

The Bamberg Herald

Thursday, August 23, 1917.

SHORT LOCALS.

Brief Items of Interest Throughout the Town and County.

The stock of goods of Sam Zimmerman was sold last Wednesday under a chattel mortgage to W. A. Klauber and A. W. Knight.

Miss Sallie D. Free requests publication of the following: "We will not have a meeting of the Sunbeam band Sunday night, because the mothers will not cooperate with us."

Mrs. Charles Strom, mother of Mrs. R. M. Hitt, died at Highlands, N. C., Monday. The funeral and interment took place at her home in McCormick county. The deceased is survived by her husband and five children.

Supervisor McMillan stated Monday that he hopes to have the new road to Ehrhardt completed by January first. The new road shortens the distance from Ehrhardt to Bamberg considerably, and the supervisor is making a first-class highway of it.

Bennie Orr, colored, of Schofield, Saturday wrote the Local Board that he desired to withdraw his claim for exemption from military service. Orr is married, but wanted to go to the army, and was accepted having previously passed the physical examination.

Seven or eight convicts on the chain gang were included in the first and second drafts. Several of them successfully passed the examination, but the clause in the rules about "moral deficiency" blocked any of them from serving Uncle Sam in the army.

Announcement is made from Washington of the commissioning of Lloyd H. Grandy, of Bamberg, as captain in the engineer's reserve corps for the army. Captain Grandy enlisted in the officers' reserve corps several weeks ago, going from Bamberg to Fort Oglethorpe. He was later transferred to Fort Myer, Va. His many friends in the city congratulate him upon his excellent appointment.

Calls Rev. Geo. P. White.

Last Sunday morning, after Sunday-school, a conference was held at the Baptist church at which a call was extended to the Rev. George P. White, of Union. Rev. Mr. White is now the pastor of the Second Baptist church of Union, and is one of the strongest preachers in the State. Mr. White has been notified of the call, but he has not yet accepted the call to the pastorate of the Bamberg church.

The First Bale of Cotton

Mr. T. J. Crider has the distinction of marketing the first bale of cotton this year. His bale was ginned last Thursday and sold the same day to Rentz & Felder, who shipped the bale to Augusta. The bale weighed 578 pounds and brought 25 1-2 cents a pound, totaling \$146.88. The Cotton Oil Company, which ginned the bale, traded for the cotton seed, 1,130 pounds on a basis of \$1 per bushel, the value of which was \$37.50, making the total worth of Bamberg's first bale \$184.19.

Mr. John H. Cope also sold a bale on the same day, but his bale was not a Bamberg product, having been harvested from his place near Cope.

Colored People Organized.

A mass meeting of colored citizens was held on the court house square Saturday afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance and listened attentively to the outline of work and duty proposed by Dr. E. O. Watson, county chairman of the council of defense. After addresses by Dr. Watson and Revs. H. H. Matthews and L. W. Williams, Rev. H. H. Matthews was selected as chairman to organize the negroes throughout the county, and the following were selected to act with him as an executive committee: Rev. H. H. Matthews, chairman, Isaac Nimmons, Rev. L. W. Williams, Rev. W. W. Chappelle, Henry Kinard, Paul Reddish, Primus Bryant, William Stokes, Adam Johnson, B. J. Lawson, Thomas Grant, Rev. O. J. McPherson, Rev. D. Richburg, Henry L. Stuart, S. R. Curry, Isaac Williams, Rev. W. W. Davis, M. A. Menafee. Rev. L. W. Williams was elected secretary. The committee will, under the general direction of the county council of defense, organize the negroes of the county, men and women, first by the selection in each township of a committee of five, and then through these working up meetings for the instruction of their people in the war issues, organizing for food production and food saving and getting their people lined up in every way for service. There is possibly no line of work yet begun that is likely to produce more practical results than this work.

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE MEETS.

County Organization Perfected.—Patriotic Speeches Made.

Saturday the first meeting of the Bamberg council of defense was held at the court house. The meeting opened as a public affair, and was attended by perhaps a hundred representative men and women of the county. Rev. E. O. Watson, chairman for Bamberg county, presided over the meeting. Ringing patriotic speeches were made by Rev. J. D. Huggins, Hon. B. D. Carter and Hon. J. Wesley Crum, Jr., in which the causes of the war were discussed in an illuminating manner. The chairman explained the aims and purposes of the county organization.

