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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Marriage of Miss Rhoden and Mr. Oakes. Mrs. Crouch Entertains Mary Ann Buie Chapter.

The marriage of Miss Lida Pearl Rhoden and Mr. William J. Oakes, of Darlington, which took place here Tuesday afternoon, 5 o'clock in the Baptist church, was a most beautiful one. The church was most artistically decorated, a color scheme in which yellow, the predominating color was carried out. Large baskets of yellow chrysanthemums, and many yellow candles about the altar being very effective.

Previous to the ceremony a musical program was rendered, Miss Antoinette Denny presiding at the organ. Miss May Boozer of Lexington sweetly sang "You and Love," and "I Love You Truly." Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus" was sung by a chorus of 25, and as this was concluded the candle bearers, Coy Asbell and Inez Rhoden lighted the many candles.

The bridesmaids were Miss Grace Oakes, sister of the groom, who wore brown panne velvet, gold lace hat; Miss Pet Belk of Kershaw and Miss Annie Lou Taylor of Lexington, each wearing brown silk crepe with gold lace hats, all three carrying yellow chrysanthemums tied with yellow tulle. Mrs. S. E. Asbell, sister of the bride, and grand dame was attired in black Canton crepe, with velvet brocade trimmings, and wore a black lace picture hat. Mrs. Paul Eve, of Augusta, the dame of honor, wore black crepe with gold lace hat.

The groomsmen were Messrs. Austin McEithern, Lowell Muldrow, of Darlington, and Edward Rhoden, brother of the bride.

The maid of honor, Miss Lida Muldrow of Darlington, wore an Oriental blue satin and black lace costume, with picture hat in harmony.

The ring ceremony was used and little Angelle Rhoden, a fairy in yellow, brought the ring to the altar in a yellow chrysanthemum.

The bride entered with her father, Mr. W. L. Rhoden, and was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Mr. G. W. Sleight, of Darlington.

The bride was attired in a coat suit of brown Debut de Laine, with seal trimmings, with touches of blue, all accessories in harmony. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies. Her only ornament was a bar of pearls and sapphires, the gift of the groom.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Brooke.

After the ceremony the happy pair left in a car for Columbia, where they will then go to New York and other northern points.

The bride, as Miss Rhoden is a charming young woman of cordial manner, and her friends here regret that she now will make her home in another part of the state.

The groom is an electrical engineer and served three years overseas during the World War.

There was a beautiful array of wedding gifts of cut glass, china, silver and linen.

Among the out of town guests were, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oakes, parents of the groom and Mrs. A. D. Martin of Lexington.

A beautiful reception was tendered the bridal party the evening preceding the wedding, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Asbell. The decorations were pink and white.

The guests were received by Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, and the receiving party stood in the parlor. In the dining room pink and white block cream and cake were served by Mesdames W. W. Rhoden, H. S. Rhoden and J. N. Lybrand, and Misses Sue Smith and Antoinette Denny. Pink and white mints were served by Coy Asbell and Inez Rhoden.

Mrs. Hatcher toasted the bride, and much merriment was had as the young people drew from the magic mirror the reasons why they had never married.

Everyone is delighted to welcome Mrs. Susie Latimer back after a long stay in the homes of her sons in other states.

Rev. W. S. Brooke is in Greenville this week attending the State Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bland are now

keeping house, occupying the home of Mr. F. S. Bland.

Mr. and Mrs. Epting of Prosperity have been guests of their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Weideman.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and Miss Williamson have moved to Ridge Spring. They have been living here for the past two years, and have made many warm friends.

Mr. J. A. Suber spent part of the past week in Columbia with his sister, Mrs. Davis.

Mr. Robert Turner and family who have been residing here for the past three years, are now residing near Cambridge.

Mrs. James Halford entertained the bridge club on Thursday morning in a very happy and cordial manner, and all present spent two most delightful hours. The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. H. W. Crouch, and sisters, Mesdames, L. S. Maxwell and Grace Crouch.

Mrs. James Tompkins made the highest score, and received a beautifully embroidered pair of pillow cases. During music an elaborate luncheon was served.

During the evening, Mrs. Halford again entertained several couples being invited and this occasion was equally enjoyable.

Mr. I. W. Pender contemplates having erected on the Fulmer lot, a very attractive bungalow, which will be quite an ornament to this now vacant lot.

Miss Lida Sawyer, of Columbia is visiting her mother.

The school is very unfortunate in the fact that the new fixtures for the furnace came too small, and the pupils will now have to remain out of school a few days longer, as it is uncomfortable now without heat.

The Mary Ann Buie chapter met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. W. Crouch. All reports of officers and committees showed active work. All chapter pledges were paid for the year, and \$25 on hand.

