

The Bamberg Herald

Thursday, March 21, 1918.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, who is traveling in the interest of one of the State Baptist schools, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

B. R. Ford, of Colorado Springs, Colo., lectured at the Carlisle auditorium Monday evening, this being one of the numbers of the Carlisle lyceum course.

Mr. Norman Kirsch was operated on at a hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday. Mr. Carl Kirsch left Tuesday morning for Jacksonville to be at the bedside of his brother.

Ben All, the negro deserter arrested in this county a few days ago, was on Saturday carried to Camp Jackson by Sheriff Ray and delivered to the camp authorities.

The Civic league will meet Thursday afternoon at the Carlisle auditorium at four o'clock. As there will be business of importance a full attendance is earnestly desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guess of Denmark, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Michelle, to Capt. Irving P. Carr, of Camp Jackson, the wedding to take place in June.

Reports up to a few days ago showed sales of Red Cross stamps in this county amounted to \$81.45, divided as follows: Bamberg, \$32; Denmark, \$37.25; Ehrhardt, 20c; Bamberg route 2, \$1.

There will be an illustrated mission lecture at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church, Ehrhardt, on Friday evening, March 22, at 7:30 o'clock, by Rev. J. W. Oxner, of Columbia. The public is cordially invited.

Last Friday was the last day on which State and county taxes could be paid. All unpaid taxes are now put into execution. It is understood that, as usual, there are quite a number who failed to attend to this matter.

Fine showers have fallen in the vicinity of Bamberg during the past few days. Reports received from various sections of the county indicate that the rain was badly needed, especially for the grain crops. Gardens also needed the showers.

The negro race conference held in Bamberg Friday was attended by a large number of colored people from Bamberg and surrounding counties. Addresses were made by Richard Carroll, of Columbia, and other prominent negro leaders.

Mr. G. Frank Bamberg has awarded a contract to Mr. W. J. Nichols for the erection of a feed room, to replace the building burned a few days ago. The new building is to be made of brick, and will measure twenty by seventy feet, one story in height.

Mr. C. H. Mitchell, who has been in the ticket office of the Southern railway here, has been transferred to the freight office, and Mr. D. M. Coe, who has heretofore been in the freight office, is now attending to the ticket office. The telegraph office and the express office are now located in the freight depot.

Mr. J. Carl Kearsse received the appointment in the legal department of the government instead of Mr. J. Clyde Kearsse, as stated in last week's issue. Mr. Kearsse spent a few days in the city with his sister, Mrs. W. P. Jones, before leaving on Tuesday for Washington where he will be for some time at least.

The friends of Mr. Wilson R. Johns, son of Mr. W. I. Johns, of Baldock, who is well known here, will be interested to learn that he has again been awarded the oratorical medal at Wofford college. Mr. Johns is a very bright young man, who is showing up well at college, and his future career will be watched with much interest by his local acquaintances.

Several gentlemen left Bamberg Saturday morning for Detroit to drive back some automobiles for a local dealer. On reaching Orangeburg, however, they received a wire that it would be unnecessary to proceed further, as the manufacturer was unable to deliver the cars. Consequently the party had to return home that afternoon, much to their disappointment, as they anticipated a great trip. They expect to start again in the next few days.

Fire at Oil Mill Plant.

Last Friday night fire at the plant of the Cotton Oil company did several hundred dollars damage. The fire caught about one o'clock in one of the gins, but no great damage was done. The oil mill has an excellent fire extinguishing system, which handled the fire in a most satisfactory manner. The alarm was sounded, however, and the fire department responded, but was not needed.

Several valuable belts were practically destroyed by the heat and water, but very little other damage was done.

FARMERS SIGN PLEDGE.

Will Cooperate in the Raising of More Food Crops.

