

The Bamberg Herald

Thursday, January 1, 1920

SHORT LOCALS.

Brief Items of Interest Throughout the Town and County.

Mr. Lloyd Griffith, who accidentally shot himself through the right foot with a revolver some days ago, is not seriously injured and the wound is improving rapidly. The young man is able to be out, but has to use crutches.

The great drought remains unbroken. The weather man promised rain and snow last week, and neither materialized. There has only been a drizzle or two within the past three months, and there has not been a hard rain since last August.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Simmons entertained at a five-course dinner on Saturday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cudd, of Spartanburg; Miss Mallie Patrick, of Eastman, Ga.; Dr. and Mrs. George F. Hair, Dr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Carter, Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Cantey.

There was a considerable increase in Christmas jags this year over last, despite the fact that the entire country is legally dry. The local drunks were caused, it is said, almost, if not entirely by home-made blind tiger liquor, of which there appears to be an abundance around Bamberg at all times.

The friends of Mr. Henry L. Kearse will learn with regret of his illness. He is suffering from a slight attack of pneumonia, but is now very much improved and will out in a few days. His brother, Mr. R. L. Kearse, who has been sick with a serious attack of pneumonia, is recovering very rapidly, his many friends will be glad to know.

Christmas day passed off in Bamberg without accident. As usual on such occasions, there was a great deal of noise, but everybody seemed to be in an excellent humor. The shooting of fireworks was permitted on Main street Christmas eve, beginning at six o'clock, and after that there was no business, the people choosing to go home rather than hear the racket.

The friends in Bamberg of Mr. J. Feller Hunter, a former resident of this city, will be interested to learn that he is one of the corporators of a new Orangeburg concern—the Velco Products company, capitalized at \$20,000, to handle polish for furniture, automobiles and floors. In addition to this line kerosene and gasoline will be handled, and a modern filling station will be erected in Orangeburg. Mr. Hunter will be manager of the new corporation.

MR. D. O. STEEDLY, SR.

Prominent Hunter's Chapel Citizen Died Wednesday.

Mr. Daniel Overstreet Steedly, Sr., died at his home in the Hunter's Chapel section of the county on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Steedly had been in ill health for about two years. The remains were buried on Christmas day at Brier Creek church.

Mr. Steedly was an upright, honorable citizen, and he enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. He had reached a ripe old age, and would have been 76 years of age next May. He was a Confederate veteran.

His widow and seven children survive him.

Brought Holds Up Road Work.

The contracting company constructing the Bamberg county link of the Columbia-Savannah highway has almost completed the road through the county. It is stated that all remaining work can be done in about two weeks, but the drought is interfering with the completion of the road, and very little can now be done until there is rain. The ground is so hard that it is practically impossible to operate the road machines. The remaining work consists mostly of shaping the road, clearing ditches, etc., and this work will be speedily completed within a few days after the ground becomes moist enough to permit of using the machines.

Death of Mr. McKnight.

Mr. A. M. McKnight, of Kingstree, died at his home there last Friday, following an illness of several weeks. The remains were interred at Kingstree on Saturday.

Mr. McKnight was the father of Mrs. Kirkland Graham, of this city. Until recently, he was connected with Mr. F. K. Graham's furniture store at Ehrhardt.

There will be a box supper at the Ehrhardt high school January 9, for the benefit of the school, commencing at 6 p. m. The public is cordially invited.—adv.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT KILLS.

Rufus Rhoad Victim of Sad Accident Saturday.

Probably the saddest incident to mar the Christmas season in Bamberg county occurred at the home of Mr. Daniel B. Rhoad in the Hunter's Chapel section early Saturday morning, and resulted in the untimely death of one of our bright young men of robust constitution and who had the prospects of a splendid future to devote to his family and his community. Mr. Rufus Rhoad, a young man about 17 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Rhoad, had been hunting and after returning home with his gun had sat down on the steps. He was amusing his little sister with one of her Christmas toys when the gun slipped from him and slid down the steps, the barrel pointing straight up under him. The hammer of the gun struck the edge of the steps and in some manner the gun was thus discharged. The load penetrated a part of one of the steps and young Mr. Rhoad was at such close range that the entire load including a portion of the wadding and some splinters entered his body plowing up into the stomach and making a most horrible wound. Medical aid was of course summoned as quickly as possible and the young man was rushed to Bamberg and carried to a hospital in Charleston on the evening train. Everything possible was done and an operation performed in a futile effort to save his life.

