

The Bamberg Herald

Thursday, Feb. 28, 1918.

The Civic league will be entertained this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the home of Miss Alma Black, on Railroad avenue.

Mrs. O. D. Ritchie, of Albemarle, N. C., in renewing her subscription to The Herald, says: "I like to read your paper and I look forward with pleasure for its arrival."

Recent repairs to the Presbyterian church have greatly added to the appearance of the building. The entrance has been completely rebuilt, and the interior is being calssomed and repaired.

The many friends in Bamberg of Mr. Ira M. Cope will be interested to learn that he sailed some days ago for a trip abroad. Mr. Cope is on board a U. S. transport, and is on his first trip across.

Mrs. G. P. White wishes the announcement made that the badges and flags of the Red Cross society have been received, and that any Red Cross member may secure them by calling upon her.

Mr. U. B. Hammet, deputy revenue collector, announces that he will be in Bamberg on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week to assist any parties with their income tax returns.

A negro workman named Hightower was dangerously wounded yesterday at the ginney of Mr. Decania Dowling. The negro was caught in the machinery in some way, and before he could be extricated, he was severely lacerated in the face and on the body.

Supt. E. P. Allen announces that the declamation contest for the lower grades in the field day contests will be held on Friday morning instead of Thursday night, as previously announced. This change was made on account of the fact that with the other contests scheduled for Thursday night the programme would be too long.

The many friends of Mr. John H. Cope will learn with much regret of his illness at his home on Midway avenue in this city. Mr. Cope was stricken with a serious illness about two weeks ago, and has been confined to his bed since. Trained nurses are in attendance upon him, and it is hoped that he will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. Ruby J. Steedly, of Bamberg, R. F. D. No. 1, son of Mrs. A. M. Steedly, has been accepted for enlistment in the quartermaster corps of the national army, and is now on duty at Fort Screven, Georgia. Young Steedly has been working in Charleston lately, but lived here for a long while, and has many friends whose best wishes follow him while he is in the service of the government.

A small fire did some damage on Thursday afternoon to the residence occupied by Mr. B. F. Folk at the rear of the Bamberg Banking Co. building. The fire evidently caught from the chimney. It was discovered a few minutes after it started, and quick work prevented much damage. While the fire truck was not needed to extinguish the fire, it demonstrated the fact that the new fire team is on the job.

Many farmers in Bamberg county are preparing to plant castor beans this spring. The government has sent out the appeal to plant this bean, from which castor oil is manufactured, the oil being needed for the new liberty motors on airplanes. A guaranteed price of \$3.00 per bushel has been offered by the government, and as it is said these beans grow fine here, many are taking advantage of this opportunity.

The postmaster requests us to state that when the windows at the postoffice are closed at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, all window business is suspended until after the 6:37 mail is distributed. The force likes to be accommodating, but is very busy after the windows are closed dispatching mail, and it is very annoying to be interrupted by raps on the window. Patrons are asked to come to the postoffice previous to 6 o'clock when they have business to attend to.

Taylor-Clayton.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. John G. Clayton and Miss Eunice Taylor motored to Bamberg where they were married in the presence of a few friends and the sister of the groom. Miss Taylor is from Anderson, but was teaching in Colleton county at the time of her marriage. She is a young lady highly esteemed by the many friends she has won in the lower part of the State.

Mr. Clayton has been bookkeeper for Rizer & Ayer, of Walterboro, for the past several years, but will leave with the Colleton county contingent, recently drafted, in a few days for Camp Jackson.

The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

DEATH OF MR. J. F. KILGUS.

Well Known Citizen of Bamberg Passed Away Monday Morning.

Monday morning, after an illness of many months, Mr. J. F. Kilgus, in point of residence one of the city's oldest citizens, died at his home here on New Bridge street. Mr. Kilgus had been ill for two or three years, but for the past several months had been in a critical condition, and his life was despaired of weeks ago. While there was no surprise at his death, the news caused genuine sorrow among his numerous friends and acquaintances, as it removed from Bamberg one of its most familiar characters, a man who knew and was known by everybody.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning from the late residence, and interment took place at Restland cemetery. Rev. George P. White, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Jacob Frederick Kilgus was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1865, and would have been 53 years old within the next few weeks. With his parents and brothers and sisters he came to America about 1880, and lived in Charleston for a few years. They afterward lived in New York and Boston and finally moved to Savannah, where Mr. Kilgus resided before moving to Bamberg twenty-five years ago. He came here as a baker for Col. John F. Folk, and later served in the same capacity for Mr. J. A. Spann when the latter purchased Col. Folk's bakery. A few years later Mr. Kilgus purchased the bakery business from Mr. Spann, and continued to operate it until his health compelled him to retire from active business.

