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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Annual Banquet by Knights of Pythias. D. of C. Hold Meeting. Mrs. Maxwell Entertained Club.

One of the most elaborate and enjoyable affairs held here this season was the banquet of last Friday night given by the Knights of Pythias to their friends, there being about 300 present. The hall where the banquet was held presented a very festive air and Bearden's orchestra from Augusta, discoursed sweet music as the guests arrived and gave attractive musical program. The banquet table was in the shape of the Greek cross and the colors of the lodge were attractively carried out. Red carnations were used in the decorations and their bright touch of color and spicy fragrance added greatly. A red carnation was also laid at each cover. Oysters, crackers, pickle, coffee and a variety of fruits were abundantly served and the Knights as a whole were a most hospitable and attentive host. Following the feast, speeches and toasts were the order of the hour. Mr. Joseph W. Cox acting as toast master. The chief feature was the address of Mr. Henry C. Tillman of Greenwood, who was followed by Mr. J. Rutledge McGee. Prof. W. F. Scott's toast was given in a bright and happy manner, and a toast from Mr. Cox concluded this enjoyable occasion.

Miss Virginia Harrison who is now stenographer for a firm in Hartsville was operated on for appendicitis last week and her friends will be glad to know that she is resting as comfortably as can be expected. Her mother, Mrs. Annie B. Harrison is with her.

Mrs. J. L. Walker and Miss Helen Walker are spending this week in Columbia with Hon. J. L. Walker who is now attending the legislative sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards are at home from their honeymoon and are domiciled in their new home in east Johnston.

Miss Emma Bouknight will leave the first week in February for Richmond where she will visit her cousin, Mrs. Miller.

Miss Eloise Strother of Walhalla is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Corn.

Mrs. Estelle Meyer has been ill at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. M. R. Wright, having suffered a fall. She is now improving.

The union meeting of the Ridge association meets here on Saturday and Sunday at the Baptist church, and a missionary sermon will be preached on Sunday by Rev. W. T. Hundley.

There was a very full meeting of the Mary Ann Buie chapter, D. of C., on Thursday last and plans were laid for a "Rose show," to be held in April, and also for the cantata, "Ruth" which is to be worked up for an early date. A speaker was decided upon for meeting day. It was told during the meeting that the copter had sent on cross, which is used in marking the Confederate soldier's graves, to place at the grave of Mr. D. Allen, who is buried in Augusta. It is fitting that this chapter should be the one to place this as it was through his efforts, years ago, that the organization was effected.

Dr. Olin Sawyer has been re-elected mayor of Georgetown. Dr. Sawyer is a former Johnstoneite, and the municipal affairs of the city are in good hands.

Mrs. Lucius Sloan Maxwell entertained the music club last Friday and the club now enters into the study of Polish composers, and a story of the country of Poland given by Mrs. W. F. Scott, Gertrude Strother telling of the Poland and its musical glory. A solo, Mrs. C. P. Corn; the solo of proud and chivalrous Poland, Miss Zena Payne; how Poland's inspiring dances have enriched musical literature, Mrs. J. Marsh; piano solo, Mrs. G. D. Marsh; violin solo, Mrs. O. D. Marsh. The club laid plans for meeting day and decided to extend an invitation to address them, Mrs. Jackson, of Augusta, a woman who has been a leader in the musical circle of Augusta for

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A Beautiful Wedding at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith.

One of the prettiest home weddings witnessed in Edgefield in a long time took place Wednesday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Alexander Smith, when their eldest daughter, Allene Dozier Smith, became the wife of John Rainsford. They were married by the ceremony of the Catholic church, Father Ford of Aiken officiating.

The entire lower floor of the home was thrown ensuite and tastefully decorated. The decorations in the east and west parlors and hall were white and green and those of the dining room, where the bridal party gathered around the festal board after the ceremony, were pink and white. As the guests arrived they were received at the door by Miss Sallie Dunovant and Miss Mae Tompkins. The monotony and suspense of the interval between the arrival of the guests and the actual time for the plighting of troths was relieved on this occasion by several musical numbers rendered on the piano by Mrs. John R. Tompkins, the first being Schubert's Serenade. This was followed by "A Perfect Day."

Upon the announcement that the bridal party awaited in the upper hall, Mrs. Tompkins sounded the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The officiating priest was the first to enter the west parlor, the attendants entering as follows: Miss Ruth Tompkins with Dr. Hugh C. Mitchell, Miss Emily Adams with H. M. Reynolds, Miss Elizabeth Rainsford with W. W. Adams, Miss June Rainsford with Stewart Smith, Miss Emily Tompkins with J. T. Mims, Jr., Miss Marjorie Tompkins with Benjamin Grenaker. Next entered the maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Smith, a sister of the bride. The groom entered with his best man, Benjamin Rainsford, his brother of Greenwood, and the bride was accompanied by her father.

