

## GRAND LODGE PYTHIANS HELD MEETING TUESDAY

### About Three Hundred Delegates Were in Attendance—Inter- esting and Enthusiastic Meet- ings Held—Routine Business Transacted.

The State Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias was held here Tuesday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. and closing about 7:30 p. m. The day was crowded with stirring addresses and business was transacted quickly for the convention time had been cut half in two. Usually the organization convenes for two days, but this year the time was reduced to one day.

At 10:15 a. m. Grand Chancellor Alva M. Lumpkin called the body to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. W. Blackwelder. The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. L. L. Wagnon. Response to the address of welcome was made by O. J. Bond of Charleston.

The feature of the morning session was the action of the grand lodge in authorizing the treasurer to purchase \$2,500 Liberty Bonds. The grand lodge has funds bearing 5 per cent interest and it sacrifices the loss of 1 1/2 per cent interest in order to give public expression of its loyalty and devotion to the American cause in their contention for democracy and universal peace.

The annual report of the Grand Chancellor Alva M. Lumpkin was thoughtful and thoroughly practical and enthused the grand lodge. It was on his recommendation that the grand lodge authorized the treasurer to purchase the Liberty Bonds. He recommended the operation of a home lodge. The grand lodge officials to be the officers. This lodge would enroll members of defunct lodges and keep them in good standing until they could locate permanently. He estimated the saving in suspensions to be about 1000 members each year under the plan. The grand lodge adopted the home lodge unanimously. He urged the grand lodge to increase per capita tax from 90c to \$1.00 claiming South Carolina had lowest tax in the supreme domain. This was referred to ways and means committee. The grand chancellor recommended biennial sessions of the grand lodge, and advocated the organization of lodges of Pythian sisters.

He heartily commended the Endowment rank. South Carolina has 2,400 members carrying over three million insurance. He congratulated the board of managers of the South Carolina Pythian the official organ for the excellence of the paper and its great worth to the order during the past year; the grand chancellor thought of the many young Pythians who would be called to service and he recommended legislation remitting dues on all who went to the front. This was referred to proper committee. His closing words were forceful and full of meaning. He applauded President Wilson and declared Americans would dedicate their lives for right and righteousness. Volumes of applause shook the building as he took his seat.

As a business proposition the ways and means committee recommended that the next session of the grand lodge be held at Columbia and their recommendation was unanimously adopted.

At the afternoon session the following telegram was adopted and forwarded to Washington:

"President Woodrow Wilson,  
Washington, D. C.  
"Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of South Carolina today unanimously adopted the following resolution:  
"Whereas our beloved country is at war and whereas in this time of trouble a man must be American or anti-American.  
"Be It Resolved, That the members of this body proudly proclaim their Americanism and pledges for themselves and for the ten thousand loyal Knights of this State they represent unflinching loyalty to the president and this country until America shall have won this war.

"A. M. Lumpkin,  
"D. C. Heyward,  
"H. C. Tillman,  
"Committee."  
Much disappointment was caused by the non attendance of John J. Brown, supreme chancellor, but he was represented by Supreme Representative Oneal of Florida, who addressed the lodge in a patriotic vein. He is a member of the board of control of the Endowment rank, and of which he spoke very complimentary and enthusiastically.

The grand lodge voted that the grand keeper of records and seal wire the South Carolina congressmen urging them to support all measures to prohibit the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors during the war. This resolution went through with a rush, with something like three hundred members on the floor.

The following officers were elected: Grand chancellor, W. E. Derriek of

Orangeburg; grand vice chancellor, L. J. Bristow of Columbia; grand prelate, O. J. Bond of Charleston; grand keeper of records and seal, C. D. Brown of Abbeville; master of arms, E. R. Cox of Darlington; master of exchequer, W. G. Harvey of Charleston; inner guard, W. A. Fewell of Rock Hill; outside guardian, W. G. Olant of Beaufort.

H. C. Tillman of Greenwood was elected a member of the board of publication.

The grand lodge increased the per capita tax from 90c to \$1.00. The several orphanages of the State were remembered with the usual appropriations.

The Pythians unanimously voted down the motion to hold biennial sessions.

An appropriation of \$360.00 to endow a bed for one year at the State tuberculosis camp, for the use of Pythians and members of their families. To do this there was an additional levy of 5c per capita to Dec. 31 made.