The following farmers of Bamberg county have signed the pledge to cooperate with the government in the growing of more food crops to win the war. The pledge signed carries with it the promise to adhere to the food raising programme insofar as is practicable this year. The list is not complete, but contains all names reported up to Wednesday morning. So far as learned, no one has refused to sign:

Oak Grove—M. W. Rentz, D. P. Smith, J. E. Fender, D. M. Smith, L. H. Carter, Jno. J. Hiers, A. K. Rentz, L. G. Yarley, G. F. Rentz, J. B. Rentz, C. F. Padgett, J. Dan Carter, G. C. Fender, W. H. Folk, G. F. McMillan, J. W. Copeland, O. L. Copeland, L. W. Copeland, J. L. Cothran, J. H. Carter, J. Wms. Carter, H. L. Carter, J. C. Hiers, W. R. Hiers.

Hunter's Chapel—N. H. Fender, J. G. Rhoad, T. N. Rhoad, D. Rice Steedly, C. C. Walker, Ralph Rentz, J. B. Rhoad, D. N. Rhoad, D. B. Rhoad, C. E. Walker, A. W. Hunter, D. O. Hunter, J. B. McCormick, F. E. Steedly, G. W. Hunter, J. L. Herndon, H. L. Smoak, C. Y. Berry, D. M. Smoak, J. H. A. Carter (Ehrhardt).

Govan—McP. Eubanks, J. B. Browning, O. J. C. Lain, J. B. Zorn, L. A. Lain, A. J. Fail, Joseph Gunnels, Jr., J. F. Lancaster, R. L. Lancaster, L. S. Kennedy, S. O. Eubanks, S. S. Williams, L. Cox, George O. Mather, W. H. Collins, W. S. Fail, S. E. Zorn, J. H. Way, B. P. Hartzog, J. H. Lancaster, W. H. Gunnels.

Denmark—(The following had signed at Denmark up to Tuesday.) C. W. Fogle, J. H. Tant, W. L. Riley, H. C. Crum, S. S. Ray, W. W. Carter, U. S. Zorn, G. W. Goolsby, J. D. Baxter, J. A. Hartzog, L. W. Abstance, J. I. Hutto.

Bamberg—T. W. Richardson, Henry F. Bamberg, A. M. Brabham, J. W. Stewart, F. W. Free, J. C. McMillan, W. E. Spann, C. J. S. Brooker, E. C. Bruce, James A. Mitchell, L. M. Ayer, C. W. Rentz, J. T. O'Neal, J. J. Smoak, B. W. Miley, W. E. Utsey, J. A. Wyman, N. Z. Felder, A. McB. Speaks, E. A. Hooton, H. A. Hughes, J. M. Kinard, H. J. Brabham, J. A. McMillan, Jr., John Cooner, R. C. Jones, H. D. Free, John F. Folk, Leland F. Sandifer, H. F. McGowan, Thos. Black.

Rivers Bridge Memorial.

The Rivers Bridge Memorial association will observe Thursday, April 25th, as memorial day.

The Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, S. C., will deliver the memorial address. The following committees have been appointed:

On grounds and order of the day—J. D. Jenny, G. E. Kearse, J. A. Peters, H. W. Chitty, A. L. Kirkland, H. A. Kearse, and Geo. W. Jenny.

On music—A. L. Kirkland.

The public is cordially invited, and the ladies are earnestly requested to bring flowers.

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

Want Express Office Moved.

A petition is being circulated among the patrons of the Southern Express company here asking the railroad commission to carry out the order issued by the commission several months ago to have the office removed from the depot to some point in the business section of the city. This matter was agitated a good while ago, and put up to the railroad commission, which after considering the matter, ordered the removal of the office. The petition states that the express office has now been removed to the freight depot and that the people of the city are not getting the service they are entitled to.

Want More Shipbuilders.

