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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Brilliant Crouch-Maxwell Wedding. Death of Mr. Pechmann. W. C. T. U. Meeting.

A more beautiful or elaborate wedding has never been witnessed here than the one held in the Methodist church on last Thursday evening when the lives of two beloved young people were made as one. These two were Miss Elise Cathrine Crouch and Dr. Lucus Sloan Maxwell and their wedding was not only a notable event here, but throughout the state interest was manifested. Miss Crouch is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Wesley Crouch, and is a young woman endowed with many charming graces, sweet and attractive. Dr. Maxwell came here from Walhalla a few years ago and during his stay here has won a warm place in the hearts of all by his kindly manner and dignified bearing. The hour for the wedding was nine o'clock but long before the time the church was filled. The edifice was artistically decorated and the chancel and altar were banked in ferns and pink roses, and numerous candles lighted the chancel and tall chandelabrae holding many candles were used, these being twined with pink roses. The wedding was a butterfly one, and everywhere were these gauzy creatures and they seemed to hover over the flowers and lights. The colors of the wedding were pink and blue. Previous to the entry of the bridal party a musical program was held. Mrs. James Cullum presided at the piano and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boyd violin, and Miss Irene Strother of Walhalla sweetly sang "Just You" and with Mr. Avery Bland she sang "O perfect day."

Mendelssohn's bridal chorus was sung by Miss Strother, Mesdames Taylor Goodwyn, Greenwood, Mrs. C. Latimer, Messrs. F. M. Boyd and Avery Bland, Miss Emma Bouknight playing the accompaniment. When Miss Bouknight began the wedding march the four ribbon girls, Misses Eula Satcher, Hallie White, Elberta Bland and Elisabeth drew the pink and blue ribbons down the aisles, these being bound on butterflies. They wore white with pink and blue tulle shoes, tied in butterfly bows at the heels.

The seats for the relatives were designated by four gauzy pink and blue butterflies. The ushers advanced to the front and were Messrs. Earl Owington Crouch, Wilmot B. Atz, Lewis Blount and Charles Humphries of Walhalla. The maids and groomsmen entered in the following order and formed a semicircle within the chancel: Miss Lida Caldwell, Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Alia Conner, Greenwood, with Messrs. Lewis Wannamaker, Orangeburg, and Leroy Wertz, Belton, Miss Dollie Bettis Trenton, and Miss Gladys Sawyer Johnston with Messrs. Frank Bland Johnston, and Rufus Way Greenwood; Miss Minnie Craig Taylor, Camden, and Miss Alia Maxwell, Walhalla, with Messrs. Earl Smith and James LaGrone. The maids were exquisitely gowned in pink and blue accordion plaited crepe-de-chine, made empire style, with butterfly bows at the back. The names of honor were Mrs. Earl Owington Crouch and Mrs. Bartow Walsh of Sumter. They wore handsome costumes entraine of blue crepe-de-chine, French fashioned and carried pink Killarney roses. Miss Annie Crouch, the sister of the bride was the maid of honor. She was attired in rose taffeta, with accordion plaited frills of blue crepe-de-chine and made a sweet picture as she entered alone. She held a shower bouquet of pink Killarney roses and ferns. The flower girls were little Frances Crouch and Lona Perry and they appeared as two pink and blue butterflies flitting over the pathway of the bride scattering rose petals. The ring bearer, Master Wilber Wertz, Jr., brought the ring to the altar on a butterfly. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. H. W. Crouch, and was escorted by the groom with his best man, Dr. C. P. Corn, where as they sat on satin cushions their union was blessed by Rev. J. H. Thacker, who had pronounced them man and wife. The bride was attired in shimmering white satin short length high court train which fell from the shoulders. It was trimmed in real

Hollingsworth-Allen.

About 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, June 16, Mr. W. D. Allen and Miss Anna Hollingsworth were married in the private parlor of the Jefferson hotel in Columbia. The ceremony was performed by Dr. C. E. Burts and witnessed by probably a dozen relatives and friends from Edgefield. Mr. W. A. Collett acted as best man and Miss Miriam Norris as maid of honor. Miss Anna Hollingsworth left Edgefield on the early train for Rock Hill to attend the summer school for teachers. She was accompanied by several friends who were afterwards members of the bridal party. Other relatives and friends went to Columbia in automobiles.

The carefully laid plans of these widely-beloved young people were confined to only a few relatives and intimate friends, consequently the announcement late in the afternoon of Wednesday created much surprise. It was generally known that they had become victims of Cupid's darts but the public had no intimation as to their plans for an early marriage.

