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BETHUNE NEWS NOTES

Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., July 23.—Mrs. Ellen Kingsworth of Columbia, S. C. spent several days of the past week with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Stone.

Miss Lois Hough of Kershaw was the guest of her sister Mrs. K. T. Estridge the first of the week.

The picnic at Big Springs last Thursday was quite a success, and a large number of people attended. The speakers of the morning were Mr. D. R. Coker, chairman of the state council of defense, of Greenville, and Mr. Tatum, a prominent lawyer of Bishopville. The speeches were enjoyed by throngs of listeners. The dining room was a popular place during the day, and also were the stands patronized where the Red Cross sold sandwiches, ice cream and drinks. The Red Cross took in about one hundred and seventy five dollars and cleared one hundred and seventy and one half on that day. There was nothing whatever to mar the pleasure of the day.

Mrs. Lola Crawford and children of Kershaw who have been visiting Mrs. M. Stevens returned to their home Saturday.

Mr. Robert Bethune returned Friday after spending several days in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Hallie Lee, who has been working in Columbia, came home Saturday to spend his vacation.

Mrs. W. M. Stevens motored to Kershaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McDonald, Jr., of Greenville, S. C. were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Humphries have returned from a visit to relatives in Camden and also in Alabama.

Mrs. B. L. Norwood and children of Bethune spent Saturday with Mrs. L. D. Gerson.

Mrs. May's Sunday School class of young ladies and men of the Methodist church will have a picnic at Big Springs Wednesday. A big time is expected for all the young folks.

Miss Rebecca Nelson of Camden returned home Monday after spending several days with her cousin Miss Hattie Hester.

Miss Marie Clyburn is visiting relatives in Kershaw.

Miss Leona Northcutt who has been training as a nurse at Chester, is suffering a case of sickness near Kershaw.

Mr. Flynn Kelly returned Monday after spending several days in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Forbis are visiting Mrs. Forbis sister, Mrs. Bright Wilton, in Darlington.

Mrs. Jno. Bethune returned Monday from Greenville, after the departure of her husband from Camp Sevier on his way to France.

Miss Elizabeth Northcutt is visiting relatives near St. Charles, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yarbrough and children returned to their home in Hartsville last Sunday after spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hough and little daughter of Kershaw spent Sunday with Hough's sister, Mrs. K. T. Estridge of Bethune.

The Ladies Home Demonstration Club of Bethune of Camden as its leader met at the home of Mrs. A. B. Martin Friday afternoon.

Buried With Military Honors.

Yesterday, July 21.—The death of Captain Roosevelt is confirmed by a message from a Berlin dispatch received by the Bureau. The message adds that young Roosevelt was buried with military honors by the Germans. The story of the encounter, as told by the Wolf Creek correspondent, follows:

On Sunday, July 14th, an American squadron of 12 battle planes was trying to break through the German defense line in the Marne. In the violent combat which ensued with seven German machines, one American aviator stubbornly made repeated attacks. This culminated in a duel between him and a German non-commissioned officer, who, after a short fight, succeeded in getting good at his brave but unexperienced opponent, whose machine fell after a few minutes near the village of Chambray, ten miles north of the Marne.

His pocket case showed him to be Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, of the aviation section of the United States Army. The personal belongings of the aviator are being carefully kept in view of sending them later to relatives. The earthly remains of the brave young aviator were buried with military honors by German aviators near Chambray at the spot where he fell.

Marriage.

Performed by Probate Judge W. L. McNeill on Monday afternoon last July 23, Mr. Mansfield Donnie Hazel, of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Grace Trueman of Florence, S. C.

VICTORIES CONTINUE

Steady Pressure Over Sixty Mile Front Pushes Germans Back.

Victories for the Allied arms in France continue to multiply. Over the entire sixty mile front running from Soissons to Rheims the Allied troops are fighting with a determination that brooks no denial of their efforts. And the Germans steadily are giving ground, though stubborn resistance is being offered on some sectors.

Further goodly sized indentations have been made in the German line between Soissons and Chateau Thierry by the American and French troops and almost all the gains made by the Germans in the recent drive south of the Marne and in the vicinity of Rheims have been blotted out by the counter-attacks of the Americans, French, British and Italians. Chateau Thierry, which represents the point in the battle line where the Germans had driven their wedge nearest to Paris, has been recaptured by the French troops and almost simultaneously the village of Brasles, two miles eastward and the heights to the north of the village fell into their hands.

