

Visitors in the Town And the Community

—Willie Ott McCue, of Troy, S. C., spent a few days in the city last week.
—Mrs. Paul Whitaker is spending some time with relatives in Greenwood.
—Mr. and Mrs. Hair, of Charleston, visited Dr. and Mrs. Robert Black last week.

—Mrs. Moselle Squier, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. D. Copeland, Sr.

—Rev. M. W. Hitt, of Dunedin, Fla., is spending a few days in the city with relatives.

—E. C. Bruce spent several days last week visiting relatives in Atlanta and other Georgia points.

—Mrs. Frances Folk returned last week after spending several weeks with relatives in Charleston.

—Miss Vista Brabham spent several days in Spartanburg last week attending the music festival.

—Miss Eunice Hunter left Tuesday morning for Chesnee, S. C., to spend a week with Miss Ethel Strom.

—Rev. S. O. Cantey left Monday for Hot Springs, Ark., to attend the general Methodist conference as a visitor.

—Major William R. Watson was called to Ridge Spring yesterday on account of the death of his grandmother.

—The Misses Inabinet, of St. Matthews, spent the past week-end in the city visiting their brother, Rev. T. A. Inabinet.

—Charles F. Ayer, of Seneca, was a visitor in the city Monday. Mr. Ayer moved from Bamberg to Seneca several years ago.

—Louis G. Poliakov, of Baltimore, a former citizen of Bamberg, spent a few days in the city last week with his sister, Mrs. Milton Shapiro.

—Dr. G. W. Garland left last week for Long Island, N. Y., where he will spend the summer with his sons. Before going to Long Island he is spending a week visiting relatives in Camden, Hartsville and other points.

Presents Confederate Bill.

Monday morning a young negro man, who said that he came from Orangeburg county, walked up to the teller's window of the First National Bank and presented a fifty-dollar bill, for which he asked change. Mrs. Eulalie Morris, to whom he handed the bill, at once saw that it was not the "real goods," and showed it to other members of the bank force. It was recognized as a Confederate bill, and was, of course, absolutely worthless except as a relic of the days of the Confederacy, now past nearly sixty years.

The bank authorities had the man held pending an investigation. The United States commissioner was authorized by the statement that no federal law had been violated, and no action was taken against the man, but he received a rather severe scare. The bank officers are inclined to think that the negro did not realize he was trying to pass worthless money.

Makes Shipment of Beans.

Monday morning the Bamberg County Truck Growers association made the first shipment of the season of string beans. The beans, a fine quality of green variety, were grown by Henry Hurphy, of Orangeburg county, and the shipment was made through the local association.

The northern quotation on string beans Monday was \$2.00 per crate for good quality product. This price is said to be very satisfactory.

The association officers are urging upon the members of the association to stick close with the marketing plan. The association receives northern quotations daily, and is connected up with jobbers who guarantee a market at all times. The individual shipper has little hope of being able to dispose of his product to satisfactory advantage.

French Family Locate Here.

Bamberg's newest residents are Monsieur and Madame Charles Pinault and their vivacious and attractive daughter, Mademoiselle Marguerite Pinault, of Saint Nazaire, France. The Pinault family came to this country some time ago and the Smoaks post of the American legion was instrumental in them locating in Bamberg. They are all musicians by profession and for some time past have been seeking a location. Monsieur Pinault was officer of public instruction, director of an orchestra for 22 years, and director of a music school for 15 years and also director of music in the schools of Saint Nazaire. They are very attractive people of culture and refinement and are making many friends in the town.

Seventy-five per cent. of the women in Japan earn their own living.

BAMBERG GIRL CROWNED MAY QUEEN AT LANDER.

The many friends of Miss Elizabeth Kirkland, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kirkland, of Bamberg, will be interested to know that she was crowned queen of May at the senior class exercises of Lander college last week. Miss Kirkland is the president of the senior class. The following is clipped from the Greenwood Index-Journal:

In spite of the fickle weather, Lander campus was a scene of festive beauty Monday afternoon when the senior class held its annual class day celebration. The combination of May day festivities with the programme made the occasion one of unusual interest and pleasure.