It was clearly set forth in the speeches that disloyalty to the government during this crisis is nothing short of treasonable. The people must be informed concerning the war, and it is the purpose of the county council to carry this information to every part of the county. Arrangements were made for four-minute speeches to be made at the motion picture theatres, and as soon as possible speakers will be sent to every school of the county. Speakers will also be provided for every public gathering if desired. It is requested that where picnics and public entertainments of any character are held, that the county chairman be notified. He will see that some speaker is present to present the issues concerning the war. It is realized that the complications of the war are not fully understood by a large percentage of the people. It is greatly desired that they should know and realize the situation fully.

It was stated by Dr. Watson that the aims of the council are to inform the people fully, get in touch with the schools and inform the children, to hold patriotic exercises wherever possible, to have flags raised over all public buildings in the county with appropriate exercises, help the sale of liberty bonds, assist the Red Cross organization, carry forth the food conservation campaign, and to aid in every way possible the soldiers who will fight the country's battles.

After the public meeting, the council went into executive session, inviting all interested, however, to remain. R. M. Hitt was elected secretary. The roll of the committee was called, and the following responded present: Dr. S. P. Rentz, Dr. J. S. Matthews, Dr. L. A. Hartzog, J. C. Guilds, R. M. Hitt, Rev. W. S. Stokes, W. D. Rowell, B. D. Carter, Rev. J. D. Huggins, Rev. D. H. Owings, Rev. P. W. DuBose, Rev. Achille Sassard, Dr. Robert Black, J. H. A. Carter, Thomas Clayton, A. G. W. Hill, W. B. Chitty, J. J. Heard, A. W. Knight, Mrs. B. W. Faust, Miss Mary Livingston, Mrs. J. R. Owens.

The following were not present: W. D. Rhoad, Jeff Brooker, C. F. Rizer, S. W. Copeland, C. W. Rentz, J. A. Wiggins, J. H. Cope, W. Max Walker, F. V. James, C. R. Brabham, Jr., Dr. J. J. Cleckley, Dr. J. L. Copeland, Dr. G. F. Hair, W. D. Bennett, Rev. C. S. Felder, Rev. J. M. Rogers, J. B. Guess, H. B. Grimes, W. Mannie Rentz, Angus Kearse, Mrs. A. W. Knight.

Most of those absent are out of the county, or were detained for pressing reasons.

J. Wesley Crum, Jr., was appointed a member of the council, and the following were added to the executive committee: J. Wesley Crum, Jr., J. H. A. Carter, Rev. D. H. Owings.

J. P. O'Quinn consented to take up the matter of township organization for Midway with the township chairman, and Dr. S. P. Rentz with the chairman for Fish Pond. Rev. J. D. Huggins was appointed chairman of the four-minute speakers for Denmark.

Death of Dr. R. C. Brabham.

The Ellenton section is very much saddened on account of the death of Dr. R. C. Brabham, who died Wednesday and was buried in the family section of the village cemetery Thursday. The doctor was loved by all who knew him. He was widely known as a splendid gentleman and successful physician. He has given his entire professional life and service to the Ellenton section and he will be missed in many ways.—Aiken Standard.

Oct. 13, Orphanage Work Day.

Announcement has been made to the effect that the Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, the Connie Maxwell Orphanage at Greenwood and the Epworth Orphanage at Columbia will ask all the friends in their various constituencies to observe Saturday, October 13, as a Work Day for orphan children. The plan is simple and has been tried for several years with great success. The idea is that on this special day every friend of each institution will devote the income of the day or the proceeds of labor done that day as a contribution to the orphan boys and girls. We are sure the scheme will appeal to many of our people.

Fall Term of Court.

The fall term of the court of general sessions will convene in Bamberg on the first Monday in September for one week, with Judge Thomas S. Sease presiding. Following are the jurors:

- W. P. Bishop, R. M. Hughes, H. M. Rhoad, R. M. Hughes, J. K. Mayfield, C. W. Beard, R. F. Walker, John R. Martin, G. Lau, Sandifer, C. F. Eaves, G. W. Cave, G. E. Bamberg, H. C. Brown, P. E. Jennings, L. C. Price, H. C. Crum, D. J. Templeton, J. H. Madwin, J. W. Carter, G. Frank Rentz, W. H. Still, J. B. Gillam, B. C. Kinsey, D. Bessinger, Thos. Black, Sr., James Thomas, A. B. Hightower, J. E. Darnell, W. E. Folk, J. B. Guess, T. W. Richardson, H. H. Clayton, C. H. Bishop, R. E. L. Hightower, I. W. Jennings, J. A. Baxter.

Negro Child Drowned.

