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BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

A Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., July 4.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green and little daughter of Aiken spent Sunday and Monday in town with the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. King. Mrs. Green is pleasantly remembered as Miss Lee Wright, a former teacher in the graded school. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davidson and family motored over from Camden Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Davidson's brother Mr. W. M. Stevens.

Miss Alice McDowell has returned from a visit to relatives in Kershaw. Mr. L. T. Smith of Bishopville was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. King has gone to the mountains to spend some time.

Mrs. J. A. Stone and two little daughters spent last Thursday in Columbia.

Dr. A. W. Humphries was in Columbia Thursday.

Mrs. L. A. McDowell and little son of Camden spent several days of last week with Mrs. McDowell's parents in town.

Mr. F. H. Bearde spent a few days in town during the last week enroute from Charleston to Savannah.

Miss Kate Yarborough has returned from a visit to relatives in Georgia.

Mrs. A. B. McLaurin and Miss Mary McCall have returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Hartsville.

Mr. C. M. Wilson of Newberry was in town Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Melkijohn and children have returned to Cheraw after spending several days with Mrs. Melkijohn's sister, Mrs. W. M. Stevens in this city.

Master Frank Humphries is visiting his brother Dr. A. W. Humphries in town.

Mrs. G. B. Clyburn and Miss Hatfield Gardner spent last Thursday at the home of Rev. J. C. Lawson in McBee.

Mrs. D. T. Yarborough is spending the week with her brother Mr. Dan Bethune at Clyde.

Mr. Stephens of Atlanta, Ga., was the guest of Mr. W. M. Stevens and family last week. Mr. Stephens is a Confederate veteran and recently attended the reunion in Washington.

Little Miss Mirlam Yarborough of Hartsville is visiting relatives in town.

Master Alvin Clyburn and little Miss Estelle Clyburn have returned from a visit to their grandparents near Hartsville.

Miss Jamie Kate Bethune of Clyde was in town Friday.

Mr. Leonard Best, who has a position in a drug store in Columbia spent last Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Blackwell from near Hartsville spent Tuesday with their daughter Mrs. J. M. Clyburn.

Mrs. Lillie DuBoise who teaches the primary class in the Methodist Sunday School took her class to Big Springs for a picnic on Wednesday.

A Red Cross meeting was held in the town hall Tuesday night for the purpose of making the people of this town interested both in forming a Red Cross chapter here and in raising their portion of the National Red Cross Fund. Several members from Camden were at the meeting and the speeches were very instructive and interesting. Drs. E. Z. Truesdell and A. W. Humphries, and Rev. J. M. Forbis and Rev. A. M. Gardner, and Mr. D. T. Yarborough were appointed as a committee to hold another meeting in the next few days in the interest of forming a Red Cross chapter. After the meeting punch was served to the visitors by several ladies of the town.

Negro Seriously Wounded.
Green Richardson, a negro employed on the farm of Mr. L. I. Gulon, was brought to the Camden hospital early yesterday morning suffering from a pistol shot wound in his abdomen. Overseer Broxton, employed on the Gulon farm, did the shooting and claims that the negro was advancing upon him with a pitchfork. A surgical examination proved that the negro was very seriously wounded and the physicians are unable to determine the outcome of the wound.

Had Big Fish Fry.
A large party of Camden people spent the Fourth at the Hermitage Mill Village, and the remains were laid out on a picnic. The party was headed by Peteran fisherman, Mr. James R. DeLoache, affectionately known as "Uncle Jimmy." Messrs. E. W. Bond and R. Williams spent the night previous fishing and together with what they members caught had around twenty-five pounds of fish for the fry's sport. One eight and a half pound trout was the prize of the day. Among those in the party were Messrs. R. DeLoache, E. W. Bond, C. H. Bates, Frank Campbell, Stoney Campbell, Ben DeLoache, Blair DeLoache, Willis Sherrin, R. D. Williams, W. R. Watkins, and A. G. Whitaker.

Mrs. Knight Dead.
Mrs. J. H. Knight, of the Hermitage Mill Village, died last Saturday at 2 o'clock and the remains were laid out at Lancaster, S. C., on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Knight was about 43 years of age and had been in ill health for some time with heart trouble. She leaves a husband and three children.

HOME GUARD COMPANY

Young Men Held Meeting To Organize Company For Home Duty.