Acting in harmony with the movement on Chateau Thierry, American and French troops northwest of the city struck the Germans another hard blow, broke through the German lines and drove through at some points more than three miles. Large numbers of prisoners were taken and the machine guns of the Allied troops literally mowed down the Germans who endeavored to stay their progress. To the north along the Ourcq valley the French are making good progress toward the important junction town of Nanteuil-Notre-Dame, while the operations south and southeast of Soissons are keeping time with those along the other parts of the front.

The entire southern bank of the Marne having been cleared of enemy forces, French, British and Italian troops now are harassing those southwest of Rheims and they have been forced to fall back in the Courton wood, the Andre valley and near St. Euphrase, notwithstanding their desperate resistance. The number of British operating with the Allied forces in this region is not known. The first announcement that they were in the action was made Saturday night and doubtless that they represent a portion of the great reserves that everywhere are being brought up along the battle line in an endeavor to make secure the victories already won and enlarge them.

With the capture of Chateau-Thierry and the fast progress of the French and Americans eastward from the northern sectors, the plight of the Germans in the southwestern portion of the Soissons-Rheims salient becomes increasingly hazardous, and it is not improbable that when stock is finally taken large numbers of prisoners and quantities of guns and war stores will be found to have been taken by the Allied troops. Aviators continue of assistance to the troops of Gen. Foch, scouting the back areas and harassing the enemy with their machine guns. Notable work has been done by American Indians for Gen. Pershing's men, the Aborigines taking a prominent part in characteristic Western fashion in scouting in the Marne region.

Death of Scipio English.

Scipio English, an old and highly respected negro citizen of Camden, died Tuesday in a hospital in Columbia after quite a lengthy illness. For a number of years he conducted a meat market in Camden, but for the past few years had been engaged in farming. He had reared a large family of children, all of whom had the respect of the community. His son, Isaac English, is proprietor of the Eureka barber shop in this city. The funeral was conducted from Trinity Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon.

Were Wedded Here.

Miss Slava Kvaternik, of Hagood, S. C., and Mr. James Nickols, of Sumter, S. C., were married in Camden on July 12th by Judge of Probate W. L. McDowell. Miss Kvaternik gave her nationality as Croat-Hungary and Mr. Nickols as a Greek. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kvaternik, of Hagood, and the groom is the proprietor of the Imperial Cafe in Sumter. After their marriage they went to Hendersonville, N. C., for a wedding trip, of a few days when they will return to Sumter where they will make their home in the future.

Masonic Meeting Tonight.

A special communication of Kershaw Lodge, No. 29, A. F. M., will be held this (Friday) evening, July 26th, at eight o'clock for the purpose of conferring the third degree. All visiting brethren cordially invited.

C. J. Shannon, 3rd., Secretary.

John R. Goodale, W. M.

New Oil Mill Superintendent.

Mr. David Perkins, of Darlington, has been named as the new superintendent of the Camden branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Mill. He succeeds Mr. William King, who resigned several weeks ago to go into the Y. M. C. A. service overseas. Mr. Perkins married Miss Yates, of Camden, and their friends will be glad to know that they are to make their homes here.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET

Speaking Dates Named For Candidates For County Offices.

The Democratic County Executive Committee met at the Court House on Saturday, July 20th and named the itinerary for the county campaign and made some minor changes in voting places. It was not a full meeting of the committee but there were representatives from all sections of the county.

Upon motion of Mr. Jack Smith, Beaver Dam voting place was ordered moved from Beaver Dam to Rabon's Cross Roads.

Acting upon a petition from thirty two voters a voting place was ordered arranged at the Hardaway Camp at Getty's Shoals on the Wateree river.

A central committee was named to go over the enrollment books and were empowered with the right to add names of voters who may have been unavoidably prevented from enrolling before last Tuesday. The committee consisted of the Chairman, the Secretary and the executive committeemen from Pine Creek Hermitage and Stockton clubs. These nearby clubs were named that they might be easily and quickly called together.

Arrangements will be made for erecting Australian ballot booths at Bethune, Camden, Kershaw and Blaney.

