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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Observed Lee and Jackson Day. Death of Mrs. Seigler. Apollo Music Club Met With Miss Zena Payne.

Lee and Jackson day was observed here by the Mary Ann Buie chapter, D. of C., on last Friday afternoon, the occasion being held in the home of Mrs. J. A. Dozier. The chapter historian, Mrs. O. D. Black opened the meeting with the Ritual, and a most appropriate and interesting program was given: Chorus "Maryland my Maryland," chapter; paper, "Robert E. Lee," Miss Zena Payne; "The generosity of Lee," Mrs. E. S. Ivy; vocal solo, Mrs. F. M. Boyd; "Last office of Lee," Mrs. Harriet Kenny; "Life of Jackson," Mrs. H. W. Crouch; piano solo, Miss Sallie Dozier; "Jackson the soldier," Mrs. J. R. Kelly; poem, "Under the shade of the trees," Miss Clara Sawyer; song, "Stonewall Jackson's prayer," Mrs. James White. A short while was spent socially and the hostess assisted by Mesdames W. P. Yonce and J. D. Bartley served fragrant hot coffee with whipped cream, sandwiches and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Boatwright entertained a number of relatives with a spend-the-day party, last Thursday.

Miss Lilla Courtney of Leesville, and Mrs. Mattie Toney of Graniteville, have been guests of Mrs. J. M. Turner.

Mr. Zobel of Newberry has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Willie Yonce.

Mrs. Bettie Ready has gone to Americus, Ga., for a two months stay with her sister.

During the week of prayer that was observed recently here by the women of the Baptist mission society the offering amounted to \$65.

Mrs. J. A. Dohy has been quite sick for the past week or more.

Miss Lela Oppenheimer of Richmond, Va., and Miss Martha Watson these two being class mates at Hollins institute. On Friday evening Miss Watson complimented her friends with a 6 o'clock dinner, and twelve were gathered around the festive board.

On Friday evening the movies which have shown here for the past month at the opera house were given under the management of the Mary Ann Buie chapter, the manager allowing the organization half of the door receipts. The popular price of 10 cents was used and one ticket was given to every child who sold 10. As a consequence there was a good house and \$30 was taken in.

Lee and Jackson day was observed at the graded school at the chapel exercises, the 3rd grade of Mrs. L. C. Latimer, and 4th, Miss Clara Sawyer conducting this. The readings and other selection were splendid and well given, and the songs were especially bright and inspiring.

Mr. Leon Stansell has given to the library of the school 40 volumes, which were no doubt greatly appreciated as this is one of the needs in this room.

The two committees who are working to get the auditorium supplied with the new style opera chairs are doing good work and it is thought ere long the required number will be subscribed for.

The children of the Confederacy celebrated the birthday of Lee and Jackson in the home of Miss Essie Lybrand. The president, Miss Cleve Moyer, conducted the meeting and later Miss Frances Turner the historian took charge, papers on the "Life of Lee," by Miss Bessie Dean, and "The life of Jackson," by Miss Bettie Waters being given. The hostess served a sweet course.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Allen and Master Ben Lee, spent a few days of last week in Saluda with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen.

Miss Maud Sawyer entertained on Saturday afternoon in a most delightful manner the affair being in compliment to Miss Julia Oppenheimer of Richmond, Va.

The remains of Mrs. W. L. Seigler who died at Aiken last Tuesday were brought here and interred in the Mt. of Olives cemetery beside the grave of her little daughter, Kathrine. The cause of her death was a cancer and every means were resorted to for her restoration. Dr. and Mrs. Seigler lived here for sev-

Death of Mr. J. E. Holmes.

Friday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. J. E. Holmes, known by a large number of friends as "Uncle Erve," died at his home in the Colliers section. He had been sick for more than three months, being a victim of Bright's disease. Mr. Holmes was the coroner of the county. He served four years and was re-elected last summer for another term. About two weeks ago he received his commission for the second term. He was a Confederate veteran and has always taken an active interest in those things that are dear to the hearts of men who wore gray uniform in the sixties. No man in the county was more highly esteemed or more genuinely beloved than was Mr. Holmes by his neighbors and friends who knew him best. He always had a smile, kindly word and hearty clasp of the hand for those with whom he met.