But despite his youth and splendid vitality the wound was too severe, and Mr. Rhoad passed away Tuesday morning at the hospital in Charleston. He and his family had a number of friends, both old and young, who deeply deplore this terrible accident which cost the life of a fine boy, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to them.

Entertains for Nieces.

Cope, Dec. 28.—A most pleasant and enjoyable affair was realized here Friday evening, when Mrs. J. E. Feller entertained in honor of her nieces, the Misses Elizabeth and Ivey Kirkland, of Olar; Hazel Armstrong, of Asheville, N. C., and Elizabeth Inabinet, of Bamberg. The Misses Hattie Sue Brabham and Agnes Karsse served delightful punch during the evening and progressive conversation and other games were much enjoyed.

Those present were the Misses Elizabeth Inabinet, Ivey Kirkland, Elizabeth Kirkland, Hazel Armstrong, Yancy Graham, of Greenwood; the Misses Eloise Kirkland, of Olar; Eloise Antley, Mary Thomas, Avis Thomas, Lucile and Lillian Tatum, Rita Barton, Evelyn Henrely, Rosa and Myrtis Dukes, Elsie Gray, Elma Thomas, of Cope; Mary Cornelia Barton, of Walhalla, and Messrs. David, Harold and Joseph Sojourner, Frank Wyman, William Stokes and Phillip Cox, of Denmark; Hugh Culler and Heber Price, of Orangeburg; Will Kirkland and Monroe Morris, of Olar; Walker Shirely, of Greenwood; Clarence Armstrong, of Bamberg, and Rutledge J. M. Martin, Will Dukes, Glenn Smoak and Murray Tatum, of Cope.

A Double Wedding.

A double wedding of wide interest was solemnized yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock in one of the private parlors of the Jefferson Hotel when Miss Alice Jean Martin, of Simpsonville, became the bride of Lewis Edward Leavell, of Sumter, and her sister, Miss Mary Burrell Martin, was married to Nathan Gerard Thomas, of Cope. The ceremonies were performed by the Rev. G. W. Dukes, of Cope, and the young couples left immediately afterwards for their respective honeymoon trips. Mr. and Mrs. Leavell went to New Mexico to visit the bridegroom's mother and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas went to Jacksonville. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Leavell will reside in Sumter and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in Cope.

Present at the weddings were: Misses Avis and Mary Thomas, Dick Thomas, Mr. Shuler and Dr. Jennings, of Cope; Mrs. Dora Dee Walker, of Appleton; Miss Nan Martin, of Simpsonville; Dr. and Mrs. William Martin, of Pelzer; Miss Ruth Berry, of Seneca; Miss Laura Bailey, of Rock Hill.

Both brides are graduates of Winthrop College in the class of 1916—Columbia State.

Will Install Fountain.

Chagaris brothers—Nick and Tom—Bamberg's progressive Greek merchants, have purchased a soda fountain equipment which will be installed within the next few weeks. The fountain will be one of the most attractive in this section, and it will be a credit to the town. The total cost of the equipment is something like \$5,000. The fountain measures 12 feet, and a very attractive large plate glass mirror will be installed as a background.

Cow peas of all varieties wanted. Highest prices paid according to market. The Mayfield Co., Denmark, S. C.

COUNTY AGENT RESIGNS.

George R. Briggs Accepts Position With Mr. J. A. Wyman.

Mr. George R. Briggs, for the past year Bamberg county's progressive farm demonstration agent, has forwarded his resignation to the extension division of Clemson college, the resignation has been accepted, effective today, and Mr. Briggs has accepted a position with Mr. J. A. Wyman, and has already assumed his new duties.

Mr. Briggs has been a conscientious worker since assuming the duties here as county agent, and it is with keen regret that the farmers and others will learn of his resignation.

Mr. Wyman, as the readers of The Herald already know, is conducting a campaign in the interest of developing the peanut industry in this and adjoining counties, and Mr. Briggs will devote his time largely to this industry. His valuable experience as a farm demonstrator has equipped him peculiarly well for this position, and the county is to be congratulated that he will remain here.