Mr. J. C. Guilds, county chairman of the council of defense, has received notice that 46 shipbuilders are expected from Bamberg county. Up to Monday Mr. Guilds had received and forwarded to the proper authorities seven applications for this department from Bamberg county. Thirty-nine more are wanted from this county to make up our quota of men. It is very urgent that the government shall receive applications from men to work in the shipbuilding yards, as the winning of the war depends in a large measure on the building and sending to sea of a large fleet of merchant vessels and transports. The government is pushing its programme rapidly, but the lack of men is said to be retarding the progress of the work. It is not at all necessary that men should have experience in actual ship construction in order to secure a position of this kind. There are a large number of classifications, which may be learned from the county chairman, and the men enlisting in this work not only do a patriotic service to the government, but at the same time receive good pay for their work.

HOW TO GET NITRATE.

Farmers Should Communicate With C. W. Rentz at Once.

Mr. C. W. Rentz, distributor of nitrate of soda in Bamberg county, has received notice of the shipment of 125 tons of nitrate for immediate use by the farmers for grain crops. The following telegram to Mr. Rentz explains the nitrate situation:

"You are designated county distributor nitrate your county. Letter follows. Small quantity nitrate Charleston now available for distribution your county. Will ship to you carload lots at points you desire. Wish you to distribute with reference to immediate needs only. List of allotments farmers your county being mailed. Consult county agricultural agent or chairman local committee and get duplicate applications. Some nitrate will be even weights in bags of two hundred pounds each. Owing to labor conditions at port, however, think shipments of nitrate can be made more quickly in cases where nitrate can be delivered to farmers in original bags as delivered at port. Wire smallest quantity in your judgment needed for immediate use your county and desired in even weight bags and portion desired in original bags."

Mr. Rentz states that he has not received the allotments for this county, and he requests that all farmers who wish nitrate immediately to communicate with him, stating their acreage in grain, on which they wish to use nitrate. In this way he hopes to be able to distribute the nitrate immediately on arrival, which should be within the next day or two.

Mr. Rentz, after consulting with the local committee, requested the shipment of 125 tons for this county, distributed as follows: Bamberg, 50 tons; Ehrhardt, 30 tons; Olar, 30 tons; Lees, 15 tons. The nitrate for Lees, however, will be shipped to Bamberg, probably because of the fact that it would be a broken car.

If the list of allotments for the county is received in time, the nitrate can be distributed according to the scheduled allotments.

Modern Country Residence.

Mr. J. Williams Carter, of the Ehrhardt section, is erecting on his plantation a few miles from Ehrhardt a modern country residence, at a cost of about \$10,000 or \$12,000. Work was started on the residence some time ago, and will be completed within the next few weeks. Contractor Eaves is erecting the residence.

The home will be modern throughout, and will be equipped with electric lights, waterworks and sewerage, bath, etc. Mr. Carter owns one of the finest plantations in the county and is one of the county's most substantial citizens. He and family will soon occupy their new home.

Another Malicious Report.

Food Administrator A. M. Brabham calls the attention of The Herald to a report that has reached him. It was told that a farmer down about Olar brought in to Bamberg recently a quantity of wheat to have ground into flour, and that after it was ground the food administration confiscated all but about a half barrel. Mr. Brabham is endeavoring to trace the report to its origin, and wishes to say that there is not a particle of truth in any such statement, and that he has no knowledge whatever of any farmer even bringing wheat here to be ground. If anyone does possess wheat, he is certainly at liberty to have it made into flour without hindrance on the part of anyone whomsoever. The government is doing everything it can to induce the people to plant wheat, and there is no limit to the flour any planter can possess by having his own wheat ground. Why such a report should gain currency, when there is absolutely no foundation for it, is one of those unexplainable mysteries, unless it was done with the purpose of deterring farmers from planting wheat.

Another Bamberg Boy Goes.

Friday morning Mr. Henry L. Kearsse left for Charleston, being summoned to duty in the naval reserve forces of the nation. Mr. Kearsse enlisted in the naval reserves last December, in company with several other young men, all of whom had been called except Mr. Kearsse.