Bound volumes of "The Veteran" were ready to place on the U. D. C. shelf in the town library. The C. of C. will also bind a volume of "The Veteran" for the library.

A full report of the visit to the County Home at Thanksgiving was heard, and the chapter hopes to arrange for some religious services there once a month.

It being necessary to elect an auditor and recorder of crosses, Mrs. Frank Warren, Jr., was elected to the first named office, and Mrs. Bartow Walsh to the latter. Mrs. Warren was elected as delegate's alternate to the State convention at Batesburg.

Miss Antoinette Denny was hostess for the Apollo Music club on Tuesday afternoon, the chief business being in plans for securing the Glee club of Columbia for a future date, Maurice Matteson being the director.

An excellent musical program was rendered by Mrs. G. D. Walker, Mrs. W. C. Connerly, Misses Jacobs, Barr, and Denny and Mr. Elliott Lewis, and Misses Frances Turner, Clara and Gladys Sawyer. A dainty salad course was served.

There will be a large attendance from here to the State U. D. C. convention at Batesburg on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mrs. O. D. Black, first state vice president, Miss Zena Payne, district historian, Miss Clara Sawyer, president Mary Ann Buie chapter, Mrs. Joe Cox, delegate and Mrs. F. M. Warren, Jr., Mrs. H. W. Crouch, Mrs. M. T. Turner, Mrs. J. H. White and Mrs. P. B. Waters.

The Emily Geiger chapter held a very interesting and largely attended meeting Monday afternoon with Mrs. M. R. Wright.

Steps are being taken to secure a government marker to place on a grave of one who was very patriotic in the Revolutionary War period. The quilt for Tamasee was exhibited, quilted, and this with the other articles will now be sent to the D. A. R. school.

The chapter decided to have an entertainment at an early date as follows: "An evening of fun;" a prize will be given for the tackiest one present; a cake walk, spelling bee, fortune telling, a grab bag, sweets for sale.

A full account of the state conference at Charleston was given by Miss Mallie Waters, and impressions of the conference were given by Mrs.

Miss Florence Mims Celebrates "Good English" Week by Giving Her Impressions of Slang.

Dear Advertiser:

For lack of a better subject, I shall devote my remarks this week to slang. (Good English week has just passed and perhaps I am a little late in celebrating it, but I have to write when the thoughts come to me, regardless of the passing of days. As a matter of fact, every week should be good English week from the time we start to school.

The teacher of Spanish, himself a Spaniard at the University Preparatory School here, has a small grandson, Billy, not quite a year old, to whom he is teaching Spanish, while the rest of the family endeavor to teach him English. The small grandson converses with his grandfather in Spanish and immediately turns and talks to someone else in English. I predict that the child will grow to be a cultured gentleman, knowing the musical language of Southern Europe and the more extensive western tongue.

Youth is the time to begin to teach a person good English, or good Spanish or good anything else, and the home, more than the school, is the place where the impression for proper or improper speech is more indelibly made. Of this fact I am thoroughly convinced. I suspect that I had as many unusual and varied words in my vocabulary when I started off to college as I have learned there and since.

The subject of slang came up at the breakfast table this morning and I entered into a heated conversation, with the result that I went to school planning in my heart that if any student came to my studio and in the course of a lesson used slang, that they should not leave without being told of their grievous error. Then forthwith, as it ever is in life, I found myself during the latter part of the morning staging a little playlet in which one girl represented an extremely modern girl and therefore, used slang, and nothing but slang. I heard myself repeating to her just the way it should go with all the liting fingo of the streets. So I started down the long road that is paved with good intentions.

At dinner tonight I heard myself glibly using a certain slang phrase and stopped short, surprised and hurt that I had so deceived myself. But that is ever the way.

Slang is the line of least resistance. It expresses what we want to say. It saves us from using our brains. It shows a paucity of words, a crying need for better vocabularies.

After a while the power to discriminate between slang and words of good reputation leaves one, the delicacy of perception in speech departs and like Samson, we know not that this strength we once possessed is departed from us.

Speech is the means, the technique, through which we accomplish the aim of making our thoughts understood by our fellow men. If the time ever comes when we can read the other person's mind, then we can dispense with speech, but not until then.

Happy is the man who can have three words at his command with which to express one thought and can take either one of the three for a given occasion.

The person who has only slang is handicapped. He can never be distinctive. His speech is apt to be but a replica of his neighbor's.

Since I am not an English teacher, I can very easily champion the cause of what I consider to be, by far, the most important subject that any American child can study, his mother tongue, English.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Tonkawa, Okla.

Nov. 29, 1921.

We have the most beautiful display of Fine Candies ever shown in Edgefield. Fancy Gift Packages, beside fresh stock in our regular lines. Fine Chocolates and Mixed Candies in any quantity.