For many months Mr. Kilgus had known that his illness would be fatal, but up until he lost consciousness on Friday before his death he was cheerful and appeared to be perfectly resigned to his fate. He always looked on the bright side of life, and never failed to have a kind word for everybody he talked with. Mr. Kilgus was a man of a great many most commendable traits of character and he was generally liked by everybody.

Although he was a native born German, many years ago he secured naturalization papers. In the delicate position in which he was placed when a state of war was declared to exist between Germany and America, he acted in a most decorous manner. While he undoubtedly, and naturally, had a deep love for his native country, when the exigency arose calling forth loyalty to America on behalf of all its citizens, "Uncle Jake," as he was familiarly known, was never heard to utter an unpatriotic word of his adopted land, and that his love and sympathy were with America cannot be doubted. Quiet, unassuming, attending strictly to his own business, he was an exemplary citizen, and his jovial conversation on the streets will be remembered for many years.

Mr. Kilgus was a loyal Knight of Pythias, and never missed attending a meeting until his illness prevented his going out. He was buried with knightly honors at the grave.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary A. Kilgus, and three children, as follows: Mr. Charles Francis Kilgus, of Latta; Mr. William Frederick Kilgus, of Bamberg; and Mrs. Louisa Kilgus Smith, of Columbia; and by the following brother and sisters: Mr. Carl O. Kilgus, of Savannah; Mrs. C. H. E. Ortman, of Anderson; Mrs. C. R. Dickson, of Anderson; and Mrs. A. H. Crawford, of Lamar, Colo.

Death of Mrs. Frank Jones.

Mrs. Mary L. Jones, widow of the late Mr. Frank Jones, a valiant soldier of the Confederacy, died in this city at the home of her son, Mr. Ben Jones, on Monday morning at the age of about 71 years. Mrs. Jones had been afflicted for several years, and had been almost totally blind for some time previous to her death. Mrs. Jones was a woman of many fine qualities of character, and her death is a cause of grief among a wide circle of friends, especially among the older residents of the community. Her son, Mr. Ben Jones, is the only surviving near relative. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Baptist church. The remains were buried at Restland cemetery Tuesday.

Rivers Bridge Memorial.

The executive committee of the Rivers Bridge Memorial association will meet at the memorial grounds on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of arranging for memorial service, and to transacting such other business as may come before them. A full meeting is earnestly requested.

DR. N. F. KIRKLAND, Pres.
J. W. JENNY, Secretary.

Watermans Ideal Fountain Pens at Herald Book Store.

FAILED TO REGISTER.

Clinton Johnson Arrested, Examined and Sent to Camp.

Clinton Johnson, a young negro of Denmark, was arrested a few days ago on the charge of evading the draft. Johnson was carried before the local exemption board, duly registered, given the physical examination, accepted, and sent at once to Camp Jackson as a member of the Bamberg contingent in the new national army.

Johnson, it is said, left his home at Denmark when the time came to register and went to Barnwell, where he told the authorities he was under the draft age. After the registration and things had quieted down, he came back home, with the above result.

William Johnson, another negro, was also arrested a few days ago. This Johnson had failed to fill out his questionnaire, although he was duly registered. However, he failed on the physical examination, and was not, therefore, drafted into the service.

Under the draft law all parties failing to register or fill out questionnaires after registration, if they are within the draft age, are to be immediately arrested and sent to the training camps.

Bamberg High Loses

Denmark, Feb. 24.—In one of the most exciting games played by Denmark this season Bamberg high school was defeated by a score of 21 to 14. The game was hard fought from the beginning to the end, each team playing in fine style. The following girls took part in the game: For Denmark: Misses Cecile Hope, Ruth Folk, Julia Cox, Rachael LeCroy, Sadelle Cain, Anna Matthews and Georgia LeCroy; for Bamberg: Misses Nannie Faust, Mary Williams, Evelyn Brabham, Lucile Folk, Rebecca Dickinson, Thelma Bruce and Ida Brabham. The officials of the game were: Referee, Prof. C. S. Major, of Carlisle; umpire, Miss Ella May Martin, of the Bamberg high school. Under the coaching of Miss Jessie Hungertpillar, Denmark has a strong team and is willing to play any high school in the State.