Soon after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the private dining room of the Jefferson, where an elaborate wedding dinner was served, the party consisting of the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen, Dr. C. E. Burts, Mesdames J. G. Edwards, S. A. Morrall, J. H. Tompkins, Misses Emily and Marjorie Tompkins, Miriam Norris, Edwardina Blalock, Maud Rivas, Annie Gaskin, Messrs. W. A. Collett, Leon Warren, James T. Mims, Jr., Robert Long and B. T. Horde.

The bride and groom, accompanied by the bridal party, motored to Edgefield late in the afternoon, reaching here about 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lott entertained the entire bridal party with an elaborate tea Wednesday evening. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Allen will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lott.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Allen marks the union of two old, very large and greatly honored Edgefield families, among their forbears being men and women who have had prominent part in making history for Edgefield county. And now that two representatives of these pioneer families have embarked upon the matrimonial sea, a great host of relatives and friends wish for them much happiness.

Fresh assortment of hams, breakfast bacon, picnic hams.

L. T. May.

Try phone 38 for anything you want to eat.

L. T. May.

lace and pearls and the train was of lace and tulle. Her only jewelry was a diamond necklace the gift of the groom and she carried her mother's wedding handkerchief. Her shower bouquet was of orchids and lilies of the valley. As the bridal party left the church Lobengrin's wedding chorus was sung. Immediately following the ceremony a brilliant reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crouch. This elegant home is an ideal place for such an affair, was ensuite and presented a scene of loveliness with the beautiful decorations and the handsomely gowned party. Punch was served on either side of the long verandas by Mrs. Wilber Wertz and Misses Ruth Smith, Pet LaGrone and Maud Sawyer. At the front entrance the guests were greeted by Mesdames Taylor Goodwyn of Greenwood and Mrs. Oscar Black and in the hallway Mesdames J. A. Lott, J. L. Walker and James White carried them to the parlor where they were introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. Chas. E. Early of Florence. Receiving with the bridal party were Mr. and Mrs. Crouch, parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Owington S. Wertz, the grandparents. Mrs. Crouch appeared very beautiful and handsome in rose messeline with lovely trimming, the costume entraine, and Mrs. Wertz was sweet and dignified in black satin and point lace. The decorations in the receiving room were of pink tulle and roses with pink lights. The guests were carried to the dining room by Mesdames Claud Wertz and M. W. Crouch, and in here

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INTERESTING PAPER.

A Partial Survey of White Educational Condition in Edgefield County by Stanton Lott.

To one who had seen the conditions of schools and methods in this county ten years ago, the progress that has been made is remarkable. Then, very few schools were in existence in the county, and fewer still were of the modern and economical patterns. Methods were poor, for the practice was to teach as one had been taught rather than by the latest plans of the most progressive educators. Interest on the part of both children and parents was small, and seemed to be at a standstill. Now, due to unceasing and untiring efforts of the excellent work of the superintendent, Mr. W. W. Fuller, the county as a unit is progressing with the greatest of speed, and promises to maintain a place with the foremost counties of the state. Interest in the schools is of the highest kind, and is one of the foremost questions throughout every town and community. Each patron boasts of his school, of what it is doing and mostly of what it will do in the future. Field Day exercises have been held in the county for two years, and the general interest shown during these events proves the progressive spirit of the people toward the education of their children. Numbers of new and modern buildings have been built both in the towns and the rural districts, and others have been planned, and will be built as soon as financial conditions will permit. All see that the prosperity of the county depends mainly on the education of the youth.

The number of new teachers the county is eleven and the average salary of each is six hundred thirty-five dollars, ten cents. The average yearly salary for men teachers throughout the state is six hundred ten dollars, eighteen cents. Thus Edgefield pays more than the average to the men teachers. Too, they are excellent teachers and are doing their part toward the raising of the educational standard. The number of women teachers is seventy, with the average yearly salary of two hundred sixty-nine dollars twenty-four cents. The average yearly salary for women teachers throughout the state is three hundred twenty-two dollars, fifty cents, which is entirely too little. The lady teachers of this county are very efficient and are doing far more work than they receive pay for.

The average length of the session in days for the county in towns is one hundred forty-nine days. For the state the average length is one hundred sixty-five days. In the county the average length of the session is one hundred eleven days, and the average for the state is one hundred twenty days. The average for the whole county is only one hundred sixteen days, and that of the state one hundred twenty-six days. From these figures it is readily seen that the sessions are entirely too short. If the districts would add a two mill extra tax, excepting the regular school taxes the state would help each school by giving for each teacher the same amount gotten from this extra levy up to one hundred dollars. Edgefield has the same right to this appropriation as any other county, and the state will help her if she helps herself.

