

FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT

Blanks Have Been Received By Kershaw County Committee.

Senator A. J. Beattie, chairman of the Kershaw County committee appointed by Governor Manning to supervise the military registration in this county when the federal draft law is put into effect, Saturday received a supply of blanks with which to notify the local registrars who shall be appointed for each precinct. The registration cards, to be filled out by the registrars of military age have been reviewed by Clerk of Court J. H. Clayburn, who together with Probate Judge W. L. McDowell form the Kershaw County committee.

It is thought the selective draft bill will be passed by congress and will be sent to the president for his signature this week. Immediately upon President Wilson signing the bill, it will be the law. The president will then issue a proclamation setting a date for all men of military age in the United States to register.

The registration will be carried on in a manner very similar to elections. Managers will be appointed for every precinct in the county and at the time designated they will perform the duties assigned them. Negroes will be required to register also.

Mr. C. W. Evans, of Camden has been named as clerk of the commission in this county. Below will be found a list of names to serve as registrars at the various precincts. It should be clearly understood by those engaged that it is not optional with them as to whether they serve or not, but compulsory, and any failure to do so means penalty under the Federal law:

- Abeys—D. M. Kirkley, H. T. Horton, Kershaw Rfd. 4.
- Antioch—Paul Brown, Henry McCandless, Camden Route.
- Beaverdam—J. C. Ford, R. A. Jackson, Lugoff, Route 1.
- Bek Hill—H. W. Barnes, T. B. Bether, Camden Route.
- Bethune—D. T. Yarbrough, M. G. King, Bethune.
- Beulah—Leslie McCaskill, C. B. Thompson, Camden Route.
- Blaney—L. B. Session, J. S. Ross, Blaney.
- Buffalo—C. A. Johnson, D. L. Catoe, Kershaw Route.
- Camden, W. A. Schrock, H. D. Williams, H. C. Singleton, Camden.
- Cantey Hill—J. E. Creed, C. E. Wats, Cantey.
- Cassatt—L. O. Funderburk, S. C. West, Cassatt.
- DeKalb—S. C. Truesdell, J. E. Clarke, Kaly.
- Doby's Mill—A. E. Kennedy, C. W. Hunt, Lugoff.
- Enterprise—J. B. McCoy, Lawrence Pines, Camden.
- Harmony—W. H. Simpson, B. I. Blaxox, Blaney.
- Hermitage—W. T. Player, S. H. Shirley, Camden.
- Kershaw—J. A. McCaskill, F. L. Truesdale, Kershaw.
- Liberty Hill—S. M. Richards, G. R. Clements, Liberty Hill.
- Lockhart—J. J. Jordan, C. R. Pitts, Westville.
- Lugoff—Jas. Tram, John Parker, Lugoff.
- Nicks Creek—C. E. Jones, T. W. Bowen, Kershaw.
- Oakland—C. C. Pate, J. V. Catoe, Pate Creek, T. J. Truesdell, J. E. Robertson, Camden.
- Pine Tree—J. E. Brannon, J. R. West, Cassatt.
- Raley's Mill—J. E. Mangum, M. L. Raley, Kershaw Route.
- Roland—L. S. Spears, D. C. West, Kershaw.
- Salt Pond—J. B. Nelson, C. B. Nettles, Blaney.
- Sandy Grove—H. S. Thompson, W. T. Ratliff.
- Shamrock—Hoyt Johnson, D. W. Blackwell.
- Shively's Hill—R. L. Smayrl, Lewis Blaney.
- Sheppard—W. E. Hall, F. J. Tidwell.
- Stockton—W. R. Gardner, E. C. Parry, Blaney.
- Stonewall—G. E. Hammond, J. H. Madison, Stonewall.
- Swift Creek—A. H. Boykin, L. W. Boykin, Blaney.
- Three C's—John M. Croxton, J. Boyd Magin, Kershaw.
- Twenty Creek—Dannie Rabon, J. H. Hinson, Lugoff.
- Westville—J. A. McDowell, W. C. Thomas.

