

MORE MEN WANTED

Males Under 40 and Those Who Have Reached 21.

Savannah, Ga., March 12.—Due to the fact that the knowledge which prevails among the general public in regard to the requirements which must be met by a man before he is eligible for enlistment in the army does not seem to be very clear, the recruiting officials for this district have sent out information throwing light on this matter and clearing up any possible doubt which may exist in the minds of some. A brief summary is given here: Persons who are over 40 years of age but have not yet attained their 41st birthday may enlist in the army. Young men who are now 21 years of age but who were not 21 years old on registration day (June 5th, 1917) are still permitted to enlist. The officials advise all young men who are now 21 years old and not registered to grasp this opportunity to choose their own branch of service and then join the colors as a volunteer, as it now seems probable that a law will be passed requiring men attaining the age of 21 to register. No registered man may volunteer for service in the army, except in occasional instances when men of special qualifications are needed immediately. Enlistment in the army now is for the period of the war only, and a volunteer is not required to sign up for any definite length of time; this fact has caused many to join. Married men may enlist on the same basis as single men, and family allowances are granted. The only educational qualification necessary is ability to speak English. The physical examination given now is not nearly so strict as that given a year ago, and the officials advise any who may have been rejected at previous dates because of slight physical defects to make another attempt, as the second attempt may be successful. Practically every branch of the service is now open, and a man who volunteers is given the privilege of taking his choice of the branch of the army he desires. Both white and colored men are wanted and needed, and the opportunities afforded a volunteer at this time are greater than ever before in the nation's history. The pay is good, the chances of promotion splendid and the living conditions are excellent. There is no necessity, the officials state, for reviewing the reasons why all men able to do so should help the land of their birth in this great crisis, as all men have had these facts fully impressed upon their minds. In the years to come after the war is over, those who failed to join the colors at this time when they were able to do so, the officials say, will be caused bitter disappointment and life-long regret that they were

welcomed in the balances and found wanting and that they did not do their share in helping to "make the world safe for democracy."

It Was No Soft Sweet Voice.

Mariboro, N. Y.—There's going to be a contest in these parts as to what section can be called the "zoological garden spot" of New York. Yonkers may have its wolves; bears may live in Hastings, but Mrs. John Monahan, of this place, met a six-foot rattlesnake in her back yard yesterday.

Mrs. Monahan's cry for help was heard by D. S. Scott, nearly three miles away. He killed the snake.

Spartanburg Man Killed.

A cablegram received in Spartanburg announced the death of Lieut. Frank Gibbs Montgomery in France from an airplane accident. He was son of Walter S. Montgomery, president of the Spartanburg mills in Spartanburg.

The Lost Opportunity.

The crow perched high in the sycamore. And shifted his head from side to side:

He heeded not the stinging sleet— Which cut his blue-black feet— He viewed the landscape, far beneath

His lofty perch and cawed in glee, "Caw! Caw! methink I see A morsel there for me."

The icy limbs of the sycamore Bespoke of the chill of winter winds; Bare branches rattled, swayed and shrieked.

The trunk, responsive, creaked; The fields were glazed with glistening sleet.

But Master Crow still cawed in glee "Caw! Caw! I'm glad I see That meal down there for me."

He fluffed his feathers o'er his aching feet, And balanced himself as best he could;

Although the winds his plumage frayed, Up in that tree he stayed!

"Though dismal clouds hung low and black, And threatened night's approach in glee

He cawed, "How good to see That bread awaiting me!"

While hunger, piercing wind, raw sleet and cold

Benumbed his small body, yet he clung Fast to the swaying branch and said, "No other sees that bread!"

Ere long another crow flew near And circled 'round, then ate the bread.

The waiting crowd dropped dead! The winner cawed o'erhead!

—Exchange.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Items Gathered From The Era of That Place.

An unusually pretty wedding was solemnized at the Kershaw Methodist Church last Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Mary Louise Dye, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dye, became the bride of Rufus Emerson Thompson of Lancaster.

Mrs. J. C. Hilton of Westville, is visiting her son, Dr. P. B. Hilton, at Whitmire. From there she will go to Greenville to visit another son, R. H. Hilton, who is stationed at Camp Sevier.

A. R. Rollings of Pinewood, who was a citizen of Kershaw several years ago, was a visitor here this week. He came to visit his brothers R. E. and L. R. Rollings in the Oakhurst section.

Rev. Jas. Russell will supply the Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church twice in each month, preaching in the forenoon at 11 o'clock on the first and third Sundays. In the evenings of the same days he will preach to the Kershaw Presbyterian congregation in the Methodist Church. This arrangement will continue until a pastor is called here.