Elias, the two-year-old child of Sam Preacher, colored, who lives a few miles of Bamberg, was drowned one day last week. It seems that the child left home to go to his father who was plowing in a nearby field, and had to cross a small branch. When Preacher came home for dinner and found the child missing, he went in search of it and found the child in the branch. The little boy was not dead when found, but died soon after. Coroner Zeigler investigated the death and found that an inquest was unnecessary, as it was a plain case of drowning, and no blame is attached to Preacher or any of his family.

Red Cross Knitters Wanted.

The chairman of the Bamberg chapter of the Red Cross has received the following telegram:

"Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 15. "E. O. Watson, Chairman Red Cross, Bamberg, S. C.

"Red Cross has urgent call from Major Grayson Murphy for enormous quantity knitted woolen articles. Cablegram from Major Murphy as follows: "Last winter broke record for cold and misery among people here. Inexpressible dread coming winter finding us without supplies to meet situation. Urge you on behalf of our soldiers and those of our allies who will suffer in their frozen trenches, and also thousands of French and Belgian refugees and repatriates being returned through Switzerland to France. Every one here is looking to America. Begin shipping at once one million five hundred thousand each of warm knitted woolen articles already requested. They must come before cold weather. And in view of shortage of fuel and other discomforts they will be of incredible value both in military and civilian work. (Signed) "General Murphy."

Your chapter asked to furnish definite number this requirement. Your allotment is 200 sweaters, 200 mufflers, 200 pairs of wristlets, 200 pairs socks.

Full instructions follow in few days. Ask your members to finish all knitting now on hand and clear decks for action. We want every chapter to have chance to do its part in making good on this call for help from France. Get knitting committees together, and line them up for rush job.

Signed Guy E. Snavely, director Southern division American Red Cross.

This allotment for Bamberg is large and means work. We can meet it if all our women, young and old, will get busy and keep busy knitting. A knitting class will be formed in Bamberg, and we hope in every town and community in Bamberg county. Phone or write Mrs. W. D. Rhoad, chairman of supply committee, Bamberg, if you will undertake individual work and just what part of this work you will do, also phone, write or see her if you will undertake instructing a class in knitting.

The Bamberg chapter of the Red Cross has opened a work room in the city hall. This room is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-12 in the morning, and 4-6 in the afternoon. You can get full instructions there as to the methods of work, supplies, etc., within the next few days. A stock of wool and knitting needles will be kept at the work room as soon as such can be gotten.

Let us have the hearty cooperation of every woman in Bamberg county. E. O. WATSON, Chairman Bamberg Red Cross Chapter.

Potent Medicine.

"Do you really believe doctor," said the scoffer, "that your old medicines actually keep anybody alive?" "Surely, surely," returned the doctor. "Why, my prescriptions have kept three druggists and their families alive right here in this town for twenty years."—Life. A firm in Zanzibar, Africa, desires to get in touch with American manufacturers of umbrellas, canes, wrist watches, notions, cotton goods and tobaccos.

DRAFT OPPOSERS CAN'T MEET.

City, County and Federal Authorities Unite to Prevent Conference.

Macon, Aug. 21.—Authorities of the city of Macon, of the county of Bibb, and of the United States Government determined that the State convention called to meet in Macon on Thursday for the purpose of protesting against the conscription law, shall not meet in the city or county. Thos. Watson has called the convention and says he will be the principal speaker. Delegates have been appointed from many counties.

The city has declined the use of any of the public buildings or parks. The county has done the same. The entire police force of the city will be used in suppressing the meeting if it is attempted to be held. If the anti-draft people go out of the city, Sheriff Hicks will swear in the entire police force as deputy sheriffs and disperse the gathering anywhere in the county.

If these officers are not sufficient in number, it is understood, that the United States marshal will ask for some of the troops at Camp Harris.

Says Meeting is Called Off.

C. A. Yarbrough, a dentist who had made several efforts to obtain a place in the county for Tom Watson to deliver an anti-draft speech on Thursday night, announced tonight that the meeting would not be held.

"Mr. Watson has received threatening reports from Macon," said Dr. Yarbrough to night. His family will not permit him to fill his appointment in Macon on Thursday night."

The message came from J. L. Sibley of Milledgeville, who acted as Watson's manager for the meeting that had been planned for the city. According to Dr. Yarbrough, Sibley is notifying the delegates throughout the State not to come to Macon; that the chief speaker, Watson, will not be here.

