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JOHNSTON LETTER

Death of Capt. Waters. W. C. T. U. Holds Meeting. Gov. Manning Visited Johnston.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on last Friday with Mrs. T. R. Denny and a short devotional was conducted previous to business. The reports of the officers and committees showed that all were interested in the work. The model member contest will be started at the next meeting and during the winter the manual will be studied. The chief feature of the meeting was the report from the recent state convention in Sumter from which the delegates came back all enthused. There were four from the Johnston union and each one took a day to tell of, this being done by Miss Zena Payne and Mesdames T. R. Denny, A. P. Lewis and James White.

A splendid chautauqua has been in progress here during the week and every one has greatly enjoyed this most plausible way for good entertainment. On Sunday afternoon Dr. Pound, spoke in the Methodist church on "The heroes of the Bible" and on Sunday evening in the Baptist church on "The passion play."

Capt. Philomen Waters died at his home here on last Monday and although the end was not unexpected, the news of his passing into the great beyond brought deep sorrow to the town for he was one of its earliest residents and was held in greatest respect and love by all. He was 76 years of age and for the past two years had been in failing health. Capt. Waters was a noble and upright christian and was a member of the Methodist church. His fidelity to every trust and unflinching faith in God were characteristics of his life. He was a Confederate soldier enlisting for his country's service at first call and later was appointed Capt. of his company. At the close of the war he was married to Miss Amory Huiet and during the past Christmas holidays they celebrated their golden wedding. Their union was blessed with 8 children and the lives and character of these which he and his faithful companion have reared, are as a monument to him, more lasting than stone or marble. During the years of his early life he was an attorney having his office at Edgefield. He was a man of brilliant intellect. The funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock in the home by his pastor, Rev. J. H. Thacker, and later the body was laid to rest in Mt. of Olives cemetery. Flowers were sent with sympathy from the Methodist church, the W. C. T. U., the Daughters of the Confederacy, the New Century club and the D. A. R. Besides the devoted widow the children left are Mrs. Bozer of Manning, Mrs. Philipps of Springfield, Dr. John Waters of Saluda, Miss Annie Waters of Augusta and Mrs. B. L. Allen, P. B. Waters, Huiet Waters and Miss Mallie Waters of this place. He leaves a half brother, Dr. Ben Perry of Augusta, and a half sister, Mrs. Mary Hamilton of this place.

A good meeting of the Y. W. A. was held on last Sunday at the Baptist church. Miss Sara Norris is president and after the devotional an excellent program was carried out in which several of the members took part. The auxiliary decided to again send a Christmas box to the Connie Maxwell orphanage to assist Santa Claus in making the children happy. Last year they sent their box to the home which contained the little boys and the box was filled with gifts that would please.

On last Friday Hon. and Mrs. J. L. Walker entertained Gov. R. I. Manning for the day he, being here upon invitation of the local chautauqua managers to make an address at the opening of the chautauqua. After this delightful feature had been enjoyed the remainder of the day was spent in the home of Hon. Walker. About twelve friends were invited to meet with the distinguished guest and all enjoyed being numbered with the party and also the cordial hospitality of the day.

The state convention of the woman's missionary societies of the Lutheran church will be held here, the first session being on Saturday,

Fall Term of Court of Common Pleas.

The October term of the civil court convened Monday morning. Hon. W. P. Greene of the Abbeville bar is presiding, having been appointed by Governor Manning to sit at Edgefield as special judge. Judge Greene is one of the leading lawyers of the Piedmont section and has a large clientele. Notwithstanding his large law practice, he finds time to edit the Abbeville Press and Banner, of which very estimable journal he is the editor and owner. Judge Greene by his able, fair and impartial decisions has made a favorable impression upon both the legal profession and the laity since he donned the ermine for the first time in Edgefield.

The first case to receive the consideration of the court Monday was the suit brought by Mrs. Henrietta Scott against the Georgia-Carolina Power Company for damages in the sum of \$4,046, alleged to have resulted from damage to her plantation by the water impounded by the dam across the Savannah river.

