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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Emily Geiger Chapter Held Interesting Musical Union Meeting Held.

Mrs. W. S. Mobley was hostess for the Emily Geiger chapter, D. A. R., on Monday afternoon and there was the fullest attendance of any previous meeting. Mrs. M. T. Turner, regent, presided, and the roll call was responded to with battle cries that have given courage, inspiration and victory. The chief features of the business session was "Old trail work," and final arrangements for the entertainment under the auspices of the chapter. Delegates to the national congress in Washington, April 16, were elected. Mrs. Turner as regent goes as the representative, and her alternate will be Miss Zena Payne. The subject for the afternoon was Bunker Hill and Mrs. O. D. Black presided during the literary session. Miss Mallie Waters gave an instructive paper on Bunker Hill which was followed by a vocal solo, "The sword of Bunker Hill," by Mrs. White. "Lafayette's second visit" was told by Mrs. C. P. Corn, and Mrs. F. M. Boyd read extracts from Webster's famous oration. A piano solo by Hoffman was given by Mrs. W. F. Scott. The hostess was assisted in entertaining her guests by Miss Marion Mobley and Mrs. Ollie Hamilton, and a delightful salad course was served with coffee and fruit cake.

Mrs. Octavia Rushton entertained last Friday with a most delightful afternoon party, the honoree being Mrs. Ollie Hamilton. The rooms were bright and attractive and the breath of spring was in the air with the many bowls of violets about the rooms and this color was carried out during the afternoon the score cards being in violets. After four double games of rook the honoree was presented with a outclass vase of violets. Misses Clara Sawyer and Eva Rushton assisted in serving ices and cake, the favors being bouquets of violets.

The musical given last Friday evening in the school auditorium under the auspices of the D. A. R., was a great treat to music lovers and the program contained many attractive features. Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse, of Edgefield captivated all with her sweet voice and all were delighted to hear her.

Mrs. P. N. Lott spent the first of the week in Deering, Ga., with her daughter, Mrs. St. Julian Harris.

The Apollo music club was entertained by Mrs. C. P. Corn on Tuesday afternoon of this week and during the business session presided over by Mrs. Mims Walker, plans for Reciprocity day, February 29, were made, this date being chosen so as not to conflict with the observance of the New Century Club. Mrs. Hardwick Jackson of Augusta a great promoter in the musical realm will address the club on this occasion. Mrs. Jackson is a warm friend of Josef Hofman and his wife, and it was through her that he consented to appear at the grand in Augusta. The master for consideration this afternoon was Frederick Chopin, Miss Zena Payne leading during this period. "The life of Chopin," was told by Mrs. Edwin Mobley, and Mrs. O. D. Black read a very comprehensive paper on Chopin and the music of Poland. The music was all of Chopin's composition. "Mazurkas," Mrs. L. S. Maxwell; "Polonaise," Mrs. Mims Walker; "Nocturne," Miss Emma Bouknight; vocal solo, Miss Clara Sawyer; "Etude in G flat," Miss Sallie Heyward. After a pleasant musical contest the hostess served an elaborate repast. Mrs. Corn was a sweet and gracious hostess and made the meeting a very pleasant one.

Miss Alma Williams of Cleora, and Miss Sara Stevens who is teaching at McCormick, spent a part of last week in the home of Mr. P. C. Stevens.

Little Elizabeth King the four-year-old daughter of Dr. A. T. King has been critically ill. The little one had whooping cough with other complications, and for several days was in an unconscious state. The physicians now entertain some hope of her recovery. Dr. King has been confined to his bed for the past week with grip.

There is something more than so-

Mrs. Rainsford Makes an Appeal to the Teachers.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union wishes to remind the teachers of the county that the time for the Annual Essay Contest is at hand, and hopes to have the co-operation of every teacher and every pupil.

For the first time in the history of this work in Edgefield county the teachers are asked to enter the contest.

