

The Bamberg Herald

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SHORT LOCALS.

Brief Items of Interest Throughout the Town and County.

H. J. Bellinger furnishes The Herald with the following preliminary ginning figures for January 16th: 1921, 20,662 bales; 1920, 24,420 bales.

J. F. Carter, of the local bar, was last week elected a member of the local counsel of the North Carolina Bar association. Mr. Carter represents the second judicial circuit.

Rev. Peter Stokes, presiding elder of the Orangeburg district, was in Bamberg Sunday. He preached at the evening service of Trinity Methodist church and held the first quarterly conference.

Married, on Friday, January 28th, Claude Edward Media and Miss Sallie Smith, both of Bamberg. R. F. D. Probate Judge J. J. Brabham, Jr., performed the ceremony in his office at the court house.

The two per cent. penalty was added to all unpaid taxes Tuesday. Five per cent. will be added on March 1, and on March 15th the tax books will be closed—unless the legislature extends the time for payment.

Beginning last Sunday afternoon, the evening train from Augusta arrives one hour later than formerly. The train now arrives in Bamberg at 7:01. The night train to Augusta now arrives ten minutes later.

W. O. Guess and family have moved into the Carlisle school cottage recently vacated by H. E. Godbee and family, who have moved to Sardis, Ga. The residence vacated by Mr. Guess will be occupied by Nick Chagaris and family.

The winter so far has been an ideal one. There has been no severe weather, and aside from a crust, the ground has not been frozen during the winter months. As there has been very little rain, it is generally predicted that a wet spring may be expected.

It appears to one traveling over the roads of the county that the biggest grain crops on record have been planted. Acres upon acres of land that have heretofore been planted in cotton have been sown in oats, rye and wheat. The grain crops are fine, and the prospect at this time is that there may be a record yield.

Quite a discrepancy has been found between the number of automobile licenses issued in this state and the number of cars returned for taxes, there being several thousand more licenses issued than cars on which taxes are paid. In this county, according to the statement, there are 171 more automobiles than are returned for taxes.

Information was received in the city Tuesday of the serious illness of little Grace Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Graham, at her home in Greenwood. It was currently reported that she was in a dying condition, but this was later found to be incorrect, though she is very seriously ill. She was recently operated on for appendicitis.

The presence on the farm of the county of farm tractors is noticeable. During the past year many tractors have been purchased, and modern farming methods are fast taking the place of the old methods. The late Dr. F. F. Johnson purchased the first farm tractor to come to Bamberg about three years ago.

Rev. D. J. Sanders, one of Bamberg's leading colored citizens, has moved with his family to St. George, where he has the pastorate of a large church. The friends of Rev. Sanders, white and colored, regret his removal from Bamberg, and their best wishes go with him. He is in every respect a most exemplary citizen and commands the high respect of both races.

Yesterday was "ground hog" day. As The Herald goes to press the indications were that the ground hog would not see any sign of his shadow, which indicates, according to the legend, that he will stay out of his hole, and that there will be little more severe weather. In the event he sees his shadow, he goes back to sleep another six weeks before warm weather arrives.

Bamberg was covered last Thursday with a mantle of snow and ice. Heavy rains fell during Wednesday night, and the next morning there was a thin covering of ice on the trees and wires. About 7:30 Thursday morning a heavy snow began to fall, but lasted but a few minutes. However it was sufficient to cover the ground. The snow was a mixture of rain, sleet and flakes. Rain began falling again soon afterward and the snow rapidly disappeared. The temperature began rising during the day and the cold wave was broken. In the upper part of the state several inches of snow fell.

"DOG CASE" TRIED.

Jeffords and Kinard Found Guilty and Given Three Months.

A case that attracted more interest in the session of court last week than all other cases combined was that of the state against Jim Kinard and W. G. Jeffords, well known citizens of Colleton county, who were indicted for larceny. They were found guilty and the sentence of the court was that they serve a sentence of three months on the public works. The attorney for the two men gave notice of intention to appeal to the supreme court, and they were admitted to bail pending the appeal in the sum of \$500 each.

The case was called for trial about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, and was not concluded until dark Wednesday afternoon. The counsel for Jeffords and Kinard asked that the jurors be put upon their voire dire, and this caused quite a delay in getting the evidence started. After securing seven jurors on the case, the venire was exhausted, and twenty extra jurors had to be drawn from the five-mile box. The question of relationship excluded most of those whose names were called. The jury was completed Wednesday morning, and the balance of the day was consumed in the trial.