G. C. Welsh is serving as a petit juror in the United States court at Florence. He was at home for the week end.

Misses Wilbur McCallum, Loree Truesdale and Cecile Truesdale, and James Rosboro, of Camden, motored to Kershaw Sunday and were the guests of Miss Elva Reese at the home of her parents on South Matson St.

Rev. Mr. DeVane, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Liberty Hill, preached to the Kershaw Presbyterian congregation in the Kershaw Methodist Church Sunday night.

The Kershaw High School basketball team played the Camden High School team at Camden last Friday evening and came out victors by a score of 28 to 9. This gives Kershaw the best two out of three in their contests against Camden. As will be seen by notice in another column, the Kershaw boys will play Columbia here next Friday afternoon to decide the matter of who will play the Greenville High for the State championship.

Supervisor M. C. West was in Kershaw Saturday afternoon. Mr. West says that he has placed an order with W. E. Dauler representative of the International Harvester Co. for a traction engine. The order was given on approval after the engine has been thoroughly tried out. If it does satisfactory work the county will keep the engine and pay for it, otherwise it will not be accepted.

Flagman Blamed for Wreck.

Columbia, S. C., March 7.—Primary responsibility for the wreck near Frost, a small station about six and one-half miles west of Columbia, on the Southern railway, February 25, when 13 persons lost their lives and 37 were injured, some of them severely, was placed on Harvey Locklier, of Columbia, flagman on train 18, operated from Greenville to Columbia, by William Maxwell, superintendent of the Spartanburg division of the Southern railway, under whose supervision the accident occurred, this afternoon at an investigation here conducted by the South Carolina railroad commission.

The flagman, contended the superintendent, had failed to observe the flagging rules promulgated by the general managers, association and adopted by the Southern railway for the guidance of the employees of the transportation department. He also claimed that Engineer B. Frank Nicely, of Columbia, and Conductor J. A. Meredith, of Greenville, of train 18, did "not display good judgment" in blowing the flagman, Locklier, in, when the rules required him to protect against train 42, operated from Spartanburg to Columbia, which collided with the rear of their train, although, he said, this whistle signal did not absolve the flagman from flagging against the Spartanburg train, as it was due in less than 10 minutes. The commission reserved its decision.

STRANGE LIGHT IN NORTH

Aurora Borealis Observed Over The United States.

Atlanta, Ga., March 8.—For the first time in many years the aurora borealis was observed in Dixie last night. The phenomena was visible for several hours at many points, according to reports today. Telegraphic and telephonic communication was but slightly interrupted.

The intense glow of the northern light was observed from many points in Georgia. At Rome, many persons thought a great forest fire was raging. Although the sky was overcast by clouds in the vicinity of Atlanta, a number of people noted a display of lights in the north.

At Tampa, Fla., it is reported that the Aurora Borealis was plainly visible and caused considerable excitement. Many citizens thought that Dade City, a town forty miles to the north, was afire. It was the first time within the recollection of the oldest citizen that far south.

The phenomena is reported to have interrupted electrical service at Nashville, Tenn. Strange lights in the northern sky were observed all over the state. Tradition says that once before, about the time of the civil war, the Aurora Borealis was visible in Tennessee, causing great excitement.

The campaign to raise a second \$100,000,000 has been announced by the American Red Cross for the week beginning May 6. To date nearly \$90,000,000 has been appropriated for war relief work.

MR. BAKER TO THE BOYS

Gives Them Advice Concerning Work in the Club For The Coming Year.

Bishopville, S. C., March 2.

To the boys of South Carolina: We are now in the early part of a new year, which year may go down in history as the most important in all the history of the world. Wonderful things are happening among all the nations of the earth. This means that the world is being made over, and it is your good fortune and mine, that we have a part in this re-making process. Let us each see to it that not one thing is left undone that will help make the world a fit place for Christian people to live in.

A plentiful supply of corn and hogs must be grown. Our State responded nobly to the call of the President for an increased production of food in 1917. The corn crop was increased 248,000 acres, and the yield 11,939,000 bushels over that of 1916. In this increase the Club Boys played an important part.

Corn is not the only great need, and in the production of which we can engage. We are told that the world is facing a shortage of hogs. Besides the necessity of supplying the needs of our own soldiers, we are being called upon to furnish greater quantities to the allies. The gravity of this situation should not be underestimated.

Each boy in South Carolina should be asking "what can I do?" You can join the Boys' Corn and Pig Clubs, which are being conducted by Clemson College and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperating, and be a producer of food, and thereby help to feed a soldier—that soldier may be your brother.

