

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

A Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., June 6.—Miss Addie Mae Kelly and Mr. Clemons Mayer Wilson were quietly married at 10:30 p. m. of the bride on South Main street Thursday night, May 31st. Ray A. M. Gardner, pastor of the Methodist Church performed the ceremony. Mrs. Wilson was one of Bethune's prettiest and most accomplished young ladies, and Mr. Wilson is a popular young man of Newberry, having recently been elected Superintendent of Education of Newberry county. After the ceremony the young couple motored to Camden, where they boarded a train enroute for their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home in Newberry, much to the regret of the bride's many relatives and friends in Bethune.

Misses Eva West, Alta Copeland and Malinda Ward have returned to their homes from Clark College for the summer vacation.

Miss Ruth Stagner, who has recently returned to her home near here from Winthrop College, spent a few days of last week with Miss Marceline Estabrook.

Miss Stevens of Laurens, S. C. is spending some time at the home of her son, Mr. W. M. Stevens.

About a hundred and seventy young men of this community registered here, however, a majority of those who registered were negroes.

Children's Day exercises were held at the Methodist Church Sunday night, June 3rd and an attractive program was rendered. The church was beautifully decorated with cut-flowers and plants. The children acquitted themselves well and the house was full of overflowing.

A party of young folks consisting of Misses Malinda Ward, Marceline Estabrook and Ruth Stagner, and Messrs. Ralph McCaskill and Thornwell Clyburn motored to Kershaw one day last week.

Mr. Henry Nettles, Jr., and Miss Mary Byrd of Hartsville, S. C., were the guests of Miss Malinda Ward one day last week.

Miss Leon Northcutt is visiting relatives in St. Charles.

The recent hail storm did considerable damage in and around Bethune. The gardens and crops were badly injured, and much damage was done to a number of chimneys and window frames in town.

Mr. A. L. Mays, accompanied by his little son, James, who has been quite sick for some time, to Columbia last week to consult a specialist.

Mrs. J. A. Caskey and little son returned from a visit to relatives in Heath Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clyburn spent Saturday near Lancaster at the home of the father of Rev. Barnwell Patton who is quite ill at present.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. White Newman is quite ill.

Mr. Flynn Kelly and Mrs. Mattie Dunlap, accompanied by Boyd Clyburn, motored to Hartsville last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Eliza Kelly was the guest of Mrs. M. L. Kelly last week.

Mr. L. W. West motored to Camden last Wednesday.

Mrs. Heaton of McBee spent several days of last week with relatives in town.

On last Wednesday Mr. Jack McArthur entertained his Sunday School class of young men of the Presbyterian Church at his home on South Main street. The class held a business meeting after which ice cream and cake were served.

Messrs. Leonard King and Henry Nettles of Hartsville were in town Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Robert Bethune and D. T. Johnson, who motored to Georgia Florida recently on a visit to relatives have returned.

Mr. Thomas Bethune of Georgia is visiting relatives in town.

Dr. J. L. Ingram of McBee was in town Sunday.

Miss A. M. Gardner, who has been on a visit to her brother in Chester, has returned.

Mr. C. R. Cassady spent Tuesday at Columbia.

Messrs. A. Bethune, G. B. King and J. M. Clyburn have returned from Washington where they attended the moderate Veteran's Reunion last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yarborough and little daughter spent Sunday with relatives in town.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. William Newman, who has been quite ill for some time, was taken to the Columbia hospital last Sunday for treatment. On last Saturday morning, while returning from Heath Springs, Mr. A. Caskey, accompanied by his wife and baby in order to avoid running into a kicking horse, suddenly ran into

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS

Judge Smith Will Preside at Summer Term For This County

The Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Kershaw County will convene on the first Monday in July. Judge Mendel L. Smith of this city will be the presiding Judge.

The following Grand and Petit Jurors have been drawn to serve for this term:

Grand Jurors.