The average amount expended for pupils according to enrollment throughout the county is only thirteen dollars five cents, while the state's average per pupil is fourteen dollars ninety-four cents. Not only is the amount spent by the state on the average pupil too small, but the amount spent by Edgefield is less still. By the special tax and the appropriation gotten from the legislature by this tax this county will have a much larger amount to spend per capita.

The average number of pupils to each school through the county is forty-three, and the average number in the schools throughout the state is sixty-nine. It is to an advantage to have more pupils to each school provided there are more teachers. The average teacher in the county has twenty-seven pupils, and the average teacher in the state has thirty-seven. Thus it is seen at once that the teachers of this coun-

COLLIERS CULLINGS.

Birthday Celebration. Many Visitors Come and Go. Mr. Miller's Mule Ran Away With Buggy.

Many of our fields are green with grass. If the rains continue, no doubt some of the cotton will be lost and it will be a better price this fall.

The 19th of June was a red letter day in Colliers. Mrs. E. B. Mathis, formerly Miss Briggs, celebrated her mother's birthday. Mrs. Briggs we wish you many returns of the day.

The hot sun is too much for our college boys. Messrs. Frank and Robert Adams are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Miss Marie Talbert is with her aunt, Mrs. Joe Miller.

Mrs. Joe Mays is spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McKie's.

The farmers' lien has opened now—blackberries, and nothing but blackberries. The Hicks ever bearing mulberries are falling and the chickens and pigs are holding high carnival.

Miss Ruth Miller is spending this week in Edgefield with her cousin, Mrs. H. W. Dorn.

Mrs. Fannie Matthews of Statesboro, is up visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. E. B. Williams was among the visitors in our little town Sunday. Mr. Williams we hope your visits will not be less frequent after the 30th.

Miss Ellie Mathis spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Reese, of Belvidere.

friend Miss Lucinda... funeral took place at Republican Saturday p. m., Rev. P. B. Latham and J. T. Littlejohn conducting the services. She was a woman of estimable Christian character. Miss Samuels made her home with Mr. Jim Stephens Jr. Their kindness and thoughtfulness of her was beautiful.

We were all so glad to see jolly Miss Nona Mathis, now Mrs. Reese, able to be on a visit to home people. She has been in the hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Fred Adams, Eugene Miller and Hallie Wells are great sports now. The next thing we hear of them they will be en route for Liberty Hill. Come again real soon Miss Marie. So the poor tired farm horses won't have to take that long trip.

It was the pleasure of a goodly number of us to attend Red Hill Sunday to hear Dr. C. C. Brown. He preached a fine sermon, which was enjoyed by all.

We are sorry indeed Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McKie's little baby is no better, and one of the other little boys, Beauregard, was so unfortunate to break his arm Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Miller and his sister came very near having quite a serious accident Saturday. Their mule became frightened, and they were both thrown out of the buggy. Fortunately they were not badly hurt, only a few scratches and bruises.

Little Sunbeam.

Fresh Pratt's poultry powders.

L. T. May.

Miss Rosela Parker Entertained.

On Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock a large number of young people gathered at the home of Miss Rosela Parker to enjoy a pleasant evening in honor of her guest, Miss Rosada Talbert of Parksville.

As we approached the home it loomed before us in vivid contrast to the still surroundings. The air was perfumed with a charm that only a still, clear, calm night can lend. We were greeted by light, color, laughter and music. Japanese lanterns peeped invitingly through the rose vines twining around the porch. By this time we had approached the steps and, guided by the impulse of pleasure, entered. Here we were cordially greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kernaghan, Miss Rosela Parker and Miss Ruth Timmerman. Glancing around we found the whole room veiled in pink as though the air were filled with rose petals or that the moonlight had transformed itself into roseate hues. In trying to think of something to term this gayety we decided that it was the exquisite combination of Japan, Fairyland and America. Japan bestowing the variegated lanterns, fairyland the wand that transformed feelings and landscape and America furnished the gay boys and girls, the life of the scene.

The spacious parlors and hall were scattered with the delighted guests who were served with sweet punch and intoxicating music. Misses Genevieve Norris and Brook Jones very graciously served the guests to what might be termed "distilled nectar." The guests were impressed with the amount of room afforded, for the weather being

everybody else, thus giving no one time to be alone.

