

Ship Cooperative Carload of Hogs

Recently Ehrhardt farmers made up a cooperative shipment of hogs for the market which proved to be a successful venture, and quite a little benefit as well as valuable knowledge and experience was obtained.

The car was made up by O. E. Kearse, E. H. Kearse, W. G. Muller, W. H. Ritter, Jim Hiers, and others, under the supervision of J. D. Brandon, county agent. The car consisted of 77 hogs averaging 160 lbs. each. Practically all grades of hogs were represented, including some that were oily and soft. The car was disposed of in Richmond, Va., to the packers at a price of eight cents per pound on foot for "tops," which brought the shippers \$6.90 per 100 pounds f. o. b. Ehrhardt. Freight and food bill amounted to \$99, and commission was three per cent.

Peanut fed hogs were cut as much as two and one-half cents but very few killed out soft, also hogs weighing over 200 pounds were cut slightly as that size is undesirable. It is found that hogs weighing around 160 pounds and corn fed brought the top of the market.

A bill of sale was returned for each hog showing the weight, price, and what undesirable features were present. Each animal is bought subject to being killed, so that soft and oily hogs are checked upon correctly before checks are forwarded to the shippers. After slaughtering the carcasses are hung up and allowed to cool, when an inspection is made for soft pork and are cut in price according to the degree of softness.

Experiments have shown that it takes from 35 to 40 days of corn feeding to get a hog to kill out hard and while on peanuts hogs should be fed corn to make sure that they will kill out hard.

MEETING OF VETERANS CALLED.

Camp Jenkins To Elect Officers and Commissioners Jan. 19.

Dr. G. W. Garland, adjutant of Camp Jenkins, No. 627, wishes to announce the meeting of the Confederate veterans of Bamberg county on Jan. 19, Lee's birthday. At this time the camp will meet and elect officers for the ensuing year, and also recommend three pension commissioners for appointment.

A dinner will be served to the old "vets," and Dr. Garland wishes to urge upon every veteran the importance of attending this meeting. A good time is promised the veterans in addition to the regular business before the camp. All veterans, whether members of this camp or not, are most cordially invited and urged to be present.

Missionary Meeting.

The week of prayer was observed by the ladies of the W. M. S. of the Baptist church, beginning January 2, 1922. The three circles held separate meetings at the various homes every afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon, however, the "ingathering meeting" was held at the church, all the circles combining. The subject for discussion was China, and interesting papers were read by Mesdames Lewis, Heard and Lane, interspersed with prayer for the different branches of our foreign work.

Last, but in no wise least, Mrs. C. W. Rentz, Sr., gave a very comprehensive talk on China. She began with her ancestors, who were among the first Baptist Missionaries, telling of their lives of toil and sacrifice, and contrasting their lot with the missionaries of the present day. She closed with a very earnest appeal to Christians to pray for those on the foreign field.

Mrs. White, who has served us so faithfully as president, urged that every one be present at the regular meeting on Wednesday, the eleventh instant, as the election of a new president would be before the body. We appreciate the good work that Mrs. White has done in our midst, and regret to lose her as our leader. —Mrs. J. F. Lane, Cor. Secretary.

115 New Criminal Cases.

Columbia has many terms of court during a year and its criminal court nearly always lasts three weeks at a time. Criminal court there is in session now, and the presiding judge told the writer Monday night that there were up before him and the grand jury at this term no less than 115 new cases to be passed on since the last time criminal court convened in Columbia, a remarkable record he said, but not one to be proud of; so far as known this record for crime has never been equalled in the state. There are 187 lawyers in Columbia, nearly all of them young ones, and the question, "How do they all make a living," has often been asked. This enlightenment from the trial judge makes that answer easy: they practice criminal law, and then too they don't work for their health either.

Much Local Interest In Judgeship Race

With the illness of Associate Justice Richard C. Watts, of the state supreme court, and the 1922 session of the South Carolina general assembly which convened in Columbia Tuesday, much interest is being revived locally and otherwise in the hot race for the present vacancy on the supreme bench. This memorable race at the last session a year ago which resulted in a deadlock which could not be broken although forty ballots were taken, in which the outstanding and leading candidate was Hon. Jesse Francis Carter, of the Bamberg bar, was probably one of the chief features of the 1921 session of the legislature.

No keener interest and few if any harder fights have ever been made in any election in the history of South Carolina legislative annals. Ten candidates entered the field to start with and as the incessant bolling wore weary on several were gradually eliminated until the final few ballots found but four men strong enough to survive with their friends exerting every effort and straining to the utmost to make a sweep. These four gentlemen were Mr. Carter, Judge S. W. G. Shipp, of Florence; Gen. Milledge L. Bonham, of Anderson; Senator J. Hardin Marion, of Chester. On 38 of the 40 ballots Mr. Carter had a clear lead over all opponents; on one he was tied with Gen. Bonham for first place; and finally on the last day with many of Mr. Carter's supporters tired and gone Gen. Bonham led him on only one ballot by a single vote. With a favorite son's hat in the ring Bamberg and Bamberg county was very much alive to the situation, and this entire section naturally was and still is heart and soul for Jesse F. Carter, not alone because he is a home man, but even more so because of his uncanny ability.