The subject for teachers is "The Best Methods of Teaching Temperance" (by temperance is understood moderation in healthful things and abstinence from dangerous things).

Markings: The essay shall be graded entirely upon presentation of subject.

Subjects for pupils fifteen years and over: "Why Business Men Demand Abstinence on the Part of Their Employees."

Markings: Essays shall be graded three fourths on subject matter, and one-fourth on style and grammatical excellence.

Number of Words: The maximum number of words shall be fifteen hundred and the minimum one thousand.

Subject for pupils under fifteen years of age: "What the Business World Thinks of the Cigarette."

Markings: Essays shall be graded one-half on subject matter, one-fourth on style and grammatical excellence, and one-fourth on appearance of paper, which shall include penmanship and spelling.

Number of Words: The maximum number of words shall be six hundred, and the minimum three hundred.

Prizes.

For teachers' essay, \$10.00.

Best essay written by boy or girl fifteen and over, \$5.00.

Second best in this class, \$2.00.

Best essay by boy or girl under fifteen, \$5.00.

Second best, \$2.00.

All essays must be in by March 20.

The State prize is \$5.00 in gold, and the best essays in this county will be sent to the State Superintendent and be entered in the State contest.

Now is the time to make intelligent temperance sentiment, and there is no better way than through the essay contest.

Mrs. T. H. Rainsford.

cial pleasure that draws a member to her club, for with preparatory reading, earnest and profitable discussion, real good is done by this organized effort. Study being a main factor and the members feeling that through broader information, they are gaining something, seldom do club meetings have a small attendance. And so although the weather of last Tuesday was very inclement, there was a full meeting in the home of Mrs. P. N. Lott. During the business period plans were laid for Reciprocity day February 22, and for "Social hygiene day" next month. Mrs. Burney of Columbia, a former state president, will be the guest of honor on the 22nd. An interesting group of magazine editors were taken for discussion in the afternoon, these being Sarah J. Hale, Mary E. Dodge, Anne P. Rankin, Mary Mapes Dodge, Katharine Glover, Mrs. Frank Leslie, Jeanette L. Gilder, Kate Field and Dorra Marsden. After these had been enjoyed the hostess served a tempting hot lunch that was attractively arranged.

Rev. T. H. Posey of Seivern was here during the latter part of the week.

The union meeting of this division was held in the Baptist church on Saturday and Sunday and there were about 25 delegates present. A missionary sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. Rev. A. C. Baker, pastor of Philippi, the theme of his discussion being based upon Acts 16-9. The meeting was continued through the afternoon dinner being served at the church.

The erection of the dwelling of Mr. LaGrone on Edisto street will begin at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer entertained on Tuesday evening with a dinner in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards who have recently returned from their bridal tour. Their daughters, Misses Sara and Georgia Sawyer assisted in making the time pass happily. An elaborate repast was served.

WEST-SIDE NEWS.

Valentine Party Planned Prosperity Day to be Celebrated. Col. Talbert's New Cottage.

Editor Advertiser: You have news from all the county around, why not from Parksville? We people here are planning for "two in the near future" events. The first will be a Valentine party to be held Friday night 11, at Woodman's hall, the second a celebration of Prosperity day, February 29.

The young people have already spoken of a scissors party at Mrs. Watson's to prepare decorations for St. Valentine's party and the younger and older people are putting on their thinking caps to devise proper means of observing Prosperity day. You know it is a day in which all the country is interested. Parksville wishes her celebration of it to be creditable and noteworthy. Mrs. Watson is a new comer from North Carolina, and lives where Mr. Mose Robertson used to. She has won the hearts of the young people and is not so old, that she may not be counted one of them.

Mr. Jack Osborne and family have also recently moved here from North Carolina, and occupy the Holley house. It goes without saying they are welcome in our midst.

