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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Edgefield Entertainers Highly Complimented. Mr. Bouknight at Home. B. Y. P. U. Meets.

The entertainment here Tuesday evening by the minstrel troupe of Edgefield was greeted by a full house and each number of the program was enjoyed to the fullest. The musical numbers by the Greeks were beautiful and they were loudly encored. The acting of each one was splendid, and their entertainment far excelled some of the professionals. The proceeds was for the benefit of the High School, and about \$100 was made. This coming over to aid a sister town and the School Improvement Association was a most generous and gracious act, and one that was appreciated by every one of the town. During the acrobatic performance a mother, who had brought her children, was heard to remark, "How I dread tomorrow." The children were taking in every movement from the balancing of the chair on the chin to the swallowing of the knife.

Mr. William Bouknight returned on Sunday afternoon from the University Hospital where he has been for the past month. His many friends are happy over the fact that he is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strother, Harry and Josephine spent the past week at Chappells.

Those from here who are attending the National and State W. C. T. U. Workers' Council, which is being held in Columbia, are Mesdames T. R. Denny, P. N. Lott, J. H. White and Misses Clara Sawyer and Zena Payne.

Congratulations are being wafted to Mr. and Mrs. Leland Miller of Richmond, Va., over the arrival of a handsome son, whom they have named William Bouknight Miller.

Rev. Mahlon Padgett is at home from a visit to relatives at Saluda.

A beautiful act on the part of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott was in the giving to the town library the books of their foster son, Marion Lewis Lott. Marion was fond of reading and had a splendid collection of books. They were all well chosen and will be quite an addition to the library, and will be enjoyed by the young people, as most of the books of the town library are for grown-ups.

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton and family are now domiciled on Calhoun street.

Mr. Jule Mobley has been visiting friends in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kenney of Warrenton were visitors here during the past week.

Mrs. Woodward has gone to Columbia to visit her daughter, Miss Lucile Woodward, who is there taking a business course.

Mrs. Frantz Wierse, of Charleston is visiting in the home of her father, Mr. Westmoreland.

Miss Margaret May of Edgefield, has been the guest of friends.

The young people are enjoying the Sunday evening meetings of the B. Y. P. U. very much. Each Sunday evening, previous to the preaching service, one hour is devoted to this meeting, and each program is helpful and splendid in the development of the Christian life.

Mrs. Preston Wright visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Derrick during the past week.

Mrs. William Oakes, of Darlington, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. E. Asbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Patur Shade have gone to New Jersey to make their home. They are located near their daughters, whose marriages removed them to another state. Mr. and Mrs. Shade have been residents here nearly thirty years, and they were good friends and neighbors, and their departure is regretted.

Miss Annie Waters, of Augusta has been for a visit to the home folks.

Mrs. J. W. Marsh was hostess for the New Century Club and a most pleasant meeting was had at Breezy Heights. It was voted to have the educational code read before the High School and request that the pupils learn this. Mrs. G. G. Waters was elected delegate to the Federation in Columbia, Mrs. P. B. Waters, president, first delegate. The Trojan war was the study topic and an hour was

spent with this most interesting subject. After music a salad course was served.

The teachers of the High School went over to Columbia on Thursday afternoon to attend the Teachers' Association which was in progress there. The pupils were delighted to have them go, as by their absence, Friday was given as a holiday.

Mrs. Julian Bland is at home after a month's stay in Tennessee in the home of her father, Dr. Jeffries. Every one is delighted to see her again.

Mrs. Brooks Sawyer has been quite sick but is now much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott of Greenwood spent the week-end here with friends and relatives.

Miss Orlena Cartledge was the hostess for the Bridge club on Thursday and a happy time was had with this charming hostess. Six tables were arranged for bridge and Mrs. W. E. LaGrone received a set of embroidered handkerchiefs for holding the top score. The guests, Mrs. Bettis Bouknight and Mrs. Grace Crouch, each received dainty gifts. A salad course was served.

The little daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Compton, who was ill three months with typhoid fever and the after effects, has been in Columbia for a while in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mose Mobley.

Mrs. Gerard Tarrant and little son of McCormick, are guests in the home of Mr. W. M. Wright.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Mitchell has been quite sick with fever.

Mrs. Ollie Posey of near Trenton died on Sunday afternoon, and the body was brought here on Monday afternoon and interred in the family section. Mrs. Posey was Miss Ollie Waites of this place, and for several years the family resided here. Besides her husband she leaves six children. Mrs. Posey was a good Christian and a devoted mother and her husband and children will truly miss her.