The back-water does not cover the land of Mrs. Scott but it has formed pools and has caused streams on the farm of Mrs. Scott to become stagnant, thus furnishing a breeding place for mosquitoes which has caused an epidemic of malaria among tenants on the place as well as in the family of the owner.

As there are about 15 other cases similar to this one on the civil docket, every inch of ground on both sides is being contested by able counsel. The plaintiff is being represented by J. Wm. Thurmond and B. E. Nicholson and the defendant company by Sheppard Bros., Wright & Wright of Augusta and Elliot and Herbert of Columbia.

The testimony in the case was completed yesterday afternoon and the jury will be carried down to Mrs. Scott's plantation in automobiles by the sheriff this morning to inspect the premises involved. The argument in the case will begin tomorrow morning.

October 21 in St. John's Lutheran church. About 150 delegates are expected and everything is in readiness for this band of zealous women laboring in the master's name.

Recently an equal suffrage league was organized here this being effected in the home of Mrs. W. F. Scott and those coming to organize the league were Mesdames Duncan and Annie P. Easterling of Aiken. After earnest talks on the part of these, plans were made for the organization and later officers elected. President, Mrs. W. F. Scott; vice-president, Mrs. James White; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. N. Lott; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Rushton; parliamentarian, Mrs. Rutledge McGee. The delegate from the league to the Charleston convention the last of the month will be Mrs. J. M. Rushton.

Sunday morning was orphanage day at the Baptist church and the gifts of the various classes amounted to \$146.87. This was considered a splendid gift on the part of the Sunday school in as much as during the week a cash subscription on the part of the church members had liquidated the balance due on the church building which was a large sum.

The Apollo music club met with Mrs. James Strother on Wednesday afternoon and after a short business session conducted by the president, Mrs. Mims Walker, an hour was spent with the study of the opera the year's study being Italian operas and composers. Miss Gertrude Strother acted as leader and the following program was held: "Primitive opera," Miss Zena Payne; music, Mrs. Mims Walker; "Grand opera," Mrs. W. F. Scott; music, Mrs. L. S. Maxwell; "Light opera" Mrs. G. D. Walker. A social half hour was pleasantly passed and all enjoyed a sweet course served.

Mrs. Hamilton of Middlebrook, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Allen Mobley.

Miss Heron is visiting Misses Elliot and Conya Hardy.

Mrs. Margaret Stevers of Meeting Street has been for a short visit in the home of her nephew, Dr. B. L. Allen.

Mrs. Reaves of Augusta was the guest of relatives here last week.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Cotton Picking Almost Over. Grain Sowing Has Begun. Will Make Exhibit at County Fair.

Summer lingers with us and we are glad to have it. Cold weather draws us up and chaps our hands, so they ache as though there were fine bits of glass in them.

Guess we will have rain on the 18th, when we have a change of the moon and the circus in Augusta, then we will have cold weather in earnest.

We would like to kill a hog or too, to catch on where our old meat gives out. But 'tis early yet for that, so we "pinch off" a little at a time, trying to make it hold out, until hog killing time. Talking of hog killing, and all the hay not cut and housed, or oats, wheat, or rye sowed. Almost the last scraping of cotton is over, though. We have had grand weather for gathering it, and the price ought to be good, for so little of it has been stained.

The farmers are rushing to get things gathered, and grain sowed before a long wet spell comes on. In the cities, 'tis rush, rush, to catch the most dimes and dollars. So it goes, the world over.

Sunday was lovely, but very few out at the Hardy's service. Considering the crowd, there was a very good collection taken up for the Orphanage.

Thursday of this week the W. M. S. will meet at Mrs. Frances Townes and we hope to have a good collection then for the Orphans.

We hope all the other churches may send in collections, for that is one institution, and the aged ministers another, that deserves more aid than any other.