The state charged that the two men had stolen a pointer dog from Ralph Rentz, and testimony was introduced to prove that in passing Mr. Rentz's house they had taken the dog in an automobile and carried it to Colleton county where they lived, a distance of some thirty-five miles; and that Mr. Rentz and an officer of Colleton county went to the home of one of the men and secured the dog. The defense contended that as Mr. Jeffords and Mr. Kinard were passing in the neighborhood of Mr. Rentz's a dog jumped into the car, that it was forced out several times, but insisted on staying in it; that they had no intention of stealing the dog, and intended advertising it as found. It was brought out that Mr. Rentz had offered to settle the case upon the payment of \$50 and the magistrate's costs, but that the men contended they had been charged with stealing and refused to settle it.

When Judge Mauldin passed sentence on the men, Mr. Jeffords fainted in court. Mose Murray, who was convicted of manslaughter in the killing of Cleveland Faust, was sentenced by Judge Mauldin to serve two years and six months. Anna Woodberry, convicted of manslaughter in the killing of her husband, James Woodberry, was sentenced to serve six years.

Court was adjourned sine die upon completion of the dog stealing case.

Death of Infant.

Olar, Jan. 27.—The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris, near Olar, Sunday morning, January 23, and took away their infant son, W. P. The little fellow suffered an attack of bronchial pneumonia several weeks ago. He was taken to the Baptist hospital in Columbia but was brought home where he lingered three weeks until the end came. The funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Olar Baptist church, interment taking place at Starr cemetery. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in their bereavement.

S. G. Mayfield, who for the past several years has been in Arizona, returned home a few weeks ago. He has this week reopened his law office in Bamberg in the offices formerly occupied by Mayfield & Free. Mr. Mayfield was interested in oil land development in Holbrook, Arizona.

Rev. T. C. O'Dell has resigned his position as superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage. The resignation has been accepted and W. D. Roberts, of Dillon, has been elected his successor. Mr. O'Dell gave as his reason for resigning that the duties of the office had become too arduous for his health.

It costs something to be just an ordinary male of voting age in Bamberg county. The last legislature levied a road tax of \$5.00 for all males 21 years old for this county. This tax is now being collected for the first time. This tax goes to the road fund of the county, and added to the poll tax of one dollar makes the least tax paid by any male person within the road tax ages \$6.00.

Superintendent Rowell, of the city electric light and water plant, calls attention to the fact that electric light are being shot out by boys in some sections of the city with air rifles, and states that, after consulting with the mayor, he advises the stopping of this practice. Any person found doing damage of this sort will be taken before the mayor, regardless of who he may be, and the mayor promises not to be lenient with him.

ORGANIZATION MEETING.

Coastal Life Insurance Company Elects Officers and Directors.

An organization meeting of the subscribers to the capital stock of the Coastal Life Insurance company was held Monday afternoon in the office of the First National Bank. All of the capital stock had been subscribed in advance of the meeting and payment of twenty per cent. of the capital was effected Monday. Application has now been made to the secretary of state for a charter, and it is understood that the new company will be under operation at once.

The stockholders elected twelve directors as follows: G. Frank Bamberg, Dr. George F. Hair, W. D. Coleman, J. K. Faulkner, W. A. Klauber, Dr. Robert Black, C. J. S. Brooker, C. L. Andrew, H. D. Steedly, J. Frank Polk, J. D. Copeland, J. J. Smoak.

A subsequent meeting of the directors was held, at which officers were elected as follows: President and general manager, C. L. Andrew; secretary and treasurer, W. D. Coleman; vice president, J. K. Faulkner; medical examiner, Dr. Robert Black; attorney, W. E. Free; finance board, G. Frank Bamberg, chairman, W. A. Klauber, C. L. Andrew, J. K. Faulkner, W. D. Coleman.

The capital stock of the company is \$15,000, with a paid up surplus of \$15,000. The organizers of the concern are enthusiastic over the prospects of a profitable insurance company. The concern will engage in the writing of life, health and accident insurance.

OFFICERS GET STILL.

Illicit Affair With 35 Gallons of Mash Confiscated.

Saturday last an officer of the federal revenue service, in company with Sheriff Ray and Chief of Police Moody, made a whiskey raid in the Briar Creek section, bringing back with them a large liquor still, which they captured on the place of a young white man, Jack Smith. Smith and Ben Donald have been charged with its operation. No arrests have been made, but it is understood that the case has been turned over to the United States court.