An official outline of the method by which military registration is to be carried out under the selective conscription bill has been made public, with an appeal from the War Department for the voluntary services of registrars and other officials in order that there will be no delay in enrolling and classifying millions of men for army duty. Careful preparations have been made to place the whole of the hands of civilian officials in the States and to remove every suggestion of military force in putting the law into effect. The only function of the federal government will be the supervision through the office of the postmaster general.

The department's statement follows: "From the War Department which has been published in full and therefrom stimulate interest and publicity in the service as the performance of a patriotic duty.

There is a time in the country's history when military enumerators backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today under the principle of universal liability to service the execution of the law is put into the

ENGINEERS TO FRANCE

Highly Trained Railway Men Needed For Reconstructing Lines.

Washington, May 7.—Nine new regiments of army engineers, to be composed exclusively of highly trained railway men, will be the first American troops to be sent to France. They will go "at the earliest possible moment," the War Department announced today, for work on communication lines, but speculation as to exactly when or to what points they will be sent is forbidden because of the submarine menace.

The new forces will be volunteers, raised at the nine great railway centers of the country. Each regiment will be commanded by an engineer colonel of the regular army, aided by an adjutant. All other officials will be railway engineers or officials.

The expedition will have a total strength of between 11,000 and 12,000 men, each regiment being composed of two battalions of three companies each. Every branch of railway workers necessary to the building or operation of lines will be represented in the ranks, and the War Department expects a response to the call that will permit a careful selection to be exercised and insure a force already trained to the minute, an army of experts in railway operation.

hands of the people.

The approval of the new national army bill and the President's proclamation thereunder will be coincident. All persons within the age limits prescribed will be required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting places in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes, on a day which the President will announce. The probability is, that from ten to fifteen days will elapse between approval of the bill and registration day.

The Governor of each state will be the chief of registration, therein. The machinery of registration in each county is to be in charge of the sheriff, the county clerk, and the county physician acting as ex officio, unless a different board shall be announced by the Governor. In cities containing populations of more than 30,000, the registration will be under the control of the mayor and selected boards of registration. In order that the designated county and city officials, and the people generally, can get a clear understanding of the census methods the following brief outline is given:

The sheriffs or other designated officials, immediately upon receiving notice from the Governor, shall appoint registrars for each voting precinct.

The proportion of registrars shall be one for each 170 persons to be registered. Each age to be registered will comprise about 1 per cent of the population.

If, for instance, all men between nineteen and twenty-five years of age, inclusive, are to be registered, the registrar would have to enroll about 7 per cent of the precinct population.

It is desirable to accept the services of competent volunteer registrars to serve without compensation. All registrars must be sworn.

The voting place in each precinct must be prepared for registration. Full printed instruction covering every detail of registration will be in the hands of sheriffs and mayors on the fifth day after the President's proclamation.

The mayor of a city containing more than 30,000 inhabitants or the officials designated by the Governor therein, shall, with approval of the Governor, appoint for each ward or convenient minor subdivision containing about 30,000 people one registration board, and shall designate one officer of each board to perform duties similar to those imposed on the sheriff, as heretofore outlined. If the mayor desires, he may appoint a central board to coordinate the work of minor boards.

On the fifth day after the President has issued his proclamation, clerks of counties and cities of over 30,000 must secure a supply of blanks and copies of the registration regulations from the sheriff or from the mayor. Absentees and the sick will apply to such clerks to have their registration cards filled out. In no case shall such persons be given registration certificates. They are to be instructed by the clerk that the burden is on them to see to it that the cards reach the registrars of their home precincts by registration day.

Persons absent from their home counties may be registered by mail. If so absent, a man should go to the clerk of the county where he may be staying, on the sixth day after the date of the President's proclamation. If he is in a city of over 30,000 population, the city clerk is the official to whom to apply. The absentee will be told to register, but he must mail his card in time to reach his precinct by registration day.

Persons to sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of the proclamation. The clerk will give instructions for registration.

Officials of educational, charitable and other institutions should apply for instructions to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of the proclamation for instructions as to a convenient method of registration.

The warden of jails, penitentiaries, and reformatories should apply to the county or city clerk for instructions on the sixth day.

