

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWS LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

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

Mallory.
Mr. John L. Brigman, age 70 years, died at his home near here on Sunday night at 9:20. Although Mr. Brigman had been ill some days his condition was not considered serious till eleven o'clock Sunday when he became unconscious and never rallied, although his physician did all that was possible. Deceased is survived by his widow, a daughter and two sons, one of which is Mr. Preston L. Brigman of Climax, Ga. Funeral arrangements are for Tuesday, eleven o'clock, at Bethlehem church upon arrival of Mr. P. L. Brigman from Georgia.

Mr. J. Fred Williams was party to an automobile wreck on Sunday afternoon near Blenheim when his car collided with Mr. Henry Campbell's car which was driven by Mr. Campbell's daughter who sustained a painful cut on the hand from flying glass.

It is a well known fact that few readers ever take the time to read in full any act of the legislature. If the main features are not evident from head lines or special notice it passes unnoticed. Those responsible for the new Dillon county road act knew that fact and allowed the date limit to pass unnoticed. Those voters who have expressed themselves freely are hoping for an opportunity to express their disapproval of such manipulation and show these gentlemen how it has affected them politically if they have any further aspirations.

Without in any manner challenging the merits of the new road law we do feel there should have been special notice given of that provision in the act limiting the payment of a road tax to a few weeks after the 1917 commutation tax had been paid. From the first week in December to the last week in March people were paying the 1917 road tax. They were expected to step out before April 1st and pay another for 1918. The work on Dalcho School building has been held up on account of lack of agreement between the contractor and the architects. The community is watching the result of the controversy.

One of Mr. J. H. Carabo's tenants, J. D. Simmons, a colored minister, pastor of several churches, one of which is the First Colored Baptist church of Marion, was arrested in Marion last week for speeding his auto, disorderly conduct and carrying a pistol while drunk. He was fined one hundred bones or sentenced to the gang. Mr. J. H. Carabo went down and paid the fine and the negro J. D. Simmons went to the church and preached with a revival meeting he was conducting.

Oak Grove.
The closing exercises of the Oak Grove school took place last Friday afternoon. At four o'clock Friday afternoon a large crowd gathered in the school building to hear Lieutenant Governor Andrew J. Bethea, of Columbia deliver the address for the occasion. Mr. Bethea spoke along patriotic times, delivering an eloquent and stirring speech as to our duties and sacrifices in the great world conflict. The speaker impressed upon his hearers that so far our government has called upon us to make but little sacrifice, but that before the struggle is over we may know the real meaning of sacrifice.

At the night exercises the children rendered several beautiful drill songs, and so forth.

The school has had a successful year under the management of Miss Cora Lee Coleman, principal, and Miss Belle Allen and Miss Louise Burnett assistants.

The district has voted bonds for the erection of a modern building and hope to begin work on it in the near future.

The teachers have returned to their homes, Misses Coleman and Burnett to Greenwood and Miss Allen to Dillon.

The Bethesda Sunday school is planning to have Children's Day exercises sometime in June.

Mrs. J. S. Fair and children are visiting in Bennettsville.

Floydale.
The Floydale school closed one of the most successful school years in its history last Friday. A play was given Friday night which was a grand success. On Saturday morning the closing exercises were had. Rev. Watson B. Duncan was present and

NEW RESTRICTIONS ON SUGAR.

Makers of Non-Edible Products Must Go Entirely Without.

Washington, May 5.—Manufacturers using sugar to make essential food products will be put on strict rations the food administrations announced today, in order to assure sufficient supplies for home canners and the commercial manufacturers of preserves, jams and other food-stuffs regarded as essential.

Under the restriction, which becomes effective May 15, manufacturers of less essentials, particularly confectionery and soft drinks, will be allowed to use only 80 per cent of last year's requirements. Distribution will be under a certificate system.

Makers of non-edible products will be forced to go entirely without sugar.

Included in the class with confectionery and soft drinks are condiments, chocolate, candies, beverage supplies, fruit syrups, flavoring extracts, chewing gum, cocoa, sweet pickles, wines, cereals and invert sugar. Manufacturers of these products who entered the business or increased their capacity after last April 1, however, will be cut off entirely. Those who entered business or expanded before last November 1, will receive only 80 per cent allowances and those who started or expanded after that date but before last April 1 will be cut down to 50 per cent of requirements.