Thirty-five gallons of "mash" was found and destroyed. The still was a rather up-to-date affair, the officers say, and capable of turning out considerable "booze."

The officer had previously visited the place and located the still, he said, and upon its discovery by him had marked the trail on the trees so that he could locate it when he returned with assistance. However the still had been carried away after his visit, but was located hidden behind some bushes nearby.

Several other parties are said to be implicated in the operation of the still, all white.

Porter Wins Victory Over Carlisle.

In a game well played and exciting from beginning to end, the Porter five, from the Porter Military academy, Charleston, scored a victory Friday afternoon over the Carlisle team on the new basketball field south of Brabham hall. At all times, except in the first few minutes of the game, when Porter boys clearly had the jump on Carlisle, the game was very close, and evenly played. By clever team work and perfect passing in the initial stages of the game, the Porter boys secured a long lead, which Carlisle was unable to overcome, although making most desperate effort to do so in the last half. The score at the end of the first half was 21 to 7, but in the second half Carlisle scored 20 points, while Porter was able to make only fourteen. This reversal of form shows that Carlisle came from behind very rapidly, and had the game lasted a few minutes longer it is believed that they would have been returned the victors. The bright particular stars for Carlisle were Dantzer and Collier, who threw most of the goals. The center for Porter and one of the forwards played excellent ball and were very accurate in throwing goals.

Concert Enjoyed.

The musical treat of the season was the recital given by the Matteson Concert company, of Columbia, Thursday evening at 8:30. This company came under the auspices of the Apollo Music club and the club members are especially proud of having had such a splendid enjoyment come to Bamberg. Each member of the concert company is an artist in his or her line and the programme was executed with marked ability. The singing of the duet, "The Rosary," by Mr. Matteson and Miss Chreitzberg was delightful to the audience, as it was an old tune in a different setting. The programme was varied and pleasing, consisting of vocal solos, instrumental numbers, and vocal duets.—Contributed.

"MAJOR" BRABHAM KILLED.

Former Bamberg Boy Shot to Death by Negro Near Savannah.

The body of "Major" Brabham, son of Jeff Brabham, a former resident of Bamberg county, was brought to Mizpah Methodist church and interred last Friday. Mr. Brabham, who was a young man, was shot and killed some days previous near Savannah by a negro whose name has not been learned.

It appears from what can be learned of the tragedy, that Young Brabham in company with another white man, was engaged in raising hogs on an island near Savannah. Some of the hogs had been going in a mysterious manner, and the two men were investigating the affair and it is said that they found one of the negroes who had been doing the stealing. In trying to get the hogs from him, the negro suddenly showed fight and was immediately joined by some eight or ten other negroes who began firing on them. Brabham was instantly killed. Reports as to whether his companion was injured are somewhat vague, one report being that his shoulder was broken by a bullet from one of the negroes and another report being that he escaped injury.

Mr. Brabham's companion escaped from the negroes, at any rate, and in order to get to Thunderbolt, the nearest point, had to make a detour of several miles. A part of the distance was covered with water forty feet deep, and other parts with shallow water. By wading and swimming he finally reached Thunderbolt the next day, where he reported the affair and secured help. It was about a day and a half later when the rescuing party got to the place where Brabham had been shot down.

In the meantime the negroes had escaped from the island and, according to the latest information, had not been captured.

The family of Jeff Brabham lived in the Olar section some years ago. He moved to Georgia later, young "Major" Brabham going to Savannah.

Baptist Church Notes.

One hundred and ninety-three in Sunday school last Sunday and \$11.70 collection was a pretty good report, but not as good as the Sunday before, when over 200 were present.

Unusually large congregations attended services the last two Sundays. They might be larger still and more people helped, if they would stir a little earlier Sunday and get to Sunday school and church. Why not try it next Sunday, brother?

The committee to solicit new subscriptions for the Baptist Courier reports splendid success. It is expected that the Courier, which is owned by the denomination, will go into practically every Baptist home in this community.

The pastor promises to preach next Sunday at 11 a. m. on "The Ever-Ready Servant." At 7:30 p. m. he will preach the third in a series of sermons on "The Second Coming of Christ." The subject of the sermon for Sunday evening will be: "Some Signs that Precede the Second Coming."

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.—Contributor.

Ehrhardt Teachers Entertained.