Col. Talbert has just finished a pretty little four-room cottage on the ferry road. It is so neat and cozy, it's location so well chosen it looks just the abode for a pair of lovers and "love in a cottage" who knows what Cupid will do with so many hearts, darts and loving missives that are flying around these days.

Lots of sickness about. Every one has or has had a severe cold or grippe. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Boswell's baby boy "Ronnie" who has been so ill with pneumonia is able to be out again. It has been an anxious time for the parents and we are glad their baby has been spared to them.

Polly Flinders.

Parksville, S. C.

Statement of Southern Railroad's Earnings.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—The results of operation of Southern Railway for the month of December, 1915, and for the six months of 1915 ended with December, compared with the same month and period in 1914 and 1913, exclusive of interest, rentals, and other income charges were announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant. The comparison with 1913 is made for the reason that in 1914 the effect of the business depression was reflected through the revenues of the company. The figures follow:

Gross Revenue, December, 1915, \$6,198,970, an increase as compared with 1914 of \$914,722 or 17.31 per cent., and a decrease as compared with 1913 of \$404,222 or 6.12 per cent.

Operating Expenses, Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues, December, 1915, \$4,090,430, an increase as compared with 1914 of \$64,186 or 1.59 per cent., and a decrease as compared with 1913 of \$503,813 or 10.97 per cent.

Corresponding results for the six months' period are as follows:

Gross Revenue 1915, \$34,376,793, an increase as compared with 1914 of \$1,611,217 or 4.92 per cent., and a decrease as compared with 1913 of \$2,605,246 or 7.04 per cent.

Operating Expenses, Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues 1915 \$24,117,403, a decrease as compared with 1914 of \$1,704,393 or 6.60 per cent., and as compared with 1913 of \$2,755,630 or 10.25 per cent.

Honor Roll Mt. Zion School.

First grade: Arthur Pritchard.
Second grade: Mildred Pardue, J. C. Smith.
Third grade: Brontee Padgett, Sallie Carpenter, Willie Pritchard, Amos Bryant.
Fourth grade: Retha Padgett.
Fifth grade: Addie Smith.
Seventh grade: Lillias Weeks, Sammie Carpenter.
Eighth grade: Curtis Weeks.
Ninth grade: Liller Mae Padgett.
Tenth grade: Marie Padgett.

TRENTON LETTER.

W. C. T. U. Meeting. Superintendent J. E. Swearingen Spoke in Interest of School Building.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. D. R. Day on Tuesday last. Papers on tobacco and cigarettes were read and discussed and several business propositions were considered. At an early date the union will have a social gathering at the home of Mrs. J. D. Mathis at which time their honor guests will be Mrs. Fannie Tompkins and Mrs. Mamie Tillman of Edgefield. Mrs. Day served a lovely lunch at the close of the meeting.

Messrs. Julius Vann, Mr. P. B. Wise, Miss Maud Moore, Miss Sadie Long and Miss Orrie Miller motored to Augusta on Sunday afternoon the prime object being to enjoy Andonqui's sacred concert.

Mrs. S. A. Morrall entertained the Happy Four on Friday evening last. Cards were enjoyed till ten o'clock tea when a lovely lunch with hot coffee was served, other friends having been invited to this feature and to spend the remainder of the evening.

Miss Belle Privette from Darlington came in on Monday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. H. Courtney. She has many sincere and admiring friends who will give her a hearty welcome.

Mr. Bettis Bouknight has had as a recent visitor Mr. Walter Freeman a college friend from Philadelphia.

Mrs. O. Crouch is still indisposed and has been sick since her return from her Christmas visit to her parents at Louisville, Ga.

State Superintendent of Education John E. Swearingen of Columbia spoke to a large and appreciative audience in Wise's hall on Friday afternoon last the principal topic being in the interest of the new school building that is at present of such vital importance to the town and community. Mr. Swearingen is a broad-minded, public-spirited gentleman, and he especially anxious for the town of his childhood and early manhood to keep pace with the other small towns of our state. He has long since realized and is able to prove that nothing so upbuilds and enhances the valuation of property as does an up-to-date and well equipped school and to secure this we must necessarily have an adequate building. During Mr. Swearingen's visit at Trenton he was beautifully entertained by Mr. J. M. Vann and Miss Kate Day. Several friends were invited to be with him at dinner on Friday.

