Miss May Reece Hamer.

Miss Mary Weatherly gave a "Measuring Party" Saturday night for the benefit of the Minturn Red Cross Auxiliary. Much merriment was afforded the young folks in guessing articles in a cake which proved to be a fish hook. Several other cakes were "walked off" which netted a nice sum. During the evening "The Star Spangled Banner," "Marseillaise" and other war songs were sung, and cake and chocolate were served.

Mrs. R. M. Evans and son, Walker, from Oswego, S. C., are spending a few days with Mrs. W. W. Evans.

Cavalry

E. Pearl Wiggins and family spent Sunday last with relatives and friends in Pleasant Hill section.

John Turbeville was in this section of Floydale Saturday last.

H. W. Allen and wife of Latta was in this section Saturday last in the interest of their farm here.

Mrs. J. H. Moody, Jr., in company with her daughter, Grace, went to Lumberton, N. C. Thursday last where they are spending several days with relatives and friends.

Miss Christine Hill, principal of Mt. Calvary school spent last week-end at her home at Ebenezer, S. C., of Florence county.

Hamer Lodge K. of P., number 171, held a very interesting convention Friday night last. J. C. Davis, of Dillon Lodge No. 54, had been appointed installing officer and he presided in the installation. Messrs. A. P. Bethea and G. G. McLaurin of Dillon Lodge, assisted in the installation. Each officer was duly installed and assigned to the respective office to which he had been elected. N. E. McQueen, C. C.; D. W. Bowen, V. C.; W. S. Cottingham, Prel.; T. E. Christenburg, M. of W.; J. H. Moody, Jr., K. of R. & S. and M. of F.; A. T. McKenzie, M. of A., and M. of E.; Jap Harelson, I. G., and J. R. Bowen, O. G. By dispensation our regular conventions will be held every first and third Friday nights.

Kemper

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moody spent Sunday with relatives in Horry county.

Mrs. J. R. Meares returned home Friday from a visit to relatives near Zion.

Mrs. G. W. Brady and children of Clio spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. Rowland Pittman spent Sunday here with friends.

H. Mahone Moody of Camp Jackson spent a few days at home recently.

Miss Olive Hayes has been appointed Chairman of the Third Liberty Loan for Hillsboro Township.

The School Improvement Association held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. B. P. Hayes Saturday afternoon. Mrs. J. F. Meares was elected delegate to the County Federation at Little Rock.

The children and young people of the Baptist Sunday School are preparing a missionary program which they will give the third Sunday morning.

Rev. J. A. Langley filled his reg-

NEGRO CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

Cuts Officer and Attempts to Hide in Charlie Saleeby's Store.

There was an exciting time on Main street Thursday morning when Chancellor Birch, a young negro boy arrested for fast driving, cut Policeman McCracken across the back of the hand and made a dash for Charlie Saleeby's store where he attempted to conceal himself from the crowd that started in pursuit. When the negro broke away Policeman McCracken fired at him twice but neither bullet took effect.

Birch is employed as delivery boy by Charlie Saleeby and the officer was after him for reckless driving. When placed under arrest the boy had his knife open and before the officer was aware of what was happening the negro had slashed him across the hand. As the boy broke away Policeman McCracken pulled his pistol and fired but the negro was making fast headway and the bullets went wild.

The negro rushed into Saleeby's store and went up stairs, the crowd following closely on his heels. At this moment Charlie Saleeby came from the rear of the store and, it is alleged, ordered the officers from the store. By this time quite a crowd had gathered and open resentment was shown toward Saleeby and several of the employees who were believed to be protecting the negro. This afterwards Charlie Saleeby denied, stating that he did not know what the trouble was or what had happened. Anyway, the store door was forced open and Policeman McCracken entered with his revolver drawn. During the controversy Zeedan Saleeby, Charlie's brother, came to the front and got between the officer and Charlie Saleeby. At this moment the situation became critical and bloodshed was narrowly averted.

The negro was found upstairs and placed under arrest. The next morning Mayor Thompson fined the negro \$100 for resisting and assaulting an officer. Charlie and Zeedan Saleeby and Barb and Geo. Samaha were arrested for interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty and will be given a hearing in the Mayor's court today.

Boche Fear Cold Steel.

Chicago, April 6.—"The German is afraid of cold steel," declared F. B. Edwards, of the Second Canadian mounted rifles. "Shove a bayonet toward him and he will yell. 'Kamerad.'"

