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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Reciprocity Day. Washington's Birthday's Observed. Union Service Held. Emily Geiger Chapter Meets.

Reciprocity Day was observed here last Tuesday by four federated clubs of the town, the New Century, the Cultus, Apollo, Music club and Civic League.

For several years this day has been observed here, and is a red-letter day on the club calendar, the day meaning to the clubs all that its name implies, and the reciprocal spirit, as manifested, is delightful, and means much in the broadening of the clubs.

A cordial invitation had been extended to all the clubs of near-by towns, and there were several representatives, Ridge sending the largest number—about ten.

The occasion was held in the school auditorium, which was in patriotic decorations, with ferns and flowers, the club flowers being used.

The ushers were Misses Louise Boyd, Ruth Harris, Mary Waters and Loisa Watson, and Miss Clara Sawyer, at the front entrance, invited all in.

The program was a most enjoyable one, and was announced by Mrs. E. R. Mobley, president of the music club, the clubs deciding not to have them printed as formerly.

Mrs. H. D. Grant, president of New Century club, extended greetings to all, and Mrs. W. S. Mobley gave greetings from all the patriotic organizations, and Mrs. T. R. Hoyt brought greetings from the religious organizations.

Mrs. C. P. Corn sang "Spring is Here."

At this point, the chief speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. J. L. Coker, State president of the federated clubs, was introduced by Miss Gertrude Strother, president of Cultus club, and every one heard Mrs. Coker with pleasure.

She spoke of her great delight in being present and meeting new friends.

She first dwelt upon the splendid work of the club women in securing the passage of the bills in providing for provision of the feeble minded and for getting the Industrial school. She urged great efforts to secure compulsory education, and showed that the clubs must be active to secure this.

She told of the great movements that women are taking such a part in, especially of the prohibition movement, relating the wonderful advancement, and of how women in each State were working to have her State ratify the amendment for National Constitutional Prohibition.

The food problem was discussed. "Women can win this war by saving food." Begin now to observe the government plans, for sooner or later every one will have it to do. This is going to be a war of biscuits, not bullets."

She urged the women to be alive to the conditions of the times.

All now enjoyed a piano solo by Miss Emma Bouknight, and a reading by Mrs. Robert Long, the latter being from Shakespeare, "As You Like It."

Mrs. Dora Dee Walker of Abbeville, State agent for Home Demonstration Department, was now introduced by Mrs. J. H. White, and she spoke most interestingly, and it was regretted that a whole day could not be devoted to hearing her, and every one learned later, with pleasure, that she would come back for a day, and at the meeting of the Civic League further discuss her department. A patriotic chorus, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," concluded the program.

Miss Gertrude Strother extended a cordial invitation from the Cultus club to a reception to follow immediately in the home of Mrs. Joseph Cox, nearby.

The occasion was a most pleasant one, and every one had the pleasure of knowing the two speakers. The home was prettily and artistically decorated in the club flowers, the jonquil, with ferns and pot plants.

The club is composed of twenty members, and each one took some part in the reception in extending greetings and directing the guests about the rooms, from reception hall, parlor and dining room. The receiving line was composed of the officers of various organizations, and stood in line as follows:

Miss Gertrude Strother, president

of Cultus club; Mrs. J. L. Coker and Mrs. Dora Dee Walker; Mrs. E. R. Mobley, president Music club; Mrs. M. T. Turner, president Mary Ann Baie chapter, U. D. C.; Mrs. W. S. Mobley, regent Emily Geiger chapter, D. A. R.; Miss Zena Payne, president W. C. T. U.; Mrs. S. J. Watson, president Civic League; Mrs. H. D. Grant, president New Century club.

As each one would pass down the receiving line they were carried into the dining room, where a variety of sandwiches with fragrant tea was served.

The table was lovely in all its appointments. The entire afternoon was one of great enjoyment.

Mrs. W. P. Cassells entertained the Young Matron's club on Thursday afternoon, and this club of twelve greatly enjoyed the two hours spent together. Progressive ruck was played, and after an animated game the prize, a box of stationery, was given to Mrs. L. S. Maxwell for making the highest score. The hostess served a delicious repast.

Lieut. Joe Bonknight of Camp Jackson spent Sunday at his home here.

February 22, George Washington's birthday was observed here by the banks and other public buildings closing and many floated out the stars and stripes in memory of the "Father of his country." It is said that Providence made him childless that his country might call him father.

The High School had holiday and the day before, all the little ones of the first grade were delighted with George Washington bits in red, white and blue given to them by their teacher, Miss Irene Montgomery. The pupils of the 2nd and 3rd grade, Mrs. L. C. Latimer and Miss Anna Harms teachers, gave each pictures of Washington and flags. At chapel all of the school enjoyed patriotic exercises led by Prof. W. F. Scott.