Miss Orrie Sabe Miller entertained the D. A. R., for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, serving a beautiful lunch during the social hour that was enjoyed after the close of meeting.

Mr. Coy Etheredge from Bamberg came up to spend the week-end with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Jackson.

Miss Sallie Mae Miller has had to abandon her school at Congaree for the time being and came home on account of a severe attack of grippe. She is better however and her many friends are hoping that she will soon be well and strong again.

Miss Lula May Penn has gone to enter school at Columbia. During her stay she will be with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Leppard.

Mr. Cliff Boatwright from Ridge Spring was the guest of Mr. J. D. Mathis for the week-end.

The most cordial congratulations are being showered upon that popular and genial young gentleman Mr. Chester Swearingen whose marriage to lovely Miss Nannie Cato of Monetta will be one of the beautiful events of the early spring.

Mrs. H. W. Scott has been a very great and a very patient sufferer for the past two weeks caused by some trouble with her eyes. Apart from receiving the best medical service, the attentions from her friends have been exceptionally beautiful and tender. She is showered with delicacies and flowers of the choicest kind, each offering bearing messages of love and best wishes for her speedy recovery.

Dr. T. J. Hunter is a recent purchaser of a Saxon. Now with his car he will be able to give his suffering friends quicker service and relief.

Union Meeting at Republican Good Play at Red Hill.

The union meeting at Republican was largely attended on Saturday and Sunday. The meeting was very helpful. It was a missionary meeting from the beginning to end. The sermon was preached Sunday morning by Rev. P. B. Lanham, which was enjoyed by all. The collection was for home missions.

The ladies of Republican have bought and placed in the church a handsome table. So we have at Republican a beautiful house well furnished.

The grain is looking fine. Some places we see fields of grain that have covered the ground.

Some of the young people went from here to Plum Branch to the union meeting. They report a good time.

Don't forget the play at Red Hill Friday night. The young people have worked hard to get up the play, so come and see the old maids changed into pretty young maids.

There was something like this in The Missionary World some weeks ago: Why beholdest thou the cigarette that is in thy son's mouth, and considerest not the cigar that is in thine own mouth? Or wilt thou say to thy son, "Let me pull out the cigarette out of thy mouth?" and behold a cigar is in thine own mouth. Thou hypocrite! First cast out the cigar out of thine own mouth, and then shalt thou be prepared to cast the cigarette out of thy son's mouth.

At the meeting of the State Baptist convention, held in Greenville last December, it was decided to set apart February of this year for the churches to take a collection for ministerial education. So as a representative of the board of Ministerial Education, we earnestly ask that each church in the Edgefield association take a collection for this cause in February. There are thirty-five worthy young men studying at Farnam University, preparing themselves for the ministry. Will you please see that a collection is taken in your church to help them. Thank you.

Rose Cottage.

Cold Spring, S. C.

Edgefield School News.

The McDuffie literary society was called to order by the president Friday, January 28, 1916. A large number of visitors were present and the program was unusually interesting. The first number on the program was current events, Frances Jones. This paper covered the most important events of the past two weeks and was altogether a splendid one, considering it was the first time Frances had appeared before the society. Emma Broadwater read a selection entitled "Six love letters." Edwin Folk rendered a very humorous declamation, after which Ruth Lyon played a beautiful selection. The subject for debate was resolved: "That we should have woman suffrage in South Carolina." Affirmative Jessie Simkins, Carroll Rainsford; negative, Genevieve Norris, Pendleton Gaines. This was quite a live question and after the debaters finished, a hot discussion took place between several of the members. Lydia Brunson, Fred Mays and Annie Mae Culbreath were appointed to act as judges, and their decision was given in favor of the negative. The following subject for debate at the next meeting was adopted, resolved, "That the state colleges should continue to give scholarships." We were very glad to have Mr. Milledge Holston and Miss Norma Shannonhouse become members of the society. After the report of the committees and critic, the society adjourned to meet February 11.