About thirty young men of Camden met at the Kershaw Guards armory last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a company for home duty. Another meeting was held on Monday night and still another meeting is called for tonight at the armory when the list of those who will become members will be made known. The Boy Scouts of Camden are also availing themselves of the military tactics. Below will be found the declaration and constitution of the proposed company:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Kershaw County, for the purpose of maintaining an organization with headquarters at Camden, to be known as 'The Kershaw Home Guard,' to encourage and promote military science and training, to guard and protect our homes and country, to assist in keeping and preserving peace and order throughout our County, and to aid and assist the military organizations and enrolled soldiers that are now or may hereafter be called away from Kershaw County in the service of the Country, do hereby attach our signatures to this Declaration and Constitution. And we do hereby pledge ourselves (1) to conform this organization and our service therein to the military law of the United States and to the tactics and rules of its military forces. (2) To give due respect and obedience to the duly chosen officers of this organization. (3) To attend regularly the drills that may be ordered by this body or the officers thereof only chosen, and to do such military service as may be ordered at any time by this body or the Commanding officers. (4) To pay the sum of one dollar as a fee for the purchase of a U. S. Military Tactics book for each of us and such other fees as may be fixed by this organization from time to time. (5) To elect our commissioned officers for one year by written ballot, without nomination, and to choose our non-commissioned officers by competitive drill and examination.

"The members of this organization shall be white citizens of Kershaw County of the age of 18 years or over, and from 16 to 18 years with approval of commissioned officers. However, it is understood that in order to assist the younger boys of the community in military knowledge and experience we allow the Boy Scouts of Camden to become an auxiliary of this body and to drill with this organization whenever the commanding officers shall see fit. The commissioned officers shall approve all applicants for membership in the organization."

LETTER FROM MR. McADOO
Secretary of Treasury Sends Note of Thanks to Banks in Camden.

Mr. C. H. Yates last week received a personal letter signed by Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo, extending to him the thanks of the Government for the part played by him in the recent campaign for the Liberty Loan subscriptions. Mr. Yates, however, does not take all of the honors as the other banks of Camden did their part well, and he wishes them to get their full share of the credit. The letter from Mr. McAdoo follows:

"Mr. C. H. Yates,
Camden, S. C.
Dear Mr. Yates:

"Permit me to extend to you, and through you to each member of your Liberty Loan Committee, my warm thanks and deep appreciation of the patriotic service you rendered your country in connection with the Liberty Loan of 1917. The result could not have been accomplished without the effective aid of such patriotic citizens as yourself and the members of your committee. Legally and unselfishly you gave the Government your best efforts and you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed immeasurably to the first signal victory America has won in this righteous war. I shall be obliged if you will convey this message to every member of your Committee. I should be happy to write a personal letter to each if it were physically possible for me to do so.

"I also take this opportunity to express the hope that you will preserve your admirable organization and that I may have your assistance again when the Government has to place additional issues of bonds.

With kindest regards and best wishes I am,

Cordially yours,
W. G. McAdoo"

To Build Pontoon Bridge.
At the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held here Monday, County Supervisor M. C. West was empowered by that body with authority to go ahead with the building of a pontoon bridge across the Wateree river at this place. Work will commence as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. This announcement will be good news to travelers across this river as it will give temporary relief from the accustomed long waits on the flat now in service across this stream.

NEGROES SLAIN BY MOB.

City of East St. Louis Placed Under Martial Law.

East St. Louis, Ill., July 2.—At least fifteen negroes were shot and killed by mobs here tonight as they fled from their burning homes which had been set on fire by white mobs. The exact number who perished in the burning homes, if any, is unknown and will not be ascertained until morning, when the ruins are searched.

Military rule was proclaimed at 8 o'clock tonight, and at the same time 300 white men were arrested and locked up at police headquarters. Negro quarters in various parts of the city are on fire and the flames reach the very edge of the business district.

At 11 o'clock tonight estimates of the dead in today's race riot and fire range from fifteen to seventy-five, of whom two were white men.

Buildings were still burning at four different points. The property loss was estimated by City Attorney Fekete at \$3,000,000. Forty injured negroes and six injured white men were in one hospital and almost an equal number in another.

Vast clouds of smoke rolled across the sky tonight from the burning district. The flames made some of the downtown streets as light as day and now and then a yelling mob rushed down a street in pursuit of a negro or in search of new excitement.

National Guardsmen loaded in automobile trucks dashed after the mob. The shouting died occasionally as bewildered people walked up and down the streets wondering where the next outbreak would occur.

The fires started about 6 o'clock this evening and spread rapidly. Soon flames visible for miles were shooting into the sky. Hundreds of negro women, most of them carrying bundles that held their most precious belongings and leading small children fled across the bridge to shelter and safety with friends on the Missouri side.

Telephone wires were cut early in the evening. As telegraph and telephone poles caught fire other wires went down.