The ladies of the Meriwether Club, and members of Sweetwater church, will be put on the club exhibit at the fair this season, and hope to win first prize, to assist their church funds toward repairing the church and painting it. We wish them every success, and hope the men will exert every effort to make this the finest exhibit ever put on yet.

This being the week for the suits against the Georgia and Carolina Power Co., there are several of our men folks at Edgefield. Messrs. Will Briggs, John Roper, P. B. Lanham, Jack Harling, Tom Miller, H. L. Bunch and H. F. Cooper.

The men are so scarce in our neighborhood, we miss them when they go off. But my! how they do enjoy getting away from the hum drum, every day life on the farm, and to exchange ideas with others. All work and no play, makes us all dull and blue. It does us good to mingle with our fellow creatures. We can begin again, and while at work, think of the many pleasant people we have come in contact with. It makes life worth while.

Hardy's.

Morgan-Harling.

Another tie has been formed between two very old and honored families. We refer to the marriage of Miss Annie Lee Morgan and Mr. J. T. Harling, which occurred in Augusta Sunday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Baptist church, the Rev. Ashby Jones, D. D., officiating.

A merry party, consisting of Mr. J. T. Harling, Miss Annie Lee Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mellinchamp, Miss Eileen Harling, Miss Annie Mae Culbreath, Miss Bettie Lou Morgan, Miss Rhett Warren, Miss Grace Thomas and Mr. Frank Lyon, motored to Augusta Sunday afternoon. Soon after reaching the city the wedding party repaired to the parsonage where the lives of two Edgefield young people were united until death shall part them. The Advertiser joins the host of friends of these popular young people in extending sincere congratulations.

Dr. Fuller's Bereavement.

The Edgefield friends of Dr. R. M. Fuller, of McCormick, sympathize with him deeply in the death of his wife, a noble Christian woman, which occurred last week. In addition to her devoted husband, she leaves three daughters, the youngest being but a few hours old. Dr. Fuller is greatly beloved in Edgefield and his friends here mingle their tears with his.

RED OAK GROVE.

School Makes Good Beginning. Boll Weevil Scare. Large Acreage in Wheat and Oats.

It was Lowell who said "Each day the world is born anew for him who takes it rightly"—and so thoughtfully may each of us apply to ourselves, never letting a time come for us to think life a burden, especially when blessed with good health and strength. A mind invested with self-consciousness, self-determination and self action are capable of amazing achievements and again I say we never know what we can do till we have tried. With these thoughts in our minds we are determined to let you hear something from the outcome of a Teacher Training class in our Sunday school at Red Oak Grove, Mr. Geo. Bassey as leader.

I was sick last week and I wondered why my thoughts were so sweet all the while and too sick to sit up for eight or nine days but could one be otherwise with kind attentions at home and loving thoughtfulness of every one. Really sickness is not without silver rays made thus by good neighbors who come in with sweet, cheerful faces, the index of their lives and too, again helping by refreshments and dainties so tastily prepared helps make the sick get well and how it makes us feel each day the world is born anew.

Mrs. Joseph Ramsey, nee Wates, of Florence was warmly greeted by her friends last week. It was so sweet to see the affection of her school children towards her. Knowing her nature as I do it made her feel deeper interested than ever in Flat Rock pupils, meaning much more than can be imagined when she told our present teacher, Miss McAfee, "You have a school of good children."

Our school opened last Monday with thirty-odd pupils. The entire enrollment will be about forty-six. And for one teacher to be expected to do justice to that number is absurd, impossible, so now good people of Flat Rock get busy and get assistance. The children are all delighted with and love Miss McAfee and we feel quite sure she is the right teacher for us. But we know she does need help and want her to have it. She is entitled to it in justice to ourselves.

Our farmers have new thoughts coming since hearing the boll weevil at Modoc. Mr. Charlie Stone sent specimen to Clemson college which was pronounced the weevil. We should look with interest for what Gov. Manning may instruct for our state.