Like Cinderella's rule, the guests must leave before twelve o'clock, though unlike Cinderella they did not have any ill luck awaiting them. Instead of the glass slipper as a souvenir the tally card will recall pleasant memories. Many roomy automobiles took the place of Cinderella's coach and four. We sincerely meant the adulatory parting words that we gave our hostess for such a feeling of good will and so many pleasant smiles and words during the evening. We discovered that the pink mist had been caused from the lights which were covered in rose colored paper.

Though the young Americans had left and the Japanese lanterns would be plucked from the places to be saved for another time, we felt that the wand of a kind fairy would last longer in its influence than either of the two and that we will always think of the home as the place where several charming hours were spent and when each moment went to make up the ideal party.

A Guest.

Meeting in Methodist Church.

The meeting in the Edgefield Methodist church is to begin Monday night, July 19. Rev. A. E. Driggins of Aiken is to preach. The pastor intends to make the services from now till July 19 preparatory to the meeting.

Now is the time to drink Shiver Springs water. Fresh shipment \$1.30 per 5 gallon demijohn at L. T. May's.

Cuba molasses at

L. T. May's.

same number of schools is taught by more than three teachers.

During the last scholastic year four schools received the needy appropriation given by the state. Two of the smaller schools of the county consolidated, and through this consolidation received support from the state. Thirteen received the state appropriation for lengthening the term. For high school aid four received the appropriation of the state. At present there are thirty-six districts and only twenty-three of these levy the special tax for school purposes. The same number should levy the special tax as the county has within borders, for in doing each will get far more good than the value of the investment.

TRENTON NEWS.

Miss Louise Coleman Entertains. New Automobiles Purchased. Delightful Rook Party. Guild Met.

A tacky party at the home of Miss Louise Coleman, on Thursday evening of the past week, caused much merriment and jollity among the young people. The prize for the tackiest costume was awarded Mrs. Leslie Eidson. A party similar to this will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Lon Crouch on Wednesday evening.

Miss Louise Coleman has a very charming and attractive visitor Miss Mims from Charleston.

Mrs. Lon Crouch, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White at Louisville, Ga., has returned home, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Brooks White.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Howard, from Beach Island, were guests of Mrs. Corrie Ryan during the past week.

Miss Sue Mae Herlong is enjoying a visit with friends in Saluda.

Miss Leila Leppard from Columbia, and Mrs. Kate Crouch from Johnston, are guests of Mrs. Monroe Swearingen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Swearingen, are the happy possessors of beautiful Fords. We believe the car bought by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson was for the pleasure and joy of their handsome son, Coy Ethridge.

Mr. Fred Bryan is visiting friends and relatives in Columbia and Patrick.

Mr. E. L. Ryan is the happiest man we meet these days—over the arrival of a splendid

rook on Tuesday evening of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf and their charming children, from Orangeburg, came over in their automobile for a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bettis.

Mrs. Creight from Winnsboro was the guest of Mrs. A. B. Miller during the past week.

Miss Orrie Sabe Miller has returned home after a visit to Mrs. John Butler of North Augusta.

Miss Julia Moss Wise had a surprise given her on Saturday evening when a number of friends dropped in for a game of rook. The evening was pleasantly spent, and the mother of the young hostess returned the surprise, when at the conclusion of the game she served delightful refreshments.

Misses Maude and Dorothy Bettis, Miss Beatrice Stevens, Mrs. J. D. Mathis, Messrs. Bettis Bouknight, S. T. Hughes and J. M. Vann were the Trenton guests at the beautiful Crouch-Maxwell wedding on Thursday evening last.

Miss Edwidina Blalock, from Edgefield, has been the attractive guest this week of Mrs. S. A. Morrall. In compliment to Miss Blalock Mrs. Morrall has entertained at several lovely little parties.

Miss Annie Teague and Mr. Angene Teague from Augusta, and Miss Priestner from Columbia, spent the week-end with Miss Lula Hunter.

Miss Helen Clark is in Lake City to attend the marriage of one of her college friends.

A very handsome gentleman from Walterboro has been visiting in our midst. We will henceforth watch his visits with an eye of suspicion.

Prof. and Mrs. Fred Long and their lovely little children from Port Royal are spending the summer with Mrs. Sallie Long.

Dr. Moore, from Augusta, was called in consultation with Dr. Hunter on Sunday for little Nat, the lovely baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wicker. We trust that the little fellow will soon be entirely well.

Mrs. Howard Haynes from Birmingham and her beautiful little girls are visiting Mrs. John Bryan.

Miss Norma Shannonhouse, of Edgefield, spent the past week with Mrs. John Bryan.

Miss Kate Day was hostess for the church guild on Tuesday afternoon last. At the conclusion of a very pleasant and profitable meeting Miss Day served delicious refreshments.