

The Bamberg Herald

Thursday, January 17, 1918.

SHORT LOCALS.

Brief Items of Interest Throughout the Town and County.

Officers captured at Denmark last Tuesday about 20 quarts of whiskey while in transit. The whiskey is in possession of the sheriff.

Fifty pounds of knitting wool has been received by the Red Cross chapter. Mrs. John H. Cope will gladly give it to any one wishing to knit.

A desk is needed very much in the Red Cross rooms. If any one has one to loan it will be appreciated and save the chapter a great deal.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Shuler, teacher of the Buford Bridge school, will regret to learn that on account of illness in her family, she has been compelled to resign her position.

Chief of Police W. G. Kirkland's many friends in the city are glad to see him out again on the streets after a very severe case of la grippe which had confined him to his home for about ten days.

Mr. O. J. Zeigler, now a member of the officers' reserve training corps, stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn., writes as follows: "Mr. Editor: We are catching it up here now. Snow on the ground nearly all the time. Please send me The Herald."

The many friends here of Mr. W. M. Brabham, who has been seriously ill in the Johns Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore, for the past few weeks, are delighted to learn of his rapid improvement and also that he will probably return home in the near future.

Mr. Walter C. Curry left Monday morning for Charleston to stand an examination for entrance into the aviation naval service. Mr. Curry had already passed a part of the examination and should be able to be successful in this portion also, will be accepted and sent to Newport, R. I., for training.

Mr. Ben Pearson, of this city, is now employed at the new packing house in Orangeburg. Mr. Pearson, who was in the city Monday, said the plant would start operations within the next few days, and that it would have a capacity of some eleven hundred hogs per day, in addition to the cattle that would be butchered.

The numerous friends in Bamberg of Mr. J. H. Fender, who was formerly a salesman in the store of Mr. W. D. Rhoad here, are sorry to know that he is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home near Hunter's Chapel in this county. Mr. Fender contracted the dreaded malady Sunday morning of this week, but so far is bearing up well under the attack.

Mr. J. Aldrich Wyman, Bamberg county chairman of the fuel administration, has returned from Anderson, where he spent the first of the week in conference with Mr. B. B. Gossett, State chairman of the fuel administration, in an effort to relieve the serious fuel shortage locally. Mr. Wyman feels that his trip will result in much benefit from a Bamberg and Denmark standpoint.

Quite a few Bamberg boys doing service in both the army and navy have paid visits to friends and relatives at home during the past week and everybody here is happy to see each one of the boys come back home when he can. They may rest assured that the hearts of the folks back home are with them, and that they are always glad to see them and welcome them with pride.

Myrick Grieved at Kingtree.

Kingtree, Jan. 14.—The announcement of the death in France of Corporal H. Carlisle Myrick, member of the engineers corps, came as a grievous shock to the young man's hosts of friends here.

Carlisle, as he was familiarly known here, came to Kingtree with his uncle, C. A. Milhouse, about eight years ago. When his uncle left Kingtree to locate elsewhere, the young man remained, and, being an honorable, industrious lad, he was given employment by Mr. W. E. Jenkinson, as a clerk in his dry goods store. Here he remained until a call was issued for volunteers, when he enlisted and was later sent to the Mexican border, where he remained until his company was mustered out of service. He returned here and took his old position in the Jenkinson dry goods store, and remained there until he was called into the service of the government again upon the declaration of war with Germany. The young man has a host of friends here who read of his death in the dispatch from Gen. Pershing's headquarters in France.

States and state pencils at The Herald Book Store. Save paper by using a slate.

No Nitrate of Soda Yet.

Mr. J. J. Heard, county farm demonstrator, states that within the past few days he has received a number of inquiries regarding the distribution by the government of nitrate of soda, and he wishes to say that he is not yet in position to give any definite information regarding the matter. It is Mr. Heard's understanding that nitrates will be distributed by the government through the county agents, and acting upon the inquiries he has received, he has taken the matter up with Mr. W. W. Long, head of the demonstration work in this State. As soon as he receives information concerning the distribution he will make further announcement. This soda is obtained by the government from South America, and no announcement has been made officially yet as to whether or not it has arrived.

Local Coal Situation Serious.