The following grand jurors have been drawn to serve for the next twelve months. The Clerk of Court requests that these jurors report for duty without further notification other than the publication of this list:

K. T. Estridge, Bethune
W. R. Moseley, Camden
J. P. Hasty, Camden
L. B. Sessions, Blaney
N. L. Cassidy, Bethune
W. F. Bradley, Camden
W. T. Player, Camden
J. W. Owens, Westville
H. L. Smyrl, Cantey Hill
Charles Nolin, Camden
L. W. Branham, Lugoff
T. S. Bell, Kershaw
Eddie Rabon, Lugoff
C. B. Nettles, Lugoff
W. H. Taylor, Kershaw
D. K. Yarborough, Bethune
J. B. Catoe, Jefferson
J. E. Rhame, Camden

Petit Jurors—First Week.

W. C. Cunningham, Liberty Hill.
J. E. Rabon, Kaib
J. L. Rodgers, Camden
J. H. Clements, Liberty Hill
W. T. McNeely, Cassatt
B. A. Bowen, Lugoff
J. W. Jones, Bethune
D. L. McLaughlin, Lucknow
D. F. Owens, Westville
J. R. Rush, Lugoff
J. T. Raley, Bethune
R. B. Peak, Lugoff
Sidney Watts, Camden
W. M. Brannon, Bethune
R. S. Williams, Camden
W. R. Hough, Camden
M. H. Horton, Bethune
D. D. Truesdel, Westville
J. V. Baker, Westville
J. P. McGeely, Camden
F. P. McDowell, Westville
B. E. Young, Cantey
W. J. Stokes, Lucknow
W. H. Pearce, Camden
R. L. Garner, Cassatt
J. G. McCaskill, Camden
Ben Tidwell, Cassatt
J. H. Williams, Cassatt
J. E. Jordan, Westville
D. Eubanks, Bethune
O. A. Hall, Cassatt
B. H. Boykin, Jr., Boykin
J. J. Holland, Camden
J. R. Young, Cassatt
Eli Bass, Lugoff

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Held Regular Monthly Meeting Wednesday Afternoon.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Camden Chamber of Commerce was held at the Recorder's Court Room on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. Mr. L. T. Mills presiding at the meeting.

Several matters of importance were discussed, the most important question being that of the bridge and road leading to Columbia, plans were also discussed as to the most advisable kind of bridge to be placed over the Wateree. It was the sense of the meeting that the Secretary see and ask the Supervisor to repair the Columbia road, especially at those points near Blaney which have been damaged by the recent heavy rains.

The Secretary read the reply from the South Eastern Department in regard to the location of a camp at Camden, which stated that while the advantages which Camden offered for a site were on record at the department, there were equally as good places near larger cities, and for that reason a camp would not be located here.

It is urgently requested that all members attend the next meeting.

BIDS REJECTED

Bridge Over Wateree Will Not Be Built Soon.

As announced in The Chronicle some time ago, there were only a few bids submitted to the County Board of Commissioners on the date set for opening bids on the proposed County Bridge over the Wateree. However those which were submitted to the Board were forwarded to the consulting engineers at Norfolk, Va., for their inspection, and the bids were returned to Supervisor West last week and returned by him to the several bidders with the certified checks, the engineers reporting that they had found them too high. The bids ranged from twenty to forty thousand dollars in excess of \$100,000.00 and as the sale of bonds was for only one hundred thousand dollars, nothing more than that amount can be used for this purpose. Mr. West says however, that it is the opinion of both the board and the engineers, that the bids were entirely too high for the structure that was planned, and even if the County had plenty of money on hand for this purpose, they would not pay an exorbitant price for it.

It is not likely that other bids will be called for anytime soon—at least not until conditions become more settled—unless the board gets some assurance that a lower bid than those already submitted could be obtained.

It will be a matter of regret that the building of this bridge will be delayed for some time, but our officials have done all that was in their power to do, and they should be commended for thus safeguarding the county's money.

Moves to Main Street.

The Camden Motor Company which has been located for some time past in the Crocker building on DeKalb Street was moved this week to the building recently vacated by the Kershaw Motor Company, one door north of The Chronicle office. Mr. DeLoache says that this move will enable them to give more attention to the repair business and at the same time will allow them more room for the storing of cars, which they have not been able to do in the building which they vacated.

Verdict For Railway.