At five-thirty in the afternoon, the west campus was alive with students, faculty and friends who watched the procession of the May queen, which was composed of the queen, Miss Elizabeth Kirkland, president of the senior class, her young attendants, little Misses Corine and Eleanor Hodges, Sara Sproles and Sara Jones, the seniors and the May pole dancers. Coming from another direction, attended by Misses Mary Lawton and Katherine Tully, Prince Charming met the queen as she was surrounded on the throne by the senior class, and crowned her queen of May, as she had long since been crowned in the hearts of Lander college household.

Following this feature of the programme, the graceful young sprites, dressed in white, carrying gaily-colored ribbons, did intricate and beautiful May pole dances. They reflected credit upon their director, Miss Shelton, of the faculty, whose training in this graceful art was evident during Community Week, last year. All were then led by the sprites around the college to the new steps leading from the main campus down into the dingle behind the college. Each year the senior class makes a gift to the college; and a fitting part of this day's programme was the presentation of this massive and useful set of steps. The presentation speech was made by Miss Kirkland and Dr. John O. Willson, in a happy way characteristic of him, accepted them in the name of the college.

Following this ceremony, the class day programme was carried out almost to completion on the steps. The class hymn: "O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go," was sung, violin accompaniments being played by Misses Sproles and Eloise Kirkland; the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, class scripture, was read, and Dr. Brunson led the prayer. Miss Mary Baker read the class history, which was accurate, interesting and up-to-date; Miss Sara Harris read the will which caused much merriment, inasmuch as members of the class bestowed legacies which they do not possess, and beneficiaries are to receive gifts which they do not need. The song: "The Dearest School of All," was sung by the class with rare interpretation. The class prophecy must have caused great satisfaction to those who seeing themselves through Miss Antoinette Williams' prophetic eye, were found in positions of great usefulness, living out in fact the ideas of service which have actuated the class of '22, the Jubilee Class. Miss Margaret Reid impressively read the beautiful class poem, which was followed by the closing number, "The Step Song," sweetly rendered to the old air, "Juanita."

Every one, including several of the town girls and other friends, then enjoyed a delicious and satisfying supper prepared by the seniors and served by members of the sophomore class. Thus closed a happy and long-to-be-remembered day in the history of the Jubilee class of Lander college and their friends.

Rains Cut Up Roads.

Supervisor Smoak and the county commissioners are working strenuously on dragging and repairing the roads after the recent rains, which have cut the roads up and some of them are in rather bad condition. The two weeks of almost incessant rains played havoc with the highway system of the county, and some difficulty is being experienced in getting all of the roads dragged. However, the work is going forward as speedily as possible under the circumstances. The Columbia-Savannah highway throughout the county suffered greatly during the rains. In some places it has been found impossible for vehicles to travel over the center of the road at all, and almost the entire distance is rough and badly in need of the road machines.

Mrs. Sarah G. Yarnell, Philadelphia's oldest woman, recently celebrated her one hundred and third birthday.

From the beginning women have stood on a level with the men in the Philippines.

LETTERS MAY SAVE BIG- HAM FROM THE CHAIR.

"I'm tired of this unpleasantness here and intend to end it all—you'll never see me alive again," or words to that effect, L. Smiley Bigham is alleged to have written from Pamlico to his brother, Edmund D. Bigham, who was then still in Georgia and is now held in the death cell of the South Carolina penitentiary, in Columbia under sentence to be electrocuted for having killed Smiley. This, with much other information bearing directly on the famous case is contained in letters which have come to light, are now in the hands of Edmund's attorney, A. L. King, and probably will be made the basis of a motion in the coming term of criminal court for a new trial for him on the ground of after discovered evidence.

The letters are understood to be typewritten, and signed by Smiley with either pen or pencil. The signature on the letters, compared with checks of Smiley that were paid through the First National Bank of Florence, has been pronounced genuine by local authorities, who qualify as experts in handwriting. Of the signature on the checks there can be no doubt, of course, as long as the bank accepted and paid them.

Mr. King declined today to discuss in detail the letters, but did admit having them. He did not state either what use he intends to make of them, but to seek a new trial on the ground of after discovered evidence.