Five days after the date of the President's proclamation complete reg-

SAVAGE BATTLE RAGES

Germans Try to Divide French From Hard-Won Positions.

The Germans have hurled counter-attack after counter-attack against the French forces in their newly acquired positions northeast of Soissons, taken in their advance toward Laon and eastward along the Chemin-des-Dames, but their efforts were useless. General Nivelle's men clung tenaciously to them throughout Saturday night and Sunday, and inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans. The greater portion of the 18-mile front has been consolidated and as a result of the two days' fighting 6,100 Germans have been taken prisoner. Not content with Saturday's gains northeast of Soissons, the French Sunday enlarged their holdings by capturing in isolated operations important German points of support north of the Moulin de Lauffaux and north of Bray-en-Laonnais.

The Berlin official communication, in referring to Saturday's battle, declares that the French attempt to break through the German line was unavailing, and that the gigantic thrust was entirely repulsed. It admits, however, that the intense fire of the French guns destroyed the German positions on the Winterburg, and that this embouchure and several adjacent sectors were occupied by the French. It is asserted by the Berlin War Office that the French, after "their sanguinary defeat" of Saturday, did not repeat their attack Sunday.

To the east of Bullecourt, which lies midway between Arras and Cambrai, where the British and Germans last week engaged in sanguinary encounters, with the advantage lying with Feld Marshal Haig's forces, the Germans Saturday night by a counter-attack endeavored to regain their lost ground. They were unsuccessful, however, and a similar attempt Sunday likewise was put down by the British artillery, although the Germans threw large effective into the fray.

With renewed reports from Petrograd that the trouble between the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates and the Provisional Government has been amicably settled, come fresh advices indicating that the military commander in Petrograd is fearful of a German attack by the way of the Gulf of Finland. The commander reports the presence of German merchantmen at Libau, apparently waiting for the ice to break up in order to transport troops under convoy of warships to attack the Capital, and has ordered a reorganization of the reserve forces to defend it. A German airplane, for the first time during the war has flown over Odessa, Russia's seaport on the Black Sea, according to a German official communication. The communication fails to say whether bombs were dropped by the aircraft.

To Members of Kershaw Association.

I have been called on to furnish back numbers of the minutes of the Kershaw Association and as I have not been Clerk very long, I am not able to supply them. Anybody having back numbers of the Association, if you will send them to me it will be greatly appreciated. Yours for service,

L. H. Catoe, Clerk,
Rfd. 4, Heath Spring, S. C.

Marriage.

Mr. Leonard Strait Mayer and Miss Queen Allie Baker, both of Camden were married at an early hour on last Sunday morning, May 6th, 1917, at the home of Probate Judge W. L. McDowell. The young couple left on the 8:20 train over the Southern railway for a short trip to points up the country.

Had Pleasant Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rehnberg who left here for their home have arrived at Shelton, Conn., after a pleasant trip. We received a letter from Mr. Rehnberg this week in which he says: "We had a most pleasant trip up North. Found roads in South Carolina and North Carolina quite good, but when we struck Virginia we had some bad stretches to go through—in some places we could only make a mile or two an hour. Richmond to Fredericksburg particularly bad. At Fredericksburg we learned that road (the National W. A. Highway) through Dumfries Swamp was impassible. Some cars had come through, but only with the help of 4 to 6-mule teams, so we put our car and ourselves on Tappanhook River steamer for Baltimore, and continued our journey from there. Pennsylvania roads are all fine macadam, so are New Jersey. From New York up they have the finest Tarvia roads. We camped out all the way and spent two days camping and fishing on the river above Fredericksburg while waiting for steamer."

ulations will be in the hands of all sheriffs and of the officials of cities of more than 30,000 population.

The President is authorized to call upon all public officers to assist in the execution of the law. The plan is, however, to rely on the people for the proper execution of the law. It is expected that patriotic citizens will offer their services free as registrars. Such services will be gratefully acknowledged. Volunteers for this service should communicate immediately with the proper official.

DEATH OF H. H. EVANS

Was Native of Fairfield County But Lately Resided at Smithville.