Mr. Holmes was a member of Red Hill church, from which church the funeral was held Saturday afternoon, his pastor, the Rev. J. T. Littlejohn officiating. He was one of the leading members of the Red Hill Masonic lodge and was buried by his brethren of the lodge. He is survived by his wife, six daughters, Mrs. Patience Parkman, Mrs. Mary Quarles, Mrs. Rosa Hammond, Mrs. Katie Koss, Mrs. Nellie McDaniel and Miss Lillian Holmes, and three sons, J. S., H. K. and C. R. Holmes.

Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the third division will meet with Parksville Baptist church January 30-31.

11:00: Devotional by moderator.

11:30: Enrollment of delegates with reports.

1st Query: Church loyalty, J. C. Morgan, Graves McDaniel.

2nd Query: General condition of our country churches, W. R. Parks, J. P. Nixon.

12:30: Adjourn for dinner.

3rd Query: Are we giving for the advancement of God's kingdom as he has prospered us, J. M. Bussey, J. C. Harvely, Jim Garnett.

4th Query: Having a divine purpose in our christian life, P. H. Bussey, Luther Bracknell.

Sunday morning Sunday school in usual order.

Missionary sermon by Rev. P. B. Lanham.

Adjourn one and a half hours for dinner.

1:30: Song service.

5th Query: How should the church deal with non-attendants, J. G. McKie, Dr. Blackwell.

6th Query: What ought to be the christian attitude towards the liquor traffic, T. G. Talbert, J. M. Freeland, S. T. Adams.

For committee.

eral years about six years ago, moving to their farm near Aiken. Mrs. Seigler had many warm friends here who were pained to learn of her death. She was a member of this Baptist church and while she resided here was identified with the organizations that pertained to good. She was a true Christian woman. Besides her husband she leaves three sons.

The last meeting of the Apollo music club was held in the home of Miss Zena Payne on Friday afternoon, the meeting arranged in alphabetical order. During the business session conducted by the president, Miss Willis. The chief matter was to decide to send something from the club to the Belgium fund, the plan being presented by Mrs. F. M. Boyd. The club will in the near future give a musical and at the time a silver offering will be taken. The master studied was Frederick Chopin, Mrs. F. L. Parker, acting as leader with the following program: "Biographical sketch of Chopin," Mrs. M. T. Turner; "Characteristics of his music," Mrs. James White; "His friendship with Geo. Sand," Mrs. James Strother; valse, Miss Nina Ouzts; polonaise, Mrs. J. M. Cullum; vocal solo, Mrs. F. M. Boyd; nocturne G minor, Mrs. T. R. Hoyt; prelude, op. 28-No. 21, Miss Gladys Sawyer. The club now numbers 21, and a short while was spent with the members in social chat during which time a salad course with coffee and whipped cream was served by Misses Frances and Bessie Ford Turner.

The Baraca Class Entertained at Church.

"New occasions teach new duties: Time makes ancient goods uncouth: We must upward still and onward, Who would keep abreast with truth."

This is an age of originality in many respects, an age of inventive genius, when this gift has been applied to enterprises great and small, and in the degree that it is new and original, it is successful.

On Friday evening the Baraca class of the Baptist Sunday school entertained all the members of the church and Sunday school with a programme of music and talks in the main auditorium of the church, the occasion being a shower for the dining room and kitchen of the church.

At 8:00 o'clock a large crowd assembled, each bringing with them some useful article as previously designated on the invitation. Dr. James S. Byrd, president of the Baraca class, took charge of the exercises, announcing the various numbers on the programme. Several choruses by members of the Baraca class and others were greatly enjoyed. The invocation was made by Rev. J. R. Walker of the Methodist church.