The campaign itinerary was arranged as follows:

Bethune, Tuesday, August 13th.
Raley's Mill, Wednesday, August 14th.
Kershaw, Thursday, August 15th.
Westville, Friday, August 16th.
Liberty Hill, Tuesday, August 20th.
Blaney, Wednesday, August 21st.
Doby's Mill, Thursday, August 22nd.
Camden, Friday, August 23rd.
Cotton Mills, night of Monday, August 26th.

Invested One Thousand.

In the list of individuals and firms in this county who took the limit of \$1,000 in the War Savings Stamps during the recent drive we left out the name of the Mackey Jones Co., of Liberty Hill. Their amount went into the Liberty Hill report as a whole and was not mentioned as an individual firm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TUESDAY

Service Flag With One Star of Gold Unfurled By Presbyterians.

From the attendance, attention, and tokens of respect shown at the Union Service Tuesday to the memory of Lieut. Trotter, it can safely rank as one of the most fitting and helpful meetings held as yet with reference to our work in this awful war.

After the reading of scripture by Rev. Benson of the Baptist Church and prayer by Rev. Graves of the Methodist Church, the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church received a beautiful Service Flag from the young women of the Presbyterian congregation. This flag carried along its star one star of gold very significant of the brightness and glory of young Lieut. A. M. Trotter.



Lieut. A. M. Trotter.
(Cut Courtesy of News and Courier.)
Trotter's life laid upon his country's altar.

Dr. Muller at this point presented the Rev. J. C. Rowan who seemed sent of God to speak just the word that expressed the feelings of all hearts present with reference to the life, labors, and splendid heroism of Lieut. Massenburg Trotter.

His country called and he answered with his service and the supreme sacrifice of a clean and courageous life.

Camden felt as never before that this young life was laid down in far away France that all men might have the larger life of Liberty.

City Property Sold.

The C. P. DuBose real estate agency reports the sale of the Paul Rehnberg cottage opposite the Camden Hospital to Prof. J. G. Richards, Jr. We understand that Mr. Rehnberg will not return to Camden for another winter.

The Salley residence on Fair Street was sold by the same agency to Mr. Willis Sheora. Mr. and Mrs. Sheora have been occupying the cottage since the destruction of Mr. Sheora's house on Mill Street.

LATEST WAR SUMMARY

Allies Continue to Gain Ground and Are Closing in On Army.

(Thursday's Associated Press.)

Violent German counter-attacks and rear guard actions in great strength still fail to serve the German high command as barriers to the advance of the Allied troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient.

True, they have aided somewhat in slowing down the fast pace set by the Allies at the commencement of the offensive, but nevertheless on the three sides of the now U-shaped battle front further important gains have been made.

Driving slowly, but surely, south of Soissons the American and French troops have pushed their fronts further eastward toward that part of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry railway line that is still in the hands of the enemy, and further south, along both sides of the Ourcq river and the roads leading to Fere-en-Tardenois, Germany's great storehouse for the supply of her troops have been made until the maximum point where the Allies are fighting near Coligny is about ten and one-half miles from their point of departure Thursday.

In the Marne region north of Chateau-Thierry the Americans and French have met with the fiercest kind of resistance, for here the German machine guns and infantry are striving hard to stay their progress in an endeavor to extricate large numbers of the German forces who are in danger of capture, and also to save part of the great number of guns and quantities of war materials, which it is impossible to get out except by the high roads over the undulating and wooded country.

The advantage of the fighting, however, has rested with the Allied troops, who have pushed on northward past the village of Epiards and ousted the Germans from the greater part of the Chatelet forest. In this region the Allies now hold the village of Epiards and Trigny-Epiards, which were captured by the Germans and were recaptured Wednesday in a counter-attack by the Americans. Pressing on northward the Allies have driven their front beyond Courpoll, which lies about six and a half miles northeast of Chateau Thierry.

Along the Marne at several points, notably in the region of Charleville and Jaulgonne and further east of Treloup, the Allies have put the northern bank of the Marne far behind them in advances and captured a large number of cannon and machine guns and considerable war materials.

In the region between the Marne and Rheims, where the German Crown Prince has brought forward large numbers of picked reinforcements to stay the British, French and Italians, his warriors are meeting with hard usage. Following up the advances of the French and Italians of Tuesday the British immediately have begun a movement which possibly portends good results.