The bride was clad in a rich gown of white satin with pearl trimmings, the conventional veil adding to the grace of her slender form. Upon her arm rested a bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies. The maid of honor was attired in pink messaline with pearl trimmings, her bouquet being pink roses. Three of the bridesmaids were attired in pink crepe de chine trimmed with chiffon and three in blue of the same material, each carrying a muff of chiffon, instead of the conventional bouquet. Little Emily Tompkins, the flower girl, was dressed in white and was a veritable little fairy.

After Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford were showered with congratulations and good wishes a social hour was spent informally and very delightfully, many seizing this opportunity to record their names in a book which was presided over by Miss Marion Blalock. The large assortment of numerous tokens in gold, silver, china, cut glass, linen, paintings, etc., displayed in the west parlor were admired during the social hour.

Refreshments consisting of delicious salads, followed by ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Rainsford quietly withdrew and donned a stylish traveling suit to be in readiness for the departure upon their wedding journey. An effort was made by Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford to steal away undetected but friends were on the alert and thwarted their plans, causing them to be pelted with rice and old shoes.

The sincere good wishes of hundreds of friends go with these popular Edgefield young people.

A pretty young woman tripped up to the counter where a new clerk was storing music and, in her sweetest tones, asked: "Have you kissed me in the moonlight?"

The clerk turned around, looked at her, and answered: "It must have been the man at the other counter. I've only been here a week."—San Francisco Druggist.

Three-year-old Elsie came from the back door of a neighbor's home, eating a cookie.

"Elsie, her mother reproved, you must not ask Mrs. Bowman for cookies."

"I didn't ask her, muzzer, returned Elsie undisturbed; I know where she keeps 'em."

RED OAK GROVE.

Box Party at Flat Rock School. Saw Mills Active. Wedding Bells Soon to Ring.

After carefully reading over the program of national missionary campaign laymen's missionary convention which meets in Columbia soon, we could see wisdom in our people availing themselves of this great opportunity that is being brought to our state. Could the people catch the spirit and realize what this advantage means to them individually surely the attendance would be overflowing.

Our county it is believed is passing now, through a crisis, the result can better be imagined and prepared for by broadening our horizon of intellect. Those anti-foreign missionaries who would learn the progress missions has made in recent years. "How best to finance the kingdom," "Missions as a personal interest," "What we have and what we are." These above subjects will be ably and eloquently handled by some of our smartest Divines, therefore, it is a great opportunity before our people. Many use it to the good of our country and to God's glory.

An incident which occurred more than fifty years ago near Edgefield village. A very prominent and wealthy gentleman accompanied by his wife were going to town. They overtook in a deep rut in the road a man sickened and crazed by whiskey, so disgusting and tiresome was his conduct, the gentleman who was a hard drinker himself, said to his wife, a sweet gentle lady, Katie tell me, "do I look like that when I'm drunk?" "Yes, Seth," she said. "That's just the way you look." "I'll never touch another drop as long as I live," he replied. They lived many years together afterward. The resolution was unbroken, refusing on his death bed to take whiskey prescribed by his physician saying, "I'd rather die." As in that case how well for us "to see ourselves" as others see us. Daily influence is leaving your mark on the world. Hear Lieutenant-Colonel Halford of New York in Columbia on the above subject. Shouldn't we as Christians be praying for that meeting.

Misses Wates, and Evans our teachers at Flat Rock, report a splendid time at the teachers' association on last Saturday. Those meetings to be a success must meet with co-operation of each teacher. Their presence even stimulates and encourages efficiency. Patrons should encourage and assist their teachers in attending each session.

At the monthly meeting yesterday of Y. W. A's they reluctantly gave up four enrolled members, same members came to them from sunbeams. Misses Lou Eva Parkman, Ruby Dorn, Maggie Agner, Nettie Bush.

Our young folks are joyous over anticipation of box party at Flat Rock on the 28th. Our efficient and beloved teachers are so unselfish. They are interested and love their work.

Sawmills, sawmills on every side of us. Our town is building up so rapidly. The wood is being destroyed in order to build. Fire wood will soon be to each of us what it already is to many, hard and inconvenient to obtain.

Listen for the wedding bells down here real soon, the sound keeps ringing nearer by us. We are loath to give up our girls and boys, too, so young.

Reader.

Modoc, S. C.

Teachers Grateful.