Edgefield Minstrel and Orchestra Highly Complimented.

The Edgefield Minstrels came to Trenton and carried away the gratitude and the affectionate remembrance of the people of that community, because both boys and girls gave a wholesome entertainment—drove care away with songs and jokes and minstrelsy—and in addition secured for the School Improvement Association a neat sum of money to help that worthy cause.

The orchestra gave many selections of music before the regular performance and between acts, and this orchestra is certainly a credit to the town of Edgefield. Headed by Mr. G. F. Mims, playing a saxophone, and with three violins, in the hands of Miss Mims, Miss Parker and Mrs. Walter Cantelou, Mr. Claude Lyon, cornetist and Miss Ruth Lyon at the piano it reminded one of the orchestra one hears in a larger theatre, and yet these good people were simply visiting in Trenton, helping in a good cause.

Jim Tompkins ought to join Billy Beard and between the two start the Palmetto Minstrels, and he was ably assisted in entertaining the large audience by Diomedes Hollingsworth and Dick Scurry, and in fact all of the circle did splendidly, each in his own way.

The people in and around Trenton are singing the praises of the Edgefield Minstrels and may they live long and prosper.

Trenton, S. C.

Co-operative Marketing.

Friday morning, March 24, at 11 o'clock Dr. D. W. Daniel of Clemson college will address a meeting of farmers in the court house on the co-operative marketing of cotton. Every farmer in reach of Edgefield should attend this meeting, as co-operative marketing is one of the liveliest, most vital, topics of the day, particularly for the farmers. At three o'clock Friday afternoon Dr. Daniel will speak at Trenton and at eight o'clock at night at Johnson. Mr. Henry Johnson of Aiken will also explain the details of the plan to the farmers.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, builds up the system. A true Tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Law Abiding Citizens Should Assert Themselves.

Judging from reports that come from some sections of the county, the situation with reference to violations of the prohibition law has become very serious, and it behooves the law abiding citizens of the county to assert themselves. Unless something is done to stop the distilling and selling of whiskey, it will become so deeply entrenched that checking the evil later on will be a much more difficult, if not impossible, undertaking.

Several years ago when the first still was seized in the county a vast number of our people were greatly shocked at the very idea of a still being found in Edgefield county. Now, if reports be true, there are perhaps a dozen in the county, and yet our people are not now so much shocked by the existence of the increased number as they were by one several years ago. Does not this indicate that our people are growing somewhat indifferent to the violation of the law?

The fathers and other older men owe it to the young men now growing up to protect them from this great menace. We should not be willing for a dozen or so men to debauch many of our young men just for the dollars they can make from selling mean liquor. We understand that there is now some drinking at public gatherings in the county, even at some of the church gatherings. Such was very rarely the case under prohibition before the distilling of whiskey began in the county, and unless a counter current for the observance of law is started, it will require a supreme effort to rid our county of whiskey distilling and selling. Even now it will require a supreme effort in some sections.

The men who stand for law enforcement and the best interests of their community should band themselves together. One man alone can accomplish but little, but a dozen men banded together with a high and holy purpose can accomplish much. Go to the men in an orderly way who are suspected, or possibly known, to be violating the law, and tell them that they must give up their evil business. If they do not do so, get the facts as best you can and report them to the sheriff. Even if you can not get any facts report the nuisance to the sheriff and we believe he will give you his full co-operation. If he does not, then he will not be doing his duty. But do not expect the sheriff to stamp out liquor in Edgefield county alone. Such a task, along with his other duties, is impossible for one man. He needs an officer in this crisis to assist him, but in the absence of assistance, the citizens should be all the more resolved to give this officer full co-operation. Stand by the officers of the law, first, last and all the time.

It is harmful enough for the boll weevil to destroy our cotton, thereby entailing heavy material loss, but it is far more terrible and more tragic for the still "worm" to be the means of debauching a considerable portion of the young manhood of the county. Let us begin AT ONCE, every good citizen in his own community, to create a sentiment for driving out these vampires in the form of distillers. They are worse than parasites.

Every community in the county where this monster evil is asserting itself, needs to have its law-abiding citizens band themselves together for the purpose of fighting it in one solid phalanx. Which community will be the first to move in the matter?

Study of Japan and Foreign Mission Work.

Beginning April 1st, 1922, the new church year, the Sunday schools of the Southern Presbyterian church will make a special study of Japan and foreign mission work to be done in that country. This course of study will occupy the entire church year under a plan arranged some years ago known as the "Seven Year Plan of Missionary Education." This announcement has been made by the committee on foreign missions. The quota for the Sunday schools for the coming year for foreign missions is placed at \$60,000, and special foreign mission Sundays will be May 28th and October 29th.