One of the best scraps I was in was at Sanctuary Woods. The Huns rushed us. It was hand to hand. But they were backed by artillery. We clubbed them with guns, stabbed them, fought 'em with fists and drove them back inch by inch. But we lost 1,800 men.

"I was quite amused one day, when from the battlefield came four big Prussians, and strutting along behind them a little Canuck, and he was helping his prisoners along with his square toed shoes."

ular appointment Sunday afternoon and preached a very forceful sermon from the text, "Make me therefore a little cake first." 1 Kings 17-13.

Mrs. J. R. Webb of Georgia is visiting relatives here.

Sellers

Dr. E. W. Sikes, President of Coker College will lecture at the Sellers school auditorium Thursday night, April 18th. The public is cordially invited to attend. Supt. Wall has secured Dr. Sikes for the Spring Branch, Temperance and Sellers schools. These schools are urged to attend in a body at the Sellers auditorium on the night of April 18th. Dr. Sikes' lecture will be on the subject, "Why We Are Allied With England in this War." There will be a patriotic rally at the school house the same night.

Mrs. Pratt Wilson was carried to the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville last Saturday.

Stanley, the little son of Postmaster Harelson, was taken to the Florence hospital for treatment recently. It was found that his leg was broken. The little fellow is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Watson with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sellers attended the District Sunday School Convention at Union Baptist church on last Tuesday. Mr. Sellers acted as president and Prof. Kilgus, secretary of the convention. The Temperance school was dismissed for the day and all attended the convention. Miss Davis of Spartanburg and Mr. Henry Buck of Marion made nice talks. Mr. LeGrand Campbell led the singing. A bounteous picnic dinner was served on the grounds.

Mr. Hammond of Branchville, is visiting relatives here.

Th Latta High School will have a recitation and declamation contest on Friday, April 19th. Our Mr. Harry Sellers will be one of the speakers.

SLIGHT GAINS BY HUNS NEAR ARMENTIERS

TO STRAIGHTEN LINE FRENCH FALL BACK NEAR OISE.

Premier Lenine Says Russia May be Forced to Declare War on Japan as Result of Landing.

As had been anticipated, the Germans have switched the center of their main operations from the Amiens sector and are hammering the British and Portuguese hard over a front of about eleven miles running from Givenchy and Labassee to the vicinity of Armentiers.

The attack was preceded by a terrific bombardment all along the line and the countryside for miles around trembled under the concussion of the big guns. At some points the enemy was able to penetrate advanced elements of the British line, especially in the neighborhood of Neuvechelle, Fauquissart and the Cardonnerie farm.

Meanwhile, all along that part of the old line south of Arras, extremely heavy artillery duels were in progress but the infantry of both sides kept to their trenches except for isolated attacks.

Near the Coucy forest and Coucy-le-Chateau the French have made a slight retirement to positions previously prepared—the manoeuvre apparently being in the nature of line straightening. So well was the operation covered by the French guns that the Germans suffered extremely heavy casualties.

Details of the part played by American railway engineers in the opening stages of the battle south of Arras show that, dropping their tools and taking up arms, they fought side by side with Canadian engineers and inflicted casualties by the thousands on the Germans.

Realizing the extremely critical situation from the standpoint of manpower, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, has informed the House of Commons in a speech that it was impossible longer to exclude Ireland from the provisions of conscription between the Russian Bolshevik service would be raised to fifty years.

There is still no indication of the near approach of the expected big battle on the Italian front, although the artillery engagements at various points are increasing in intensity. Well directed shots from the Italian guns in the Asiago basin have worked havoc with Austrian ammunition depots, and also started fires inside the enemy lines.

A Turkish official communication announces the capture by the Turks of Van, in Turkish Armenia.

In Finland the Germans are preparing to take Helsingfors, according to dispatches from Petrograd. They already have demanded the disarmament of the forts in Finland and of Russian warships in Finnish waters.

The landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostok is apparently causing friction between the Russian Bolshevik government and Japan. Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, in a speech at Moscow, asserted that Russia possibly would have to declare war on Japan as the result of the landing of the Japanese.

Red Cross Activities.

A class in surgical dressing is being instructed by Miss Celia A. Smith of Memphis, Tenn., who is set out from headquarters in Atlanta. The class meets every morning from 9:45 to 1:30 o'clock and the course will be completed in about ten days.