Reports of the various officers were satisfactory financially and otherwise. A pleasing incident of the convention was when J. C. Petty, known throughout the State as "the blind Pythian," was introduced and delivered an inspiring address. Of Mr. Petty it was said by Judge Brown: "He is the greatest example of joy and happiness I have ever seen."

Another pleasing incident, near the close of the convention was when Grand Chancellor Lumpkin seated himself at the piano and played "My Country 'Tis of Thee," the whole convention of 300 men joining in the singing of the hymn.

D. O. K. K. in High Feather.

The D. O. K. K. were everywhere in evidence and the town was turned over to them. A number of these, aforesaid Knights drove down Main street seated upon a large wagon loaded with cord wood drawn by a couple of mules; one or two trembling candidates rode in the midst of the fierce looking Knights. It is presumed that they were making their way to the awful sacrifice where these trembling probationers were to be offered up. This was a sort of side issue for the Main street stunts began at noon and continued until the street parade at 6:30 p. m.

Two members of the Union bar, now fallen into the state of Tyros, were chained to a telephone pole near the Citizens National Bank building, and, grievously terrified, awaited their doom. A sturdy policeman, shorn of his power, sat upon the street corner, blacking shoes. "Bad Mike" is some shoe shine. Another tyro sat in front of Nicholson Bank and Trust Co. and laboriously dipped water from one pot emptying it into another, while his guard stood over him to see the work well done. Quite a number of the trembling Tyros were "sent up in a balloon," which was a net suspended to a hoop and hoisted to the top of a telephone pole. The trembling Tyro, clinging to a rope, finally must needs turn loose and fall, and in falling was caught by the net underneath. This was a right frightful business, judging from the trembling which seized upon "Red Kirby." He appeared to be right smart scared, as were all the rest who made this skyward journey. These and many other "fearful" stunts were pulled off on the candidates.

After the street parade, in which more than a score of Tyros marched, tied together with ropes, the festivities took on the nature of a sumptuous banquet served in the rooms of the Elks' club.

### AN ENTERTAINMENT.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, May 29th, the Baptist missionary society of the Jonesville church will give the play entitled "The Old Peabody Pew." Admission: 10 and 15 cents.

The characters are as follows:  
Mrs. Baxter, the minister's wife—Mrs. R. E. Littlejohn.  
Mrs. Burbanks, president of the Dorcas Society—Mrs. J. T. Scott.  
Mrs. Miller, wife of Deacon Miller, the sexton—Mrs. J. D. Whitmire.  
Mrs. Sargent, a village historian—Mrs. R. C. Coleman.

The Widow Buzzell, willing to take a second risk—Mrs. G. E. Brown.  
Miss Lobelia Brewster, who is no lover of men—Mrs. W. P. Leister.  
Miss Maria Sharp, quick of speech, sound of heart—Mrs. W. W. Wood.  
Cindy, the faithful maid—Mrs. R. B. Koger.

Miss Nancy Wentworth, who has waited for her romance ten years—Miss Carra Springfield.  
Justin Peabody, sole living claimant to the old Peabody Pew—Mr. Julian Lipscomb.

### FRESH BEANS.

Mrs. J. A. Lowe, living at Otteray, had delicious string beans from her own garden this week and will soon have many more such delicacies. This is the first gathering of beans in the county, as far as we know.

## Your Country Calls You!

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the  
Medical Department, apply to  
Dr. Theodore Maddox.

### GIRLS' RECITATION CONTEST

To Be Held at Union High School Friday Evening—Interesting Program for the Occasion.

The girls' recitation contest for the Brannon medal will be held in the high school auditorium Friday evening, May 25. The public is cordially invited to attend. An interesting feature of the occasion will be the presiding over the meeting by Miss Willie Hawkins, the winner of this medal last year. The following is the program for the evening:

Motion song by sixth grade girls.  
"My Sister's Best Fellow"—Miss Olive Mae Pollard.  
"My City Cousin"—Miss Alice Arthur.  
"Toot Makes a Match"—Miss Viola Trogdon.  
"One Legged Goose"—Miss Myrtle Parks.  
Music.  
"Aunt Keturah's Visit to the City"—Miss Lois Morris.  
"Reveries in Church"—Miss Estelle Haile.  
"Mrs. Miriam Puffer's Silver Wedding"—Miss Japima Wilburn.  
"The Widow's Revenge"—Miss Bernice Douglas.  
Music.  
Delivery of Brannon medal.