The fuel situation in Bamberg, as well as throughout the country, has grown to be very serious, not only from the standpoint of suffering and that of individuals, but also from an industrial viewpoint. Friday night the Cotton Oil Co., of this place, was forced to shut down all operation on account of no coal or rather fuel to supply steam. This not only works a hardship on the oil mill, but it may bear heavily on individual farmers in this community needing fertilizers. The officers of the oil mill have been and are still doing everything in their power to relieve their shortage, trying to get both coal and wood, but they have suffered unfortunate circumstances, and it can not be foretold just how long the plant may have to discontinue operation. They at least hope to be doing business again within the next few days.

The Bamberg Cotton Mills are also facing just what the oil mill has come to, and unless coal, which is presumed to have been in transit to the mill for months, arrives in the next few days, this mill also will be compelled to close down its plant.

Conditions have almost become alarming, but the fuel administration advises that it is getting the situation well in hand and that it will only be a matter of a few days before the shortage will be remedied, certainly as to industrial plants, if not altogether.

House Blown Down by Storm.

Mr. J. J. Smoak was hit rather heavily in a financial way by the wind storm Friday night which completed leveled to the ground a nice little house under construction on his farm near the old Charleston and Augusta road, two miles north of Bamberg. The erection of the building was well under way and would have been finished within a very short while, but the whole thing is a mass of wreckage now and Mr. Smoak probably loses \$100 or more.

Oat Crop Killed.

Some of the farmers report that the severe week-end cold wave has this time finished up the oat crop for this county, and that consequently the crop is practically now all killed. This bears heavily, especially since this is the second time in successive years that the farmers in this section have had their oats killed by the cold. Sunday morning at an early hour the thermometer in Bamberg showed a registration of eight degrees above zero, or the coldest weather recorded here this winter, and equal to the record for years and years.

Bamberg Baptist Church.

Preaching next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Geo. P. White.

Morning—"Three Days in a Nation's History."

Evening—"Playing the Fool."

Sunday-school at 10 a. m.—Dr. Robt. Black superintendent.

Public cordially invited to each service.

Stores are Closing Early.

The agreement among the merchants and business men of Bamberg to open their places at reasonably late hours in the morning and to close them at six o'clock each evening except Saturdays has gone into effect and the business houses here are now closed regularly when the city bell rings each evening at six o'clock. They are also opening late at six o'clock. They are also opening late in accordance with the fuel saving movement. The object of this is to conserve fuel in the national shortage, which has gripped the country. The power plant, which generates electricity to supply the city's lights, also closes down entirely now each night at 12 o'clock, with the exception of Saturdays, thus saving much coal there, which would have to be used if the lights were on all night as formerly.

IN THROES OF STORM.

Wind and Cold do Much Damage in and Around Bamberg.

Last Friday the severe winter weather had moderated considerably and it was not uncomfortable to be on the streets without an overcoat. However, early that night the wind began to howl and blow at a pretty good velocity, and with a temperature of about 60 degrees above zero at bedtime, there was a change Saturday morning at rising time to 15 degrees above, or approximately 45 degrees drop in ten hours. That was going some, and the ground everywhere was frozen as hard as a board and probably the oats and other small crops were damaged or killed.

The wind storm during the night also did considerable damage to property in and around Bamberg. Electric light and telephone wires were broken in many places over town, numerous glasses and sashes were blown out and quite a number of business signs were blown down as well as fences. Probably the most serious individual damage suffered was that at the store of Mr. J. D. Copeland, where the glass front to one entire side of the building was destroyed. There were also several sashes blown out of the city hall. The business signs of Mr. R. C. Stokes, Mack's Barber Shop, the Masonic and Knights of Pythias hall and others were blown down or broken. The storm came from the west and did much damage all along its path, Bamberg being about on the edge of the area it traveled.

Votes for Prohibition.

The congregation at the Denmark Baptist church Sunday heard a strong argument in favor of "bone dry" prohibition, and a clear presentation of the rights of the legislature to put this into the laws of the State. This speech was made by S. G. Mayfield, Esq., who, by request of the pastor, took the period of the sermon for his address. At the close of Mr. Mayfield's address the whole congregation stood, in a vote in favor of the legislature passing the prohibition amendment.

Death of Mr. John Rhoad.

A very sad death occurred in the Hunter's Chapel neighborhood of the county Monday morning about seven o'clock when Mr. John Rhoad passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Rhoad. Mr. Rhoad was a young man 24 years of age and had relatives in Bamberg. Some two weeks ago he suffered an attack of measles and remained in the house for two or three days with it. The first time he got out after the measles, however, he attended an entertainment in that section on a very cold night, and becoming well heated up drove home in the cold. The next morning he was sick and the family physician was called in and Mr. Rhoad appeared to improve some. He contracted pneumonia, though, which was the ultimate cause of his death.