The members of this class will then be prepared to make the various Standard Surgical dressings used in caring for the wounded in the war. They can not instruct other classes, however, as no Instructor's Certificates are issued any more except to those taking the course at headquarters, but they will have the general supervision of all the surgical dressing work done by the local chapter. Mrs. F. McC. Curtis is Supervisor of Surgical Dressings and with the following ladies taking the course she will have an efficient corps of workers: Mrs. J. B. Gibson, Mrs. Wade Stackhouse, Mrs. L. Cottingham, Mrs. T. M. King, Mrs. H. J. W. Kaiser, Misses Mary Bethea, Ruth Stackhouse, Eula and Beulah Braddy, Janie Gibson, Louise Moore, Annie McNeill, Mary Carter and Mrs. W. J. Carter, Jr.

Pythians Meet Tonight.

The Knights of Pythias will hold a meeting at their hall tonight, (Thursday) at 8:30 o'clock. Officers will be installed and other important business matters will receive attention. Members are expected and visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

WHAT NOT TO SEND TO FRANCE

They Can buy Many Articles More Cheaply "Over There."

A War Department bulletin issued on March 26 and signed by Major Gen. Peyton C. March, acting chief of staff, announces through the committee on public information a necessary restriction of the shipment of parcels, to officers and soldiers in France. On account of the well known shortage in shipping it is necessary to limit shipments to France to things which are absolutely essential for the fighting efficiency of our forces in France. In other words, says the Army and Navy Journal, we must strip for action.

It has been found that the shipments of parcels to individual officers and soldiers has assumed enormous proportions now averaging 270 pounds tons a week and placing a great amount of important freight on commercial liners and transports. Because of this, General Pershing found it necessary to earnestly recommend a curtailment in shipping of parcels to France.

Based on his recommendation, a board was convened under the direction of the Secretary of War and the Postmaster General. The board consisted of Otto Perger, Second Assistant Postmaster General; Major R. C. Morse, Jr., Embarkation Branch, Q. M. C.; A. J. Passage, National War Work Council, Y. M. C. A.; H. C. Pelkey, American Red Cross, and Robert G. Wulf, committee on war activities, Knights of Columbus. In accordance with the recommendation of the board, the following policy was adopted:

"In future shipments of any article to members of the American expeditionary forces abroad will be limited to those articles which have been requested by the individual to whom same is to be shipped, such request having been approved by his regimental commander. Parcel post shipments will be accepted by the postoffice authorities and other shipments by express or freight companies only upon presentation of the above approved request in each individual case."

It will be seen from these instructions, says the announcement, that it is not the desire of the War Department to prohibit shipment by relatives and friends of necessary articles to members of our army in Europe, but only to restrict such shipments to the needs of the individual as expressed in a request made by him and approved by his commanding officer. In this manner the amount of shipment of such article will be under control of those in authority in France, yet will deprive no person of any needful article. This action has been taken only to meet an urgent war necessity.

Coincident with this the Postoffice Department calls attention to the fact that if the gifts sent to members of the American expeditionary forces are regular trade brands of sweet biscuits, candies, canned goods, or tobacco in any form, such things can be bought in the Y. M. C. A. canteens or stores in France at prices that average lower than such things can be bought in the United States.

In the way of smokes, there are twenty two varieties of cigarettes, from Pall Mall to Sweet Caporal. There are seven varieties of jams, besides seven kinds of soft drinks, from grape juice to tea.

The Postoffice Department statement continues: "The attention of the public is called to the fact that every pound and every ton of parcel post which is sent from the United States, but which can be bought by the soldiers in France forces of the ships ammunition and other needed war materials. The immense volume of articles which can be purchased in Europe, principally from Spain, Switzerland and Italy, is shown by the fact that an investigation of 5,000 sacks of parcel post disclosed 3,874 pounds of candy, 1,332 pounds of chocolate, 1,327 cakes and 2,838 packages of chewing gum.

"During the month of February the volume of parcel post sent to the troops in France occupied 120,000 cubic feet of space on the ships. This would be a slice of cargo space 600 feet long, twenty feet wide and ten feet high. The demand on tonnage of the railroads in France is so great that it frequently requires days before enough cars can be furnished to move the mail from the port to the interior of France. The number of soldiers is to be greatly increased and war material will increase accordingly, and to meet this condition urgent suggestions are being made to reduce the size of the parcel post packages and to eliminate a large quantity of parcel post. In view of this situation, it becomes the patriotic duty to the people in this country not to send to the soldiers in France articles which can be bought from the army or the numerous recreation centers that are established wherever troops are encamped."