Control of distribution will be in the hands of State administrators. They will issue certificates to all manufacturers requiring sugar upon delivery of sworn statements showing the amount to which each is entitled.

Ice cream has been put in the preferred class, the food administration announced to assure consumption of surplus milk supplies and thus encourage dairy interests to maintain production.

ARRESTED ON HIS OWN ORDER.

Officer Well-Known to Many Dillonites Victim of Own Order.

The story came from France—and its authenticity is not questioned—that a certain officer of high rank well-known to many Dillonites drove up near the firing line and left his car in charge of his chauffeur. Another officer came along and seeing the car in a dangerous position ordered the chauffeur to move it to a safer place. When the officer returned from the firing line and could not find his car he concluded that it has been stolen or taken through mistake and phoned to the Paris police to look out for it and arrest any one found driving it. Later the officer found his car and went on his way to Paris. He had neglected to countermand his orders to the Paris police and lo, and behold, he had not proceeded very far through the streets of Paris before he was arrested. He tried to explain that it was his car, and when informed of the orders to arrest car and occupants, he told the officer he was the man who gave the order, but the officer would not listen and he was hustled on down to the police station where it took a lot of red tape to secure his release. The officer tells the joke on himself and enjoys it as much as anyone else.

MANY CHINESE LOST.

Accident Proves Fatal for Five Hundred Passengers.

Peking, Tuesday, April 30.—More than 500 Chinese passengers were lost in the recent collision off Hankow in which the Chinese steamship Kiang Kawn was sunk by the Chinese gunboat Chutal. A mistake in signals was the cause of the collision.

Waste and extravagance are Germany's silent allies.

made a fine talk. Each and everyone extend many thanks to the faculty for the good work they have done in the past year.

Miss Nellie Thompson accompanied by her sister, Miss Virginia, who has been visiting her for the past week, left Wednesday for their home at Coronaca, S. C.

Miss Ethel McLeod left Wednesday for her home at Wisacky, S. C.

Mrs. H. L. Reaves is visiting her father-in-law, Mr. J. R. Reaves this week.

Miss Bessie Staehouse is visiting friends and relatives in Dillon this week.

Mrs. Louise Bethea of Latta, visited at Mr. Murray Hayes this week.

Prof. M. E. Carmichael has returned to his home at Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Berry, of Minturn, spent Sunday at Mr. J. H. Berry's.

Several from here attended commencement exercises at Fork Monday night.

SAYS THE CITADEL RANKS WITH BEST

FURNISHING MANY EFFICIENT ARMY OFFICERS.

Lieut. David "Who Died the Death of a Soldier and a Hero," and Was "a Citadel Man."

The Citadel and institutions like it "are the backbone of America's military fabric today," according to an editorial in the Ottumwa, Iowa, Courier, of April 24. "If more American cities had citadels and if America had a universal military training law, America would be able to work out her destiny among the nations of history with far more security, far more success and far more of her days peaceful ones." The article was inspired by an account of the death of Lieut. John H. David, of Dillon. It was captioned "A Citadel Man," and reads in full as follows:

Daniel C. Roper, Jr., son of the United States internal revenue commissioner, is one of the many thousands of American soldiers whose observations, experiences and service records constitute unassailable arguments for universal military training. Yesterday's dispatches carried a portion of a letter from young Roper sent to his father from France. Thus he wrote:

"You will be proud to know of the case of a South Carolina man, of Dr. David, near Dillon, S. C. He was overwhelmed by the boche but he had a pile of human flesh in front of him. He fought like a tiger, accounted for seven boches with his pistol and then was fighting with an enemy rifle when struck from behind. My friend was a Citadel man and a fine officer."

Almost in the center of Charleston, S. C., the home State of the Ropers, stands an imposing structure, walled and towered and extending over several squares. Inside is an immense parade ground, and surrounding this are barracks and recreation rooms, auditoriums and the va led paragon of a military school. This is the South Carolina Military Academy, one of the finest schools for soldiers in America and an institution with which many of the fondest traditions of the Southland are connected.

To the world it presents its full name, but South Carolinians designate the school, its plant and its whole story of brave men and true, as the Citadel.