Mr. Rhoad was an estimable young man with exemplary habits and attended strictly to business. He was popular socially and in every way with all who knew him. He was unmarried and attended Carlisle school in this city several years ago and had many friends in Bamberg who deeply regret his death and sympathize with his parents and family. The funeral and burial were held Tuesday morning at Zion church, near Mr. Rhoad's home, the services being conducted by the Rev. C. S. Felder, pastor of the Ehrhardt Methodist church.

Observance of Confederate Days.

Mrs. James R. Owens, Edisto district historian, asks all local and rural schools to cooperate with her in her historical work, and teach the observance of all Confederate red letter days. Lee's and Jackson's birthdays come in this month, Hampton's March 18th, Jeff Davis's, June 3rd, Raphael Semmes's in October, and then Matthew F. Maury has also been added. If any local or rural schools will teach their schools to observe these days, it will be very gratifying to have them do so.

Civilian Relief Committee.

The following have been appointed as members of the civilian relief committee of the local chapter of the Red Cross:

J. A. Wyman, chairman, W. A. Klauber, executive secretary, G. M. Yoye, Dickinson, of Bamberg; Frank W. James, James B. Guess, Denmark; Rev. Achille Sassard, W. B. Chitty, Olar; Dr. J. H. Roberts, Dr. J. F. Fender, Ehrhardt; N. F. Fender, Branchville, R. F. D. 2.

The committee will have some important in formation for families of enlisted and drafted men, which will be given through The Herald next week.

Income Tax Man Here.

Mr. U. B. Hammett, deputy collector of internal revenue taxes, from the office of Collector D. C. Heyward, Columbia, is in the city to assist the people of the town and community in making up their income tax returns and receiving the same. Mr. Hammett will be at the court house in Bamberg until the 19th, inst.

All unmarried men with an income of \$1,000 or more and all married men with income of \$2,000 or more are required to pay income tax. It will thus be seen that the new law takes in a large number of people, and it is very important that returns be made, else heavy penalties will be added, and it is an established fact that Uncle Sam comes pretty near to collecting all taxes due him. As the law is not generally and fully understood, the collector's office is sending out experts to various parts of the State to assist the people in properly making their returns. If you are not certain whether you are liable to pay income tax or not, it will be wise for you to visit Mr. Hammett and ascertain that fact. He will be glad to give you any information, and assist you in any manner in making your returns.

Meeting of Camp Jenkins.

There will be a meeting of Camp Jenkins, United Confederate Veterans, at the Court House on Saturday, January 19th, Lee's birthday. As this is the annual meeting of the camp, all veterans are urgently requested to be present.

G. W. GARLAND, Adj.

Gets Legislative Position.

Mr. J. Carl Kears, of Bamberg county, who read law in the offices of Carter & Carter last summer, and who is now a senior law student at the University of South Carolina, has been elected clerk of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives. This is one of the most important committees in the house, and the clerkship is greatly sought after. The place was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. M. S. Whaley, he being appointed judge of the Richmond county court. Four candidates were out for the place, three of them practicing lawyers of Columbia, so Mr. Kears deserves credit in receiving the election. Hon. B. D. Carter, of Bamberg, is a member of the committee, and it was due largely to his influence that Mr. Kears was elected. The work will not prevent Mr. Kears from carrying on his law studies.

Gentlemen of the Jury.

Court will convene in Bamberg on January 21, for one week, at which only criminal cases will be tried. It is stated that there are very few cases on docket for trial, and it is not likely that the session will last through the week. Judge Ernest Moore, of Lancaster will preside.