RUSSIA THREATENS WAR AGAINST JAPS?

AMERICAN OFFICIALS REALIZE SITUATION IS CRITICAL.

Bolsheviki Premier is Said to Have Stated Russia May Oppose Japanese Invasion.

Washington, April 9.—It is realized here that unless the situation at Vladivostok is handled with the greatest tact grave and far-reaching trouble may be expected. There has been no official report on the statement of Lenine, the Bolsheviki premier, that Russia might declare war on Japan because of the landing of Japanese troops at the Siberian port, but the news in press dispatches occasioned surprise. It had been assumed that German influences were working unceasingly to bring about an open rupture between the Bolsheviki and Russia's late allies.

Lenine is believed to be peculiarly susceptible to German influence. Assurances already have been given that the landing of Japanese and British forces at Vladivostok was merely for the protection of life and property.

Dillon County Pension Roll for 1918

Class A.—Bryant, A. B., Dillon; Lester, R. H., Little Rock; Roberts, R. R., Fork; Tart, N. J., Mallory.

Class B.—Deaver, Alex., Dillon.

Class C. No. 1.—Alford, J. W., Carolina; Hayes, Wilson, Latta; Jackson, Levi, Lane, J. O., Latta; McGill, D. D., McKenzie, W. T., Dillon; Rogers, Allen, Scott, Andrew, Pages Mill; Strickling, Bradley, Dillon; Sweat, Noah, Dillon.

Class C. No. 2.—Allen, Joseph, Latta; Allen, W. A., Dillon; Berry, Jay, Oak Grove; Bowen, J. W., Dillon; Brumbls, Andrew, Latta; Calder, J. W., Sellers; Campbell, A. J., Hamer; Cook, M. C., Marion; Cottingham, W. H., Mallory; Edwards, R. N., Dillon; Fare, T. M., Latta; Graves, Joseph, Latta; Greenwood, J. R. D., Bingham; Huggins, J. H., Fork; Hyatt, Peter P., Latta; Hyatt, Solomon, Dillon; Johnson, H. G., Johnson, Zeno, Kelly, John Dillon; Lane, D. S., Latta; Lee, Richard, Dillon; Moody, John Thomas, Fork; Muldrow, Elisha, Myers, B. H., Wood, Latta; Owens, Ezekiel, Pages; Pace, W. J. K., Dillon, Parham, H. W., Mallory; Rowell, David, Dillon; Rowell, Jesse, Fork; Smith, Edward, Bingham; Smith, J. R., Tart, N. C., Latta; Turbeville, G. W., Turbeville, Samuel, Dillon; Turbeville, Stephen S., Latta; Weatherford, Campbells; Williams, C. W., Gallivant; Wiggins, D. C., Marion; Wright, Marion.

Class 3.—Hamilton, Mary A., Dillon; Hopkins, Minerva, Dillon.

Class 4.—Abbot, Eliza, Dillon; Bailey, H., Latta; Barfield, Ann Eliza, Pages Mill; Berry A. J., Latta; Bethea, Alice, Dillon; Bethea, Mary Brigman, A. E., Oak; Bryant, Charlotte, Latta; Calder, Annie, Latta; Campbell, Catharine, Hamer; Cottingham, Fork; Cottingham, Sallie J., Fork; Edwards, Pennie, Dillon; Ellis, Emmeline, Bingham; Freeman, Mary A., Mallory; Gilbert, Ann, Bingham; Godbolt, Sarah A., Latta; Goude, Charity, Hamer, Mary Ann, Oak Grove; Hays, Elizabeth, Marion; Hays, Irene, Kemper; Harper, Annie, Mallory; Harper, Lena, Latta; Herring, Elizabeth, Hamer; Herring, Salina, Dillon; Holden, Helen, Latta; Hodges, Jannie, Hamer; Hulon, Nancy, Dillon; Hyatt, Gatsy, Dillon; Jackson, Joanna, Latta; Jackson, S. J., Latta; Johnson, Mary A., Latta; Kersey, M. Jane, Mallory; King, Arphy, Fork; Lane, Lillian, Latta; Lundy, Margaret, Oak Grove; Donald, Elizabeth, Elizabeth; McKenzie, Dollie, Dillon; Pope, Mollie A., Latta; Porter, Elizabeth J., Oak Grove; Reason, S. E., Dillon; Rogers, Janey, Fork; Rogers, Amanda, Dillon; Sanders, Sarah A., Snead, Mary E., Hamer; Ward, Elizabeth, Dillon; Watson, M. N., Latta; Wiggins, C., Dillon; Woodie, Nelle, Latta.