The solo by Miss Miriam Norris was full of its usual inspiration. Mrs. J. R. Tompkins presided at the organ. A pleasant feature of the programme was a violin solo by Miss Rosela Parker.

Prof. C. C. Ross, teacher of the Baraca class gave a very cordial greeting to the audience, and Miss Florence Mims gave a selection, "Old Year Memories." Mr. A. S. Tompkins made one of his humorous and entertaining talks on "Showers" that brought good cheer to the listeners. After all this interesting programme had been finished, and even souvenirs with Baraca and the date written thereon had been distributed to all the large crowd present, Dr. Byrd announced that all the audience were seated, and were made the recipients by the Baraca class of a most delightful sweet course of fruit cream and cake. After this each one repaired to the infant class room where they viewed the splendid array of articles, dozens of plates, cups and saucers, dishes, dippers, bowls, spoons, glasses, coffee pots, waiters, indeed everything, both small and large, that could possibly be needed for a church dining room. Among the large articles were five tables for the dining room, which were contributed by various members in collections of three or more together.

Some of the friends of the other churches very generously sent articles as a contribution and evidenced their kindly feeling, which was greatly appreciated.

House Warming.

Mr. W. D. Allen has rented the Griffin Hill residence and the adjoining farm and will occupy the residence this year making of it a delightful bachelor's retreat. Friday night he will entertain a large number of his friends in royal style, the following being a copy of the very unique invitations that have been issued:

Who? Wad D. Allen.
Where? Griffin Hill.
What? House Warming.
When? Jan. 29th, 1915.
Bring something for the house.
Mr. _____ will call.
"Nuff Sed." Come.
8:30 p. m. to 6:30. Have to go to work at 7 a. m.
Edgefield, South Carolina.

Elegant Dining.

Mrs. Fannie Tompkins entertained a number of her friends at an elaborate dining on Thursday of last week. Those present were Mesdames James E. Hart, A. E. Padgett, Abner Broadwater, Mamie N. Tillman, E. J. Norris, J. W. DeVore, J. L. Mims, N. G. Evans, J. S. Byrd and M. A. Taylor.

Baptist Conference.

The members of the Baptist church will hold another conference next Sunday morning immediately after Sunday school. At that time the report of the committee appointed some time ago to suggest a suitable pastor to the church will be received. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

Indubitable Undertaking.

School Improvement association has already accomplished many commendable things during the organization last fall. It began by observing "Clean-up day" which proved to be quite successful and enabled the various committees to take an inventory for the new year and find out just what had to be done.

A splendid entertainment was given at Christmas which afforded a treat to the children and replenished the treasury by the amount of \$12.00 a piece for several of the committees. These will be used for out-of-pocket expenses, such as repairs, furniture, etc., and another for the most important need.

Pressing one was electric lamps had to be used at the entertainment. The association having been offered a reduction by the electrician, to work at once and save the lights at a small cost. This has been done, it is the best means of raising the amount from all the people by a canvas of the town.

The various committees appointed for that purpose will begin this week or early next week, calling at every home and business place for any amount which can be secured.

The canvas is an entirely unselfish undertaking and every canvasser should be met with a smile and a substantial evidence of appreciation, be it small or large. It is much easier to give than to ask some one else to do so, so save these ladies of gentlemen any embarrassment by having the smile and the money ready when they call.

Death of Dr. Meriwether.

S. C.—Dr. L. G. Meriwether, son of Mrs. L. M. Middleton, late daughter, at the age of 88 years.

He was graduated in medicine from the College of Charleston, and practiced for years. He was one of the founders of the Bethlehem Baptist church at this place, and for over 30 years deacon in it, serving also as church clerk until he became blind a few years ago.

The railroad station here was named for him, and for years he served acceptably as agent and postmaster, only giving it up on account of his eyesight failing.

Dr. Meriwether belonged to a family noted for its intellect, culture and Christian character.

He married Miss Martha Lanham, who died some years ago. Of six children born to them, only a daughter, Mrs. F. L. Middleton of this place, and a son, Mr. J. G. Meriwether, of Allendale, survive.