Here the British have overcome a strong counter-attack, and following it, a violent bombardment and struck the German line at Vrigny for a goodly gain. This manoeuvre, if it is pressed to further advantage, will seriously menace the Rheims-Fismes railway, a scant three miles to the north and also will tend materially to lessen the width of the mouth of the pocket through which the Germans are endeavoring to retreat from the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Gauged by the war maps, the new inroads of the Allied troops into the German-held territory necessarily adds further to the extreme gravity of the situation of the Germans inside the huge pocket and with the long range guns on both sides of the U, heavily shelling them far behind the actual fighting fronts with airmen bombing them assiduously, and with the infantry attacking them on all sides with rifle and light gun fire their situations seemingly is a hazardous one.

Gabriel Benson Dead.

Gabriel Benson, a well known negro citizen of Camden, who died on Tuesday was buried Wednesday afternoon from Trinity Church. For a great number of years he was employed by the late Dr. D. L. deSaussure. Later he was employed by the late Mr. J. B. Steedman, as a drayman, hauling cotton from his platform. He was about sixty-five years of age and was a highly respected negro.

Making Good With Tobacco.

Mr. Paul Brown, who resides a few miles east of Camden, has planted this year five acres of tobacco, which has produced a good yield, and by actual figures he claims that he will realize a clear profit of \$190 per acre. A movement is under way to get other farmers in the county to plant tobacco and another year to have a warehouse constructed in Camden.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Mrs. C. F. Adams died at her home in the Midway section Saturday, July 6, after an illness lasting six months and two days. She was confined to her bed since January 4, last, following a stroke of paralysis, and had been in serious condition since that date. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Magistrate W. L. Adams, T. E. W. Adams and R. E. F. Adams, and one daughter, Mrs. W. S. Neal. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren and a host of friends.

R. L. Bell, who has been the postmaster at Westville the past twenty-four years, has on account of increase of work and scarcity of help resigned that office, having tendered his resignation June 22. Mr. Bell has been a very efficient and accommodating official and the patrons of the office regret very much to give him up.

Miss Cora Blackmon and W. F. Adams of the Kershaw Cotton Mill community were married Sunday night, 21st inst., by W. F. Estridge, notary public at his home in the Midway section.

Miss Katherine Blakeney returned last Wednesday from a visit of several weeks at Greensboro, N. C.

Misses Ada and Lottie Mehauffey of Swainsboro, Ga., are visitors at the home of W. F. Truesdel at Westville.

Paul K. Cauthe, who is holding the position of reporter on the French Broad Hustler, Hendersonville, N. C., was here the past week end to visit his grandmother Mrs. Martha Kirkley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McCaskill and little daughter Elizabeth, of Camden, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Horton last week.

Dr. L. T. Gregory was at Rock Hill last week to take three of his patients Mrs. Leonard Vincent, Mrs. Richard Raley and Miss Minnie Horton, to the Fennell Infirmary.

Miss Ruth Magill, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Camden, spent Sunday in Kershaw with her mother Mrs. Maggie Magill.

Mrs. Frank L. Pace and child of Columbia, spent several days in Kershaw with relatives. On Tuesday they went to Cante to visit Mrs. Pace's parents. Born to Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Turner Thursday, July 18th, 1918—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Truesdel and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McDowell toured the mountains of North Carolina in their cars last week.

Miss Margaret Taylor and Misses Margaret and Beulah Dempster spent Sunday with the former's mother at Camden.

Mrs. T. K. Fletcher and children were at Camden for the week-end to witness the marriage of Mrs. Fletcher's sister Miss Mildred Goodale.

Miss Lucile Britton of Camden is visiting her sister Mrs. W. W. Horton.

CAPTURED A MOONSHINE STILL

Sheriff Hough and Revenue Men Made Raid and Arrested S. H. Gardner.

An illicit distillery was captured Monday a few miles east of Camden near Cassatt and S. H. Gardner, a white man, was placed in jail charged with being the chief owner and operator.

Government men assisting Sheriff I. C. Hough in making the raid estimated its capacity at fifty gallons per day. The outfit was located in a dense thicket or swamp on the lands owned by T. W. McNeely and had been in operation the night before as the furnace was warm when the officers destroyed the paraphernalia. Over five hundred gallons of sour mash, ready for use, was also destroyed. Five gallons of whiskey was found at a tent which was located nearby and said to be used by Gardner as sleeping quarters. The still was said to be well arranged, having been placed on brick foundations and well trodden pathways to and from the place pointed to the fact that it had been under way for quite a long while.