About twenty-five from here went over to Edgefield on Sunday afternoon to the gold medal contest by the children who have won silver medals offered by the W. C. T. U. The entire occasion was greatly enjoyed. There were two contestants from Johnston, Miss Ora Bell Perry and Mr. Elliot Lewis. Each one of the young people did splendidly, but the judges decided to award the medal to Miss Ora Bell Perry. On Sunday evening, March 3, in the Methodist church here a similar contest will be held for a gold medal. This occasion will commemorate the lives of Miss Frances E. Willard and Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. M. T. Turner was quite sick during the past week but is now able to be out again.

Rev. W. S. Brooke who is on the State Board concerning the management of the Baptist hospital, Columbia, attended an executive meeting there on Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Coker, state president of federation of women's clubs was entertained last week in the home of Mrs. Joseph Cox and during the first day of her stay here, a dinner party was had in her home, those present being the presidents of the organizations in town.

Mesdames Mary Alice Smith and James Pitts of Saluda, spent a part of last week here in the home of their brother, Mr. J. H. White.

Mr. Bartow Walsh who holds a government position in Philadelphia, is here for a visit to his family in the home of Mr. Wm. Lee Coleman. Later Mrs. Walsh and little Billy and Mary will join Mr. Walsh in Philadelphia.

Mr. Burnett who is now in active service in the Navy is here for a short visit. It is very interesting to converse with him he having made three trips to France since his departure. Johnston is not his native town, but during his stay of a few years here he has become very much attached to the town and its people.

Mrs. Harry C. Strother and Master Harry have returned to Chapells after a few days visit in the home of the former's father, Mr. M. T. Turner.

The fund for the Armenian sufferers is being over subscribed by the town, the amount asked for being \$300. At the union service held last Sunday evening in the Lutheran church a collection was

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Interest in Revival Services Increasing.

The Holcomb meeting is assuming larger and larger proportions each day. Though only a few services have been held the interest has broadened and deepened until the entire town and community is beginning to share in the enthusiastic expectancy of a gracious revival. The crowds have been large, and the promise is, that still larger crowds are going to hear Mr. Holcomb before the meeting continues many days.

On Tuesday night the speaker held the attention of a packed house on the subject, "Over the Top." Many expressed a desire to be done with sin and to enlist in the service of righteousness at the close of the service.

The night services are to be held hereafter in the Baptist church, while the morning service is to be held in the Methodist church.

A steering committee has been appointed to direct the meeting, arrange places and hours for preaching, prayer meetings, special services, and in general to direct the campaign. The following men have this work in charge:

Dr. E. P. Jones and B. B. Jones, from the Baptist church; Rev. E. C. Bailey and T. H. Rainsford, from the Presbyterian church; Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse and L. W. Cheatham, from the Episcopal church; Rev. A. L. Gunter and Hon. B. E. Nicholson, from the Methodist church.

Afternoon prayer meetings are being conducted in various sections of the town. The ladies have a committee consisting of the following persons who direct all home prayer meetings for the ladies: Mrs. J. L. Mims, Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, Mrs. T. H. Rainsford, Mrs. C. E. May, Mrs. L. P. Smith and Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse. These prayer services are held at 4:00 each afternoon in various sections of the town.

The men are meeting each afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in stores and office buildings about the public square for a short prayer service.

One very helpful and commendable feature of Mr. Holcomb's work is his visits to the public school each morning, where he talks at the chapel hour. Short noon-day meetings are also being held at the Addison Mills.

On next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 a service for men is being planned. Mr. Holcomb is known as a man's man, and great things are in store for the men of Edgefield and community. Every man who can do so should be on hand. Mr. Holcomb's subject for this occasion will be "David, the Awful Sinner."

The steering committee will announce the place of meeting later in the week.

Mr. Holcomb is not only a preacher of power and effectiveness, but is also an efficient choir master. The congregational singing is a pleasing feature of every service.

If you want to hear a simple, direct, homiletic gospel sermon, delivered in spirit and power, then you want to hear Walt Holcomb. Several people who have heard Billy Sunday, say Holcomb is another Sunday. Our town is fortunate in having such a man for a meeting, and we trust great and lasting good will result.

Should Conserve Wool.

Our people should realize that every bit of wool made up into suits for them to wear next winter is just so much less wool available for warm clothes for our soldiers. Mr. Baker has led us to believe that we will have at least 1,500,000 soldiers in France by next winter, with at least 5,000,000 more in the training camps. If it has been a difficult problem to get wool for war work this year it requires but little foresight to see what is ahead of us unless our people are willing to do without unnecessary new wool clothes next fall. The question of style should not be considered, rather than for soldiers to be insufficiently clothed.

If the merchants dealing in woolen materials which are sold by the yard or made into ready-to-wear know that their customers are apt to buy fewer clothes next winter, they will not plan such large orders for goods. The manufacturers in their turn will make up less wool and more raw material will be available.