The following summary, taken from Mr. Briggs's report, shows some of the activities of the county agent during the past year:

Miles traveled 4,206
Visits to farmers and others 784
Farm meetings attended 12
Official letters written 520
Hogs inoculated for cholera 2,191
Co-operative carloads fencing ordered 2

No announcement has been made yet as to a successor for Mr. Briggs. Their many friends throughout the county will be delighted to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will continue to reside in Bamberg.

BRIDE-ELECT IN HOSPITAL.

Faints When Informed She Is Not Wanted.

New York, Dec. 27.—Dr. William G. Vermilye and Miss Ruth M. Keeney, who came today from Monson, Mass., to learn why the physician had failed to appear on Christmas day to marry her, are both patients tonight in the Cumberland Street Hospital in Brooklyn. Miss Keeney fainted and was removed to the woman's ward at the institution when informed that Dr. Vermilye would not see her. The doctor has been a patient since Thursday evening.

Earlier in the day Dr. Vermilye stated that "upon my return to the United States I was met with an invitation to my own wedding." He added that he was "not hiding from anyone" and had nothing more to say.

Miss Keeney was accompanied by her father, George Keeney, and a young couple. Mr. Keeney appeared bewildered by the situation and when asked about Dr. Vermilye's statement said that the doctor was "a man of very strong mind and great ability and it would be impossible for any woman to force herself upon him." His daughter had received many presents from the doctor, he added.

"All we can do now is wait," Mr. Keeney continued. "We will not take any action at all for the present."

McMillan-Zeigler.

On Christmas day a quiet wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla McMillan, a few miles from Bamberg, when their daughter, Miss Laura, became the bride of Mr. Copeland Zeigler. The wedding march was played by Miss Jack Pate. The bride entered the parlor on the arm of Mr. Ola J. Zeigler. The bride's only attendant was Miss Mamie McMillan, who wore a pink satin dress draped in black. The bride was becomingly gowned in white crepe de chine. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter Black, of Walterboro, and after the ceremony delightful refreshments were served. Only the members of the immediate families were present. Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler will reside with the bride's parents.

Bamberg Water Report.

The following is the analysis of a specimen of the Bamberg water supply submitted to the State board of health, the figures indicating parts per million:

Chlorine 6.00

Free ammonia 0.00

Aluminobromide ammonia 0.02

Nitrogen in nitrates 0.00

Nitrogen in nitrites 0.00

Total solids 59.00

Bacterial indications of contamination, negative.

Remarks: Analyses indicate water to be of good quality and free from contamination.

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Cincinnati brass foundries still

maintain female help in their shops.

WILL BUILD WAREHOUSE.

Another Tobacco House to be Erected Before Season Opens.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse company was held in Bamberg last week, at which officers and directors were elected. This concern is capitalized at \$15,000, most of which has been subscribed. Under the plan of this company, the amount of stock to each stockholder is limited in order to distribute it as widely as possible, and only tobacco planters are invited to become stockholders. Arrangements are now being made to build a warehouse. A lot has been purchased on the B. E. & W. railroad, on the site now occupied by Mr. J. H. Dixon's sawmill. This will adjoin the Denbow Tobacco Warehouse. The building will be large enough to accommodate the business that is expected, and this second warehouse will insure for Bamberg a first-class market here during the coming season.

The following directors were elected: E. C. Hays, H. F. Bamberg, H. H. Stokes, C. R. Brabham, Sr., W. E. Spann, J. L. Wilkes, J. W. Hill, S. E. Neeley, and J. P. O'Quinn. At a meeting of the directors of the following officers were chosen: President, C. R. Brabham, Sr.; vice president, E. C. Hays; secretary and treasurer, A. M. Brabham.

GAINS FREEDOM ON RECORD.

Enlisted in Marine Corps Under Assumed Name.

Boston, Dec. 26.—How Arthur E. Abbott, long wanted as a fugitive from justice for the theft of \$15,000 from the Federal Trust Company, of this city, enlisted in the marines and as Sergeant William H. Haskell was cited for brilliant war service, was disclosed today when it was announced that he had been set free on probation by the district attorney and that he had received the Croix de Guerre officially under his right name.