The following is the score of the games played this season: Denmark 21, Carlisle school 6; Denmark 26, Orangeburg high school 0; Denmark 38, St. Matthews high school 0; Denmark 21, Bamberg high school 14.

Death of John Geiger.

John Geiger is dead. These words convey to the mind of practically every man, woman and child, white and colored in Bamberg, a sad meaning. Old John was a faithful old black man—a black man, but who had a white heart, and who was as loyal an old man as ever lived.

Uncle John had been sick for several weeks. He had been in a critical condition, however, but a few days. He died on last Friday morning and his remains were laid to rest with reverence on Saturday morning at the Log Bridge colored cemetery, in the edge of town. Rev. R. H. Jones, pastor of the white Methodist church, conducted the burial services at the grave, in the presence of an immense crowd of both white and colored people.

Uncle John Geiger was one of the old characters of Bamberg. He had lived here for some forty years; and for thirty-five years of this time had been sexton for Trinity Methodist church. For twenty-seven years he was porter at the Bamberg Banking Co. In these capacities he was ever faithful and loyal. During the whole time of his service at the Methodist church, it is said that he missed ringing the bell for all services only twice up until he was stricken for the last time.

He came to Bamberg from up about Lexington, where he belonged during slavery times to the famous Geiger family. He literally grew up with Bamberg, and knew and was known by everybody. Uncle John was between 75 and 80 years old.

In addition to his jobs at the church and at the bank, he served many families in town in various capacities. He knew his place and stayed in it. He always expressed himself that the white people were the best friends of the negro. He was a thoroughly honorable man, upright, reliable, ever ready to do a kindness. In return he was treated with consideration, and was given much loving care by his white friends until he died.

Every time the Methodist church bell rings fond memories of old Uncle John will be revived in the minds of the congregation of that church, and his familiar pattering about the bank, of which he considered himself a part, will be missed every morning by those who always saw him there. He was a negro of the old type. It is sad to see them go, for they end a generation that will never be seen again. There are very few old slavery negroes left now; in a few years there will be none. Peace be to the ashes of Uncle John!

SAW SERVICE AT YPRES.

One of 61 Survivors of Canadian Regiment in Bamberg Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Doyle, a native Canadian, now a traveling salesman, was a visitor in Bamberg last Saturday. Mr. Doyle is a survivor of the second battle of Ypres, on the French front, in which he was dangerously wounded and sent home. His wounds have since healed, but he has not yet fully recovered—and never will be, for one arm is withered from a shrapnel explosion, although, with the aid of skilled surgical attention, he is able to use the member to a certain extent.

When Canada called for volunteers early in the war, Mr. Doyle gave up his position as traveling salesman and enlisted. He was soon afterward sent with his regiment to France, and saw service there for more than two years. In the second Ypres battle, his regiment was almost completely wiped out, there being but 61 survivors out of the 1,100 in his division. He was one of the fortunate 61 who lived through the battle. This enormous casualty, he said, was the result of a gas attack by the enemy, the casualties from rifle shots being comparatively few. The oncoming wave of gas was plainly seen some minutes before it reached them, but it was then thought to be a fog. He was saved because he was wounded, falling into a shell crater partly filled with water. As water neutralized the gas, he escaped asphyxiation, though he remembers nothing about it, only recovering consciousness two days later. A shrapnel shell bursting near him shattered his right elbow and practically carried away his nose, said Mr. Doyle. He was placed in one of the hospitals and given treatment, and the expert manner in which the wounded are treated is clearly shown in his case. One cannot easily detect that his nose has been rebuilt, but he asserted this to be a fact. With the dangerous wound he received in his elbow, a few years ago the arm would have been amputated. Instead, a false joint was inserted, and, although the arm is withered somewhat, it is of considerable use to its owner.

Mr. Doyle talks in a most interesting manner of his experiences, and his stories of trench life were listened to with the greatest attention. The trenches, he said, are always filled with more or less water and mud. One goes on duty for forty-eight hours, and then is given seventy-two hours off, during which time the soldiers may retire to the camps in the rear, although he said that it was quite a job to get to the camps, which were often six or seven miles distant, and it is frequently very hard to make the trip through the communicating trenches. He now has five brothers doing service with the Canadian forces at the front.