Mr. Kearsse is one of the most substantial young men of the city. For several years past he has been a salesman for Rentz & Felder. He is popular with everybody in town and throughout the county, and the best wishes of his many acquaintances go with him. Mr. Kearsse came from the fine old Kearsse section of the county, which has supplied already many young men for patriotic service in Uncle Sam's war for world democracy, and we have no doubt that Henry will make good as all of the Bamberg boys are doing.

Watermans Ideal Fountain Pens at Herald Book Store.

SUSTAINS BIG FIRE LOSS.

Gennery, Machinery and Large Quantity of Feeds Burned.

Saturday morning there was a serious fire on the plantation of W. S. Bamberg & Son, near Bamberg, in which machinery, farming materials and feedstuffs to the value of about \$5,000 were lost. No insurance was carried, which makes the loss an especially heavy one.

The fire started, presumably, from a spark, and spread rapidly, soon completely enveloping the ginnery, which was completely lost with its contents. Unfortunately, there were no men at Capt. Bamberg's at the time with the exception of the captain himself, and very little could be done to stop the fire. Col. Greyton Bamberg was in Bamberg at the time.

In addition to the gin, the loss included a hay press, gin feeder and condenser, two engines and two threshing machines. There were also two boilers in the fire, but it is not thought they are seriously injured. The grist mill, in a nearby house, was also burned. Twelve or 14 tons of hay were stored in one of the burned structures, and some six or seven thousand pounds of beans. Approximately forty tons of fertilizer that was also stored in the houses was largely a loss, although a great deal of it was saved, after the arrival of Col. Bamberg, who secured a hose and played water on the fertilizer. It is all perhaps damaged, but several tons of it can be used.

The ginnery was built many years ago, but was a substantial building. The kind of lumber used at that time can scarcely be had now at all, and Capt. Bamberg considered the building a valuable one from this standpoint.

The loss of the fertilizer, which was intended for this year's crop, is especially an unfortunate one, inasmuch as fertilizer is now very hard to procure, on account of transportation difficulties. The saw mill, which is also nearby, escaped the fire. Capt. W. S. Bamberg and his son, Col. G. E. Bamberg, under the firm name of W. S. Bamberg & Son, operate one of the largest and finest farms around Bamberg, the farm being equipped with ginnery, hay presses, grist mill, and other farming enterprises.

Call for Five Men.

The county of Bamberg is apportioned five registrants in the call for 95,000 men, the movement of which is to begin March 29 and continue five days. The apportionment was announced last week by Capt. R. E. Carville, in charge of the State headquarters in Columbia. The total number of registrants for the State to be called to the colors will be 343, which will be selected according to their liability. It is stated that persons continually and actively engaged in agricultural pursuits will be deferred on this call. Barnwell county is apportioned nine, Colleton six, Hampton five, and Orangeburg 13.

Bigamy is Charged.

W. J. Robinson was arrested a few days ago and lodged in the county jail on a charge of bigamy. Robinson, it is alleged in the warrant, which was sworn out by Mr. J. B. Ramsey, is married to a woman at Macon, Ga., the marriage there having taken place in March of last year. A few weeks ago he was married in Bamberg by Judge of Probate J. J. Brabham, Jr., to Miss Genie Ramsey, of Ehrhardt, daughter of Mr. J. B. Ramsey. Robinson, it is said, was working at a manufacturing plant in Ehrhardt at the time of his marriage to Miss Ramsey, who, the warrant alleges, is under eighteen years of age. No preliminary examination had been held up to Tuesday morning, and Robinson was still in jail. It is understood that Robinson claims he was not legally married to the Georgia woman.

Merchants Selling Stamps.

Within the past few days a number of agencies have been established in Bamberg for the sale of thrift stamps. These stamps may now be found on sale at a number of stores in the city, and neat signs have been posted telling the customers to "Get Your Change in Thrift Stamps." The sale of stamps at Bamberg has not made satisfactory progress at all, and it is to be hoped that with the establishment of the several agencies here the sales will show marked improvement.