The election is now again the one object of paramount interest and topic of conversation in Bamberg. It is not known whether other names will be offered this time, but it is expected that at least the same four gentlemen above mentioned will be up for election with possibly others, and it is certain that Mr. Carter's numberless friends will again rally to his support and have him in the field as a leader and the most logical and likely prospect for election over all comers regardless of how formidable the opposition might be.

Practically the entire Bamberg county bar left on Monday and Tuesday for the battle ground in Columbia to be ready for the opening guns in Mr. Carter's behalf, and the unanimous well wishes of Bamberg county and those who know Jesse Carter and his sterling qualifications went with them for success. Another great and interesting race is anticipated, and with the past experience, renewed spirit and increased activities it is predicted that the Carter forces will this time put across a complete victory.

County's Share Road Fund \$220,000

Under the state highway programme, which Governor Cooper will present to the legislature at the present session, Bamberg county will receive a total of \$220,000 for the construction of 50 miles of road.

The attached tabulation shows what each county's share in the proposed road construction fund would be:

County \$20,000,000 for road construct.

Miles of State highways.

Abbeville \$ 300,000 72

Aiken 680,000 135

Allendale 180,000 42

Anderson 920,000 150

Bamberg 220,000 50

Barnwell 260,000 64

Beaufort 220,000 55

Berkeley 380,000 120

Calhoun 200,000 54

Charleston 1,180,000 98

Cherokee 320,000 48

Chester 380,000 73

Chesterfield 380,000 93

Clarendon 340,000 37

Colleton 360,000 88

Darlington 500,000 52

Dillon 280,000 41

Dorchester 240,000 62

Edgefield 240,000 52

Fairfield 320,000 55

Florence 580,000 62

Georgetown 300,000 73

Greenville 1,140,000 131

Greenwood 460,000 86

Hampton 240,000 61

Horry 380,000 75

Jasper 180,000 53

Kershaw 380,000 89

Lancaster 280,000 61

Laurens 500,000 76

Lee 280,000 58

Lexington 460,000 82

McCormick 180,000 64

Marion 260,000 54

Marlboro 420,000 61

Newberry 440,000 80

Oconee 360,000 44

Orangeburg 640,000 180

Pickens 320,000 57

Richland 1,100,000 79

Saluda 240,000 38

Spartanburg 1,100,000 116

Sumter 480,000 64

Union 340,000 61

Charge White Man With Negro's Death

Last Wednesday afternoon the inquest over the dead body of Grover Hayes, the negro who was dealt a mortal blow on Mrs. M. A. Bamberg's place near this city on the last day of the old year, was reopened, and a further investigation conducted by Coroner Zeigler. It will be remembered that Hayes was found in the woods on the place in an unconscious condition, the discovery being made by Charles Robinson, tenant on Mrs. Bamberg's place. He had been struck a terrible blow on the head and died the following morning early without speaking again. At the first investigation very little light was thrown on the tragedy. Dr. H. J. Stuckey being the only witness to testify. His was simply professional testimony as to the cause of death and the nature of the wound, and as nothing else definite concerning the homicide could be brought out at that time the inquest was adjourned or closed and the verdict reached that the negro met death from the hands of unknown parties.

It now develops that Hayes was killed by a white man and there was an eye witness to the slaying, the witness also being a white man. Ed Gore, a young white man about 27 years old, has been charged with murder by the coroner's jury, but it is said he left this community immediately after the trouble and has not been apprehended. Gore is a stranger in Bamberg where he came about a month ago from North Carolina with the prospect of operating a meat market in this city for his brother-in-law, H. G. Jenrette. He has a family.

The only witness and the only party aside from Gore himself who really knows anything about the homicide is Cliff Robinson, youthful son of Charles Robinson, the tenant of the farm where the trouble occurred. Young Robinson's evidence before the recent coroner's inquiry which resulted in the warrant being issued for Gore, was to the effect that he and Gore were in the woods hunting when the negro who had been sent down into the woods by Robinson's father to see about some hogs came upon them, and an argument started between Hayes and Gore. It is claimed that the negro then attacked Gore who put down his gun, grabbed a stick and wielded it with the fatal result. It is said that the nature of the wound indicated that the blow must have been struck with a small but heavy and possibly loaded instrument. Only one lick was dealt and the skin was not broken while the skill was crushed.

Rains and Snows Hoped For.

The farmers and others have been hoping most earnestly for some genuinely cold weather, including snows, freezes, rains, etc. The winter has been quite mild so far, in spite of the many predictions to the contrary, and it is felt that unless there is some real cold weather the boll weevils are going to get in some active work again this summer. Saturday when snow appeared to be imminent most people were happy, one farmer expressing the wish that it would snow a foot deep. While this was rather deeper than the average person hoped for, still a snow would have been very welcome, and will still be so.