Edgefield County Corn and Pig Clubs Organized.

Up to date the county agent has organized corn and pig clubs work at the following schools: Red Hill, Antioch, Harmony, Pine Grove, Lott and several out-lying districts. So far forty members are enrolled in the pig clubs and twenty-five members are enrolled in the corn clubs. There are several good community centers where the work could probably be organized, and the county agent would appreciate the assistance the school principal or some public-spirited citizen could render in encouraging the boys and girls to go into the work.

PRIZES FOR CLUB WINNERS.

The following firms and business men have been exceedingly willing and liberal in contributing the prizes mentioned below:

Stewart & Kernaghan, one Gantt All-in-One plow; Bank of Trenton, \$5.00; Bank of Western Carolina, \$5.00; Farmers Bank of Edgefield, \$7.50; Bank of Edgefield, \$7.50; L. T. May, merchandise, \$5.00; Reynolds & Padgett, merchandise, \$5.00; Edgefield Chronicle, \$5.00 in subscriptions and job work; Edgefield Mercantile Company, fertilizer, \$10.00.

FOR PIG CLUB WINNERS.

Farmers Bank of Edgefield, \$7.50; Bank of Western Carolina (Johnston branch), \$5.00; Bank of Edgefield, \$7.50; Bank of Trenton, \$5.00; W. H. Harling, \$5.00; B. B. Jones, \$5.00; Dorn & Mims, \$5.00; Smith-Marsh Co., \$5.00.

BANKS TO BUY PURE-BRED PIGS.

In order to arouse an interest in the raising of good hogs in Edgefield county through the pig club members the Bank of Johnston and the Bank of Edgefield each have agreed to purchase three hundred dollars worth of pure bred cholera immune Duroc Jersey pigs. This six hundred dollars put up by the two banks will purchase eighteen or twenty four to five months old pigs, costing between thirty and thirty-five dollars a piece.

The plan is to let the pig club members pay cash if they can, and if unable to do so they can give their note, with the father's endorsement, payable in the fall or payable when they sell pigs from the sow's first litter.

The county agent will try to place the pigs in a fair manner, and only to members whose parents will agree to give the boy or girl their hearty co-operation.

NITRATE OF SODA.

Each farmer will receive a notice direct from Washington as to his allotment of nitrate of soda.

Red Cross Activities.

It is delightful to be able to chronicle the interest taken in our work by the women and girls out of town. On Wednesday of last week a letter was received from Miss Hortense Woodson of the Red Hill of Y. W. A. asking for wool for the girls to knit up into sweaters, and on Saturday, Mrs. Thomas Lamb came in from the Red Oak Grove section and got ten cut out garments for the girls of the Red Oak Grove Y. W. A. to make. As soon as another shipment of wool is received the girls of Red Hill will begin their quota. We are hoping to be able to get knitters for socks—a sample of the kind needed having been sent with our last order of wool.

Mrs. Hugh Nicholson, who is in charge of the knitting and furnishing supplies for the Belgian and French Relief, has a large box of sweaters and scarfs ready for shipment. She has received from headquarters patterns of an infants layette. They write that these garments will be heartily welcome. The children of the Bald Eagle Chapter U. D. C. have been at work on baby kits for some time and have quite a box of garments and comforts on hand. These are to be turned over to our Red Cross Chapter and bundled up according to Red Cross regulations. It is hoped that all who have promised these children articles for the kits will bring them to the Red Cross room on Thursday. There are being fitted up new work and stock rooms and another room in which to hold our meetings as the large one now in use for all purposes, is to be devoted exclusively to Hospital dressings and Surgical supplies, Miss Annie Clisby being supervisor of this branch of the

work. We are hoping soon to have an instructor come, to form a class in Surgical dressings, materials for which are on hand.

An unfortunate little notice has been going the rounds in the newspapers, to the effect that our women are not taking the proper interest in the Red Cross work. That condition might possibly have obtained during January, when the thermometer registered just above zero and when it was not possible to obtain coal. The room is very large and hard to heat, and the women could not go up there to work under the adverse conditions which existed. Then too, we had no materials on hand with which to work, and no chairmen or supervisors of departments had been formed. It is not possible to go at a work of this kind at a moments notice—and the women of Edgefield are far from being "Slackers." Of course you will find some slackers in every community, and ours is possibly not exempt, but our town has as patriotic women as can be found anywhere.

The following new members are to be added to our rolls: Misses Martha E. and Mary A. McKee, Woodlawn; Mrs. Lucile M. Mason, Woodlawn; Mrs. George W. Wise, Trenton, and from Edgefield, Mrs. Martha Barker and Mrs. Mary E. Carwile.

Hereafter the Executive Board Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons.

First Quota Filled.

