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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Memorial Day Fittingly Observed—Chapter D. A. R. to be Organized—Mothers Day Observed.

Memorial day was observed here on Friday the 9th, in order that the veterans of camp McHenry might accept an invitation extended them for the 10th, by the Edgefield chapter, D. of C. Upon invitation from the Mary Ann Buie chapter, Dr. J. R. Sevier, pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Augusta was present to deliver the address. The exercises took place in the afternoon and a line of march was formed at 4 o'clock at the Confederate monument composed of the veterans of camp McHenry, headed by Judge J. G. Mobley who bore the flag; the 11 grades of the High School, each led by the teacher, and lastly, the members of the chapter. Each child bore a wreath and a banner. The procession marched to the school auditorium where the exercises were held. The opening song was "All saints, who from their labors rest," followed by prayer by Rev. E. C. Bailey, Edgefield. "They'll never march again," was sung by 12 young maidens. Crosses of honor were given to 5 veterans, the presentation being made by Mrs. Lillie Sale Andrews, and Mrs. Angeline Bacon bestowed upon her nephew, Mr. Wigfall Cheatbaul, the cross of honor won by her distinguished husband, Col. Thomas Bacon. The speaker, Dr. Sevier was introduced by Mr. Bailey, and the marked attention that was given him as he spoke, showed how appreciatively his discourse was received. At the conclusion he was presented with a beautiful basket of red and white flowers by Mrs. James White, in the name of the chapter. "The old camp ground," was sung by 8 young men, Messrs. Boyd, W. F. Scott, F. S., and Avery Bland, W. E. LaGrone, Hiliary Grant, Howard Payne and Dr. J. A. Dobby. Following this a tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Camilla Blacklock, of Edgefield, and Mrs. W. D. Woodward of this place, resolutions being read, the audience standing, and "Nearer my God to thee" was softly played. The singing of "Shall we gather at the river," concluded the exercises, and the garlands were gathered up by the children and carried to Mt. of Olives cemetery nearby and the graves of the hero dead were decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Julian Harris and children, of Denning, Ga., visited the latter's mother, Mrs. P. N. Lott, recently.

Mrs. Earle Mish, who has been spending awhile here at the home of her brother Dr. Page Nelson Keese has gone to Virginia to spend the summer months.

Miss Sallie Bettis of Trenton, has been the guest of Miss Elise Crouch.

Mr. J. K. Allen, Master John, Jr., and Miss Mary Lewis, of Meeting Street, were guests at the home of Mrs. Willie Tompkins on Wednesday.

Mr. Grady Satcher who has had a position in Florida, is at home for a while. His friends gladly welcome him home.

Mr. James Inman, of Georgetown, is visiting at the home of his kinsman, Mrs. James Turner.

Mrs. Fannie Pratt Andrews who has been teaching at St. Paul, N. C., is here for the summer.

Capt. and Mrs. P. B. Waters are visiting their daughter Mrs. Phillips, at Springfield.

During the month of June, a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be organized here, and any one wishing blanks should apply immediately to Mrs. James White. It is through Mrs. White that this is being effected, and she has invited Mrs. Mayes, of Greenville, the state regent, to be present and organize, which she has consented to do. Twelve members are required to effect the organization, and more than this number have already made application.

On Thursday morning Mrs. M. R. Wright entertained a party of friends, and the affair was one that gave pleasure to all who enjoyed her hospitality. The pretty rooms of this home were made more attractive with quantities of roses, different colors being used, and the highest score was won by Mrs. W. A. Mobley, and the prize a pair of

white silk hose was presented to her. Following the game a temptingly arranged luncheon was served, hand embroidered covers being used on the tables. Mrs. Wright was assisted by her sister, Miss Luella Norris.