Dr. Meriwether was a prominent Mason, and will be buried with Masonic honors in the Bethlehem cemetery at this place.

Belgian Relief.

Miss Jennie Evans of Florence visited Edgefield last week, and was instrumental in enlisting the ladies of Edgefield in the Belgian relief work, through Mrs. N. G. Evans as chairman. On Saturday afternoon a very encouraging number of ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. B. B. Jones and a permanent organization was effected, the various sections being divided into circles of a dozen or more to continue this work as long as there is need. More detailed information will be published later.

Popular Young People.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. May have been the recipients of many social attentions since their recent marriage. They were entertained on Saturday evening at tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lott, and on Sunday were honor guests at an elaborate dining with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen.

Union Service and World Peace.

We urge our people of every denomination to meet in a union service at Edgefield Methodist church next Sunday night at 7:30 to plan to help bring about a lasting world peace.

J. R. Walker.
R. G. Shannonhouse,
O. Sheppard.

Belgium Relief Association.

On Saturday P. M. the Ladies of Edgefield met with Mrs. B. B. Jones for the purpose of forming a Belgium Relief Association.

The organization was divided into six circles (five in the town and one in the country) with a chairman at the head of each circle.

Mrs. R. A. Marsh was appointed chairman of Circle No. 1, the following ladies forming this circle: Mesdames J. D. Holstein, J. G. Edwards, B. B. Jones, B. Cantelou, S. A. Morrall, Ida Sheppard, J. B. Kennerly, O. P. Bright, J. E. Hart, J. U. Rives, Ed Rives, Wallace Tompkins, Kate Cheatham, Ella Tompkins, Marie Sharpton, Lovick Smith, Walter Holstein, J. H. Cantelou, Luke May, Gus Corley, Miss Grace Tompkins, Miss Padgett, Miss Kate Samuel, W. B. Cogburn, Carrol Cogburn, Mrs. N. G. Evans.

Circle No. 2—Mesdames C. E. May, J. A. Townsend, C. A. Griffin, E. S. Johnson, H. A. Smith, J. R. Tompkins, E. C. Bailey, Susan B. Hill, Arthur Tompkins, W. W. Adams, Kate P. Dennis, J. W. Peak, Joe Holland, M. A. Taylor, McG. Simkins, Allen Samuel, J. C. Sheppard, B. E. Nicholson, P. P. Blalock, Misses Sallie Parker, Charlton Dozier, Sarah Collett, Sophie Dobson, Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse.

Circle No. 3—Mesdames N. M. Jones, Kate Lynch, Charlton Lynch, Allie Kinnaird, W. T. Kinnaird, A. E. Padgett, R. C. Padgett, J. H. Porter, R. L. Dunovant, J. W. Stewart, Kate Kernaghan, C. H. Key, W. A. Hart, R. C. Timmerman, Henry Medlock, J. H. Carmichael, Jerome Timmerman, O. B. Anderson, J. H. Allen, W. E. Lott, M. P. Wells, Jesse Hart, Misses Bessie Parker, Lena Holstein, Misses Bee.

The other circles will be published later.

The first work of the organization will be to send a box of clothing and canned goods to be shipped from Charleston on the A. R. C.

All members are requested to send contributions of the above named articles to the home of Mrs. R. A. Marsh on Saturday January 30.

Entertained Beautifully.

The most delightful afternoon function held in Edgefield for some time was the auction bridge party which was given by Mrs. Charles A. Griffin Wednesday afternoon from four to six. About the six tables which had been arranged by the hostess were some of the most gifted players in Edgefield, the score showing that Mrs. T. J. Lyon excelled during the game which entitled her to the first prize, a cut glass atomizer. The consolation prize fell to the lot of Miss Virginia Addison. At the close of the spirited game Mrs. Griffin served an elaborate salad course with coffee.

Alcohol, Its Victims and Assaultants.

Alcohol is a double, deadly, irritant, narcotic poison, and is found in large quantities in wine, beer, whiskey and many patent medicines.—Science.