Ehrhardt, Jan. 25.—A pleasant evening was spent Saturday at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wms. Carter near Ehrhardt by the teachers of the Ehrhardt high school and by others. A bountiful repast was served in honor of the teachers, which, together with the hospitality for which this home is noted, was immensely enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter are patrons of the Ehrhardt high school and are held in the highest esteem by all the teachers, as well as by all who know them.

E. W. Morris.

Olar, Jan. 26.—E. W. Morris, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Olar, suffered a stroke of paralysis Monday night and died at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He was on the street after supper and went to bed seeming to be perfectly well. His wife awakened about 3 o'clock finding him in this condition. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

Interment did not take place until the arrival of one of his sons, Henry O. Morris, who is attending the Baptist seminary at Louisville, Ky.

A Natural Plea.

"Do you want the shoulders padded?" asked the tailor of the mother who was buying a suit for her boy.

"No, mamma," pleaded her son, "tell him to pad the knickerbockers."

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Broken Truck Derails Eight Cars. Brakeman Weimar Scalded.

Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 the local freight train between Augusta and Branchville was wrecked about three miles west of Bamberg near the saw mill of E. C. Hays. Eight cars were derailed and badly smashed, and Brakeman Neil Weimar was injured. The brakeman was in one of the scale testing cars, in which there was a stove with a pot of boiling water. When the smash-up occurred the pot of water was overturned on Mr. Weimar, badly scalding his leg. No other person on the train was injured.

The wreck is said to have been caused by the breaking of a portion of one of the trucks of a freight box. When the part snapped, the cars began piling up until eight of them were off the track. The broken truck was about mid way the train, which was brought to a stop before the caboose overturned, thus preventing other possible injuries, as the trainmen were in the "cab."

The work of clearing the track was soon started, and by Wednesday morning it was possible for trains to pass the wreckage. The afternoon and night passenger trains Tuesday had to transfer passengers to waiting trains on either side of the wreck.

The wrecked cars consisted of one car loaded with furniture, two cars containing the scale testing apparatus, and empties. The wreck was visited by many onlookers during the afternoon and yesterday.

WISE—BRABHAM.

A. W. Brabham, of Olar, Married in Augusta Sunday Morning.

The friends throughout Georgia and Carolina will be interested to learn of the marriage of A. W. Brabham, of Olar, S. C., and Miss Blanche Alma Wise, of this city, which occurred Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wise on Walton Way.

The marriage was a quiet one with only a few close friends and the members of the family present.

The bride wore a handsome coat suit of dark blue with which was worn a hat of corresponding shade, and a Georgette blouse. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edward L. Grace, after which the bride and groom left for a brief wedding trip and their future home.

Mrs. Brabham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wise and she is a most attractive young woman of fine mind and talent, and a nature and disposition so lovely that she wins the lasting friendship of all who know her.

Mr. Brabham is a member of one of the best known families in South Carolina and is a prosperous planter of Olar. He and his bride will be the recipients of countless congratulations and good wishes.

Mrs. Brabham is a sister of City Engineer Herman Wise.—Augusta Chronicle.

COTTON ASS'N TO MEET.

Officers For Bamberg County Will Be Elected February 7th.

The Bamberg branch of the South Carolina Cotton association will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 7th day of February for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Every cotton grower as well as members should be present. Before an organization can function efficiently it must have the backing of the people and its officers chosen from the strongest men in the county, and for this reason you should attend this meeting in order to vote for the men best suited in your estimation. Able speakers will be present.

C. W. RENTZ,
County Chairman.

Citizens B. & L. Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Building and Loan association was held Tuesday morning. Directors for the year were elected as follows: A. W. Knight, J. D. Copeland, George F. Hair, N. P. Smoak, and W. A. Klauber. The annual report of the secretary and treasurer was read and received as information. The report showed the association to be in excellent condition, notwithstanding the unusual financial condition that has prevailed for some time past. A nice profit was made during the past year and carried to the surplus fund.

A meeting of the directors was held immediately following the stockholders' meeting, at which officers were elected as follows: President, A. W. Knight; vice president, W. A. Klauber; secretary and treasurer, R. M. Hitt.

The association has been in operation for five years, and the by-laws provide for payment on stock for 75 months.

GETS NEW TRIAL.

R. O. Williamson, for Killing Brabham, Will Be Tried Again.

Announcement was made Monday of the decision of the South Carolina supreme court in the case of the state versus R. O. Williamson, appealed from Bamberg county. The lower court was reversed, and a new trial has been ordered for Williamson.