Denmark is doing fine in this matter, and bids fair to "walk away" with Bamberg unless improvement is shown here. The people at Denmark have taken to the buying of stamps in a most patriotic and enthusiastic manner. Several other points in the county need waking up in this matter, also.

Tom Thumb wedding Friday night at Carlisle auditorium, for benefit of the Red Cross. Admission 15c and 25c.—adv.

NOT MANY PERMITS NOW.

Doctor's Prescription is Now Required to Get One.

Since the new liquor law went into effect, there has been a decided drop-off in the number of permits issued by the probate judge of Bamberg county. Last week Mr. J. J. Brabham, Jr., the probate judge, issued only two permits. On the last day the old law was effective, Saturday, March 9, Mr. Brabham issued 235 permits, which was the record since the quart-a-month law became effective last year.

A few days ago Mr. Brabham went up to Columbia and attended a conference of the probate judges of the State with Governor Manning. At this conference the matter of issuing permits was discussed thoroughly, with the result that practically all of the officers decided the best thing to do was to require a physician's prescription from all parties desiring to secure permits. In accordance with this decision, Mr. Brabham is now requiring the presentation of a doctor's certificate stating that the party needs whiskey for medicinal purposes either for himself or for some member of his family.

This law, as carried out, puts the county on practically a prohibition basis, as a person must actually be sick or some member of his family sick, in order to secure a prescription from his or her physician. This would appear to be as near prohibition as will ever be possible unless an air-tight bill is passed by some future legislature, or the federal amendment is finally ratified. By presenting a prescription from a physician, any person otherwise eligible under the law, may secure a permit to receive not exceeding one quart of whiskey in any calendar month.

Meeting of County Chairmen.

The central committee of the county council of defense and the community chairmen held a meeting at the court house last Thursday afternoon. Representatives were present from Bamberg, Denmark, Govan, Hunter's Chapel, Colston, and the colored branch of the defense council.

It was decided to circulate petitions asking the farmers to follow the food production programme as far as practicable this year, which means an increase in all food crops. These petitions were put into the hands of the community chairmen, who with the assistance of other members of the council, are to see every farmer in the county and ask for his cooperation.

It was agreed that whenever possible speakers are to be provided for every school closing entertainment in the county. Trustees and teachers are requested to communicate with the community chairman or headquarters at Bamberg if they desire to have a speaker on the programme to present the issues of the war.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the whole council every first Monday at the court house at 3:30 o'clock.

A big county rally to be held some time during the summer is being planned, at which speakers will be invited to address the people. Further announcements concerning this meeting will be made later.

The food production programme in brief is as follows:

"Corn—Increase 20 per cent. Keep town markets supplied. Don't carry over last year's surplus.

"Gardens—Stress Irish potatoes, beans, onions, and salad crops. Can surplus perishable vegetables.

"Sweet potatoes—Plant one-half acre per plow. Build storage house on every farm by government plan. Secure seed at once.

"Hogs—Raise one additional hog per plow. Keep good breeding stock. Pasture and soiling crops make clean pork. Inoculate for cholera.

"Wheat—Plant two acres per plow next fall.

"Oats and rye—Plant three acres of oats, one acre of rye per plow this fall.

"Forage crops—Raise sorghum, velvet beans and cow peas in abundance.

"Dairy produce—A silo for each herd of eight or more. Stock beets and rutabagas for smaller herds. Rye for winter grazing. Use best possible breeding stock and feed intelligently.

"Poultry—Increase the flock this spring. Preserve surplus eggs in water glass."

New Automobile Agency.