The message was received late this evening. Previous to its receipt, after a local committee had failed to obtain the court house and the city hall for the proposed meeting, a vacant lot was obtained just outside the city limits. The committee also arranged to obtain a tent, which they had planned to pitch there during Wednesday.

Federal, county and city authorities are ready to act should any anti-draft demonstration be attempted.

Petition Refused.

A. M. Petty, headed a delegation of 200 citizens who went before the city council tonight with a petition with 700 names attached asking that Watson be allowed to speak.

Council rejected the petition, but refused to return it to the petitioners. The petitioners were told by City Attorney McNeil that "it will make interesting reading for the United States district attorney."

Many of the signatures attached to the petition were duplicated. Some of the signatures are declared not to be genuine.

The anti-draft meeting had been called off before the petition was presented, but city councilmen did not know it.

New Advertisements.

- J. T. O'Neal—Notice. N. Z. Felder—For Sale. Bamberg Auto Co.—A Servant. Enterprise Bank—Ask the Book-keeper. Bamberg Banking Co.—Conserve Your Cash. Bamberg Banking Co.—Perhaps He May Fail. Jno. B. Smith and J. H. Smith—Notice of Sale. Peoples Bank—Keep Your Eye On the Young Man. Farmers and Merchants Bank—The Careful Man. Notice to Creditors. Jno. B. Smith and J. H. Smith—

BATTLE OF VERDUN CONTINUES.

French Troops Have Captured Village of Regneville.

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Aug. 21.—The irresistible dash of the French troops took them beyond anything hoped for in Monday's fighting around Verdun and gave them possession of both summits of Le Mort Homme, besides other heights and woods in the vicinity which the Germans considered impregnable. The enthusiasm of the French troops over their splendid victory was so great that they demanded notwithstanding fatigue and hardships, that they be permitted to advance even further.

More than five thousand prisoners have been officially counted and their numbers are constantly being augmented as the caves and tunnels in the hillsides are being cleared of those who took shelter there during the infernal bombardment.

American ambulances brought in the first group of French wounded. These cars proceeded under fire right toward the front of the fighting line. Their work is greatly praised as also is that of the American aviator who

BEGINS FOOD CAMPAIGN.

Women of County Asked to Sign Pledge Card at Once.

Dr. E. O. Watson, county chairman of the council of defense, requests that every housekeeper in Bamberg county sign and send in the food administrator's pledge card. For the convenience of The Herald's readers, we print herewith a copy of the card. Our readers are asked to clip out this blank, fill it out, and send it to Mrs. J. R. Owens, chairman of the woman's council.

It is very important that the food of the county be conserved. Every time there is a waste in the kitchen, it means that food is taken from some needy mouth. In order that

TO THE FOOD ADMINISTRATOR,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

I am glad to join you in the service of food conservation for our nation and I hereby accept membership in the United States food administration, pledging myself to carry out the directions and advice of the food administrator in my home, insofar as my circumstances permit.

Name.....

Street..... City.....

State..... Occupation.....

Number in Household..... Occupation of Breadwinner.....

Will you take part in authorized neighborhood movements for food conservation?..... Have you a garden?.....

There are no fees or dues to be paid. The Food Administration wishes to have as members all of those actually handling food in the home. All women over sixteen are eligible.

REFUSED TO BE "GOUGED."

Soldiers Clean Out Restaurants When Prices Are Advanced.

The Pennsylvania troops have no intention of being "gouged" by unscrupulous shopkeepers, as evidenced by an incident that occurred at Danville, Va., Sunday night, while the engineers, who reached Augusta yesterday afternoon, were there. It seems, from accounts given by officers and men—these accounts agreeing in every particular—that the soldiers were granted "shore leave" for forty-five minutes at that point on their route; that they went in to two restaurants near the railway station for coffee, sandwiches, milk, etc.; that after the first "detail" had been served they found that prices had risen to fifteen cents for coffee, twenty cents for sandwiches, twenty-five cents for a bottle of milk, etc.; that this was paid, under protest, but that when the next "round" was served, prices continued to increase; that it was felt that the limit of endurance had been reached, and so the troops promptly proceeded to clean out the place, taking practically everything edible in sight. It is asserted by officers and men that the restaurant proprietors received full value for their goods—that the profit made from the first round more than compensated them for the loss afterward.

The men are indignant over the following dispatch, which was sent over the wires from Richmond yesterday and which they say misrepresents the situation to such an extent that it calls for an explanation:

"Troops said to be from Pottsville and Scranton, Pa., passing Danville last night had lay over of twenty minutes. Five hundred soldiers swarmed uptown and invaded two restaurants and virtually wiped out everything in them. Nothing was paid for. The men are said to have stood on the counters and walked on the tables in a mad effort to secure food.