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M. T. Turner and Miss Zena Payne, who attended. The hostess served a dainty salad course with coffee.

Very Interesting Letter From Miss Mary Gaines Who is Teaching For Government in Idaho.

U. S. P. H. S. H. No. 52, Boise, Idaho.

My Dear Home-People:

Today is Armistice Day. I have just been reading an account of ceremonies at Washington, D. C., for the unknown soldier, brought to our Capital on the ship "Olympia." This account with the fact that I was in Washington on the first Armistice Day, and with the work in which I have since been engaged brings the whole significance of this day before me in startling, burning truths; and as I read this article a great feeling of mingled sadness and happiness fills me; the sadness, to a degree, is prompted by my present work in the Public Health Service Hospital No. 52. For the past year and four months, I have been in close contact with the mangled, demented, wounded, and shell-shocked victims, left in the wake of the ruthless march of the Hun; fine physical specimens of manhood cut down in the prime of their usefulness, legless, armless or dying a slow death on earth from T. B. "bugs" as a result of gas and exposure. Then there is the highly organized, taut-nerve type, whose brains were of too fine mechanism to stand the awful strain of the long months of tension, or who have become shell-shocked; a thread has snapped, or a wheel lost its balance—these are our mental patients.

But all this sounds too much like many of the articles you read every day in magazines, and should be put in the back ground as much as possible. The job that we are facing here, and in other Public Health Service Hospitals, over the country is the work of Rehabilitation; in other words helping the man to find himself, and to become a useful citizen again.

Our work is along the line of Vocational training, which was formerly under the Federal Board, but since the passage of the Sweet Bill, is under the Veterans' Bureau. Besides assisting the man in establishing his eligibility for re-training in a line of work in which his handicap will be no obstacle, we try to give him something while he is in the hospital, that will be a foundation for his training after leaving the hospital, or will be of therapeutic value in his recovery.

The work proper, at this hospital is in charge of a college man as Director, and two assistants; Miss Kirby, from Vermont has charge of the Commercial work, and I, of Edgefield, S. C., the English. We have two departments, one for the men of the T. B. hospital, and one for surgical, medical and nerve patients. Our equipment consists of kitchen tables and chairs, and cast-away desks from the Senate office. The name is the Vocational School, but one of the men has given it the more popular nickname of the "Nollidge Shop for Ex-Service Bone-heads."

Most of the nerve cases are the mental patients, or "goophs" as the men call them. If we can get these men in school, and get them to do some arithmetic, spelling or copy a letter to send home, and repeat this for several days, it gets his thought anchored to something "earthy," and is a great factor in his recovery. One man came to us who had absolutely lost the power of memory. We got him interested in book-keeping and reproduction work in English. His improvement was so rapid that after being here six months, he was put in vocational training as an accountant under Section 2, of the Act; this means that the man is given books, tuition and \$100 per month, if he is single; or more in proportion if he has a wife and children. Another case is that of a splendid fellow, a civil engineer, before going into service, whose mind was a wreck from shell-shock. At first he would only talk in monosyllables, stare stupidly into space, of play solitaire by the hours. We got him to working algebra, and using words in sentences. He began to have clear flashes when he could think out hard problems; then he could write clear accounts of his experiences in service, and good letters home. I could cite many other cases, but space may not permit. Some of the men are unreclaimed. Since I've been here, we have been compelled

to send four cases to the insane asylum at Steilacoom, Washington. One of these was a bright young fellow of 23 years, with fairly good education, but with a mind so wrecked from the long nervous strain, that there was no point of contact. Since there is nothing compulsory about our work, it is right hard to get much concerted action, but a number of the men are doing good work in typing, book-keeping, penmanship, spelling and English.

Two features of interest at present to the hospital and school, and especially the school, for a great deal of work is done here, are the debating society and the paper, "Hello Buddy." The society holds its meetings every two weeks, and is a source of interest and improvement. The paper is a weekly, and is something on the order of a college paper. Besides a report of the work of different activities and organizations, there is a reporter for the men for each ward. Every one takes part and anxiously awaits the appearance of the "Hello, Buddy."

I enjoy my work with the men, and think it is of great value in the way of experience and understanding human nature. We learn to know men, and make friends of them. They like to go to some one who does not begrudge the time that it will take from the daily grind to sympathize with them in their troubles, or encourage their ambitions.

All Churches Welcome Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Allen.