Probably no man was better known in Camden than Mr. Evans. A short sketch of him will be of interest to those who knew him as well as those who did not.

Born in Fairfield County, he lived there until he was eleven years old, then his parents moved to West Waterlee. He remained there until about grown then went to overseeing for Col. William Ancrum, and remained with him for years. He even spoke in loving terms of Col. Ancrum, his kindness to him in various ways and aiding him by fatherly advice to mould his character along true manhood lines. "What I am I owe it to him," said Mr. Evans. During the war he was in charge of several large plantations, running eighty or a hundred plows. The Confederate government left him at home to furnish provisions on the "tythe" system. He sent to its aid thousands of bushels of grain and tons of rough feed, and much meal. After the war he moved to his place near Smithville, Sumter County, and remained there until he died. For many years he did a large business in mercantile, turpentine and farming. He experienced heavy losses, but through it all, he was the same true, honest man that he always was.

His early educational advantages were not good but by persistent self help and extensive reading he became one of the best informed men of the day on all current topics. He was full of energy and activity and remained so until nature gave way. He was highly respected by all and his fine hospitality was known to all who ever entered his home. He was a kind hearted, benevolent man, only limited by his means. In early life he joined the Baptist church and died in the enjoyment of his faith. For years he was a Mason. During the later years of his life he was confined to his home, and gradually grew weaker until Saturday, April 28th, God touched him and he went away. He was buried Monday at Pisgah church of which he was a member, in the presence of one of the largest crowds ever assembled at the church who came from many counties to pay the last sad farewell to his memory. After Divine services by Rev. Mr. Yates, and his pastor Rev. Liles, of Camden, his Masonic brethren gently put him away in their always beautiful but sad rite. He leaves a wife and two children, Charles T. Evans, Supervisor of Lee County, and Mrs. Mary Shiver, of Kershaw County. Several grand children, numerous relatives and friends to mourn that he has gone, but

"There is no death, the stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore And bright in Heaven's Jewelled crown They shine forever more."

J. E. D. Rembert, May 8th.

SUSPECT CAPTURED.

John Bowen, German, Placed in Columbia Jail by Guards.

National Guardsmen doing patrol duty in South Carolina captured their first German Saturday, when a squad from Company K (Anderson) took into custody at Bethune a man who gave his name as John Bowen. He was brought yesterday to the headquarters of the First South Carolina Infantry at the State fair grounds, Columbia, and at the request of the commanding officer, Sheriff John C. McCain lodged him in the Richland county jail. No charges have been placed against Bowen. He is held for investigation.

Capt. R. D. Henderson commanding Company K was notified Saturday by Chesterfield county citizens that a German was in the neighborhood and they thought his actions suspicious. Capt. Henderson sent a squad for the man, who was in the woods near Bethune. Private Oscar Doyle made the arrest. Other members of the squad were Sergt. Brown and Corporal Crawford. These three and Capt. Henderson brought Bowen to Columbia.

Examination of Bowen's personal effects showed that he had several maps of this section but they were "scraped" and McNally prints with no special marks or notations. He had a change of clothing in a roll, and a little over \$49 in cash. Officers who interviewed Bowen said that he admitted being a German and that he had not been naturalized. He told them that he was on his way to Hartsville, where he hoped to find work. According to Bowen, he was a railroad section hand at Brewing, Va., until April 15, when he was discharged "without reason."

Bowen was roughly dressed, his attire being much like that of the ordinary tramp. He is about 45 years of age and speaks English imperfectly.—Monday's Columbia State.

In Honor of German Buried Here.

Washington, May 7.—The navy department today announced that the names of Germans who fought for liberty would be bestowed upon the two seized German commerce raiders now held by the government.

The Kronprinz Wilhelm will be renamed the Baron Von Steuben, and the Prinz Eitel Frederick will be called the Baron deKalb, after the German generals who fought with Gen. Washington in 1776.

JURORS TO TEARS

And Even Newspaper Men Wept During the Plea.