The following new grand jurors were drawn for the coming year:

J. W. Steedly	W. L. Warren
Joe M. Carter	D. J. Templeton
A. H. Neeley	J. R. Peters
R. T. Felder	L. G. Sandifer
B. W. Smith	Angus K. Rentz
E. L. Price, Jr.	J. P. Dannelly

The following are the hold over grand jurors:

J. H. Cope	H. B. Grimes
J. J. Smoak	L. W. Abstance
McP. Eubanks	U. G. Hutto

The following are the petit jurors for this term of the court of general sessions:

Tom H. Hadwin	G. C. Fender
B. P. Padgett	N. M. Carroll
W. B. Delk	W. P. Kinsey
John E. Staley	C. L. Brant
E. C. Bruce	Geo. F. Beard
B. T. Felder	W. C. Hughes
E. J. Gibson	J. E. McMillan
R. C. Jones	Wm. T. Jones
R. W. Player	J. K. Mayfield
G. W. Hunter	T. R. Steedly
J. W. Sellers	T. G. Smoak
W. B. Cave	L. R. Clayton
Elijah H. Zeigler	H. A. Stokes
A. G. Hicks	Jim T. Hiers
Dayton Breland	P. R. Stokes
A. J. Fair	H. L. Kinard
L. L. Lard	J. W. Copeland
H. S. Kears	LeRoy Peters

Rev. McDowell Goes to Kingtree.

Kingtree, Jan. 7.—The Rev. E. A. McDowell, formerly of Fairfax, in Barnwell county, recently called to the pastorate of the Kingtree Baptist church, arrived here with his family Saturday and has assumed the duties incumbent upon him, succeeding the Rev. A. E. Riemer, resigned.

Opens Bakery Here.

Mr. Louis G. Pollakoff has moved his stock of goods heretofore located in the store next to the Bamberg Furniture and Hardware Co., to the place next door underneath the telephone exchange building, and is now operating there. Mr. H. D. Steedly, formerly of Branchville, has purchased the building vacated by Mr. Pollakoff and is opening up an up-to-date bakery in the same. Mr. Steedly has had a number of years' experience in the bakery business at Branchville.

TREE FELL ON HOUSE.

Nancy Bonaparte, Colored, Crushed to Death in Unusual Manner.

Nancy Bonaparte, a negro woman living on Mr. D. M. Eaves's old Belinger place near Lemon Swamp, about four miles from Bamberg, was killed in a peculiar way last Friday night at her home there between nine and ten o'clock. She was a woman about 50 years of age and she and her husband and several of their children had congregated in the kitchen during the severe wind storm which was raging at that hour. A large oak tree in the yard was blown down directly across the kitchen roof and crashed through the top of the house, crushing the woman underneath the wreckage. Her death was practically instantaneous, as she was not alive when the other negroes present removed her from the debris a few minutes later. Nancy suffered a broken leg and internal injuries, the latter being the wounds to prove fatal. The other members of the family in the kitchen at the time were terribly frightened, but none was seriously injured. One of the men suffered two pretty bad gashes on the face. They could not get out of the house, however, except by making their way along the limbs of the tree to the great hole torn in the roof and climbing out through there. It was a narrow escape for several of them.

New Advertisements.

A. B. Utsey—For Sale.
Bamberg Auto Co.—Maxwell.
Peoples Bank—This Little One.
J. B. Brickle—Don't Experiment.
Bamberg Banking Co.—From the Birth.
Enterprise Bank—Burying Your Money.
Bamberg Banking Co.—No Individual.
Chero Cola Bottling Co.—Fattigued?
Estate of M. A. Inabinett—Citation Notice.
Farmers and Merchants Bank—Even if an Accident.

Abutting Property Tax Bill.

Among the new bills introduced in the South Carolina house of representatives is the following offered by B. D. Carter, Esq., of the Bamberg delegation:

To amend article 10 of the constitution of 1895 so as to authorize the town of Bamberg, in Bamberg county, to assess abutting property for permanent improvement.

This bill was instituted by Mr. Carter at the instigation of members of the city council of Bamberg for the purpose of obtaining means or devising a method by which the various sidewalks on the important streets, both business and residential, of the city may be paved. The matter of paving Main street from the railroad to the cotton mill, a long and sorely needed improvement, may also be considered under the new law if passed. It is highly probable that the bill will pass the house, the only thing to prevent its passage being a larger amount of other important business ahead of it to be taken up by the legislature.

Hardships of a Soldier's Wife.

The committee on public information has made public the following translation of a story appearing in the October 15, 1917, issue of the Leipzig Volkszeitung:

"A sample of the fashion after which bloated landlords treat the wives of soldiers has been brought to our attention from Upper Langesau in Silesia. One of the hired men of Dr. Mueller's agricultural estate has been for a long time at the front. His wife, who had worked alongside her husband before the war after the usual custom, remained in the ranks of the field hands and accordingly retained her farm cottage. October 1 this woman got the following letter:

"The undersigned bailiff of the estate hereby gives you notice as of this date to the field service for January 1, 1918. On that day you are to give up your house. The work which you are doing on the farm does not compensate the farm for the loss which accrues to it through the continued support of your family. Look out for yourself away from this farm, your house is needed for other use."