There are thousands of good, bright boys on the farms of South Carolina, practically all of whom should be enrolled as members of the Boys' Corn and Pig Clubs, and secure the splendid training to be received from valuable lessons taught them through the study of the soil, cultural methods, plant and animal life. Besides, the splendid profits that may be derived therefrom.

If you are interested, either get in touch at once with your County Demonstration Agent, who will be glad to enroll you, furnish you with all necessary information, and assist you in getting good seed corn and a good pig, or you may have your teacher forward your name to the County Agent, asking that you be enrolled. I am sure he or she will take pleasure in assisting you. You should not delay this matter, as the season is getting late.

L. L. Baker, Supervising Agent Boys' Club Work.

STILL ANOTHER RAID

Americans Gain Material and Information But No Prisoners.

With the American Army in France, Monday March 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American raiding party entered the German trenches along the Toul sector at 6 o'clock this morning after an artillery bombardment of forty-five minutes and brought back much material and information, but captured no prisoners. It was the first raid undertaken by the Americans without the aid of the French.

The raid was highly successful as the enemy withdrew many men from the front line when the bombardment indicated that a raid might follow. The raiders reported that American gun fire had created destruction in the German positions and had torn gaps in the enemy barbed wire entanglements. The German batteries came into action, but accomplished nothing toward disturbing the progress of the raid.

The Americans entered the enemy trenches behind one side of a "box" barrage, which moved forward in front of them. They found numerous Germans hiding in the dugouts. In the hand-to-hand fighting which followed a number of the enemy were killed and wounded and left in the trenches. Going far beyond their objective the raiders penetrated the German line 300 yards. A few fights developed on the way, but the Germans were driven off. The Americans failed to find most of the Germans, who had been withdrawn hurriedly from the front line, although they searched for them.

In the hand-to-hand fighting the Americans used their automatic pistols and rifles. During the raid the American machine guns placed a barrage in the enemy back areas in order to prevent a counter-attack. The Americans fought so fast and did their work so hurriedly that the medical men who accompanied them had little to do. Every American who left the front line returned.

On their way back the Americans encountered a German listening post, which fired at them. In less time than it takes to tell it the Germans in the post were silenced.

The Americans reached their own lines without a German shell having fallen anywhere near them, for it was all over so quickly the German batteries did not have a good chance to get into action. The Americans were inside the enemy lines for fifteen minutes.

"Amarilly of Clothesline Alley," Mary Pickford in "Amarilly of Clothesline Alley" is the special attraction at the Majestic today. This latest Arterraft of the most popular star in pictures today is played as a benefit for the Camden Graded School drinking fountain fund. The management of the Majestic promises that this is one of the best if not the best play that this star has ever appeared in. It is a clean humorous story and one which will add new laurels of popularity for Miss Pickford's long list of successes.

LEE COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From Bishopville Vindicator.

Miss Ada Carroll, who volunteered some time ago as Red Cross nurse, is now stationed at Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. H. Frank Kelley was sick in bed and not able to attend court. All cases in which he was interested were postponed.

Capt. Scott, Lieut. Watford and Sergt. Kilgore attended a meeting of the officers of the State Regiment of Reserve Militia in Columbia Monday.

Dr. Harvey M. McClure, who is now stationed in the medical corps at Jacksonville, was called back here this week to testify in a case in court.

Mrs. Harry Scarborough, of Florence, Mrs. Richbough, of Summerton, and Mesdames Warren and Hope of Norfolk, are spending some time with their mother Mrs. J. L. Shuford, who is recovering from a severe illness.

Rev. H. D. Corbett and wife of Abbeville, accompanied by Mrs. Louise Corbett and Master Philip Tiller of Mayesville spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. S. Corbett.

Last Tuesday afternoon before the altar in the Methodist Church was solemnized the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Heaton to Lieut. William G. Sprout, of U. S. Regulars, Rev. G. P. Watson performing the ceremony. Soon after the ceremony they left for Mercedes, Texas, where Lieut. Sprout's company is stationed.

On Tuesday morning, February 27, Mrs. Nannie Tidwell died after an illness of several months. She was going around until a few days before her death. Mrs. Tidwell was in her forty-first year. She was born and raised in Oakman, Ala., but came to South Carolina with her father in 1901 and lived in this State until her death. Prior to her marriage she was Miss Kemp and Jan. 12, 1907, was married to Mr. Frank Tidwell of her home community. Mrs. Tidwell leaves one sister, Mrs. R. H. Wilson, of Bishopville. She was a member of the Methodist Church since childhood, a good Christian woman and loved by many. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. Mr. Watson. She was buried by the side of her father in the Bethlehem cemetery near Bishopville.

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