Sunday was "Mother's Day" and "Cradle Roll Day" at the Baptist church, and the regular time for Sunday school was devoted to this observance. This department is under the supervision of Mrs. James White, with Mrs. O. D. Black as assistant. The exercises were very beautiful and impressive, and white carnations, mother's flower, were used in the decorations. Conspicuous was the cradle and over it hovered a pure white dove. On the first page of the program, was the picture of little Ben Lee Allen, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Allen, he being the first member of the cradle roll of this Sunday school. Following is the program:

Chorus, "Sunday school army" 24 children.

Prayer, Mr. B. L. Reames.

Chorus, "Tis mother's day."

Greetings, Frances Lott.

Welcome from cradle roll, calling of roll and presenting each with a white carnation.

Chorus, "Precious mother."

Scripture reading, Mrs. S. J. Watson, superintendent.

Vocal duet, "I'll be good mother," John Howard Black and Marion Boyd.

"God's kiss," reading, Miss Virginia Courtney.

Chorus, "God of our mothers."

"Ten little lights," given by Helen Walker, Marion Turner, Lois Collins, Elma Collins, Elizabeth Wright, Mona Collins, Mary May, Ella Fannie Mobley, Cora May and Pearl Witt.

Vocal duet, "Follow Jesus," Laurie and Thomas Hoyt.

Recitation "But one mother," Martha Reese.

Vocal duet, "Entreat me not to leave thee," cantata of Ruth. Misses Pet LaGrone and Marion Mobley.

Duet, "Jesus loves baby," Mary Walker and Elliot Lewis.

Reading, "Mother," Mrs. Joseph Herlong.

Instrumental solo, "The old mother," Miss Angelle Andrews.

Vocal duet, "The white carnation" Mrs. Lucia Latimer and Miss Sarah Carwile.

Chorus, "Beyond and to-day"

Mr. Theodore Marsh received the car last week, which he won through the State, and will soon be a skilled driver. He is showing his appreciation to those who gave him aid in the contest, by many nice drives.

Misses Nina Ouzts and Oriana Cartledge Mr. Wilmot Ouzts and Dr. G. D. Walker, made a car trip to Augusta and Teville, Ga., the last of the week.

A Good Pledge for Some Edgefield Men.

The following very unique pledge for 80 years ago is recorded on the fly leaf of an old record book in the court house at Bennettsville:

"Robert Bristow affirms on his honor that on Monday next and after until Christmas next he will not drink one drop of spirits and after Christmas holidays are over, which shall not be more than two days, not to take another drop until July the 4, 1834, and under all circumstances not to drink spirits only at 4th of July and Christmas holidays. Witness my hand, November 2, 1833.

(Signed) "Robt. Bristow"

"Witness: E. L. Henegan, "Shff. M. Dc."

J. S. Smith Heads Doorkeepers of Upper House.

Washington, May 7.—J. S. Smith of Edgefield, who has been an assistant doorkeeper on the senate side of the capitol for some time, has been temporarily made captain of the force during the illness of Capt. Harrison of Mississippi. This Edgefield man is about six feet two inches tall, weighs out 250 pounds, has every appearance of having come from "Fighting Edgefield" and will probably give battle to any stray visitor going around his end of the capitol ring executive sessions of the senate. He will be the "boss" of the glory doorkeepers until the return of the regular man.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Daughters of the Confederacy Observed Memorial Day—Dinner in Honor of the Veterans.

Through the efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy Memorial day was fittingly observed in Edgefield last Saturday. All of the veterans in the county were invited to be guests of the Edgefield chapter and a sumptuous picnic dinner was served in their honor on the lawn of the Baptist church. After lingering under the oaks for an hour or more, chatting in a reminiscent vein, the veterans, Daughters and a large number of citizens assembled in the court house for the memorial exercises. A committee of women had tastily decorated the court room in evergreen and the Confederate colors for the occasion.