We hear of a number sowing larger than usual of wheat, oats and rye. We think the gardens are receiving renewed and unusual interest at this season of the year and let us keep cool, don't get scared. People are not capable of handling anything intelligently, and times are worse with the whole world we may say in an upheaval, which calls for intelligent, steady nerves. If worse seems to face us let's live one day at a time and that day the very best we can, knowing that "He who is for us is mightier than they who are against us."

Modoc, S. C.

The School Parade.

The county fair is a county-wide enterprise and the citizens of every section of the county should take an active interest in it, feeling that it is their fair. An opportunity will be offered Friday, the third day of the fair, for every community to participate. A parade of school wagons has been planned and handsome prizes offered. There should be at least 25 or 30 decorated wagons in the parade. One of the very best features of a former fair was the school wagon parade. Let's all combine our efforts and make the school wagon parade the best part of this fair. It can be easily done, if the patrons and trustees of the schools will co-operate with the teachers in having the schools represented. County Superintendent of Education W. W. Fuller heartily endorses the holding of the school wagon parade and has written to the teachers urging them to have their school participate in the parade. Have your school represented and win one of the prizes.

Mrs. Woodson Entertain D. A. R.

The October meeting of the "Old 96 District Chapter D. A. R." was held with Mrs. Agatha Woodson on Tuesday afternoon. The program was especially devoted to the subject of "Preparedness," and reasons were given by the members at roll call.

A very interesting report of the Regent, Mrs. Evans, to be sent to the Smithsonian Institute was read, and a paper of great value, was written and read by Miss Sarah Collett on "Preparedness."

Ancestral histories were read by Mrs. B. E. Nicholson, on "Robert Rutherford," and Mrs. J. H. Cantelou on "Lodowick Hill."

A selection on the "Flag" was given by Miss Hortensia Woodson and "Old Trails" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. Woodson.

The D. A. R. decided to enter a characteristic float at the fair. The whole meeting was one of great interest and educational value. Delegates elected to the D. A. R. conference at Johnston, were Mrs. N. G. Evans, Regent, Mrs. J. W. Peak, alternate; delegate, Miss Sarah Collett, alternate, Mrs. J. M. Lawton. The committee appointed to decorate a float consisted of Miss Sarah Collett, Mrs. J. W. Peak, Mrs. D. B. Hollingsworth and Mrs. J. L. Mims.

At the close, the hostess served a salad course with coffee and wafers.

A Visit to Trenton.

Tuesday afternoon on invitation of the Trenton W. C. T. U. two Edgefield members went over to our neighboring town and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at an enthusiastic gathering of the Trenton society at the home of the President, Mrs. T. P. Salter. Among the interesting things done by the organization was the decision to bring an automobile and perhaps a decorated wagon to Edgefield on Thursday of the fair. A very capable committee was appointed for this purpose. At the conclusion of the business, Mrs. Cogburn and Mrs. Mims were called upon to give an account of their visits to the recent State convention in Sumter.

The hostess served a very dainty salad course with coffee, and the meeting closed just in time to allow the Trenton ladies to reach their homes before the evening shadows fell, but the visitors were overtaken by darkness, and moonlight and starlight guarded them to their destination, until the electric lights of our fair city sent their magic beams to illumine their way.

Big Carnival For Fair Week.

President James R. Cantelou and the members of the executive committee of the county fair closed a contract Monday with Reynolds Greater Shows for the week of the county fair. This is the strongest collection of shows to be found in this part of the country and the fair management is fortunate in being able to secure them. In addition to 14 tent shows of a high order, Mr. Reynolds has a brass band of 14 pieces, a Ferris wheel (the largest in this section of the country) and a Merry-go-round that will surpass anything of the kind ever seen in Edgefield before. Suffice it to say that the best carnival that has ever visited Edgefield will be here fair week.