Services at the Methodist Church.

Main Street Methodist Church—Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Mr. W. Harry Muller, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. by the Pastor.

Morning subject: "The Birth-Day of the Christian Church."

Evening subject: "The Vain Effort to Hide From God." The evening service will consist largely of a musical program. Besides a musical program by the choir Miss Critz's chorus will sing a piece.

Prayer Service and Teacher Training Class on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

The public cordially invited to all services.

A SURVIVOR OF THE TUSCANA.

Rev. H. A. Willis Hears From Brother Who Was On Board.

Rev. H. A. Willis has received a letter from a brother who was among the survivors when the Tuscana was torpedoed off the Irish coast several weeks ago. He describes the sinking of the vessel as follows:

"We were submerged at 5:50 p. m. Supper was at six so everybody was getting ready to go up to mess I was standing about four feet from my bunk with cap and mackinaw on. My bunk was two stories under the first deck and when the explosion came, which is indescribable, the crowd just took me off my feet and away from my life belt which was hanging on the foot of my bunk, and carried me right on up to the deck on which I was to take my life boat. (We had life boat drills every other day while coming over.) But when I got there I found the boat had gone and I had no life belt. Finally I got a belt and went back to my place on the deck to find the water below full of drowning men, some jumping over board, one being killed as the life boat smashed up side down on the water. So I decided the best thing I could do was to wait till the last minute because we were expecting to be torpedoed again though the Tuscana was listing heavily. Finally a torpedo destroyer came along and unloaded quite a bunch but I for one did not get on, and after I left the rest of us decided we were drowned, but in about twenty minutes another came along and I rushed on safe and sound.

I hear that poor Harris got it, one of the life boats and drifted in on the rocky shores of Scotland, was capsized and killed against the rocks. This of course is just a brief outline of the sinking of the Tuscana. The details will have to wait till I get back."

FIDDLER'S CONVENTION.

Mr. Muldrow Writes of Ye Old Convention at Fair Bluff.

Editor Herald:

This old town holds to her original democracy, won by their ancestors 142 years ago. The State legislature may enact laws and her municipal officers do likewise for the moral welfare of her citizens who recognize them as merely a "scrap of paper." They pay their taxes, go to church when some one preaches, eschew any vicious acts that would entail a twinge of conscience upon themselves. Good people they, are and enjoy their liberty and allow their cattle and pigs the same freedom to walk the streets, nip the daises, no one to molest or make afraid. Also with their game laws, but a dead letter, the teeming thousands of fish that live and thrive in Lumber river, a source of revenue to a number of the citizens who understand the art of capturing them in divers ways, contrary to the peace, laws and dignity of the state. Monkey rum is in abundance, but only the few who know how to approach the tiger and pat him on the back can get the stuff. But the noble women that belong to the Red Cross organization are doing their bit not only for the soldier boys in the trenches in France but are also holding their household down to the very letter, of the Hoover law. Law abiding and patriotic to the last mother's daughter of them. On the night of April the first they staged a winning card that pulled out \$130 from the pockets of the overflowing audience that greeted 18 fiddlers at the school auditorium. Wise in their conception of what would interest the general public when the central idea was patriotism.

They advertised a fiddler's convention, proceeds to go to the Red Cross in France. The crowd came, so did the fiddlers. Eighteen husky fellows with smiles on their faces and rosin on their bows. With one or two exceptions they came from their farms. Fiddlers that can make your feet itch to get out on the floor and hoe it down in grand style when the music starts. None of them were violinists—just plain fiddlers, nothing more.

This high class German that's taught the young Miss at graded schools was an unknown preface in their music vocabulary. These boys, old and young, that kept the great crowd that heard them upon variations in their expressions of their pleasure from start to finish. Each one had music in his soul—not at all a mechanical performance—but something that was unexplainable. But its effect brought back to "ye old time fiddler" the echo from responsive souls that thrilled his own heart with a sense of the appreciation of those who cheered him on to soul inspiring melody. When Germany and her classic music shall have passed away, the old fiddler that's born with music in his soul will live on.

Elihu Muldrow.