Capt. N. G. Evans acted as master of ceremonies. After an appropriate song, in which the voices of the old and the young united in one grand chorus, the exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. R. Walker. The first number on the program was a recitation entitled "The Jacket of Gray," by Miss Ella Croft of Aiken. This was followed by a solo, "They Sleep on the Field of Battle," by Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse. Another recitation, "Yes, They Love us Still in Dixie," by Miss Ruth Tompkins, was effectively rendered.

Capt. Evans presented the following with crosses of honor which Mrs. J. D. Holstein, the president had secured for veterans: N. L. Branson, W. S. G. Heath, J. W. Cheatham, J. A. Stevens, P. B. Watts and J. O. Quarles.

Gen. C. Irvine Walker of Charleston, the orator of the occasion, was presented by Capt. Evans. After referring, with emphasis, to the self-sacrifice and devotion of the mothers of the Confederacy, Gen. Walker commended the daughters for keeping alive the memory of those who sacrificed themselves for their country. He urged the veterans to attend the general reunion which is soon to be held at Chattanooga.

In speaking of the individuality of the Confederate soldier, Gen. Walker referred to the ante bellum environment which made true men of those who wore the gray, fitting them for gallant service on the battlefield. He also paid a tribute to the Union soldiers who were actuated by principle. Gen. Walker concluded by reading a poem which was found on the grave of a Confederate soldier in Augusta in 1887. At the close of Gen. Walker's address a collection was taken for the Shiloh monument fund and at the conclusion of the exercises in the court house garlands and flowers were placed upon the graves of veterans in the cemetery.

The following veterans were present:

J. A. Stevens

Dr. Walter Nicholson

J. W. Horne

A. R. Nicholson

J. C. Whitlock

B. F. Sharpton

G. M. Dorn

Simpson DeVore

C. M. Williams

M. C. Whitlock

J. R. Hart

J. N. Griffin

W. H. Timmerman

G. M. Timmerman

W. S. Covar

O. J. Prince

M. A. Mims

M. W. Clark

H. W. Dobby

P. B. Day

Joe Brunson, Aiken

L. S. Asbill

J. E. Doolittle

J. W. Payne

G. A. Adams

John Brunson

W. T. Kinnaird

J. C. Mayson

H. F. Green

J. C. Buzhardt

G. M. Boswell

W. M. Corley

J. D. Eidson

J. G. Mobley

Sam Hughes

Milton Watson

N. L. Broadwater

W. A. Cartledge

H. W. Eubanks

P. B. Waters

Whitfield Glausier

Silas Yonce

M. W. Posey

John Perry.

The foregoing list was made after the veterans assembled in the court house. If any names are not given, the omission is due to the fact that they were not present at the time the names were recorded.

Cleora Farmers Are Up With Their Work and Have Gone Fishing. Death of Mr. Christie.

We are still dry, are through planting cotton, but on account of the dry weather and cool nights none has come up to a stand and it is too dry to plant corn where the land has been prepared, and where it has not been prepared it is too hard to plow.

The oat crop is the best we have had since 1902 with us, but the grain will be light unless it rains soon. Wheat is not so good.

While waiting for rain nearly everybody is fishing. There is hardly a night that there is not a crowd camped on Moultrie's pond. They come from Johnston to Plum Branch. Some catch enough to eat while there, and some catch none. A crowd went down to the mouth of Beaver Dam last week and camped a day and night. They caught very few on the hooks but succeeded in shooting as many as they eat. One of the party shot 16 pounds of trout. It is thought that some persons have used dynamite as several dead fish have been seen in Moultrie's pond. It is a pity but they can not be found out and prosecuted.

This community was saddened last week by the death of one of its oldest citizens, Mr. M. A. Christie, who died Friday morning after two weeks' illness. He was about 77 years old, fought through the 4 years of the war and was severely wounded in the face. There was no more gallant soldier in the Confederate army. He is survived by 3 sons and two daughters who are all grown.

Mrs. Pearce Thomas who has been quite sick with pneumonia is improving. We are glad to hear that she is out of danger.