### UNION BOYS STILL ENLISTING.

Sam Leake, for several years with the Stone-Jones Hardware Co. here, has enlisted with the Jonesville Coast Artillery company. Mr. Leake is one of Union's finest young fellows, and has made a wide circle of friends for himself since locating in Union.

Mr. James Bruce, who has for several years been employed at the Battery, has also joined the Jonesville Coast Artillery company. He is a young man, alert, attentive to business and has many friends in the community.

Spurgeon Moss, son of Mr. A. B. Moss, of Union, and Broadus Eison, son of Mr. Theo. Eison, of near Union have also enlisted under Capt. Ellerbe. Both these bright young fellows will be missed, but their patriotism and willingness to serve the country is a cause for congratulation.

### DEATH OF MRS. MARY E. BROWN.

Mrs. Mary E. Brown died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida Long, near Ninety-Nine Islands, Cherokee county, at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Brown was in her 83rd year, she was the widow of the late J. G. Brown, and her maiden name was Mary E. Davis. She was a native of this county. She had six brothers to serve for the full four years in the late war and every one of them lived to return home after the war.

She leaves two sons, J. A. Brown of Union and J. D. Brown of near Jonesville, and one daughter, Mrs. Long, at whose home she died.

For many years she was a consistent member of the Methodist church and her Christian life was beautiful. The burial was at New Hope church Thursday.

### HELP DO THIS THING.

On Sunday next, May 27, at 11 o'clock in the morning, Rev. Wm. P. Jacobs, D. D., will preach in the First Presbyterian church. Dr. Jacobs is the founder and president of Thornwell orphanage at Clinton, S. C. It may be that no one in South Carolina has ever done a nobler work for God. He has fed, clothed and trained several thousand orphan boys and girls, who have had no earthly father but him. Dr. Jacobs has now over 300 children to feed, and fit for life. Several of these are from Union and Union county. It costs now \$100.00 a year to feed one of the children. It would be a sweet way for Union to show our appreciation of him to get up \$50.00, a half year's support for one of our Union orphans and give it to Dr. Jacobs on Sunday. He knows nothing of this suggestion; he was scheduled to preach the commencement sermon for Clifford seminary, and we just had to have him anyway. It is probably his last visit to Union. We invite all whose duties allow them, to come, and if any can not attend who would like to send an offering I will take it for him, and give it to him in the giver's name.

J. F. Matheson.

### MISS WATSON AT HOSPITAL.

Miss Sarah P. Watson, of the faculty of Coker college, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at the Florence hospital.

Miss Watson's friends in this city will be pleased to hear of her rapid convalescence.

### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

The William Wallace chapter, U. D. C., offered a medal to the high school pupil writing the best essay on "The Cause of the War Between the States" and the presentation was made Friday evening at the auditorium.

The stage was decorated with Confederate flags and crimson roses and seated there were the officers of the chapter, Prof. Davis Jeffries, Rev. L. W. Blackwelder, Col. T. C. Duncan and Col. T. B. Butler of Gaffney, who delivered the literary address.

The medal was won by Miss Viola Trogdon, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Trogdon and presented to her by Col. T. C. Duncan in behalf of the chapter. Miss Trogdon read her essay to the audience and it was a splendid piece of work.

The Children of the Confederacy also offered a medal to the pupil of the Central school, writing the best essay on "Albert Sydney Johnston." Mrs. J. W. Mixson, the directress, presented the presidents of the chapters, Misses Leonora Arthur and Roberta Wallace to the audience and they delivered the medal to the successful contestant, Clough Wallace. C. G. Humphries was such a close second that Mrs. Mixson presented him a beautifully bound copy of "Southern Heroes."

The music for the evening was furnished by Miss Beatrice Wilburn's pupils and was very pleasing.

### MUSICAL FOR JUNE BRIDES.

Mrs. B. F. Alston, Jr., entertained at a delightful musical on Saturday afternoon in compliment to Misses Louisa Duncan and Vivian Sarratt, whose approaching marriages are creating such cordial interest.

The home was fragrant with roses, baskets of Dorothy Perkins blossoms making a pleasing decoration.

Mrs. J. F. Walker and Miss Lutie Jordan sang selections and Misses Mary Jones, Edith Smith, Theo Young and Vivian Sarratt gave instrumental numbers. The brides were each presented with a dainty piece of lingerie and the hostess served ices and cake, assisted by Mrs. Frost Walker and Miss Maude Garner.

### BONDS NOT SOLD.

The Union township commission did not sell the good roads bonds Tuesday, the day set for the sale of the bonds, the reason being that no bid was at par carrying 5 per cent; the bids did not come within the limits prescribed by the bill.