Although he describes the war as a terrible thing, he is not at all gloomy about it, and seems to take his wounds as a matter of course. He says that Canada cares well for her wounded, and he could live on his pension if he cared to do so, but as soon as he could he went back to his old job.

Ahl-Brabham.

Mr. Joe Frank Brabham and Miss Corrie M. Ahl surprised their many friends last Thursday by getting married. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only a few intimate relatives at the Citadel Square Baptist church parsonage, Charleston, by the Rev. C. C. Coleman, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. Brabham are now residing in the home Mr. Brabham recently purchased from Mr. H. Wick Johnson, on Railroad avenue, in this city.

The bride is well known in Bamberg, having been a frequent visitor here, and she has numerous friends already in the city, who are glad to welcome her here. She is a young lady of many charms. Mr. Brabham is a prominent farmer and business man of Bamberg. The couple are now receiving the congratulations and best wishes of their host of friends.

Completing the Ehrhardt Road.

The new road from Ehrhardt to Bamberg has been almost completed, and will soon be brought to Bamberg. The chain gang, which has been on this road for some months past, was moved a few days ago to near Denmark, where there was some urgent repair work to be done. As soon as this work is completed, which will be only a matter of a week or so, the gang will be moved to the Hunter's Chapel road, which will be worked next. At that time the Ehrhardt road will be completed. There remains only about one mile of this road to be worked before completion. Those who have been over the Ehrhardt road say it is a fine highway. This road is a much needed artery of traffic between this city and Ehrhardt, and Supervisor McMillan and the county commissioners are being congratulated upon this good piece of work.

COLORED MEN LEAVE.

Ninety-one Colored Soldiers Left For Camp Jackson Saturday.

Saturday morning ninety-one colored drafted men, from class one, left Bamberg for Camp Jackson over the Southern railway. Two coaches had been placed on the siding the day before for the accommodation of the men, and they were placed aboard the cars previous to the arrival of the 8:43 train, which coupled on the cars on passing through. An immense crowd of white and colored people were out to the side track to see them off. There must have been at least a thousand colored people in the throng.

The men, a list of whom was published in last week's issue of The Herald, seemed to be not at all displeased by leaving home, and they departed singing songs and shouting merry farewells to their friends and relatives, and the only tears seen were on the eyes of those left behind.

The spirit of the men seemed to be reflected in what one of them said. Upon being asked if he minded going, he said that he did, but that somebody had to go, and he was going to give the best he had, and fully expected to come back alive and well. Incidentally he added that he was going to kill as many Germans as he could, and he appeared to be in deadly earnest about it.

The men assembled in Bamberg Friday afternoon, about 100 strong; of rather 100 were summoned to report. Some of them did not have to go, being on hand as substitutes. A few of the ninety-one failed to show up for one cause or another, and these vacancies were filled by substitutes.

While in Bamberg Friday night, they were given meals and lodging, tickets being provided and given them. This matter was in charge of Arthur Nimmons and some other colored men.

The colored men have shouldered their responsibility in the war in a most commendable manner, and if there is any feeling of resentment or unwillingness on their part, it certainly is not evident. That every one of them will make a good soldier there is no doubt, and everybody expects the Bamberg colored drafted men to come out with flying colors.

Pythian Drafted and Enlisted Men.

A roll of honor has been secured by the local Knights of Pythias lodge to be framed and hung in the lodge room. This roll of honor is to contain the names of all the members of the lodge who have enlisted in the service of their country, or who have been drafted into the service. A large number of Pythians have already entered the service, and doubtless the lodge will be represented by many more.

At a recent convention of the lodge it was voted that the lodge will pay the membership dues of all drafted and enlisted men while they are in the service. This applies to both officers and privates; this being a recognition of their patriotic service to the country.

Lain-Kilgus.

Mr. Charles F. Kilgus, son of Mrs. J. F. Kilgus, of Bamberg, was on last Saturday married to Miss Ioma Lain at Latta, S. C. The marriage was a very quiet affair, only a few very intimate relatives of the bride being present. Mr. and Mrs. Kilgus left immediately after the ceremony for Bamberg, being called here on account of the serious condition of Mr. Kilgus's father, who died the Monday following. Mr. Kilgus has been teaching school at Latta for some time past. He has many friends in Bamberg, having lived here all his life up until a few years ago. Mrs. Kilgus is a most attractive young lady, and is very popular among a wide circle of acquaintances in her community.

Negro Killed; Accident Claimed.