The trustees of the school desire to sell the two buildings on the campus which are not used. If they succeed the ground which these buildings occupy, will be converted into an athletic field. The appearance of the campus will be greatly benefited by having these old structures removed, and we hope that a purchaser will soon be found.

Mr. Lyon has appointed a committee of teachers to meet him in the court house next Saturday for the purpose of deciding definitely about field day. All members of this committee are urged to be present so that all plans can be decided upon.

School Correspondent.

"UNCLE IV" WRITES.

Commends Stand Taken by J. Russell Wright. All Veterans Should be Pensioned.

Editor The Advertiser: Just a word please. Your issue of the 19th of January found me not well still on the same legs but older and more feeble than during the Civil war. I am satisfied they would not hold to run a mile race. But I just want to take off my hat to J. Russell Wright and say amen to every allegation he makes in his charges in reference to the way in which some of the old soldiers, cripples at that, were treated while they lived and the widows of those men were treated. It is a blot on the name of South Carolina that will grow larger as time passes on, and who is to blame?

The southern soldiers could not whip the world and that was who they fought. Men from almost all nations were enlisted in the northern army, while only southern men composed the rank and file of the southern army, with the exception of some from the western and north western states. I am of the same opinion as Mr. Wright. All should be pensioned, for all did their best to win but fortune was against them. Neither R. E. Lee or his army were whipped but were outnumbered.

I don't claim to know the law governing pensions, but one thing I do know that in February 1913, I made application for a pension (being then 69 years old) and the county pension board turned me down because I had a little, just a little over \$500 worth of property all told on the tax books, and at that time I owed more than the amount on the tax book. I also made affidavit that neither myself or wife had an income of \$75 per annum. Well, I am in the state of Georgia now and received a notice a few days ago that my name had been placed on the pension roll for this year of 1916.

But let me tell you where it hurt me. The men composing the pension board of Edgefield county all knew me. The chairman of the board having belonged to the same company that I did but for only a few months but he came to us a 16 year-old boy and did his duty too.

The old Soldiers' Home: The home and only home for the old soldier, that is if he was a true one, is with his family if he has any and if not then with some one he knows.

I, like Wright, prefer to die in a sheep pasture or anywhere near those I love. I know of one in the soldiers' home (or was there) who had only his wife and himself to support and his wife owned a home but he poor fellow couldn't bear the idea of sweating in the field to provide for the wife of his youth, and I imagine that the Soldiers' Home are supporting just such. While there are quite a number in just as bad shape but are just too proud to ask to be admitted into the Soldiers' Home. I would like to shake Wright's hand and be one of the jury to sit in judgment on the case he has taken in hand, and am pretty sure that after all the evidence is taken the jury will say guilty, with no recommendation of mercy. I vote to turn over to the women of the state this matter and the old soldier will get what he deserves, and won't be long about it either. Hurrah for Wright!

Ga. Uncle Iv.

Rev. J. T. McKittrick Will Go to Swansea.

Rev. Jas. T. McKittrick and family are visiting his father, John T. McKittrick, in Floyd township. Mr. McKittrick went down to Swansea, twenty miles south of Columbia on the Seaboard, Saturday and preached there Sunday. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Swansea and two others in the country, and will leave his present pastorate of Good Hope, in Saluda county, in March for his new field.—Newberry Observer.

Teacher: "Johnnie, give me a sentence to illustrate the use of the word notwithstanding."
Johnnie (promptly) "The boy wore out the seat of his pants not with standing."—Ex.