In the case of Mr. H. G. Brown, of this city, against the Southern Railway Company, which was tried in the United States District Court in Charleston this week, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Railway Company. Mr. Brown was suing for \$50,000.00 damages for injuries sustained in August 1916, by an iron rod which was protruding from a box car of the railway company, and was represented by Messrs. Kirkland & Kirkland, and W. B. DeLoach.

Improvements at Jail.

Some very much needed repairs and improvements have been recently made at the county jail here, which adds much to the appearance and to the sanitary condition of the jail. The walls have all been whitewashed, and the cells scrubbed and thoroughly disinfected, and as a whole is in much better condition than it has been in some time.

Negro Injured at Ice Plant.

While working in the Carolina Ice Company's plant Tuesday Roy McCatha, colored, met with a very painful accident, being caught with his foot in an ugly wound in his foot. At last accounts the man was said to be in no serious danger and is improving.

Attend Son's Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shannon, Jr., leave this morning to attend the wedding of their son Mr. Ralph N. Shannon to Miss Henrietta Searcy, eldest daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. E. H. Sursey, of Griffin, Ga. Mr. Shannon is at the Officers Reserve Training Camp at Oglethorpe, Ga.

SERMON TO WOODMEN

Special Service To Be Held on Third Sunday Night.

It has been a custom for a number of years with the Woodmen of the World to have a special sermon delivered to them once each year at one of the local churches, and at the last meeting of the Live Oak Camp, the Methodist church was selected as the place to hold the service this year, and Rev. John H. Graves was requested to preach the sermon. Mr. Graves accepted the invitation, and the services will be held on the third Sunday night in this month—the 17th—and all Sovereigns of Live Oak Camp are requested to meet at the Woodmen Hall that night at eight o'clock sharp, and march to the church in a body.

While this sermon will be preached to Woodmen, it is not for Woodmen alone, and the public is invited to attend. It goes without saying that there is a treat in store for those who do attend, and we are sure that those who have not been initiated to the mysteries of Woodcraft will derive much benefit from it also.

A special invitation is extended to all members of neighboring Camps to attend this service.

COOLER ESCAPES JAIL

Under Death Sentence For Killing Woods Rider.

Charleston, June 12.—Aleas Cooler, convicted with Will Davis of killing W. D. Thomas, woods rider for the Okeetee club, in December and sentenced to be electrocuted, escaped from the Jasper county jail at Ridge-land tonight. He had the assistance of another prisoner, who was prevented by the jailer's wife from escaping. Cooler and Davis were convicted March 3 of murdering Thomas who came upon them while they were trespassing and hunting. Their case has been appealed to the State supreme court, which has not acted yet. Cooler was defended at the trial by former Gov. Blease. Bloodhounds from the State penitentiary will be placed on the trail in the morning. Sheriff Langford has instructed deputies to scour the countryside and has called on other sheriffs to assist in catching the prisoner.—The State.

At last accounts Cooler was still at large.

Red Cross Fully Organized.

Official recognition from headquarters of the American Red Cross was received this week by the Camden Chapter. Officers are as follows: Dr. A. W. Burnett, chairman; Mrs. Kate C. Wallace, vice-chairman; Mrs. Margaret C. Miller, Secretary; and Mrs. Laurens T. Mills, treasurer.

The Red Cross meets every Thursday afternoon at the Grammar school at 6 o'clock and the officers and members want a large membership and attendance. The President of the United States has called upon the American Red Cross to raise one hundred million dollars as its part in the war to be used at home and abroad, and for you to join the forces of the Red Cross will be placing yourself in a position to "do your bit" whether you will be called upon to carry a rifle or to stay at home.

Be at the Grammar school next Thursday with your dollar and join the Red Cross.

Attend Reunion.

Among the Veterans from Kershaw County who attended the Confederate Reunion in Washington last week were: Judge W. F. Russell, Capt. A. M. Brasfield, Capt. J. J. Bell, Messrs. J. R. DeLoache, John M. McCoy, I. F. Holland, G. W. Moseley, H. F. Boykin, J. B. Arrants, N. A. Bethune, G. B. King, A. H. Boykin, T. P. Sandeas, S. B. Turner.