The report on Sunday school work of that church for the year shows 3365 Sunday schools with an enrollment of over 370,000. Offerings to benevolent causes totaled \$455,323 by these schools. Over 1000 new schools have been organized in 20 years and 137,646 from the Sunday schools have united with the church in that time.

A Birthday Party.

On Saturday night, March 11, Miss Leila Bland Tompkins entertained a number of her friends at a party to celebrate her sixteenth birthday.

Although she attempted to keep it a secret, still her friends knew that it was her birthday and many suitable gifts were presented to her.

In spite of the bad roads, all those invited were present. But several hours were lost on account of the roads, making it about nine o'clock when the guests arrived.

The evening was spent in much pleasure and merriment, games being played and vocal and instrumental music being rendered by Dozier Tompkins and Allen Edwards.

A delicious salad course with iced tea was served by the lovely young hostess and her charming mother, Mrs. W. E. B. Tompkins.

The young people of the town are always delighted to get an invitation to this home as it is noted for its good old Southern hospitality. One of the jolliest young people present was Judge James B. Tompkins, who always holds a warm place in the hearts of the young people.

GUEST.

An Experiment in Shakespearean Scenes.

Dear Advertiser:

I cannot remember what the subject of my last letter was. So busy are all my days that from one day to the next is like a new era. Sufficient to say, however, that my last letter can not have had so high flown a subject as the one I have chosen for this week.

The U. P. S. senior class is presenting the annual play tomorrow night. This year it consists in two Shakespearean scenes, the cor scene from "The Merchant of Venice," and a scene from "Twelfth Night." This is something quite new here and I am wondering whether the typical western oil town audience will receive them stolidly, and endure the efforts of the students, or whether they will guess what they do not know, believe what they may not understand, and—enjoy them. That remains to be seen.

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I have attended so many very poor lyceums that I have through the years, come to believe that one should bring one's audience up to a high standard, rather than go purposely down to theirs.

Good things are often simple and comprehensible enough. Even though a person may not know the difference between Shakespeare and a braekfast food, he can not help but be entertained by the plot, amused by the wit, inspired by the love scenes, enlightened by the author's vast knowledge of human nature, elevated by the choice language and broadened by the new knowledge of being carried out of himself to the pompous and dignified days of yore.

To me there are few funnier things in the wide world than a dress rehearsal in which students are bedecked in the robes of state, with clanking swords at their sides and venerable grey wigs on their heads.

Even my keen sense of responsibility and deep interest does not prevent hysterical laughter when I see some awkward youth in a purple velvet robe playing the part of a judge, when he would infinitely rather be throwing goals at a basket ball game. They all look like martyrs with high ruffs around their necks and large mustaches that transform them into pirates and Italian fruit vendors.

A false mustache changes a stal-

wart foot ball player into a villainous looking character. The need for the stately manner of a Venetian court and the delicate, graceful movements befitting a palatial drawing room move them not at all. Their idea is to make Antonio a Tonkawa oil man, and the duke a western cowboy. Before the proud judge they are humble not at all, and by the most vivid stretching of the imagination, they can not see why they should bow.

The present is the burning, hurried present with them, and the past should be guided and influenced by it. Money and material wealth are the goal and ambition of the westerner, and the finesse of artistic acting is a thing that is to be neglected, if not absolutely disregarded. These characteristics are mostly true of the boys, for the girls, some of them, have an infinite capacity for taking pains, which capacity, however, does not amount to genius, as Carlyle terms it.

The would-be stately and large Antonio and the should-be prominent Bassania find the elaborately carved swords clanking at their sides much more adaptable for punching some nearby character in the side, than for unsheathing, and threatening an adversary.

I shall have to resort to the Tonkawa picture show, which goes under the elaborate name of the "Empire Theatre" for amusement when these dramatic attempts are over. I have not meant to disparage the students of the U. P. S., for they are the most kindly disposed and tractable group I have ever worked with, but I am commenting upon the attitude of modernism toward antiquity.

It is hard for the modern student to say "How much more elder thou art than thy looks" when he is accustomed to saying out here, "He is a keen looking chap." In the west the word keen has lost its former meaning of very sharp and cutting, as applied generally to an edge, and now means good looking, desirable or pleasant. More often it is a person, and not a knife that is keen. I fear for the future dictionary if usage has much to do with the good repute of a word.

FLORENCE MIMS.

March 15, 1922,

Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

Stands For Enforcing Our Laws.