Whereas the W. C. T. U. of Edgefield have manifested their interest in the teachers of Edgefield county by a splendid entertainment in connection with the teachers' meeting January 22, 1916; now be it—

Resolved by our Teachers' Association, that we hereby express our high appreciation, and extend to them our sincere thanks.

G. F. Long,
W. W. Fuller,
Committee.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Women's Missionary Society Holds Quilting. Two Quilts For Orphans. Meeting at Republican.

The Women's Missionary society ladies of Hardy's also some other good ladies who have not yet allowed their names to be enrolled with us, but whom we hope soon to witness, met at Mrs. Ellie Briggs' (which is also Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Briggs' home) to have the orphan's quilt quilted last Thursday. This was my first quilting, and I think there were others there who had never before attended one. Several were just learning. Nevertheless, the quilting got on nicely with Messrs. Tom, Jeff and Traylor Briggs and Herbert Bunch and Miss Mary Julia Wright to thread the needles. We were told by Mrs. Tom Briggs just after we arrived that we were to fast, and so we did until about one o'clock. Then we were invited in to a sumptuous dinner, a regular wedding dinner, or perhaps it was Mr. Tom's birthday delayed a few days. My, it was a grand dinner, one we will all remember to the end of time. Just after 3 o'clock the quilt was finished, and taken out the frames, and then Mrs. H. F. Cooper stitched the binding on. Our meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Tom Briggs, business discussed and Miss Martha Briggs gave a quilt that she has pieced together and the society will have it quilted to send with the one we had just finished, sending both together as soon as we can to the orphans. Our next meeting will be held February 24 at Mrs. Sallie Bunch's home. We hope all will be present this time and all others will be welcome to come and we will welcome gladly.

We hear Miss Georgia Reese will leave very soon for an extended visit to a friend in North Carolina. We know she will enjoy the trip and hope it may prove very beneficial.

Mr. George Wright and Mrs. Eulala McCarty went on a business trip to Augusta Wednesday. Mrs. McCarty is thinking of going to Florida to make her home we hear. Will be sorry to lose her from our neighborhood and will sympathize with Mr. Wright and his little children if she does leave them, for she has come nearer than any one else could have done to taking their mother's place. She is Mrs. Wright's sister-in-law, and always was devoted to Mrs. Wright and her family, and has proven herself a friend in the time of need. We hope her life may always be cast in pleasant places.

We are glad to report that Dr. and Mrs. McKie were out Sunday and report their family much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bunch and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Sallie Bunch who has been very feeble for several weeks.

Next Sunday will be the 5th Sunday and the union meeting will convene at Republican. If the weather will permit, there will be a large attendance. Hope to attend ourselves.

Hardy's.

Union Meeting.

First division, union meeting Edgefield association, meeting with the Edgefield Baptist church at 11 a. m. January 29-30.

11—Devotional.

11:15—Organization.

11:30—Church finances, O. Shepard, Rev. H. B. White and others.

12:30—What is the best method in holding and getting our churches to co-operate in union meetings, W. W. Fuller, W. G. Collins, M. B. Hamilton and others.

1:30—Dinner.

2:30—Missions.

(a) Home, Rev. H. B. White.
(b) Foreign, A. S. Tompkins.
(c) State, Dr. E. P. Jones.

2:30—Education, W. W. Fuller, J. K. Allen and others.

4:30—Business.

Sunday.

10:30—Sunday school.

11:30—Sermon.

7:30—Sermon.

Lee and Jackson Day Appropriately Observed by Edgefield School.

The celebration of Lee and Jackson day took place in the high school auditorium Wednesday, January 19, at eleven thirty o'clock.

The stage was artistically decorated with flags the pictures of both generals being crowned with wreaths. Rev. Mr. Bailey opened the exercises with a prayer after which the students sang "Dixie." Edwin Folk rendered splendidly a declamation entitled, "Stonewall Jackson's way." "Let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees" was sweetly sung by the Confederate choir, and Ouida Pattison recited "The sword of Lee." The choir in company with the school sang "Maryland," and then Dr. E. P. Jones delivered a most excellent address on "Lee and Jackson." Directly after Dr. Jones' address, Gov. J. C. Sheppard presented crosses of honor to two veterans. This enjoyable and instructive program was closed by singing "How firm a foundation."

Miss Belle Williams visited the graded and high schools Friday morning, January 21. She made a very interesting talk in chapel on birds and ended her talk by begging the boys to be considerate and use their sling shots more sparingly. She visited each class room telling the children how they should treat the birds and also trying to form clubs for the purpose of protecting them. We feel sure that Miss Williams' talk made a great impression on the students and will make them want to protect rather than destroy our southern songsters.