Saturday the local board sent 102 colored men to Camp Jackson, this being all of the men this county owed in its first quota of 203. The local board had a sufficient number of men ready in September to fill the quota, but they were never ordered out.

The men were ordered to assemble in the court house and were marched to the station under Joseph Lanham, a colored man, who was placed in charge of the men. Very brief addresses were made by Capt. Evans and Mr. Simkins. "Col" West Oliphant also said a parting word. A nice lunch was provided for the men by the members of the Edgefield chapter, D. A. R., and the W. C. T. U., the government paying all bills. Several hundred negroes gathered at the station to bid adieu to the men who were now in the military service of their country. Two cars were filled with them, and as the train departed hands were waving good-byes from the platforms and every window, every soldier being in the best of spirits. As the days are yet short and the roads bad, the men could not arrive Friday in time for the colored people to provide some form of entertainment, as was provided for the colored men early last fall. The colored people of Edgefield county are patriotic, and are manifesting a desire to do their part in bearing the burdens of the war. We expect to hear nothing but creditable reports from the colored people who go to the camps, and later to Europe, from this county.

Meeting for Men Only.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Rev. Walt Holcomb will speak to men only at the Methodist church. This service promises to be one of unusual interest to the men of Edgefield and community. Mr. Holcomb is known as "a man's man." He is in great demand as a speaker before Sunday afternoon meetings of the Y. M. C. A.'s of this country. This in itself guarantees a profitable hour to every man who attends.

The men from Johnston, Trenton and from all sections of the county are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Men, don't forget the speaker, Rev. Walt Holcomb, and don't forget the subject, "David, the Awful Sinner." Don't forget the time—3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Don't forget the place—Methodist church. Meet me there.

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RED OAK GROVE.

Miss Mamie Bussey Improving. Mr. Lamb Visiting in South Georgia. Red Cross Work Begun.

Of course our Sunday lessons should always interest us, but the very subject before us this week, should appeal to every one, with unusual interest. "The Power of Christ in the World To-day." There is a sure way to brighten the dark cloud's that over-shadows our world, by the great and terrible war under which we must labor, and the only way is to seek God's guidance, believing he still presides and the power is given unto those who believe, on Him.

During the session of our State W. M. U. in Spartanburg several years ago, while in company with Mrs. B. B. Allen, now of Anderson, she made this remark, "no one here in attendance on this occasion, compared mostly of mothers too, can justly say she made a sacrifice to be there, because, we are Christ's and all we have is his, belongs to him." I have thought much lately of the power of that spirit over our land to-day.

The girls of Red Oak Grove have decided to take up work for the Red Cross, beginning this week, having garments cut with models now on hand from Edgefield Chapter. This department is being supervised by Mrs. Agatha Woodson.

Sunday schools that have been for reasons unavoidably inactive will enjoy the approaching spring. Our school we think is gradually manifesting more and more interest. With co-operation on part of the school, our faithful Superintendent, Mr. W. M. Agner will succeed. Some sickness in our neighborhood, several of the school children have been out on account of sickness among them.

Mrs. Nannie Agner had as her week-end guests, Mrs. Martin and daughter, Miss Cora, also Mrs. George Agner from Blythe, Ga.

Miss Mamie Bussey is convalescing from her recent sickness, and hopes to soon return to her duties at Limestone.

Mr. T. W. Lamb is enjoying a visit in South Georgia, and will attend State Fair in Florida this week.

Mr. Jamie Hamilton, accompanied by his pretty sisters Misses Marie, and Maude, visited at Edgefield last week-end.

Mrs. J. T. Griffin contemplates a mission study class for her sun-beans.

Mrs. Maggie Griffin has invited our Social Circle to meet in her room, which has been accepted with much pleasant anticipation, for we have missed her presence. She continues to improve some, and can sit up now.

Mrs. Thurmond has invited us to meet with her Circle on the 8th of March at Mrs. James Reardens home. We hope some of the ladies can attend.

Mr. Tompkins Improving.

While regretting the injury, everybody in Edgefield is delighted that Mr. Arthur Tompkins was not seriously injured in the collision which occurred near Columbia Sunday afternoon. He was carried to the Baptist Hospital and will remain there until he fully recovers. The Advertiser suggests that Mr. Tompkins' friends in Edgefield and other parts of the county shower him with letters or post cards while he is passing the long, monotonous hours in the hospital. Edgefield has no citizen who is more beloved than he and we feel confident that many persons will act upon the post card "shower" suggestion. The editor of The Advertiser has already forwarded his card.

Sunday Revival Services.

The Sunday schedule for the Holcomb meeting is as follows: Sunday schools at 10:30 A. M.; preaching by Rev. Walt Holcomb at the Baptist church at 11:30 A. M.; services for Men Only at the Methodist church at 3:30 P. M.; preaching at Baptist church 8:00 P. M. Let everybody go to church Sunday.