The store room formerly occupied by Mr. R. S. Simmons's grocery store has been rented by Blatt & Still, of Blackville, who will use the store as a show room for Overland automobiles. The local Overland dealers, Messrs. J. J. Smoak and H. N. Folk, gave up the agency on the first of the year, and this territory has now been taken by the Blackville gentlemen. The front of the store has been torn away to permit of a driveway for cars, and it is understood that a nice establishment is to be fitted up.

Colored Field Day.

The colored schools' field day was evidently a decided success from more than one viewpoint. The literary contests were inspiring and enthusiastic. The music furnished by the State college band from Orangeburg did much to satisfy the large crowd in attendance, as parents and children from every part of the county were here. They came on foot, by wagons, railroads and automobiles.

The line of march through the principal streets was a novel sight, as the different schools, headed by large banners with significant expressions told in unmistakable language that "Ignorance is our greatest enemy," "Education our only remedy," etc. Each school was distinguished by special uniform.

Not an accident nor a single unpleasantness was recorded, which must be given as creditable when the large number present is considered.

The athletic contests were sharp and lively. The potato race came in for the most enthusiasm. The running, too, was especially noticeable, as the contestants vied with each other for distinctive honors, some winning prizes with their legs when they had failed with their tongues and brains.

The games on the diamond were good. The championship was given to the colored school here. Thirty-odd prizes were awarded and many a heart made glad.

The committee desires through this channel to thank the merchants and business men generally whose charitable donations made the awards possible. Thus passed into history the first colored schools' field day in Bamberg county.—Contributed.

Working Orangeburg Road.

It will be good news to the traveling public to know that the Orangeburg county authorities are now at work on repairing and improving that portion of the Orangeburg road which lies across the Edisto river. For a long time this road has needed work. It is suggested while the road is being worked that it would be a good idea to straighten out and widen the causeway on the other side of the river, to permit vehicles to pass each other; and also to repair the bridge, which is in rather bad condition.

There will be a box party, oyster supper, etc. at the Oak Grove school house on Friday night, March 29th, for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.—adv.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the Town of Bamberg will be open until April 1st for the payment of town taxes. After April 1st the books will be closed and unpaid taxes will go into execution. Bear this in mind and pay your taxes before the books close.

H. D. FREE, Town Treasurer. Bamberg, S. C., March 12, 1918.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Wanted.—Some seed sugar cane. Apply to L. P. McMILLAN, Bamberg, S. C. 3-28

For Sale.—One dozen John A. McKay guano distributors. D. J. DELK, Bamberg, S. C. 3-21

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

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

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

For Sale.—A few extra nice tomato plants, 10c per dozen. R. M. BRUCE, at The Herald office.

For Sale.—Nancy Hall sweet potato seed slips. Apply to J. J. McMILLAN, R. F. D. 2, Bamberg, S. C. 3-28

For Sale.—Ringlet barred rock eggs. \$1.00 per setting. MISS ROBERTA JOHNSON, Bamberg, S. C. 3-21

For Sale.—250 pounds Tom Watson watermelon seed. Price, 75c per pound. J. C. MOYE, Bamberg, S. C. 3-28

Wanted.—A good ditcher. Have something like \$500 for a good one to take. W. D. BENNETT, Ehrhardt, S. C. 3-28

For Sale.—A few dozen No. 3 stringless beans, hand packed in their own liquor. \$2.25 per dozen. J. H. A. CARTER, Ehrhardt, S. C. 28

For Sale.—Chrysanthemums; very choice plants. Now time to plant. 75c to \$1 per dozen. Order from MISS MAMIE HARTZOG, Bamberg, S. C. 1t

For Sale.—Osceola Velvet Bean seed. Do not sting in gathering; very prolific; mature well. Price \$3.00 per bushel. J. A. WYMAN, Bamberg, S. C. tf

For Sale.—500 bushels good heavy corn, closely slip shucked, \$2.00 per bushel. 1,000 lbs home cured bacon, 35 cents per pound round, hams, shoulders and sides. G. B. CLAYTON, Ehrhardt, S. C. 4-11

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. 1t