Entertainment at Antioch School

Friday night, the 27th of October, a Hallowe'en entertainment will be held for the benefit of the Antioch school. An interesting program has been arranged. There will be a fortune teller on hand to reveal the mysteries of the future and the usual Hallowe'en games will be provided. A supper consisting of Hallowe'en delicacies will be served. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged for the program. The public is cordially invited and we hope the entertainment will be largely patronized.

School Day at Fair.

The Fair Association is anxious to have a good parade of decorated school wagons Friday during the fair. Trustees, patrons, teachers, take an interest, and make it a success. Teachers who expect to be with us, please notify me.

W. W. Fuller,
Co. Supt. Education.

HISTORIC PAPER.

Sketch of Stephen Tompkins. Prepared by Mrs. Maggie Hill Read Before Edgefield D. A. R.

The Tompkins' are of both English and Welsh descent. Sir Hugh Treberne, a gallant knight who was with the Black Prince at Poitiers, was the founder of the Welsh branch of the family. In Yorkshire, England, the name appears as Tompkins. One lost his life in his sovereign's cause. "Mr. Nathaniel Tompkins, gentleman of Holborn," appears on the records. Nathaniel Tompkins was loyal to King Charles 1st and was tried at Guildhall June 30, 1643, and was beheaded for his loyalty to his King. Particulars of his trial and his speeches are preserved. The organist of the chapel royal was Thomas Tompkins. This was in 1625, and much of his manuscript is preserved in the British Museum. William Tompkins was an artist, and also his son Peltro, who was portrait painter to George III, and drawing master to the princesses.

One of the first of the name in this country, was Micah Tompkins, who with his wife, Mary, came from England about 1639, settling in Wethersfield, Conn., going from there to Milford, of which he was one of the founders. In May 1668, he was one of a company of eleven to purchase from the Indians the site upon which Newark, N. J., now stands. He was also one of the committee to build Newark's first church. Much data of this sturdy pioneer, is preserved by the New Jersey Historical Society. Another pioneer father, was John Tompkins, who also came from England.

The founder of the New York branch of the family was Nathaniel, who settled at Eastchester, about 1680. Nathaniel, it may be noted, is a favorite family name. A branch of the family also settled in Virginia, John and his wife, Annie Tompkins, who was his cousin. They removed to Kentucky in 1794, and left a large estate. The Rhode Island family descended from Nathaniel, who married in 1671, Elizabeth Allen. The coat-of-arms belonging to the Tompkins' of Sussex, England, is produced on azure parchment, consisting of a chevron between three Moorcock's, and as many crosses. The crest being a ship under full sail.

Of the two families who came to Virginia about 1740, one was Captain Stephen Tompkins, the paternal ancestor of the family in South Carolina. He went from Virginia to Anson county, North Carolina, where he met and married "Puggy" Franklin, a paternal cousin of the famous Benjamin Franklin, and it is said that she possessed as strong mental endowments as her afterwards famous kinsman. If she ever had any other name than "Puggy," it was never heard of by her descendants.

Stephen Tompkins was born in New York, May 9th 1730. He was tall and slender, and of rather striking personality. Stephen Tompkins, having moved to Anson county, North Carolina, before the outbreak of the Revolution of 1776, raised a company of cavalry, which he commanded during the war. It was related by him that the best soldier he had in his command was one he had himself shot for stealing his horses. The horses of his troop began to disappear and he suspected some of his own men of this breach of law as well as of military discipline. He did not trust a detail to watch for the thief, but did it in person, and soon discovered a there-tore Tory leading a horse from where they were parked as if carrying him to water. He did not hail, but fired the contents of a blunderbuss in the region of the horse thief's pedal extremities. He recovered the horse, and sending the wounded thief to his home, improvised as a hospital, with his adored "Puggy" as the whole Red Cross Corps, to whom the sick and wounded were committed, and dear Grandma "Puggy," not only nursed her patient back to health, but converted him from a loyal subject of King George, to an ardent patriot in the cause of American Liberty. The convert afterwards said: "It was

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