Rev. J. T. Littlejohn preached at the Brunson school house yesterday at 3 o'clock. The congregation was small as most of the neighbors had gone to the funeral of Mr. Christie.

Our school will close some time during this month. By consolidating the small schools, having 2 teachers and voting a 3 mill extra tax, our school term has been changed from 3 months to 7 and we hope next year to run it 8 months. Cleora, S. C. Subscriber.

Actively Planning For The High School.

The board of trustees are taking active steps looking to the opening of the High School early in the fall. As soon as the S. C. I. closes the session and vacates the property the college building will be so changed as to meet the requirements of the High School. At a recent meeting the principal or superintendent and several teachers were elected for next session. Major T. J. Lyon was unanimously chosen as superintendent at a salary of \$1,200. He is well qualified for the duties of the position. He graduated with distinction from the Citadel in 1905 and has since that time been a member of the faculty of the S. C. I., filling the position of commandant as well as teaching.

Five other teachers, Mrs. H. N. Greener, Miss Grace Tompkins, Miss Hortense Padgett, Mrs. W. C. Tompkins and Miss Mamie Dunovant have been elected. The first four named have been teaching in the graded school for several years and have proven over and over again their efficiency. Electing them for another term is no experiment. While doubtless they have failed to please all of the patrons of the school, pray where would you find any mortal on this mundane sphere who could please everybody, especially everybody in Edgefield. Miss Mamie Dunovant has been a student at Winthrop college for the past four years and has made a splendid record. Within a few short weeks she will graduate with honors. The board acted wisely in electing her as one of the graded school teachers.

Corner Stone of Bailey Institute Building Laid at Greenwood.

Greenwood, May 10.—Special—In the presence of one thousand people the corner-stone of the Bailey Military Institute was laid last evening with the Ancient Masonic ceremonies, Past Grand Master, J. L. Michie, of Darlington, presiding and delivering at the conclusion of the ceremonies a masterful address. Col. F. N. K. Bailey, the faculty and Col. Bailey's family, together with eighty cadets, came up in two special coaches on the Southern railway Friday afternoon.

Following an exhibition drill on the square the cadets marched to the site of the new Bailey Military Institute. The officers of the Greenwood Educational Association, the organization which is building the school building, Mayor J. A. Marshall, councilmen, the faculty and others preceded the cadets in carriages. It was an inspiring sight. In addition to the impressive Masonic ceremonies, the exercises were made more impressive by the earnest opening prayer by President John O. Wilson and an earnest closing prayer by Dr. Ernest J. Smith, the new pastor of South Main Street Baptist church.

Last night at Magnolia street school twelve picked men from the cadets drilled for a prize, a five dollar gold piece. The winner was A. Kilgore, of Orlando, Fla., with J. Patrick, of McNeill, S. C., winner of second honor. Following this the cadets were given a reception on the school lawn. The cadets are enjoying themselves today as guests of the town. This afternoon they attended Memorial Day exercises at the Methodist church and left at half past seven o'clock for Edgefield.

The Greatest Pasture Grass Known.

There may be some excuse for the dislike which the average farmer shows for grass, so long as he raises cotton and nothing else; but the day of all the all-cotton farmer ends with the entrance of the boll-weevil, even where it has not ended before. We need more real pasture grass in the south. There is land enough producing broomedge, briars and weeds, or lying bare and gradually washing away, if made into real pastures to grow ten times the cattle now produced in the cotton states. Fortunately we have the ideal grass for these lands. Not alone that, but it is the best pasture grass known, all these things considered. It will stand more tramping, more dry weather and produce more feed on rich or thin lands than any other pasture grass. The south should reap a great gain from its Bermuda grass, but generally it is despised and avoided, when it should be regarded as our best friend. There is an excuse for not wanting it in the corn and cotton fields, but there is no sort of an excuse for not putting it in what we now call pastures, for if given a good start it will turn these waste lands into profit-producing fields. Bermuda grass will not produce as much grazing on poor land as on rich, not by a great deal; but it will grow everywhere in the south, and will soon take and hold any soil if once put on and the weeds, briars and brush kept down until it covers the ground. With an abundance of lands that are not yielding a profit, which will make pastures, and the best pasture grass known, especially adapted to our conditions, there is no earthly excuse for the almost universal absence of good pastures in the south. No section has a combination which will beat bur clover and Bermuda grass, and these will grow anywhere in the south. If we do not have pastures, it is simply because we do not want them.—Progressive Farmer.