The mobs in East St. Louis were swelled by hundreds of people who early in the evening crossed the river from St. Louis, Mo. This added such a menace to the situation that at 8:30 o'clock the bridges were closed. This forced hundreds of residents of suburban towns to stay in St. Louis for the night. As soon as street traffic ended at 7 p. m. crowds walked across the bridge into East St. Louis by the thousands.

The mobs got into a lynching mood tonight. One negro was strung up on a pole, but was rescued just in time to save his life. Soldiers rescued still another negro who was being dragged through the streets. After military rule had been proclaimed, the soldiers put more vigor into their attempts to quell the mob. Seventy-five white men attacked a negro in front of a drug store downtown and shot him twice and attempted to drag him to a pole. The troops charged with fixed bayonets and the mob scattered.

With this show of force the rioters in part quieted down.

Troops stood guard at all corners and kept the crowds moving. At 6:30 o'clock fire broke out in the district known as the "Alley." This fire came near the big railroad yards of East St. Louis. At 9 o'clock four negroes were shot. At 10 o'clock it appeared as if the "Alley" district was doomed to destruction. This is the third large area to be burned. The property damage will reach many thousands.

Relief of Potter's Raid.
Mr. Frank H. Arrants, who has been cutting timber in the Swift Creek section for use at the Camden Veneer plant, was showing us a curio in the shape of a grape shot found in a popular log. It is supposed to have been fired into the tree during Potter's raid in that section during the War Between the Sections, and evidently had been in the tree for more than fifty years. The ball was discovered when the knife at the plane struck it, and was imbedded into the log to a depth of eight inches. The section from the tree was at a height of nearly twenty feet and the tree at its base was three feet in diameter. This tree was from the swamp lands of Mrs. M. A. Barnes.

Inspecting the Tags.
Sheriff I. C. Hough was busy Monday morning taking notice of the various automobiles coming under his observation to see if owners had complied with the new law in regard to state license tags. Several machines were found without the required tags. No cases have been made against violators so far, as it is known that the department at Columbia is short on tags, but it shows that the new Sheriff is on to his job.

Former Camden Girl Married.
Cards have been received in Camden announcing the marriage of Mr. John Francis Byrnes and Miss Rosa Winkler at Forest Hill, Long Island, on Saturday the 30th of June. Miss Winkler was born and reared in Camden and is the daughter of Mrs. C. L. Winkler, formerly of this city.

SUBS WERE BEATEN OFF

Transports Attacked On Their Way To French Port.

Washington, July 3.—Safe arrival at a French port of the last ships of the first American overseas expedition was announced tonight by Secretary Daniels in a statement revealing that twice on the way across the Atlantic German submarines attacked in force and were successfully fought off.

The Americans did not lose a man, a ship or an animal. At least one of the undersea enemies was destroyed.

The work of spies through whom the Germans knew secrets of the expedition is disclosed by the news that the first attack was made far at sea before the transports and their convoys reached the point at which rendezvous had been arranged with the American destroyer flotilla operating in European waters. The submarine commanders apparently knew where and when to expect the Americans bound for the fighting lines in France, and were assembled in force to meet them.

It was yesterday, just a week after the first troops landed, that the last vessels put into the French port. They were slower craft carrying supplies and horses.

The good news came to the Navy Department late this afternoon from Rear Admiral Gleaves, commanding the convoy squadron, and was made public at once as an appropriate announcement on the eve of the Fourth of July. Secretary Daniels's statement, which tells of the story officials deemed wise to publish, follows:

Secretary Daniels made this statement: "It is with the joy of great relief that I announce to the people of the United States the safe arrival in France of every fighting man and every fighting ship."

"Now that the last vessel has reached port, it is safe to disclose the danger that were encountered and to tell the complete story of peril and courage.

"The transports bearing our troops were twice attacked by German submarines on the way across. On both occasions the U-boats were beaten off with every appearance of loss. One was certainly sunk and there is reason to believe that the accurate fire of our gunners sent others to the bottom.

"For purpose of convenience, the expedition was divided into contingents, each contingent including troop ships and a naval escort designed to keep off such German raiders as might be met.

"An ocean rendezvous had also been arranged with American destroyers now operating in European waters in order that the passage of the danger zone might be attended by every possible protection.

"The first attack took place at 10:30 on the night of June 2. What gives it peculiar and disturbing significance is that our ships were set upon at a point well this side of the rendezvous and in that part of the Atlantic presumably free from submarine.

"The attack was made in force, although the night made it impossible to get any exact count of the U-boats gathered for what they deemed a slaughter.