Coroner Zeigler was called to Ehrhardt Tuesday to hold an inquest over the dead body of John C. Allen, a young negro, who was shot and killed with a .32 pistol by Henry Counts, another negro. It is claimed that the killing was accidental. From the evidence, it appears that the negroes were at a party at the home of M. E. Sanders on the place of Mr. George Kearse. Allen was very "geechy" and the other negroes were teasing him, and in order to carry the joke further, it is said, Counts pointed a pistol at him, saying if he didn't look out he would be shot, and the pistol was in some way discharged. It is said that there had been no row and no hard feelings. The testimony in the case had not been filed yesterday morning and a copy could not be secured. Counts came to Bamberg and surrendered and is now in the county jail.

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FEED BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

About \$4,000 Damage.—Several Residences Have Narrow Escape.

What came near being a most disastrous conflagration occurred Sunday afternoon when a feed barn at the sales stables of Mr. G. Frank Bamberg was totally destroyed by fire. The loss was Monday estimated at something like \$4,000, which was only partially covered by insurance.

Several nearby residences were saved from the flames only by the hardest kind of work on the part of the fire department and others who volunteered and gave valuable assistance. The residence occupied by Mr. D. A. Reid was damaged to a small extent, and the residence of Mr. J. B. Brickley was in great danger, as were also other residences nearby in the path of the high wind which was blowing at the time.

The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock in the barn at the rear of the sales stables by Mr. D. A. Reid, who lives within a few yards of the rear of the barn. Mr. Reid gave the alarm of fire, and within a remarkably short space of time the fire truck, with a quantity of hose, was on the scene. The fire department was quickly assembled and they began the fight which resulted in confining the flames to the barn, or rather prevented the burning of the residences of Messrs. Brickley and Reid.

All of the household effects in these latter homes were quickly removed, as it appeared to be a matter of impossibility to save them. Mr. Reid's home did catch on fire several times, but the good work of the firemen prevented great damage, and a steady stream of water on Mr. Brickley's home prevented it from burning.

The origin of the fire is not known, but within three or four minutes after the blaze was first seen the whole barn was a roaring furnace. The firemen could not approach the barn near enough to do anything toward saving it.

The barn contained a large quantity of feedstuffs, including corn, hay and ground feed, to the value of nearly \$2,000. All of this was practically a complete loss. The barn itself was not very valuable, as it was only an old frame structure. A feed grinding mill and a large gasoline engine were in the building. The feed machine is probably a total loss, but the damage to the large engine cannot be stated. While it appears intact, the intense heat probably caused serious damage.

Messrs. Brickley and Reid sustained considerable damage from breakage in the hasty removal of furniture, but suffered no actual damage from fire. The residences of Messrs. LaVerne Thomas and Harry Murphy, on the other side of the street, were in imminent danger, but the further spread of the fire was prevented by saving the homes of Messrs. Reid and Brickley.

Bamberg's fire department did the best piece of work that has been seen in a long time. The organization proved its actual worth on this occasion, and under the leadership of Mr. W. D. Rhoad, waged a successful fight against a fire that threatened to menace much property. The fire team was given much assistance by a number of others who did volunteer service.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. J. F. Kilgus and children wish to take this method of expressing their heartfelt and sincere thanks for the many kindnesses to them during the long illness and after the death of their husband and father.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

For Sale Cheap—Two large quick plow mules. Apply to J. B. HUNTER, Bamberg, S. C. tf

For Sale—House and lot on Carlisle street. Apply to J. T. O'NEAL, Bamberg, S. C. tf

For Sale—A few b shels of King Big Boll cotton seed. J. T. O'NEAL, Bamberg, S. C. tf

If you want to buy or sell timber communicate with A. B. CHANDLER, Walterboro, S. C. 3-14

For Sale—Riflet Barred Rock eggs, Thompson strain. J. T. O'NEAL, Bamberg, S. C. tf

For Sale—250 pounds Tom Watson watermelon seed. Price 75c per pound. J. C. MOYE, Bamberg, S. C. 2-28

For Sale—One unused Gullett 70-saw basket 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. tf

For Sale—We have one pair Duroc Jersey shoats for sale to quick buyer at \$15.00 each. These pigs are from stock of the famous Arlis plantation, Americus, Ga. Will register in buyers name for \$1.00 each extra. These hogs are worth this price for pork. Apply to G. B. CLAYTON or W. MAX WALKER, Ehrhardt, S. C. tf