The wife of a prominent Judge was making arrangements with the colored laundress of the village to take charge of their washing for the summer. Now, the Judge was pompous and extremely fat. He tipped the scales at 800 pounds. "Missus" said the woman. "I'll do your washing, but I see ter charge you double for your husband's shirts." "What is your reason for that, Nancy?" questioned the mistress. "Well, said the laundress, I don't mind washing for an ordinary man, but I draws the line on circus tents, I sho' do."

WHITE TOWN SCHCOL.

Very Elaborate Closing Exercises—Profitable Session—Teachers Receive Well Merited Praise.

Well, Mr. Editor, as I haven't seen anything from this section in a good while I decided that I would try to give you a few dots.

One of the most notable happenings of our town of late was the magnificent closing exercises of our school which were held Friday afternoon May 2, from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. Long before sundown the crowd began to come in from every direction. Some estimated the crowd at 1,000. It was unquestionably the largest crowd that we have ever seen at a country school entertainment.

At the beginning of the exercises the children were marched out on the stage which was decorated most beautifully. The opening prayer was made by brother B. H. Covington and then came the opening song by the children, who were still standing on the stage, accompanied by music on the piano by Miss Essie Bussey, the assistant teacher. Then came the recitations, dialogues, tableaux, drills and other exercises too numerous to mention. Among the dialogues, "Just from Pumpkin Ridge" and "Hans Von Smash" were splendid, and of the tableaux "Eeres and the Seasons" and the guardian angel were the best. The several drills were splendid. The exercises were the best that have ever been held at our school, and probably at any other school for miles around us, which speaks well for our teachers who never tired of teaching and training for the exercises. Our principal, Miss Carrie Talbert, is known the county over as a teacher, having taught at Rehoboth, Parksville, here and many other places and she never failed to have the school offered her again after the first term. She has taught 3 terms at our school and has been offered the school for another term, and although she has had offers of schools here of late, she has given us the assurance that if she teaches anywhere another term she will teach for us. This is our assistant teacher's first term but she has made good her record so far, and her work of the past session bids fair for her to become one of our most successful teachers. She also has been offered the school another session and we have every reason to believe that she will teach for us again also. She is still with us teaching music and is to remain with us two months. Our school is considered one of the best country schools of the county and we have every reason for being proud of that honor and of the teachers who have raised it on such a high plane.

Our crops are needing rain very badly now, the oats especially.

Grain as a rule is very sorry. Mr. J. D. White has the best oats we have seen in this section.

Our woods are full of saw mills now, there being six in whistling distance of each other. The latest one to move in is Mr. H. C. Gibson of Chester, S. C., who has also brought his family to live with us.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Borden, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. White and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Riddlehoover visited at the home of Mr. W. L. Riddlehoover recently.

Mr. R. P. Holiday was visiting his father Mr. W. R. Holiday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Riddlehoover spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Long of Rehoboth Thursday.

Mrs. F. P. White and Mrs. Daniel White spent the day with Mrs. Luther Riddlehoover last Thursday. Patron.

Agent for Carolina Cannerns.

I desire to notify the people of Edgefield county that I am agent for the Carolina canner. I have two sizes, 24 48 capacity, which sell for \$12 and \$24, respectively. Will be pleased to sell you one for home use. I have used one for the past five years and it has given perfect satisfaction. If you will drop me a card further information will be furnished. J. H. Bussey, Modoc, S. C., R. F. D. 5-7-14.