"The high seas convoy circling with their searchlights, answered with heavy gun fire, and its accuracy stands proved by the fact that the torpedo discharge became increasingly scattered and inaccurate.

"It is not known how many torpedoes were launched, but five were counted as they sped by bow and stern.

"A second attack was launched a few days later against another contingent. The point of assault was beyond the rendezvous and our destroyers were sailing as a screen between the transports and all harm. The results of the battle were in favor of the American gunnery.

"Not alone did the destroyers hold the U-boats at a safe distance, but their speed also resulted in the sinking of one submarine at least. Grenades were used in firing, a depth charge explosive timed to go off at a certain distance under water. In one instance oil and wreckage covered the surface of the sea after a shot from a destroyer at a periscope and the reports make claim of sinking.

"Protected by our high seas convoy, by our destroyers and by French war vessels, the contingent proceeded and joined the others in French port.

"The whole nation will rejoice that so great a peril is passed for the vanguard of the men who will fight our battles in France. No more thrilling Fourth of July celebration could have been arranged than this glad news that lifts the shadow of dread from the heart of America."

Death of an Infant.
Died on last Saturday night, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Humphries of Wateree Mills. The little body was laid to rest in the Pine Creek Baptist Church yard on Sunday afternoon.

Services at Grace Church.
There will be services as usual on Sunday morning in Grace Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon at 5:45 in the Chapel at Boykin. The Rector Rev. F. H. Harding who has returned will officiate.

WOMAN'S SERVICE LEAGUE

Report of Work Done Written For Last Week's Chronicle.

All detachments of the National League for Woman's Service are now concentrating on Home Economics.

Mrs. Lou Pearce, County Demonstrator, together with the corps of housekeepers and eager-to-be-taught workers under her instruction, are making every effort toward solving the problem of food wastage by canning, drying and conserving all the surplus crop of fruit and vegetables throughout the town and county. The garden bountiful now means the store room plentiful, with the natural result of a reduction in the cost of living—all of which tends to promote economies in the home and that patriotism not of the battlefield and trenches but none the less substantial "bit" demanded and expected of every woman in this crisis.

The Boykin detachment met with Mrs. Willis Cantey, the Commandant June 14th and enjoyed an interesting talk on dairying which will be to the ultimate benefit of No. 3 as it has decided to specialize in this branch.

Detachment No. 1 met with Mrs. J. B. Wallace the Commandant Friday afternoon to plan a demonstration date with Mrs. Pearce Friday June 20th was selected and we are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the work we hope to accomplish. Three sets of sewing irons have been purchased in No. 1 for the use of its members, inquiries for same will be answered by the Commandant. Mrs. Wallace distributed a number of tomato plants for a late crop at this meeting.

Detachment No. 4, Mrs. J. B. Zemp Commandant, reports the finals in the Tennis Tournament played Saturday afternoon and prizes awarded by Mayor Yates to the following: Mr. Roland Goodale and Mr. Bennie Smith in the men's doubles; Mrs. Lawrence Kirkland and Mrs. Douglas Richardson in the ladies' doubles; Miss Emma Villegue and Thornwell Hay in the Juniors. The sum of \$33.00 was cleared.

The Saddle and Paddle Club was opened Tuesday afternoon at Millbank with seventy members, an increase in membership is desired. Season ticket 50 cents. Ice cream to be sold once a week, proceeds from this club will be divided between the Red Cross and the Service League. Thanks are extended the Camden Ice Co., and Cherokee bottling works for their generous contributions to these entertainments.

Detachment No. 5, Mrs. J. T. Mackey, Commandant, held a meeting with Mrs. P. T. Villegue Thursday. Twenty five of the comfort kits for Co. M. have been undertaken by No. 5.

Miss Kate Lenoir, Captain of the Camp Unit of the Service League announces that she will receive and store all clean cotton rags and newspapers sent her and as soon as a market be found will sell them for the benefit of this department.

For the convenience of all interested the Service League has arranged to have Mrs. Lou Pearce make her headquarters at the residence of Mrs. R. B. Williams. By communicating with Mrs. R. B. Pitts who keeps a record of Mrs. Pearce's demonstration dates her services can be secured.

The Publicity Committee requests the secretaries of the various detachments to please send in their reports promptly and will greatly appreciate the assistance rendered by bearing this in mind.

Mrs. Leo Schenk,
Chairman Publicity.

DIED FROM INJURIES.
Accident at Mill Pond Terminates Fatally For Young Man.

Mr. Ivey Marcus, a young man, who is employed as a brakeman on the Southern railway, was quite seriously injured at the Wateree Mill Pond at a fourth of July picnic. He was diving into the pond where the water was shallow and his head struck the hard bottom. His spine was seriously affected and he has since been completely paralyzed on one side.