A Citadel man in South Carolina is all that a West Point man is in the army, but he is much more. West Point is a wonderful military school; so is the Citadel. But the Citadel is more than a school. It is South Carolina's pride, its soldiers are the flower of South Carolina's manhood, and the gray-haired generations of Citadel graduates are among South Carolina's foremost men.

Thus, when Lieut. Roper writes that his friend, who died the glorious death of a soldier and hero, was a Citadel man, your South Carolinian knows all about him that it is necessary to know.

Tradition and sentiment go deep down into the heart of the old South than they do in our Middle West. It is necessary to understand this to read into young Roper's tribute all that his father could find there.

The Citadel and schools like it are all too few in America. But they are the backbone of America's military fabric today. A Citadel man, or a West Point man, or a graduate of some of the other institutions where education is no education unless it includes the science of national defense, can be found in many an important post of honor and responsibility in the big army which the United States is getting together under the urge of necessity and menace.

Soldiers cannot be made overnight; we have learned that in the past year by hard experience. But if more American cities had citadels, and if the American government had a universal military training law, America would be able to work out her destiny among the nations of history with far more security, far more success and far more of her days peaceful ones.

Wars will occur while the world lasts. This will be by no means the last war. America must defend herself in the future, perhaps more than in the past. Military training is the only safeguard on which she can depend.

D. A. R. to Meet.

The Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R., will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. T. W. Bethea. A full attendance is requested as there is important business and election of officers.

GOOD COLORED MAN DIES.

Highly Respected Colored Citizen Buried Monday.

C. R. Bethea, one of Dillon's most highly respected colored citizens, was buried Sunday. This announcement will be read with sorrow by scores of people, both black and white, by whom Calvin was held in high esteem. Calvin died at Baltimore where he had gone for treatment and the body was brought home where it lay in state in the colored Masonic Lodge until Sunday morning. There was no colored man in the county who had done more for the advancement of his race. Calvin belonged to the Betheg family and was such a worthy slave that he was given several acres of land with his freedom. He went to work for himself with energy and enthusiasm and later Dr. Frank Bethea, the son of his old master, sold him adjoining land at a moderate price on easy terms. He continued to accumulate property and was in comfortable circumstances at the time of his death. Calvin was a great believer in education and gave his sons and daughters good opportunities. He took an active interest in the colored schools, churches and lodges and was an acknowledged leader among his race. He took a keen interest in every good movement whether for the benefit of white or black and at his own expense often made pilgrimages to distant points to attend race conferences where he always took a prominent part. Being a man of good practical ideas he was looked upon as a safe leader and always had the confidence of his white friends. Calvin will be missed among both white and colored.

When war was declared and men were being conscripted for service Calvin went among the younger members of his race and told them of the duty they owed to their government. He solicited subscriptions for the Red Cross and went among his people urging them to buy liberty bonds. He was county chairman for the colored people in the food campaign and gave his time freely in other work for the government.

His life should be an example and inspiration to the other members of his race.

The funeral was held at the Colored Cemetery Sunday and the large crowd, composed of both white and colored, that gathered to pay a last tribute to his memory was eloquent evidence of the esteem in which he was held by both races.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN MAY 20.

Dillon County is Asked to Contribute \$6000 in Next Campaign.

The second Red Cross campaign begins May 20 and Dillon's quota of the \$100,000,000 to be raised in the United States is \$6000. Following the plan of the Liberty Loan campaigns, the quota is based on the total resources of the banks in the county. Dillon has a population of 25,000 and the \$6000 asked for will be only a little more than 40 cents for every man, woman and child in the county. Dillon county is amply able to contribute this amount for the relief of suffering humanity and will gladly respond to the call.

A meeting of team captains from various sections of the county will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Notices are being mailed out this week and every team captain is urged to be present. At this meeting the plan of campaign will be mapped out and the presence of every team captain is necessary in order to systematize the work and insure the success of the campaign.

This is a time when every loyal citizen must do their duty. The person who cannot fight can assist in winning the war by their financial support. The sacrifices America has made are nothing as compared to the sacrifices that have been made by Belgium, Serbia, France, England and Italy. If the war continues another four years we too will have to make the same sacrifices and when we give freely we help to hasten the end and thus protect ourselves against the misfortunes the Allied nations of Europe have suffered.

Mr. Duncan in Demand.