Will Meet in Beaufort.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Press Association will be held in Beaufort on the 28th and 29th of this month. Among those who will be invited to address the newspaper men are Hon. Josephus Daniels and Gen. Leonard Wood. An attractive program has been arranged and the members are looking forward to an enjoyable convention.

Complaints of Road.

Is it justice to charge a man fifty cents to cross the river in an automobile, and then give him a road to travel on that is almost impassible, to say nothing of the danger that the occupants of the car are subjected to?

Citizens of Camden.

Compulsory Education Carried.

In the election which was held in this School District on last Tuesday on the question of compulsory education, a very small vote was cast, but a majority of those were "For Compulsory Education."

Marriage.

Mr. Robert L. Mathews, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Jaunita E. Roberts, of Columbia, S. C., were married in Camden on Monday last, the 11th inst., Probate Judge W. L. McDowell, officiating.

BEAT AND SHOOT NEGROES

Indignant At The Importation of Blacks.

East St. Louis, Ill.—A mob of 3,000 men, which ran riot here last night, shooting and beating negroes and wrecking negro business places and homes, dispersed at the dawn of day, leaving behind them a trail of broken heads and bruised bodies. Half a dozen deaths may result.

Smouldering indignation against the importation of 8,000 negroes into the city since January 1 was fanned into flames when two white men were held up and robbed in the early evening. The news spread to a delegation of 60 members of East St. Louis trades and labor unions, who were at the city hall protesting to the council against further importations.

A crowd quickly gathered and when somebody yelled, "Get that nigger!" the spark had reached the powder. The mob swept through the streets, stopped and searched street cars for victims, and tried to break into the jail where a number of negroes were rushed for safekeeping. Ambulances followed in the wake of the mob, picking up bruised and unconscious negroes.

Police gave up attempts to cope with the situation, and 125 members of two companies of the Sixth Illinois Infantry, under Major R. W. Kavanaugh, was called out by Mayor Fred Mollman. The soldiers were swept from their feet, and when it became evident the small force was inadequate Adjutant General Dickson was appealed to for aid. General Dickson responded that he was powerless to call out the federalized guard units, pointing out that they were under direct call of President Wilson.

Dozens of saloons were wrecked in the colored district, and every negro found was beaten. Many begged on their knees for mercy. Hundreds escaped across the free bridge to St. Louis, carrying bundles and suitcases.

Boy Scouts Return.

The Boy Scouts of Camden returned last Saturday morning after spending several days at Dinkler's Mill near Hagood, where they held their annual camp. The Scouts left Camden last Tuesday morning on the Southern for Hagood, and from there hiked to the camp site on Mr. G. F. Lenor's place. There were thirty four in the party when they left Camden, and two members joined them later.

The camp was conducted exactly as a military camp—the boys rising each morning at five o'clock, and holding chapel exercises. One of the first things the boys did after reaching camp was to erect a flag on a thirty five foot pole, and held flag raising exercises every morning after the chapel exercises. The principal sport indulged in was that of fishing and swimming, and it is needless to say that they heartily enjoyed the outing and are loud in their praise of Scout Master Trotter, who accompanied them on the trip.

They had several visitors to the camp, among them being Prof. Simpson, who spent two days with them.

Damage by Army Worm.

Anderson, June 12.—S. M. Byars, county demonstration agent, reports a tremendous invasion of army worms on all growing crops in the southern part of Anderson county next to the Abbeville line. The worms are doing very destructive work and farmers are organizing to combat them, working under the direction of Mr. Byars. In Abbeville county, where the infestation is greatest, many farmers ran plows all through Sunday to put in ditches around infested fields. Mr. Byars says moths laid their eggs early this spring on alfalfa and vetch, the first growing crops, and the attacks on these fields are more severe than on other crops at this time. The pests are beginning to work on cotton and corn.—Wednesday's State.

Mr. Carpenter Dead.