### SCHOOL CLOSING.

The Black Rock school, taught this year by Mrs. S. A. Jeter, principal, and Miss Olive Richardson, assistant, will close June 1st. On Saturday, June 2nd, we will have a picnic at the school house. All are invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

### BRIAN BELL PROMOTED.

Brian Bell, for several years news editor of the Columbia State, has been promoted to be city editor. Mr. Bell is one of the brightest, most energetic newspaper men of this State and his promotion is a deserved one. He has an almost limitless capacity for hard work and his work is of a high order. W. R. Bradford succeeds Mr. Bell as news editor.

### LARGE SHIPMENT OF TIN CANS.

The Union Chamber of Commerce has ordered 50,000 tin cans to be used for canning purposes this season. These cans will be sold at about cost, and will be handled by R. P. Harry at the Farmers' Bonded Warehouse, or they may be obtained through Miss Aisie Smith, A. B. Carwile or B. F. Alston, Jr. They must be paid for spot cash and bought in quantities of not less than 100. Several families may, however, combine to purchase the 100 lot. This movement is intended to aid in the matter of increasing the canning of fruits and vegetables this season.

### NOTICE, MASONS!

A special communication of Union Lodge, No. 75, A. F. M., will be held on Friday night, May 25, at 8 o'clock. Hon. Geo. T. Bryan, of Greenville, Past Grand Master, and Dr. Van Smith, District Deputy Grand Master, will be present. The M. M. degree will be conferred and these gentlemen will preside. All adjoining lodges are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served. L. C. Wharton, Ben. L. Berry, W. M. Secretary.

## AMERICAN NAVY HELPING TO CUT SUBMARINE TOLL

### JIM HUNTER STANDS MARINE EXAMINATION

Columbia Boy Recently Graduated From Clemson as Cadet Captain Goes to Charleston.

James E. Hunter, Jr., will leave this afternoon for Charleston to appear before an examining board at the United States navy yard preparatory to entering the marine corps.

Mr. Hunter was graduated recently, being among those whose graduation was hastened in order that they might offer their services to their country. He made an enviable record at Clemson and the college authorities have given him the highest recommendation. His great popularity among the cadets is shown in his having been manager of the football team and by the cordial manner in which they refer to "Jim" Hunter.

Capt. Hunter is the only son of Capt. James E. Hunter of Union, who commanded the Union company during the Spanish-American war. He is a grandson of Mrs. Caroline S. Gibbs, with whom he lives at 1228 Hampton street.—The State.

### QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of second division Union association was held with Philip church. There are four churches in this division, only three have societies. Representatives from six organizations responded to roll call. The reports were all good.

Mrs. R. M. Hendley talked on "Woman's Work." Mrs. H. O. Holcomb, "Requirement of a Good Society." "I Gave My Life for Thee," was sung.

After an hour's intermission the program was taken up. Mrs. J. F. Caudle led the devotional. A paper on "Spiritual Development" was read by Miss Lillie Douglas and Miss Eunice Thomson made an interesting talk on "The Worth of W. Y. A." Mrs. R. E. White gave a splendid talk on "R. A. Work; subject, "Whose Son is the Stripling?"

We had a good meeting. Adjourned to meet with Lockhart church third Sunday in July.

### U. D. C. MEETING.

The William Wallace chapter, U. D. C., will meet Monday afternoon, May 28, with Mrs. W. B. Todd, at Buffalo and the assistant hostesses will be Mrs. C. P. Johnson, Mrs. Bobo Sparks, Mrs. J. C. Swygert.

The election of officers will be held and all the members are urged to attend as this is the last meeting before the chapter closes for the summer months.

### MOTHER GOOSE PLAY.

The people of Otteray were invited to witness a "Mother Goose" play on Thursday evening given by the school children and directed by the teachers, Miss Maude Garner, Mrs. C. R. Robertson and Mrs. O. L. P. Jackson. The stage was erected on the school lawn and brilliantly lighted and tiers of seats were placed for the audience and it was a large and interested crowd that gathered to witness the play.

The opening song was sung by the whole school and together they sang Reed Miller's "Carolina."

Flage recitation, Roy Brown. Flag drill by first grade boys and flower drill by 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade girls.

"The Quarrel," a duet by Simeon Jolly and Nellie Jackson.

Scout drill by 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade boys.