The teachers meeting on Saturday, January 23, was a most enjoyable event. Almost every teacher in Edgefield county was present and the program rendered was thoroughly interesting. The dinner prepared by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. was excellent, and many, many thanks are due them for their kindness. The teachers decided to have Field day the latter part of March. The amusement for the day will consist in base ball, basket ball and that night a declamation and recitation contest between the boys and girls of the different schools will take place. This promises to be a very enjoyable day and we desire the co-operation of the town people toward making it more successful.

School Correspondent.

Mrs. Grenaker Appointed.

Mrs. Hallie N. Grenaker has been appointed organizer for Edgefield county for the School Improvement association. Every school in the county, it matters not how small, should have such organization. In addition to improving the school building, equipment and grounds, it affords an opportunity or means for the patrons to co-operate with the teacher in whatever is undertaken for the benefit of the school. Not only one or two individuals in the community should stand by the teacher, but the entire community should have a part in making the neighborhood school what it should be. An organization provides a channel or means through which all can have a part. Communicate with Mrs. Grenaker about the formation of such an organization for your school and she will gladly give you all of the assistance possible.

Invitations Received.

The following is a copy of invitations that have been received to a marriage that is of interest to some of The Advertiser's readers: "Mrs. Dita Tompkins Auchmuty requests your company at the wedding reception of her daughter, Jean Corrie, and Mr. William Battlepage on the afternoon of Saturday, January 29 at four o'clock. At home Pass Christian, Miss.

Collins Township.

The local registrar for Collins township, Mr. H. W. Quarles, gave us the following figures, taken from his report of vital statistics for 1915: Among the whites there were 17 births, 7 males and 10 females; 10 deaths, 5 males and 5 females. Among the colored people there were 45 births, 28 females and 17 males; 13 deaths, 6 females and 7 males.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

Mr. Wright's Article in The Advertiser Commended Would Pension All Veterans and Widows.

Editor The Advertiser: Please give me space in your paper this week to thank Mr. J. Russell Wright for what he has written in the interest of the Confederate soldiers, the men who staked their lives and their all for the Confederate cause. Yes, they staked their all and after four years of great hardship incident to the war they lost, but they did not despair. They came home and picked up the hoe and the plow and went to work with the same indomitable will that carried them to the front of battle.

Mr. Wright has pointed out many of the facts, but the half has not been told. Some fellows said we could whip the Yankees with sticks and rocks and still others said we can whip them with corn-stalks, and do it in 60 days. I noticed these corn-stalk fellows were conspicuous by their absence when the battle line was formed.

I am of the opinion that our legislative halls have too many sons of these corn-stalk men. I know some of them are true blue, for I fought and bled beside their fathers, and I believe that they will do all in their power to help the old soldiers.

My platform is that every old soldier should be placed on the honor roll and that receiving a pension should be an honor, instead of having the pension roll, as it now appears, a pauper list. I have never applied for a pension but I have been told that in order to get one an old soldier must admit that he is a pauper. I believe every old soldier who has served in the army of the Confederacy should be entitled to a pension, and that it is an honor to have his name on the pension roll. The legislature should enact a law making it an honor.

The next and most vital point is that veterans should be given enough for a decent living; not less than \$96 a year, and really should be \$10 per month. When an old man walks up to have his name placed on this honor roll all that should be asked him is what company he belonged to and have him furnish proof of the day of enlistment and discharge. All should have the same rating, the rich and the poor alike. If anyone should not need the pension he could give it to some one who does or to some charitable cause.

I have been asked by a great many people why I do not apply for a pension. One reason is I can live without it and the other is I have too much pride and manhood to place my name on the pauper list, as I see it. There are not many of the old soldiers left to get a pension and the state should take care of what few are left in a creditable manner and not send them to the almshouse like the one in Columbia.

One other matter: When a man dies and leaves an aged widow the same pension should be given her while she lives, for she too will soon follow. Let her be made comfortable for she too did her part in the war.

Marion B. Sturkey.

Plum Branch, S. C.

Minstrel at Antioch.

Through the efforts of the teachers a minstrel will be given at Antioch school Wednesday evening, February 2, for the benefit of the piano fund of the school. This is a very worthy cause, and those who are working for the benefit of the school should receive the full co-operation of the people of the community. The entertainment will be a good one with prices in reach of all—only 15 and 25 cents admission.

Please Pay at Once.

Quite a number of subscribers have heeded our appeal of last week and have remitted the amount due on subscription, but there are yet many others who are in arrears. We have carried many of them through the financial stringency of last year and must now urge that they pay at once. Why wait and make it necessary for us to mail out statements? The label on your paper will show to what date you have paid. Please pay at once, if you are in arrears for subscription.