The many friends in Camden of Mr. T. Ellwood Carpenter, one of the most popular of Camden's winter visitors, will regret to learn of his death which occurred recently at his home in Mount Kisco, N. Y. Mr. Carpenter was among the first tourists to take advantage of Camden's ideal climate, and for a number of years stopped at the home of the late Dr. A. A. Moore each season, and made friends of all those with whom he came in contact.

Death.

Mr. Thomas M. Hilton, aged about forty eight years, died at his home on York Street, in this city Wednesday morning at two o'clock, after an illness of several weeks, and was buried at the Pine Creek Baptist Church on the same afternoon. Rev. J. H. Graves conducting the service. Mr. Hilton is survived by his wife and three small children.

A Request.

Drivers of automobiles are requested to make as little noise as possible especially when sounding their horns when passing the Baum residence on Main Street. Mrs. Baum is critically ill, and extremely nervous, and it will be appreciated if drivers will bear this in mind.

CONSTANTINE ABDICATES

Principal Item of War News This Week.

King Constantine of Greece has abdicated his throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander, and, with Crown Prince George is to leave Greece.

The abdication was made on the demand of the Entente Powers and thus ends the anomalous situation which long has existed in Greece because of the refusal of Constantine and his followers to acquiesce in full in the demands of the Entente allies for the freedom of movement of their forces in and through Greece, and for their safety from attack.

That the Entente was prepared to move with expedition in bringing a change in the situation in Greece is indicated by the fact that simultaneously with the arrival in that country of the French Senator Jourdan, who bore plenary powers to act for the Entente, came the occupation by the Italians in northwestern Greece, near the Albanian frontier, of the strategic town of Janina and by other Entente forces of Ellassona, in northeast Greece, situated at the foot of Mount Olympus, and near the Gulf of Salonki.

In the fighting zones, the situation is comparatively quiet, except on the British front in France, along the line held by the French troops against the Germans in the region running eastward from Solbosons into Champagne and on several sectors of the Austro-Italian theater.

Sir Douglas Haig's troops have again smashed into the German front east and northeast of Messines and largely extended the gains previously made in this section. Nearly two miles of trenches were stormed and occupied by the Britishers and in addition the small village of Gaspard, directly east of Messines, was captured. Berlin reports activity by the British cavalry east of Messines during Monday afternoon, but says the attack by the mounted men was repulsed and only remnants of them were able to return to their positions. The German artillery in the neighborhood of Lens and Ypres is bombarding the British line.

The artillery of the French and Germans is still active along the Chemin-des-Dames and in Champagne. During Tuesday the French made raids on German trenches near the Butte de Messill and in the region of Haute Chevauchée, doing considerable damage to the positions and capturing prisoners.

Bad weather for the moment has caused some cessation in the activity in the Teutonic district of the Austro-Italian theater, although artillery duels of considerable proportions continue. There has been no return of infantry attacks on the Julian front to the east, although the Austrians have been particularly active with their big guns against the Italian lines on the Volcace and the heights northeast of Gorizia.

In Macedonia the Teutonic allies have met with repulse in several surprise attacks made against the French troops. The artillery duels continue in the Cerna bend.

Association Meets Here.

As announced in the Chronicle some time ago the fifth annual meeting of the South Carolina Building and Loan League will be held in this city on Wednesday and Thursday of next week—June 20-21. An interesting and attractive program has been arranged for the entertainment of the prominent men who will be our guests on these two days. Among those who will address the Association will be Gov. Manning and Hon. Thomas G. McLeod of Bishopville. The visitors will be given an automobile ride over the city and county, and on this trip will make a stop at Mulberry, where they will be served with lunch.

Delivers Commencement Address.

Judge Mendel L. Smith delivered the annual commencement address to the graduates of the University of South Carolina, Wednesday morning. The subject of the address was: "Some of the elements entering into the reconstruction of the world." The class numbered twenty four, and of that number only two were present at the closing exercises—twenty two having enlisted in some branch of the Army or Navy.

Assessment Reduced.

Notice has been received from the State Tax Commission that the assessment on horses and mules for this county was too high, as compared with the neighboring counties, and that they would be reduced twenty per cent. This will cause a good deal of extra work for the auditor, as he had already made up his lists, but nevertheless will be welcome news to the taxpayers.

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