"The woman communicated the notice to her husband with these words: 'I must tell you my distress, soon I shall not be able to see the paper for my tears. What shall I do? Winter is at the door and the cottage is full of little children.' "Thus the bailiff of the estate of a bloated landlord turns a family with eight children out of doors in mid-winter while the man is at the front. Comment takes care of itself."

Watermans Ideal Fountain Pens at Herald Book Store.

Colored Branch of Red Cross.

Editor Bamberg Herald: On last Tuesday evening I had the privilege of attending one of the most interesting and encouraging meetings it has been my pleasure to attend in quite a long while. I had been invited to talk to our colored friends about the great Red Cross work and to assist them in the organization of a colored branch. There are a number of negro men from Bamberg county in our training camps, with more to follow, and some of the leading spirits of that race have been agitating the organization of a Red Cross branch for some time, but for one reason and another the matter was postponed.

I was impressed on Tuesday evening with the earnestness of those who had gathered. Rarely have I spoken to an audience where I received such absolutely undivided attention, and as I tried to tell simply of the great work that the Red Cross is undertaking I could see many signs of approval and interest. But the most interesting and encouraging part of the programme came after I had finished speaking and the work of forming a temporary organization and the enrollment of members was entered into. So far as I can judge an organization was made that ought to accomplish splendid things. Members were called for and they commenced "hitting the rail" and planking their dollars down to pay the membership fee. In just a few minutes thirty-five members were enrolled and thirty dollars collected in cash. I was surprised and gratified. These people are interested, they want to do their "bit," and, as one of them expressed it to me, the main reason they haven't done more than they have is a lack of information. They ought to be encouraged in every possible way and, from my experience on Tuesday evening, I feel sure that they will respond creditably to any call.

During the evening the announcement was made of an unsolicited contribution of \$5.00 by Lieut. Commander D. Graham Copeland, U. S. N. The audience gave him a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.

All in all the work has started off very splendidly and we wish for it much success.

The following were elected temporary officers: Rev. L. W. Williams, chairman; Rev. W. W. Chappelle, vice-chairman; Carrie B. Nimmons, secretary; Lucretia Simms, treasurer; Catherine Stevens, chairman work committee; Rev. H. H. Matthews, chairman civilian relief committee; Isabelle Murdaugh, chairman membership committee.

J. CALDWELL GUILDS.

Three Billions of Insurance.

Applications for war risk insurance by men of the army and navy have nearly reached the \$3,000,000,000 mark, and continue to come in at the rate of about \$60,000,000 a day. The average amount applied for per man is \$8,630, the average having increased steadily since the act went into effect, October 6.

For persons who joined the colors before October 15, 1917, the last day for applying for government insurance is February 12, 1918. Intensive efforts are being made by commanding officers to have all their men take insurance before that date.

The maximum amount which may be taken out by any man is \$10,000.

Four Billions War Credits.

War credits extended to foreign governments since the United States entered the war total \$4,236,400,000. Of this Great Britain received \$2,045,000,000; France, \$1,285,000,000; Italy, \$500,000,000; Russia, \$325,000,000; Belgium, \$77,400,000; Serbia, \$4,000,000.

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TO REFORMERS:

In view of the legislation pending and the existing condition of affairs in our State groaning with taxation, and desiring to be relieved of the heavy burdens that are being yearly placed upon us, it has been deemed wise that all who favor the reduction of taxation and the proper distribution of the burden of taxation be called to attend a meeting at the City Hall, to be held at ten o'clock, a. m., Saturday, January 19, 1918. You are earnestly invited to attend. G. E. BAMBERG.
Bamberg, S. C., Jan. 14, 1918.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

For Rent—House and lot on Broad street. Apply to D. BESSINGER, Bamberg, S. C. 1-17

For Sale Cheap—One cypress incubator, and one cypress brooder, in good condition. A. B. Utsey, Bamberg, S. C. 1t

For Sale—One unused Gullett 70-saw fast feed cotton gin, one press, one cotton seed culler, one 1,500 gallon iron water tank, and one plantation fertilizer mixer. Apply to J. A. WYMAN, Bamberg, S. C. 1t