The ground is extremely dry, as there has been a very small rainfall for several months past, and the farmers say that some long seasons of rain or snow are needed to pulverize the earth, and give the grain crops a good send-off.

It is pointed out that a cold, wet and severe winter is usually followed by favorable crop conditions during the summer, whereas a dry, mild winter is most frequently followed by a wet spring and summer to the detriment of growing crops.

Circuit Judges to be Elected.

In addition to the supreme court justice there are quite a number of the circuit judges of the state whose election will come before the general assembly at its present session including the second circuit which embraces Bamberg county. Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, is the incumbent and it appears that he will be reelected without opposition, although one Barnwell lawyer has been mentioned as a possible candidate; his entrance into a contest with Judge Rice will hardly develop.

It is probable that the only circuit judge with opposition will be the Hon. I. W. Bowman, of Orangeburg, as judge of the first circuit. This promises to result in a very keen race, his opponent being M. M. Mann, of St. Matthews. Mr. Mann is clerk of the senate and has an unusually strong following. Many Bamberg citizens will watch this race with interest.

Judge F. K. Graham will

Brief Items From Town and County

The many friends in Bamberg of J. Heard, whose recent serious illness confined him for several weeks to a Charleston hospital and necessitated a major operation, are delighted that he is back home again. Mr. Heard is well on the road to recovery.

The Bamberg county delegation to the general assembly left Monday afternoon for Columbia for the convening of the legislature Tuesday morning. The delegation is composed of Senator J. B. Black, and Representatives J. Carl Kearse and W. L. Riley.

LaVerne Thomas and C. W. Rentz, Jr., enjoyed a delightful duck hunting trip with friends for several days last week on the Ashepoo river in Colleton county. They report the usual story of much game being bagged by the party, the mayor getting three wild ducks at one shot—maybe.

A charter has been recorded in the office of the clerk of court for the Graham 5 and 10 Cent Store. This store was opened here by F. K. Graham several weeks ago. The capital stock is \$1,000, and F. K. Graham is president and Mrs. F. K. Graham vice president and secretary.

The friends of Capt. J. D. Felder will be glad to learn that he has greatly improved from his recent severe illness, and that he has now left the Baptist hospital for the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Lever, of Columbia. His daughter, Mrs. M. E. Ayer, of Bamberg, is visiting him this week.

According to a report of H. J. Bellinger, local statistician, here were ginned in Bamberg county prior to January 1st, 1922, 4,003 bales of cotton, whereas up to the same date last year there were ginned in the county 20,457. He reports very little, if any more, to be ginned from the last crop.

The F. M. Bamberg chapter of the U. D. C. will meet this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Miles Black. A full attendance is requested, and those who intend to be present are asked to notify the hostess in advance. Members will note the change in the date of the meeting from Tuesday, the regularly appointed time of meeting, for this one meeting only.

Mrs. Clarence Brabham will entertain the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church next Tuesday afternoon, January 17th, at 3:30 o'clock, at her home. She will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. J. J. Cleckley and Mrs. Clarence Moye. An interesting programme is being prepared by the leader, the subject being "An African Palaver." A full attendance is requested.

Rev. S. O. Cantey, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, left this week for Columbia, where he has gone to consult a specialist. Mr. Cantey's health has not been good for several weeks past, and he has been unable to fill his pulpit for several Sundays, besides being unable to attend to other pastoral duties. The many friends of Mr. Cantey trust he will soon recover his usual good health.

Probate Judge J. J. Brabham, Jr., recently returned from Atlanta where he made a trip on account of the serious illness at his home there of his brother-in-law, Thurston Roundtree, who has now greatly improved. A number of years ago Mr. Roundtree lived at Denmark, and he still has numbers of friends in Bamberg and hereabouts who remember him very pleasantly and regret to learn of his recent sickness.

The numerous friends of Miss Besie Lee Black regret exceedingly her misfortune last week in spraining an ankle. The accident happened while Miss Black was attempting to walk down the steps leading into the back yard at her home in this city. She was in bed for several days as a result and has not been able to get out of the house for about a week. The injury was unusually painful but the injured member has greatly improved and it is expected that Miss Black will soon be out again.

F. K. GRAHAM HURT.

Injured in Fall From Porch in Allendale Last Week.

The friends of F. K. Graham will regret to learn that he has been confined to his bed here for several days past on account of an injury sustained in a fall while in Allendale last week. Mr. Graham was conducting an auction sale at that place, and while going out of a door at a boarding house, stepped from a high porch, by accident, resulting in painful bruises, though no serious injury was sustained. His condition necessitated calling in a physician when he returned to Bamberg, and a sprain of the back has laid him up, but he is now much better, and will probably be out again in a few days.

First income tax was passed by the United States congress in 1862.

Sixty-one per cent. of the women workers in Kansas are single.