Since the above was put in type we have learned that Mr. Marcus died this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the Camden Hospital where he was carried soon after the accident. He never regained consciousness after the accident. Mr. Marcus is survived by a wife and three children. The body was removed to the Camden Undertaking Parlors at noon to be prepared for burial. No funeral arrangements had not been announced.

To Make Headquarters Here.
Mr. E. W. Bond, formerly in the undertaking business here, is now with Price & Lucas, of Louisville, Ky., as salesman for their products. It will be good news to the friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Bond that Mr. Bond will make his headquarters in Camden, and that his family will continue to reside here.

New Law Firm.
Attorneys Cole L. Blease, of Columbia, and G. G. Alexander, of Camden have formed a law partnership with offices in Camden and Columbia and will practice in all of the courts of the state.

Married.
Mr. H. J. West and Miss Henrietta Williams, both of Kershaw, Route 1, were married on Saturday evening, June 30th, Probate Judge McDowell officiating.

CRIMINAL CASES DISPOSED OF

Court in Session Only Part of Week, Adjourning Wednesday.

The first week of criminal court for this county, presided over by Judge M. L. Smith, came to a close Wednesday after having disposed of the cases named below. The grand jury handed in its presentment on Tuesday which was very short. No jury cases will be tried next week and the second week jurors have been notified not to appear.

Jim Clyburn was convicted of larceny and was sentenced to serve thirty days and to pay a fine of \$100.

The case against Abe Mobley for disposing of crop under lien was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Policeman F. C. Jones was acquitted of the charge of murder. It will be recalled that this officer killed Jim Whitaker, while in the discharge of his duty.

Willie Williams plead guilty to the charge of selling whiskey and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and serve one year on the chain gang. Nine months of the sentence and the fine was suspended during good behavior.

Jack Chatman was found not guilty of the charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

The case against Leonard Alexander, Hammie Alexander, Andy Drakeford, and Alex Brown, charged with murder resulted in a verdict of manslaughter as to the two Alexanders, who were sentenced to seven years imprisonment. Drakeford and Brown were found not guilty.

Caleb Gary, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, was found guilty of aggravated assault with recommendation to mercy, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.00 and to serve thirty days on the chain gang.

Coon Godwin (white) and John Johnson (negro) were found guilty of housebreaking and larceny. The white man got four months and the negro two.

Jesse Boyd plead guilty to selling liquor, and was sentenced to nine months imprisonment, with all of the sentence suspended but thirty days.

Bill Jack Truesdell plead guilty of storing whiskey, and was sentenced to six months in jail with the jail sentence suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$100, and upon his good behavior in the future.

Dexter Hurst, charged with murder was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons, and drew the maximum sentence of \$100 or thirty days for this offense.

Jim McGirt was found not guilty of the charge of stealing live stock.

Landy Gulliard was found not guilty of larceny.

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw.

To His Honor Mendel L. Smith, Presiding Judge Summer Term of Court for Kershaw County:

We beg leave to make the following presentation to wit:

We have passed on all bids handed us by the Solicitor, and beg to say that we have no special matters to present at this time. We beg to note that there has been made some decided repairs at the County Jail, and it now appears much more sanitary and appears to be kept neat and clean.

We have no report to make as to the roads at this time, but will try and keep in touch with the authorities, and look after them later. All of which we most respectfully beg to submit. Thanking you the Honorable Judge and other court officials for many courtesies shown us, we beg to remain

Yours truly,
K. T. Estridge,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Received Commission.
Dr. W. J. Burdell, of Lugoff, has received a commission as a member of the medical reserve corps and is awaiting orders from the government as to where he will be ordered to report for duty.

MAY STILL GET LIQUOR
But Only Quart a Month, as Medicine Too.

Columbia, July 2.—"Issue liquor permits as heretofore, federal law makes no change." The above telegram was sent today by Claud N. Sapp, Assistant Attorney General, to J. E. Stewman, judge of probate, of Lancaster County, with reference to the effect of the Reed prohibition amendment in this state.

Mr. Sapp explained today that the provisions of the quart-a-month act, under which in this State that amount of alcoholic liquor per month may be ordered for medicinal or sacramental purposes, were unchanged by the federal law, which went into effect on July 1. The only effect of the law is to make violation of the law a federal as well as State offense. The initial penalty inflicted in the federal court is \$1,000 fine.

It is thought that the existence of a federal statute with its relatively severe penalty will make prospective applicants for liquor permits be very sure that they are suffering from a bona fide and recognizable illness.