Abbott, who was employed as a bank bookkeeper at \$20 a week, disappeared in the fall of 1917 after the bank losses became known, and it was learned that he had been living like a man of wealth and leisure away from his family. He evaded a nation-wide search and enlisted in the marine corps at New Orleans as Haskell and went overseas with the Sixth regiment. He was one of the forty-four men left of the famous 1,300 marines who went through the Argonne. He was cited for bravery after capturing a machine gun and nine prisoners near Vierzy on July 19, 1918.

After receiving an honorable discharge last January he immediately reenlisted again as Haskell. He was detailed aboard the United States ship Dolphin in July and ordered to Portsmouth, N. H., where he was recognized and arrested. District Attorney Pallette, of Boston, on learning of his service record, ordered his release on probation. He was rearrested by the Navy Department, charged with enlisting under a false name, but his commanding officer, Capt. John Grady, of the gunboat Dolphin, effected his release in a short time and a few days later decorated him as Arthur Abbott with the Croix de Guerre before the ship's crew and a marine detail drawn up at attention.

NEW COUNTERFEIT FOUND.

Photographic Copy of \$100 Federal Reserve Note.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Detection of a new counterfeit of the \$100 note of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga., is announced by W. H. Moran, chief of the secret service division of the Treasury Department. It is a photographic counterfeit on two pieces of paper, between which silk threads have been distributed. It is not a deceptive bill, Mr. Moran says. The paper is very brittle and tears easily. Some blue coloring has been applied to the numbers and seal on the face of the note and green ink or water color on the back, but the original photograph can easily be seen through these colors. The counterfeits all bear No. F86203-A and the check letter is C. The note bears the portrait of Franklin and the signature of W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and John Burke, Treasurer of the United States.

Gone, But Not Forgotten.

Professor Peterson is dead. He is duly buried. His brother professors have attended the funeral. At the end of the ceremony the professors take their departure and on the way from the churchyard Professor X, who had assisted in conducting the services, looks around and, eyeing his companions, says: "Where's Peterson? Didn't he come with us?"

Italy has 600,000 women textile workers.

GO WITH PULLMAN CO.

Bamberg Colored Barbers Secure Positions on Trains.

Matthew Stewart, who for many years has been a barber in this city, moved this week to Columbia, where he has a temporary position as a barber in a Main street shop. Within the next few weeks Matthew expects to go into the Pullman car service as a porter. He has sold his house and lot in this city to Mrs. J. M. Kinsey, and has bought a residence in Columbia, where his family will reside and which will be his headquarters.

Matthew Stewart has been connected with Arthur Nimmons's barber shop in Bamberg for 23 years. He started in as a bootblack and when he had learned the barber trade he operated one of the chairs in the shop. Being absolutely straight and reliable, Stewart possesses the entire confidence of the white people as well as members of his own race, and the customers of the shop and his white friends generally regret very much that he has left town. Matthew is an upright, honorable citizen.

When he applied for a position with the Pullman company he was required to furnish white references, and a representative of the company was sent here to investigate his character. This representative stated that he had never before had such satisfactory references as Stewart had furnished, and after an interview with one of the gentlemen whose name had been referred to the company, he stated that further investigation was unnecessary.

Arthur Nimmons recently sold his barber shop here to Mr. E. H. Duncan, who also owns the other shop in town. Nimmons has also gone with the Pullman company, running on a dining car on the A. C. L. that passes through Denmark. He will also probably move from Bamberg, but not in the near future. These two colored men, Arthur and Matthew, have both accumulated considerable property in Bamberg. They both fully realize that the white people are their friends and they have lived accordingly. The consequence is they carry with them on leaving town the best wishes of their hosts of white friends. Nimmons and Stewart are the caliber of men who are a credit to their race.

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All the States with the exception of four have raised their allotments, and it is believed these will come very near reaching their quota before the work entirely ceases. The total has passed the \$88,000,000 mark and is still climbing.

Arkansas, Illinois Louisiana and Missouri have not yet reached their quotas, but may yet do so.

TRIBUTE TO VEDRINES.

Monument to French Flyer Placed on Roof.