Statistics compiled by insurance companies show that 440 deaths out of every 1,000 deaths, nearly one-half of the deaths that occur, are due to alcohol. Applied to this country, over 680,000 deaths per year in continental United States, or over 725,000 per year in the United States and its possessions. In other words, alcohol is killing our people at the rate of nearly 2,000 men a day every day in the year.

The Army War College at Washington made an investigation of the destructiveness of war. The comparative figures show the appalling fact alcohol is killing off as many Americans every year as all the wars of the world have killed in 2,300 years.

Applied to the whole white race, we find that alcohol is killing 3,500,000 white men every year; five times as many as have been killed in war in 2,300 years; so that stated mathematically, alcohol is ten thousand times more destructive than all the wars combined.—Hon. Richmond P. Hobson.

The weather and roads have become thread-bare as topics of conversation. One seldom hears either mentioned.

TRENTON NEWS.

D. A. R. Delightfully Entertained Birthday Party For J. Roper Moss. Other Local Festivities.

Mrs. J. C. Day and Miss Orrie Sabe Miller were joint hostesses for the D. A. R. on Friday afternoon last, at the home of Miss Miller, quite a goodly number of the daughters were present and an interesting program was rendered. Miss Ruth Salter read a well prepared paper on "The direct causes of the Revolution" and Miss Louise Coleman a paper "Did Washington aspire to be King," was thoroughly enjoyed. Much business was discussed and then a social hour was enjoyed when the lovely hostesses served an elegant luncheon in a beautifully decorated dining room, the delicious fragrance of the narcissi and hyacinths permeating the entire house floor of the home. The next meeting will take place with Mrs. Walter Wise.

Saturday afternoon was one of merriment and jollity for the children of the neighborhood, when they gathered at the home of little J. Roper Moss to celebrate his birthday anniversary. Many interesting games were enjoyed, till the handsome little host led the way in the dining room, where a feast and a picture of loveliness awaited them. Everything was in crimson and green and the large birthday cake with its five crimson tapers bespoke significantly the age of the little host. It was a real pleasure to watch these rollicking frolicing children as the good-byes were said their beaming faces indicated that each one returned home to dream sweetly of this happy joyous occasion.

Miss Ora Taylor from Saluda as the guest of Mrs. F. D. Black was complimented with a delightful

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Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Posey, Mrs. Wallace Wise and Mrs. J. R. Moss, formed a congenial party for an automobile trip to Augusta on Tuesday.

The home of Mr. Bob Smith was a scene of happiness and festivity on Thursday evening, the occasion being a party given by his beautiful young daughter Ruth.

Miss Sade Long will have as an attractive guest for the coming week Miss Nellie Cleckley from North Augusta. From what we have learned from our young men friends, we feel that it is our duty to warn Prof. Long to get in an extra supply of kerosene oil.

Mrs. Lesnie Eidson was the charming hostess on Thursday evening when she entertained a number of her friends at progressive Hearts.

Mr. J. H. Courtney spent the week-end with his family, and all of his friends were happy to see him.

Mrs. Monroe Swearingen entertained a congenial number of friends on Thursday at a lovely dining complimentary to Miss Cato and Mrs. Shealy from Monetta.

Miss Mamie K. Dohy from Augusta had numerous friends who were delighted to have her among them during the past week. During her visit she was the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Padgett have moved from the Johnston section and are now occupying the Courtney home on the Aiken road.

Evelyn Inez is the name of a lovely baby girl who has arrived to become an inmate of the happy home of Mrs. Rudolph Swearingen.

Mrs. J. D. Mathis had as beloved visitors for the week-end Mrs. J. N. Fair, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Emma Atkins.

Mrs. Julia Holland spent part of the past week in Augusta with her nieces Mrs. Charlie Baird and Mrs. Mary K. Chatfield.

Mrs. Braodus Knight will go to Washington in a few days, to spend the month of February.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Posey and Mrs. W. B. Posey have returned from Crescent City, Fla., where

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