A service was held at the Baptist church Sunday night welcoming Rev. A. T. Allen and his wife, Mr. Allen having just entered upon his pastorate of the Baptist church. Rev. G. W. M. Taylor, pastor of the Methodist church, presided over the meeting and after giving expression to words of welcome from the ministers of the several churches of the town, he presented the Rev. P. P. Blalock, who extended a welcome from the Presbyterian church, Mr. S. B. Nicholson next spoke for the Methodist church. Mr. J. H. Cantelou spoke as the representative of the Sunday schools of the town and Mrs. Thomas Rainsford extended cordial greetings from the missionary societies of the several churches. Mr. M. B. Tucker welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Allen on the part of the young people's work and Hon. J. O. Sheppard spoke in behalf of the citizenship of the entire community. Mr. W. O. Tatum, Jr., represented the graded and high schools and Mr. L. W. Cheatham and Mr. J. L. Mims spoke as representatives of the local press. After Mr. A. S. Tompkins spoke of the spirit of unity existing between all the churches of the town, the Rev. A. T. Allen made an appropriate response to what had been said by the representatives of the several churches and the various interests of the town.

The musical program added much to the occasion, the choir being composed of the leading vocal talent from all of the churches, with Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman at the pipe organ. The orchestra of the Baptist church, which is composed of six instruments, also added much to the music. Solos were rendered by Miss Ruth Tompkins, Mrs. M. B. Tucker and Miss Lucy Scurry.

Appeal of Mr. George is Dismissed.

After being convicted a second time under an indictment for killing Engineer Brown in Edgefield about four years ago, receiving a sentence of five years imprisonment at hard labor, Mr. John L. George appealed to the supreme court for a new trial. The supreme court has dismissed the appeal which means that Mr. George will at once begin serving the sentence. He has been serving as fireman on the Edgefield branch of the Southern road for the past five or six years.

The announcement that the Western Union Telegraph Company has arranged to improve its service at Edgefield will be pleasing information to our people. It is now possible to receive or send a telegram between 8 o'clock in the morning and five in the afternoon. Under the former arrangements the office closed at 3:30 o'clock.

RED OAK GROVE

Many Hogs Killed. Mr. and Mrs. Mims Moved to Augusta. Saw Burial of Unknown Soldier.

There was a large attendance at the Y. W. A. meeting held with the Misses Agner last Saturday afternoon and an unusually interesting program.

The girls will render a Christmas pageant at Flat Rock during the holidays.

Mrs. Foster Morgan had as her week-end guest, Miss Sadie Dow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bussey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lamb last Friday.

Everyone in our community killed hogs last week, during the cool spell, as it turned off warm and rainy the cold west wind Sunday afternoon was appreciated.

Sunday school continues to be well attended. There was a large Bible class last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Bussey has the class of large girls now.

Mrs. W. M. Agner recently visited her friend, Mrs. Emma Hudson in Augusta, where she spent a most enjoyable time, attended the carnival and seeing other friends while in Augusta.

The many friends of Mrs. Eva Bussey sympathize with her over the condition of her sister, Mrs. Jack Bradley of McCormick, as she does not improve but very little. Her sister from Springfield, Ga., Mrs. Joe Ramsey has been summoned to her bedside.

Mr. Albert Shelton from Goldsboro, N. C., was warmly greeted by his friends here last week, having been called home by the death of his mother. He returned to North Carolina last Saturday.

Mrs. D. C. Bussey and little Margie have returned from Modoc, having left her father, Mr. Roberson somewhat better.

The W. M. U. was prevented holding a business meeting last Sunday by the rain. Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Eddie Agner on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th.

Mrs. Henry Doolittle will entertain the Circle No. 1 on the 17. Mrs. James Rearden will conduct the meeting.

Mrs. Zelpha Thurmond is still with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mathis at Colliers and is now much better. Her friends are delighted that she is able to sit up.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Mims have moved to Augusta, Ga. We always regret the moving away of old friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Young also Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Whatley were welcome guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lamb recently.

Mrs. J. T. Griffin from Cleora, accompanied her mother, Mrs. Mamie Bussey home last week end.

The health of our pastor, Rev. G. W. Bussey was such that he could not fill his pulpit on last Sunday. His many friends here hope he will soon regain his strength and be up again. Sweet little Edyth Morgan was on the sick list last week.

Miss Marie and Maude Hamilton will have as their guest during the holidays, Miss Ruth Thompson from Harlem, Ga.

Miss Fannie Dow had to be absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Misses Cornelia Bussey and Kathleen Kenrick also Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lamb were guests in the hospitable home of Mr. W. M. Agner last week end.

One of the most interesting things Mr. George Gilchrist has to tell about his visit to Camp Meade, Md., was witnessing the burial of the unknown soldier in the cemetery at Arlington. The distinct recognition given ex-president Wilson on this occasion during the procession was gratifying news to us, because his sacrifice was almost his life, as we see it.

Modoc, S. C.

We always accept poetry of this kind, winter or summer: "Your paper's good and I like you. Find here-with a check and please renew. Frost's on the punkin and crops in the barn; bills all paid and I don't give a darn."—Macon (Mo.) Chronicle-Herald.