Prologue to Mother Goose play, Viola Turner.

The cast of characters as follows: Mother Goose, Frankie Franklin. Red Riding Hood, Lily Franklin. Georgie Fergie, Simeon Jolly. Old Woman, Malinda Turner. Baby Bunting, Alberta Gilbert. Jack Horner, Yancey Puckett. Willie Winkle, James Sanders. Tom, the Piper's Son, Roy Garner. Mother Hubbard, Louise Elmore. Bo-Peep, Janette Padgett. Miss Muffett, Agnes Bramlett. Little Boy Blue, Fred Sins. Good-Night little girls with dolls.

Red Riding Hood, Ethel Lowe. "Good-Night Ladies," sung by 12 little girls in nighties with candles.

The entertainment was delightful and showed thorough training of the children.

### ENLISTS IN NAVY.

Eugene Gilbert, son of Mr. J. W. Gilbert, has enlisted in the U. S. navy and is already at Newport, Rhode Island, where he is in training. He has already stood several of his examinations and will soon be through with them and will then be sent elsewhere.

Young Gilbert has many friends in Union who expect great things of him. He is a young man of sterling character.

Miss Pearl Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Jonesville, will graduate May 23 from Limestone college, Gaffney.

### With Allied Navies Working Together, Weekly Report Shows Only 18 Large Ships and 12 Smaller Ones Sunk—New Methods in Operation.

London, May 23.—The sinking of 18 merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons is reported in the weekly shipping statement. Nine vessels of less than 1,600 tons and three fishing vessels also were sunk.

The statement follows: "For the week ending Sunday: "Arrivals, all nationalities, 2,664; sailings, 2,759.

"British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over sunk by mine or submarine, 18; under 1,600 tons, 9.

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, 9.

"British fishing vessels sunk, three." This week's figures show that the allied navies are keeping up the good work of the previous fortnight and the American unit, although still a small one, shares the credit for excellent work. Not only are the sinkings being kept at a fairly low figure but the offensive against u-boats also continues to show favorable results. The actual figures in this respect, however, are not announced.

The British admiralty this week wears a pleased smile at the mention of the submarine campaign, for the results of the naval work in the past two weeks are regarded as really indicating an important victory over the Germans. The German naval people throughout the early months of the ruthless u-boat war freely predicted that England would be "on her knees" by June 1 and gloomy pictures were painted of grim famine certain by that date for the people of Great Britain and France.

June 1 is almost here and German victory in the submarine warfare seems as far distant as ever. There has been a constant improvement in the methods of the allies in opposing and suppressing u-boat activity and these methods have become more and more successful with longer days and finer weather and increasing familiarity on the part of the skippers of merchantmen with the methods of naval control.

An admiralty official, speaking to the Associated Press, said: "The American destroyers are playing no small part in the anti-submarine war and our officers have expressed the greatest enthusiasm at the spirit, enterprise, acumen and quick wittedness with which the American unit has taken up its work. The Americans are already thoroughly conversant with our methods and we hope that they soon will begin teaching us some new angles. Of course there is little to be said to the public regarding the methods. But thus far we are working on the principle that there is no royal road to success against u-boats. Hard work and infinite pains is our recipe. It is the old American doctrine of keeping everlastingly at it.

"The Germans, who at first said they would strip us of our tonnage by June 1, have now advanced the date to October and we are confident that when October comes they will be under the same necessity of advancing the date again."

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### TO PROMOTE RAISING OF STOCK IN UNION COUNTY

Dr. W. W. Long, of Clemson college, visited Union last Friday for the purpose of interesting the farmers in the breeding of horses and mules, as it is felt that this matter, as well as the raising of pigs and calves, needs to be stressed. The yearly importation of horses and mules for the State of South Carolina is something like ten million dollars, about the same sum that is annually spent for importing flour to the State.

Mr. J. O. Williams, a live stock specialist of Clemson college, and whose salary is paid by the federal government, will be here in a few days to make a canvass of the county in the interest of this cause. He will canvass the county in company with Mr. A. B. Carwile, county farm demonstrator.

The handsome electric sign erected across Main street for the visiting Knights of Pythias was the handiwork of Mr. R. A. Easterling and his helpers, and is quite a fine piece of work. This large sign could be read from any part on Main street from the courthouse to Church street crossing. "Welcome Knights," in large, blazing letters, greeted the eye of all beholders.

Misses Annice Crosby and Estelle Teague will spend the week-end in Columbia with friends.