Mr. Editor:

The laws of a Commonwealth or a Municipality is the highest expression of what the people are, and should in no case be modified by those in whom their enforcement is intrusted. It would be better to repeal a statute or ordinance than to ignore it. It teaches a disrespect for law, and little by little modification grows wider.

Every man and woman in Edgefield who puts the welfare of children and humanity above mere gratification of appetite, be it luxuries on Sunday or murderous drink every day, should realize the importance of the enforcement of especially Sunday and liquor laws.

A FELLOW TOWNSMAN.

Can Not Divulge Income Tax Data.

Washington, March 18.—South Carolina officials, instructed by law to collect from citizens for the use of the state one-third the amount paid by them to the federal government as income taxation, can not secure information from the government of the amounts paid.

The secretary of the treasury, as was anticipated, made such ruling today. W. R. Bradley, assistant internal revenue collector of South Carolina in Washington yesterday, inquired as to his authority to divulge information.

Answers to the government questionnaires involved in the payment of income taxes have been and will be regarded as confidential, it is explained today. This ruling will make the collections of the state tax doubly difficult, it is understood by South Carolinians here.

FOR SALE: A few quarts of morning's milk delivered every morning at 12½ cents per quart.

J. W. QUARLES.

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Stores of Trenton Robbed Early Monday Morning. Ex-Convict Killed.

Trenton, March 20.—J. C. Moore, alleged safecracker and escaped convict from the Georgia penitentiary where he was serving a sentence of 20 years, was shot and killed early this morning by Ernest Crouch while the former was in the act of opening a safe in the store of Mathis & Whitlock here, and L. K. Rawls of Columbia, alleged to have been an accomplice in the robbery, was later apprehended on the highway to Aiken and has been lodged in the Edgefield jail.

Mr. Crouch has rooms above the store (and was awakened by a noise in the store underneath). Taking his gun, he went out and Moore emerged from the store with a pistol and a flashlight. Mr. Crouch fired twice, the first load of buckshot taking effect in the left leg. The second shot proved fatal, Moore falling dead with the flashlight gripped in one hand and a pistol in the other.

The safe in the store was ready for blowing, the dial having been pried out, soap spread over the load and the fuse attached.

Prior to entrance into the Mathis & Whitlock store, the store of G. W. Wise had been entered and the safe blown open. A knife and \$50 were taken from the Wise store. The knife was found on Rawls.

Residents, awakened by the shots, gathered hurriedly and G. W. Wise, L. C. Eidson, Lewis Harrison, Hilton Duncan and J. D. Mathis, Jr., followed the track of the automobile in which a second man disappeared when Moore was shot. A heavy rain had fallen about midnight and the track was easily followed. Near Aiken and about daylight the posse came upon Rawls, his car having stuck and negroes were assisting him in his efforts to extricate the car. When arrested Rawls was armed with a large pistol and had on his person a knife later identified as having been taken from the Wise store. \$20 and a letter from a woman asking that he desist from doing certain things. Rawls claimed that he was from Augusta and denied any knowledge of the robbery at Trenton. A conductor on one of the Southern trains through here says he saw Rawls and Moore in Columbia Sunday afternoon and in Batesburg Sunday night.

While in Wise's store time was taken to eat some apples. Moore had in his pockets a jar of fuses and also a map of the surrounding country.

Mrs. Moore came to Trenton from Columbia and identified Moore. She said Moore and Rawls left Columbia together. She did not ask for the body, which will be buried by the county officials.

Until a few months ago Rawls is said to have operated a store in Batesburg, and since that time to have been making his home in Columbia.

Time to Plant Beans.

The Edgefield Produce Exchange has distributed in this section 2,000 pounds of Black Valentine Beans. It is very important that these beans be planted about the same time so that they can be packed and shipped in car lots. Nor do we wish to take a risk on having the beans killed by frost. After consulting several persons who are close observers of the seasons, we are of the opinion that it is not safe to plant them before April 5th. Therefore, we have fixed that date for planting season. Plant the beans April 5th or as soon thereafter as possible. If the acreage planted (about 20 acres) in this section is properly cultivated we will be able to load a car at a picking. Beans have to be shipped in a refrigerator car and it takes 450 to 500 hampers to load a car. There are 800 beans to the pound and if the beans are planted in rows two and one-half feet apart and the beans two inches apart in the drill, it will take 109 pounds to plant an acre. Most seed catalogs advise planting three inches in the drill. In that case 80 pounds will plant an acre. Three inches will perhaps give the best results in this section although I have seen them planted much thicker in the sections where they are grown in large quantities.

G. W. M. TAYLOR.