Christiansburg, Va., May 8.—A sudden and dramatic delay was caused in the trial of Prof. Charles E. Vawter, charged with the killing of Stockton Heth, Jr., when Judge W. W. Moffett was forced to adjourn court to let the jury compose themselves after R. L. Jordan, speaking for the defense, had caused every member of the jury, many of the audience and newspaper men to break into tears. When the climax of the speech came, Attorney Jordan so vividly pictured the tragedy that the jury completely broke down and wept.

Commonwealth's Attorney R. I. Roop, opened the argument for the prosecution during the morning session. In strong language he arraigned Vawter for the alleged bargaining of his wife. He reviewed the events of the night of the tragedy, drawing a terrible picture of conditions in the Vawter home, saying "It is a cause of wonder that the God who destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah had withheld fire and brimstone from such a place of sin."

Attorney R. L. Jordan, speaking for the defense, attacked Heth's character in bitter terms, saying that Mrs. Vawter had atoned for sins as no human could. He scored Roop for saying that the defense would come in with a bucket of tar and whitewash, the tar to blacken Heth's character and the whitewash to smooth over Mr. and Mrs. Vawter.

Attorney Allen Harless for the defense, bitterly arraigned Heth's character and wound up by saying that he got his just deserts. He scored Heth's estimate of Virginia women, using the testimony of Mrs. Vawter, who stated on the witness stand that Heth had said to her, "Rachael, all women will do the same thing if you go at them in the right way."

Court will convene at 10 o'clock tomorrow, and the case is expected to go to the jury before 6 o'clock.

Buys Interest in Cafe.

Chris Bealos who has been associated with his brother at the Camden Candy Kitchen, last week purchased from Kris Ellis half interest in the Olympia Cafe, and he with his partner George Kirchner will conduct it in the future.

Corn Growing Contest.

To stimulate corn growing in this county the Bank of Camden, one of the oldest banks in the state is offering \$80,000 in gold to the farmers producing the most corn on two or more acres. This is a prize worth competing for. Not only is the honor and the prize worth the effort, but the corn grown in this contest will come in mighty good this fall if prices continue to soar. In announcing this contest the bank says:

"Realizing the necessity of our farmers making every effort to increase their yield of foodstuffs, generally, corn especially, we have decided to institute a corn growing contest, which will be open to the farmers of Kershaw County, and will offer the following prizes to be competed for. To the farmer producing the greatest average yield of corn per acre, on two or more acres, the coin having been planted after the harvesting of oats, rye, wheat, or rye, we will on December 1st, pay \$50,000 in gold. To the farmer producing the second greatest yield, we will award \$20,000 in gold, and to the third greatest yield, \$10,000 in gold.

"This contest is open to farmers only, meaning those who gain their livelihood by farming, and those wishing to join are requested to come in and register their name and address within the next ninety days."

Admitted to California Bar.

A late issue of a Los Angeles, California paper carries a picture and an article in reference to Charles V. Barfield, formerly of Camden. He is a son of the late T. J. Barfield and was known to his friends here as "Sully". His friends in this city will be interested in the following from the California paper:

"Charles V. Barfield, former newspaper man and at present connected with the traffic department of The Associated Press, was ranked with the first eight in the recent law examinations held here for admission to the bar. Barfield is well known among the local newspaper men, having been with the Associated Press for the last six years. Barfield expects soon to take up the practice of the law."

Meeting Civic League.

The regular meeting of the Civic League will be held at the Graded School next Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. At this meeting a Red Cross unit will be formed, and the report from the Federated Clubs will be read. Officers for the coming year will also be elected.

Red Cross Unit to be Organized.

Men, women and children who are interested in Red Cross work for our soldiers will please come to the Grammar school building next Monday at 4:30 p. m. Dr. Burnett will give a talk on the subject of Red Cross work, and trained nurses will lend their aid if a unit is established. The work will be under the Red Cross Association of the United States, and will consist of making war supplies, taking courses of study in first aid to the injured, canteen work, home nursing, making pajamas, and making up "Box 6."

All Doctors and trained nurses in the county are urged to assist. Mrs. E. C. von Tresckow, Chairman Civic S. C. F. W. C.

GUARDSMAN KILLED

Gilliam Hall Met Death By Train Near Kingstree.