Dr. Watson B. Duncan is much in demand these days. On last Friday he delivered the commencement address for the Oakland school at 11 a. m. and at 8:30 p. m. on the same day he made the address for the Pleasant Hill school. On Saturday at 11 a. m. he spoke at the close of the Floydale school. Among other engagements Dr. Duncan has the following in the near future: Address at the commencement of the Horry Industrial School; the alumni address at Wofford College; address at the State Federation of Wesley Bible Classes at Anderson, and an address at the Myrtle Beach Sunday school Institute.

COUNTY CONVENTION PASSES OFF QUIETLY

ENDORSES ANDREW J. BETHEA FOR GOVERNOR.

Recommends that Auditor and Treasurer Hold Over for Two Years.

Dillon county's sixth biennial Democratic Convention convened at the court house Monday at noon. It was one of the quietest conventions in the history of the county, the proceedings throughout being devoid of partisan politics, there being at all times an almost perfect unanimity of feeling among the delegates present. The convention was called to order by the chairman, and the proceedings were opened by an eloquent prayer by Dr. Watson B. Duncan.

A. B. Jordan, was re-elected chairman for another term, J. Earle Bethea was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The following delegates were elected to the State Convention which meets at Columbia May 15th.

Senator J. H. Manning, Dr. J. H. David, J. W. McKay, C. L. Wheeler, E. T. Elliott, A. B. Jordan.

Mr. T. W. Berry was re-elected State Executive Committeeman.

The following resolution endorsing Andrew J. Bethea for governor was adopted:

"Whereas, a man born and reared in Dillon county is a candidate for the office of governor of this state. Now therefore be it resolved, That this convention endorse the candidacy of the Hon. Andrew J. Bethea."

Appropriate resolutions endorsing the administration were read by Dr. Wade Stackhouse and adopted. The convention adopted a resolution requesting the Executive Committee not to put the auditor and treasurer in the primary this summer. Auditor Gaddy and Treasurer Watson were appointed by the governor and the attorney general has held that the appointments were good for four years. They have served not quite two years. The object of the resolution was to show the Executive Committee that the attorney general's ruling in the matter would have the support of the democrats in the county and to set at rest the question of whether the auditor and treasurer would be required to run in this year's primary.

The following delegates answered to the roll call:

Judson—P. L. Bethea, H. McRae, J. McQueen, C. McLaurin, Floydale—J. H. Berry, J. R. Reaves, L. B. Alford, J. H. Stackhouse H. B. Floyd.

Maple Hill—G. D. Barlow, L. C. Lovell, F. B. Booth, Joe Sarvis.

Bermuda—C. G. McKenzie, C. M. Moody, L. L. Stephens, T. W. Williams.

Gaddy's Mill—F. M. Page, W. B. Gaddy, J. C. Adams, R. S. Rogers, Lake View—W. R. Phillips, J. B. Arnett, R. T. Renfrow, R. F. Elvington, E. P. Smith.

Pleasant Hill—William Arnett, Dunk Williamson.

Centerville—D. S. Rogers, L. B. Campbell, J. P. Rogers, R. L. Alford.

Oak Grove—J. Rich Hayes, Tracey E. Fore, M. B. Brigman, E. B. Berry, P. A. George, H. T. Hartley, J. Vernon Hayes.

Little Rock—J. W. Hamer, W. B. Stackhouse, T. L. Manning, F. L. Betheh, M. S. Britt.

Kemper—W. T. Moody, M. E. Hayes, B. P. Hayes, J. F. Meares.

Hamer—D. A. McCallum, J. A. McEachern, E. L. Westbury, J. W. McKay.

Latta—T. W. Berry, E. B. Berry, H. A. Bethea, J. H. Manning, L. T. Watson, W. H. Smith, J. J. Bethea, S. W. Epps, J. B. McCutcheon, R. J. Dew, E. A. Bethea.

Mt. Calvary—E. P. Wiggins, J. H. Moody, Jr.

Fork—L. M. Rogers, R. S. Moore, L. K. Bethea, L. B. Fort.

Dillon—Sam McLaurin, E. T. Elliott, A. P. Jordan, P. B. Sellers, W. C. Moore, D. S. Allen, J. H. David, M. A. Stubbs, A. P. Bethea, C. L. Wheeler, Wade Stackhouse, E. L. Moore, J. B. Gibson, Jno. C. Bethea, J. W. Gaddy.