Gardner is said to have lived in the Cassatt community since December, coming from North Carolina, and had been spending his time burning kilns in that section extracting tar from pine roots and stumps. Gardner denies all knowledge of the distillery, and McNeely says that he did not know that it was located on his land but that he had heard rumors that one existed in that neighborhood.

Sheriff Hough was assisted in the raid by chief constable T. J. Smyrl formerly of this county and Constable Weatherly and Government Agent Coleman. Sheriff Hough had the still located for some time but had been awaiting the time to catch the owner and operator. Others are thought to be implicated but no other arrests have been made.

SUBMARINE OFF OUR COAST

Near Cape Cod German Sunk Three Barges in Tow.

Orleans, Mass., July 21.—An enemy submarine attacked a tow of the easternmost point of Cape Cod today, sank three barges, set a fourth and their tug on fire and dropped four shells on the mainland. The action lasted an hour and was unchallenged except for two hydroplanes from the Chatham Aviation Station, which circled over the U-boat, causing her to submerge for only a moment to reappear and resume firing.

The crew of the tow, numbering forty-one and including three women and five children, escaped amid the shell fire in lifeboats. Several were wounded, but only one seriously, John Botovich, an Austrian, of the crew of the tug, had his right arm near the shoulder torn away by a fragment of shell. The minor injuries of the others were from shell splinters.

The barges were in tow of the tug Perth Amboy, and were bound from Gloucester for New York. One was loaded with stone but the others were light, being on their return trip after bringing coal to New England. The attack was without warning and only the poor marksmanship of the German gunners permitted the escape of the crews.

The one-sided fight took place three miles south of the Orleans coast guard station, which is located midway between Chatham, at the elbow, and Highland Light and the extreme tip of the cape. The firing was heard for miles and brought thousands to the beach, from which the flashes of the guns and the outline of the U-boat were plainly visible. Possible danger to the onlookers was not thought of until a shell sizzled over their heads and splashed in a pond a mile inland. Three other shells buried themselves in the sand of the beach.

CASUALTY LISTS LARGER

Official Figures Show Twelve Thousand in Army and Marine.

Washington, July 21.—Casualties in the army and marine corps overseas increased 982 during the week compared with 647 the previous week, and aggregated 12,716 with the inclusion of today's army list of 109 and the marine corps list of 20. While the week's total casualties were the largest announced for any week since American troops have been on the battle front it is unlikely that any of the casualties which have resulted from the heavy fighting in which the Americans have been participating since last Monday are included in the totals. The process of transmitting the names by cable from the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces in France and the notifying of relatives in this country after a careful checking up of the records is slow.

In the 12,716 casualties, total deaths, including 291 men lost at sea, men killed in action, dead of wounds, disease accident and other causes, numbered 5,100—army men 4,421; marines 679. The wounded aggregate 6,941—army men, 5,817; marines 1,124. Those missing—including prisoners, total 675—army men, 593; marines 82.

Of the week's increase, 781 were army men and 202 marines. Killed in action and other deaths numbered 425, compared with 259 the previous week; the wounded numbered 465, compared with 307 the previous week, and the missing and prisoners 91, compared with 81 the previous week.

ENROLLMENT BOOKS CLOSED

From Those Turned In It Appears That Enrollment Will Fall Far Short.

Today is the last day for the enrollment books of the county to be returned to the secretary. Up to yesterday only thirteen had been returned. Out of the thirteen it appears that the enrollment will fall far short of the vote cast in 1916. Bethune has exceeded the vote cast in 1916, and the last column shows the vote received by Bleasie in 1916:

Tewnty Creek	56	65	58
Bethune	201	174	74
Belk Hill	43	42	31
Sandy Grove	31	38	32
Pine Tree	41	52	16
Hermitage	82	50	43
Shaylor's Hill	29	31	9
Cantey Hill	26	29	16
Beulah	53	55	36
Sheppard	10	22	28
Harmony	22	36	27
Camden	380	386	101

Miss Fannie Barnes Dead.

Miss Fannie Barnes, a life-long resident of this city, died at her home on Lytleton Street Tuesday morning. For several weeks past she had been steadily failing and while her death was not altogether unexpected it came as a great sorrow to her many friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the Lytleton Street Methodist Church by her pastor Rev. John H. Graves, and the burial was held at the Quaker cemetery in this city.