The news of the death of Private Gilliam Hall, of the Kershaw Guards, caused great sorrow among his comrades and relatives and friends in this county. Captain Wm. M. Young was in Camden Wednesday and told us that the young man was guarding a bridge near Kingstree, and while standing near a fire close beside the track the muzzle of his rifle was struck by a passing freight train, and it is supposed the blow rendered him unconscious, throwing him into the fire where his face was horribly burned.

He had been dead some time when the relief guard reached him.

The body was prepared for burial at Kingstree and shipped under military escort to Cassatt Tuesday where it was buried near there. Lieutenant Biremore and Privates C. R. Lewis and Carl A. Horton accompanied the remains.

Young Hall was a former student at the Camden Graded school and was a favorite among his comrades. He was about nineteen years of age.

As Reported to The State.

Kingstree, May 7.—Gilliam D. Hall, Company M, First Regiment, S. C. N. G., while on guard duty was killed by a train at a trestle near Kingstree between the hours of midnight and 4 a. m. this morning.

His body was found by the relief guard at 4 a. m. face down in the camp fire near the track and was badly burned. It seems that as he stood with his back to the train his gun on his shoulder the car struck the end of his gun barrel, knocking him in the head so that he fell into the fire. There was only a small wound in the side of his head and the barrel of his rifle bore evidence of a violent blow. He was 20 years of age, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hall of Camden. He had served on the Mexican border and was a young man of the highest type of Christian character, loved and respected by all who knew him. The body was taken to Camden Monday afternoon for burial. The Boy Scouts in uniform carrying a United States flag escorted the body to the depot and Capt. Young came from Florence this morning to accompany the remains to Camden.

Florence, May 7.—Gilliam Hall, of Camden, a member of Company M, of Camden, First South Carolina Regiment, temporarily located at Florence, was run down by train No. 85 and instantly killed while on guard duty at Black river trestle, near Kingstree, thirty-nine miles south of this city, early this morning. Young Hall it is stated, was walking the trestle, and attempted to reach a place of safety by attempting to swing from a cap of the trestle when he was struck by the "West Indies Fast Mail," going south. The remains were taken this evening to Camden, his home, for burial. It is stated that no fault is attached to the train crew. His comrades were much grieved as well as all Florence folk, who were apprised of the tragedy.

Version From Kingstree.

Kingstree, May 7.—Citizens of Kingstree were shocked to learn this morning that one of the soldier boys on guard at the Atlantic Coast Line trestle, about one mile south of town, had been struck by a passing train and instantly killed. The young man's name was Gilliam Hall and he is said to hail from Camden. He, with a soldier companion, was at church here last night, and naturally their uniforms made them conspicuous among the 500 or more people who attended the service. Young Hall apparently was about twenty-two years of age and a robust, fine looking young man. He went on watch at the trestle at midnight and, it seems, built a small fire near the track and then sat down on the end of a tie and supposedly fell asleep. When struck by the train he was knocked some distance from the track, and indications are that he was killed instantly.

Elected Cotton Weigher.

At the meeting of the county board of commissioners held Monday Mr. Lee M. West was elected cotton weigher for Camden. There were six other applicants for the position. All cotton sold on the Camden market hereafter will be weighed by Mr. West. He will receive 10c per bale for weighing.

Helping The Guards.

Through the efforts of the Boy Scouts and some of our citizens some nice things have been sent the young guardsmen doing patrol duty at the Waterlee trestle here. Cakes and delicacies have been carried to them on several occasions and they deeply appreciate these courtesies. Guarding all day and night in a swamp is not all pleasure and life in a tent with only a few cooking utensils gets monotonous.

Those having anything to send these boys need have no hesitancy in leaving it at W. Robin Zemp's drug store or at the office of T. K. Trotter who will see that same is given to the guards.

Received a Gold Watch.

In the report of the Beaver Dam school closing last week our correspondent meant to state that young Harold Hatfield received a gold watch for his high average. Through an error on our part this was omitted and we gladly make this correction. Harold was presented with a handsome gold watch for his diligent efforts.