Williamson was tried in Bamberg last year on the charge of murdering Ham Brabham in the town of Ehrhardt. He was convicted of manslaughter, and was recommended to the mercy of the court by the trial jury. Notwithstanding this recommendation, Williamson was given a heavy sentence, ten years servitude on the public works. This sentence was probably the heaviest ever pronounced in this county on any person convicted of manslaughter and recommended to mercy.

The case was subsequently appealed to the supreme court through Williamson's counsel, Mr. Davis, of Barnwell, and Mr. Graham, of Greenwood. Carter, Carter & Kearse assisted the solicitor in the prosecution.

Mrs. V. V. Kirkland.

Ehrhardt, Jan. 28.—Mrs. V. V. Kirkland died at the home of her son, John M. Kirkland. She was born in Augusta, Ga., 75 years ago. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, and married R. C. Kirkland in 1868. Of this union three children survive, John M. Kirkland and Mrs. O. E. Kearse, of Ehrhardt, and Robert Kirkland, of Olar, and one brother survives her, Edward Turner, of Elko.

Mrs. Kirkland was a woman of the old school, possessing many attractive attributes. She ever looked on the bright side of life and her sunny disposition, her gifts of nature, supplemented by social and educational training, made her a superb entertainer. One going into her home, left it knowing that a home like hers is a nation's strongest bulwark. The world is better by her having lived, and the record she left can well be emulated by the rising generation. From girlhood she was a faithful member of the Baptist church and her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Owings, paid her a splendid tribute at the grave, where she sleeps by her loved ones who preceded her to the grave.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Found—One Liberty bond. Owner identify. J. G. SMOAK, Bamberg, S. C. 1tp

Orders taken for home made cakes. MISS LLEWELLYN CLECKLEY, phone 51, Bamberg, S. C. 1tp

For Sale—Wood for stove and chimney, oak or pine. LELAND F. SANDIFER, Bamberg, S. C. 1tn

For Sale—A five passenger touring car, in fine shape; looks just like new. P. O. BOX 314, Bamberg. 1tn

Wanted—At once, \$25,000 Liberty Bonds. Highest prices paid. 1ST NATIONAL BANK, Bamberg, S. C. 2-3p

Lost—On Sunday, January 24th, cameo brooch. Reward for return to MISS MARY MATHENY, Bamberg, S. C. 1tp

For Sale—One Rex visible typewriter; practically new. Cost \$69, will sell for \$50. L. B. FOWLER, Bamberg, S. C. 1tn

For Sale—Pure bred buff Orpington roosters, \$3 each. Eggs for setting, \$2.00 per 15. MRS. W. E. STOKES, Bamberg, S. C. 2-4n

For Rent—Building in rear W. A. Klauber's store, suitable for garage, blacksmith shop or storage. G. MOYE DIEKINSON, Bamberg, S. C. It

For Rent—Warehouse on Southern side track, formerly used by Gulf Refining Co. Will fix to suit renter. TOM DUCKER, Bamberg, S. C. 2-24n

For Sale—I have secured the agency for the Acme and Defiance Trucks. If you want a good truck, see me. B. F. FREE, Bamberg. 1tn

Salesman WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address THE TODD OIL & PAINT CO., Cleveland, O. 1tp

Lost—Savings pass book No. 538, issued by Bamberg Banking Co. to S. B. Hughes. Finder will please return to BAMBERG BANKING CO., Bamberg, S. C. 2-10p

Frost Proof Cabbage Plants.—Grown by the state's most successful planters, leading varieties. Post-paid: 40c, 100; \$1.35, 500; \$2.25, 1,000. Express collect: 1,000, \$1.75; 5,000, \$1.50; 10,000, \$1.25. BURTON SALES CO., Burton, S. C. 1tn

For Sale—High Grade Ammoniated Fertilizers for cotton, corn, tobacco, etc. Also Fish Scrap, Blood, Tankage, Foreign Kainit, etc. Write us for prices advising tonnage you want. DAWHOO FERTILIZER COMPANY, Box 608, Charleston, S. C. 2-24n

Wanted.—Men or women to take orders among friends and neighbors for the genuine guaranteed hosiery, full line for men, women and children. Eliminates darning. We pay 75 cents an hour spare time, or \$36.00 a week for full time. Experience unnecessary. Write INTERNATIONAL STOCKING MILLS, Norristown, Pa. 3-3