Rev. E. O. Watson Bereaved.
The Dillon friends of the Rev. E. O. Watson, the well known Methodist preacher, will regret to learn of the death of his daughter, Mary West, aged nine years, which resulted last week from injuries received in a motor cycle accident in Columbia. The girl and a youth about the same age, William Owen, it appears, were riding a bicycle on the Winesboro road when John W. Wilkinson, teller of the Palmetto National Bank, of Columbia riding motorcycly collided with them, the little girl, who was seated on the handle bars of the bicycle, receiving the full impact of the blow.

DEATH CLAIMS A. K. PARHAM.

One of Dillon's First Settlers and Oldest Citizens Passes Away.

With the passing of Mr. A. K. Parham at an early hour Sunday morning Dillon loses another pioneer citizen whose life was closely linked with the town's early history. Mr. Parham had passed his three-score-and-ten, but until a few months ago he was remarkably active and vigorous for one of his years.

Mr. Parham had not been well for the past three months, being confined to his room most of the time, but Saturday he said he was feeling much better and spent the greater part of the day sitting on the front porch. He retired at his usual hour Saturday night, but when he was called Sunday morning and did not respond it was found that he had passed away peacefully some time during the early morning hours.

Mr. Parham was born in Marlboro county, but the greater portion of his life was spent in old Marion and Dillon counties. He was in his 84th year. Early in life he was married to Miss Ruth Townsend, daughter of Jacob R. Townsend, who lived a few miles above Little Rock. There were several sons and daughters born of this union, of all whom, with his wife, preceded him to the grave.

Before moving to Dillon Mr. Parham was engaged in merchandising and farming at Pages Mills. From Pages Mills he moved to Dillon where he continued the mercantile business until about ten years ago. He always took an active interest in fraternal orders, being a charter member of the local Masonic and K. of P. orders, having served as Worshipful Master of the Masonic order and as Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias. For the past ten years he had served the Pythian order as Keeper of Records and Seals.

Mr. Parham was a good citizen. Quiet and unassuming in manner, polite and courteous to those in all walks of life, honest and sincere in his dealings with his fellow-man he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Parham was the last surviving member of his immediate family, his nearest surviving relatives being two nephews, Messrs. Thad. Parham of Marietta, N. C., and C. W. Parham, of Charleston, a niece, Mrs. Maggie DuBose of Lamar.

Mr. Parham was laid away with Masonic honors at Mt. Holly Monday morning, the members of the lodge of which he had long been a faithful member attended in a body, the eulogy being delivered by Hon. Jno. C. Sellers.

Tribute from a Comrade.

Editor Herald:— Just before the Southern Confederacy ceased to exist the writer with A. K. Parham, Daniel F. Berry, Evander P. Ellis, James K. Bethea and Thos. C. Moody, the latter gentleman being clerk of the court of Marion county, but succeeded in having the office kept open by an elderly gentleman who was physically unable to perform military duty, he (Mr. Moody) mounted his spirited steed, fell in line with those of us whose duty called us to meet the invading foe on our own soil. We were all captured by Gen. Potter's forces of the federal army, who were devastating our already down-trodden state, carried to Port Royal where we were kept as prisoners till the war ended. Learning today of the death of my old friend and comrade, Alex. K. Parham, brings vividly to my mind those days. Mr. Parham was the oldest of the six but lived the longest (myself excepted), the others having long since crossed over the river. As a last tribute of respect to my friend and comrade, Alex. K. Parham, I wish to say that during the 52 years of my acquaintance with him in prison and out of prison, I have ever found him to be the same quiet unassuming christian gentleman. A man who never paraded his noble traits of heart and mind before the public just to attract the applause of men; a man in whose heart there was no guile, being free from enviousness, selfishness or any of the petty sins that so many of us are afflicted with. A good man is gone from among us, but our loss is his eternal gain.

J. W. SMITH.

Dillon Boy Promoted.

The many friends of Jno. C. Bethea, Jr., will be delighted to learn that he has been commissioned a lieutenant. Mr. Bethea volunteered his services when war was declared and was given a position as field clerk with Gen. Pershing's expeditionary forces. He sailed for France last summer. Lieut. Bethea is a son of Mrs. Hettie Bethea of Dillon.