As nearly as could be learned, these letters were written during the early fall months, chiefly August, in 1920 immediately before Edmund returned to Pamlico from Georgia in September or October. The letters were addressed to him in Georgia. The killing of Smiley, his mother, his sister, Mrs. R. Black, and her two adopted children, came in January 1921, following.

In one letter, which is believed to clear somewhat the record in the case, it stated that the family owed Edmund so much money, around \$26,000 in all, that Smiley had no hope of their ever being able to pay it. He said they could not even pay the interest on the debt. It is stated also that he family had had a deed for the property made in Charleston in August, and it was ready for execution upon Edmund coming back to Pamlico. These statements, if confirmed, would tend to clear up the alleged mutilation of the deed which came to light about the time of the trial. Persons who followed the details of the case remember that the deed, which was alleged to have been mutilated, was made in Charleston and the original date was in August.

One letter also stated that the family had practically concluded arrangements to pay the bond of Dr. Cleveland Bigham, who skipped his bond of \$10,000 while at liberty under the charge of having killed his wife.

Probably the principal letter of the batch, is one relating to the unhappiness of the family. In this, over the signature which is said to be Smiley's, Smiley wrote that conditions at the Pamlico home were very unpleasant. He averred he had to board out all the time to have any peace at all. In consummate unhappiness, he wrote to the effect that he intended to "end it all—you'll never see me alive again."

E. M. Singletary, clerk of the court, has passed his opinion on the signature in the letters. When asked this morning relative to the matter, he was surprised the information has become public. He declined to divulge the contents of the letters, as a confidential matter. But he did state that he had passed his opinion on the signature, in comparison with Smiley's proven signature on the paid checks. He said he believes the signature is genuine and stated further that the letters have created considerable doubt in his mind as to the guilt of Edmund, of which he has never doubted before.

These letters have been just discovered, which is the reason they were not introduced at the trial of Edmund here last March a year ago. If accepted by the court as bona fide letters, in which case they would become admissible evidence, they are conceded as very strong evidence in favor of Edmund.

All the way through the letters, Smiley, if he wrote the letters, begged Edmund to return to the family home near Pamlico. They were generally concluded with expressions of due brotherly love and affection.

Mr. King made only one statement this morning, bearing on the case and his connection with it. That was that he had taken it with the expectation of exhausting every reasonable possibility of Edmund's guilt. That, he expects to do before concluding it. He reiterated what everyone admits, that Edmund was convicted solely on circumstantial evidence, which he claims is contradictory throughout.

"If Edmund Bigham is executed," said Mr. King, "the state will have

taken what no man can restore—his life. Should he afterwards be found innocent, the case will be pointed to in murder trials for years to come. There is no telling how many murderers might escape just punishment because of it. How much injury to justice and society might thereby result, no one can estimate."

Mr. King has just returned from Columbia, where he served upon the supreme court of South Carolina a notice of intention to appeal from its recent judgment affirming the conviction of the circuit court in Florence. This appeal is to the supreme court of the United States. It acts as a supercedas to the sentence of the court for execution. However, the motion for a new trial on the ground of after discovered evidence, based on these letters, is expected to come up before the appeal to the high tribunal. In the interim, Bigham could not be executed pending the reconvening of court here and reconvening of him.—Exchange.

It Got Away.

A station master was suddenly alarmed by hearing a terrific crash on the platform.

Rushing out of his office, he was just in time to see a train disappearing round the curve, while among a number of overturned milk cans at the extreme end of the platform there sprawled a hatless and disheveled young man.

"What's the matter? Was he trying to catch the train?" asked the bewildered stationmaster of a small boy who was standing nearby gaping in wonderment.

"He did catch it," explained the boy, "but it got away again."

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Wednesday, May 17th

for the purpose of discussing the best methods of gathering, packing, etc., of cucumbers and other truck. This is a most important meeting, as it is very necessary that the truck shall be properly handled to get the best prices.

Everybody Invited

Every member of the association is urged to be present, and all growers of truck are invited whether members or not. The meeting is free. Don't fail to attend.

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