"Pies, melons, bunches of bananas boxes of chewing gum and tobacco, to say nothing of bread, were seized and carried off. The single policeman on duty was powerless. The negro cook in one place who remonstrated was knocked down. Both restaurants looked as though a swarm of locusts had passed through when the men, answering bugles, hastened to catch the train. The companies are said to have been identified and a claim will be sent to the government."

It is evident that the Pennsylvania boys come ready to "tote their own skillet"; that they ask fair treatment, but that in case they see plainly that they are not to be treated squarely, they are likely to use means of their own to persuade shopkeepers that it is to their interest not to tilt prices just because "Johnny" is a long way from home and has money in his pocket.

participated in the gallant deeds of the French Escadrilles, descending to low altitudes, and pouring their machine gun fire into the column of German infantry assembling for counterattacks. Not only this but in fighting off enemy air scouts who were endeavoring to observe the movement of the French attacking forces, the Americans played a conspicuous and courageous part. The troops of the German Crown Prince were driven back mercilessly. During the night the French were engaged in consolidating the position gained, which at various points of the breach reached a depth of a mile and a half.

the suffering incident to war be minimized, the government has appointed Herbert Hoover as food administrator. It is the food administrator's plan to have every housekeeper in the land sign the official pledge card. Instead of sending it direct to the food administrator, however, Dr. Watson asks the women of the county to send them to Mrs. Owens, so that a record can be kept of this county's progress. Mrs. Owens will file them with the food administrator.

The full information of the food conservation campaign by means of pledge cards has already been published in The Herald, and it is presumed the readers of The Herald are familiar with the plan. It is requested that the pledge cards be clipped out and sent to Mrs. Owens at once:

CUBA TURNS OVER SHIPS.

Transfers Seized German Vessels to United States.

Havana, Aug. 21.—At the presidential palace today, in the presence of Gen. Marti, Secretary of War and Navy, and William E. Gonzales, United States minister to Cuba, President Menico signed a decree transferring to the United States Government four large German steamships, the Bavaria, Olivanti, Adelheid and Constantina, of an aggregate tonnage of approximately 20,000 tons, which were seized as prizes of war on the day Cuba declared war against Germany.

The first three named ships are in Havana harbor where they have been undergoing repairs for several months. The Constantina is at Cienfuegos. The Kadonia, the fifth and smallest of the ships, is retained as a transport for army supplies.

It is announced that Minister Gonzales, acting as the representative of the United States shipping board, will take possession of the ships tomorrow. Minister Gonzales when asked the amount the United States was paying Cuba for these ships replied "absolutely nothing." President Menico, he continued, "declines to consider offers to purchase or lease, whether made by governments, navigation companies or individuals. He regarded these prizes of war not as agencies for commercial profits but to be used, as he states in his decree, for the common benefit in aiding to bring the war against the government of Germany to a prompt and vigorous end.

"President Menico would not sell them, but he has given them to the United States. It is just another illustration of Cuba's generous spirit and of her earnest purpose to cooperate with her allies to the full extent of her power."

Hiers-Berry.

Smoaks, Aug. 14.—A marriage of considerable interest in this community was that of Miss Justine Hiers and Mr. Lee F. Berry, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hiers, last Wednesday. Rev. W. B. McCuen, of Lodge was the minister performing the ceremony. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. The bride is a young lady of many accomplishments, and has been a teacher for several years, having made a great success of her work. Mr. Berry is well known over the county, being a young business man of prominence. In addition he is rural carrier on route 1 from Smoaks. After a trip of two weeks Mr. and Mrs. Berry will be at home to their friends at Smoaks.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements Under This Head 25c. For 25 Words or Less.

For Sale—Dry stove wood; delivered on short notice. B. F. FREE, Bamberg, S. C.

Notice—Choice lot of farm land for sale. Call on J. T. O'NEAL, Real Estate Agent, Bamberg, S. C.

For Sale.—I. H. C. 8-horse power gasoline engine, and No. 1 Kelly duplex mill, new, and in fine shape, ready for work. Outfit for \$200. Easy terms. N. Z. FELDER, Bamberg, S. C.

For Sale—Cotton seed meal, nitrate of soda, acid phosphate, and all other fertilizer materials, prompt or future shipment. Also buy and sell farm products. Get in touch with us before you trade. BRABHAM COMMISSION CO., Columbia, S. C. 8-23