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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Special Sermon at Baptist Church
Young Men Come Home to
Enlist. Mrs. Mann-
ing's Visit.

On Sunday morning, upon a request of President Wilson, that the ministers of the gospel preach upon the subject of how one might aid their country, Rev. W. S. Brooke followed this out and preached a most impressive sermon. He said that one could best aid their country by doing just what the government asked. Just to shoulder arms was not the only way we were to prepare in this time of great need. The farmer who was putting forth every effort to carry out the suggestions of their government to plant more wheat and corn to thus help feed the world, was also patriotic. He urged economy and showed many ways by which Americans could economize. He was heard by a very sympathetic audience, and as he concluded, there was a fervent amen heard from the audience, which voiced the sentiment of all.

On Sunday morning, May 13, a special anniversary service will be held at the Baptist church instead of the preaching service, this day making the year's ministry of the pastor, Rev. Brooke. There will be short addresses by Messrs. J. L. Walker, Will Sawyer and S. J. Watson, and in the evening the pastor will preach on "The Second Mile Stone." On Monday, while Mrs. Manning was here she was entertained with a very pleasant luncheon in the home of Mrs. J. H. White, and those invited to meet with her were Mesdames M. T. Turner, J. A. Lott, H. W. Crouch, Earl Rusli, Archie Lewis and Harriette Kenney. Everything served at the luncheon was home grown, and the idea pleased Mrs. Manning very much and she said she would tell the Governor of how prepared the people of Johnston were.

Mrs. J. L. Walker entertained Mrs. Manning with a beautiful tea on Wednesday evening, and the cool, flower laden rooms was an ideal place to spend the time, with such an honor guest.

Mrs. Walker is at the head of the D. A. R. detachment, and she invited the other two of the committee, Mesdames O. D. Black and C. P. Corn, and the regent, Mrs. M. T. Turner to be present. Also present were, Mesdames E. M. Walker and J. H. White.

Tea was served in perfect style with beautiful accessories, and again, everything served was grown on their farm.

The Emily Geiger chapter met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. LaGrone, the Regent, Mrs. M. T. Turner presiding. The chapter voted to send ten dollars to the school at Walhalla toward meeting the pledge as a founder.

The D. A. R. detachment was discussed, but no special line of work was to be decided on until after the address of Mrs. Manning had been heard, then work will proceed.

The chapter will co-operate in the celebration of Baby Day with the other organizations.

The Regent gave a summary of the proceedings of the congress in Washington, and read a communication from Mrs. F. H. H. Calhoun, National Vice-Regent. The chapter was glad to hear of a prospective new member, the membership roll now being thirty eight.

During the literary session, a paper on the "Comparison of the Northern, Middle and Southern Colonies" was read by Mrs. W. F. Scott; Current Events were given by Miss Zenn Payne, and the meeting concluded with a vocal solo by Mrs. James White. The hostess served tomatoes with mayonnaise, sandwiches and iced tea.

It was a great pleasure to all on last Monday to hear Mrs. R. I. Manning discuss the work of the National League for Woman's Service, and tell of the work that could be done by the various detachments. She came upon the cordial invitation of the D. A. R., this organization having last Oct. decided to take up some kind of work.

The meeting was held in the opera

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Death of Mrs. Victoria Evans.

In the early watches of Thursday morning death claimed one of the oldest residents of Edgefield, Mrs. Victoria Evans, who was nearing the close of her 80th year. About ten days prior to her death Mrs. Evans fell and fractured her right hip, and instead of rallying from the shock, this aged and greatly beloved lady steadily grew weaker till the end.

During the last days of her life all of her children were gathered about her, and from the moment of her injury until life became extinct, she received constant and most devoted attention. Nothing that human ingenuity could devise or provide was left undone.

Before her marriage to the late Gen. Nathan George Evans, Mrs. Evans was Miss Victoria Gary and was reared at Cokesbury. She came to Edgefield to reside about 1882, after the death of her husband and also after the death of her distinguished brother, Gen. M. W. Gary. Mrs. Evans was an unusual woman. Not only was her life and personality an embodiment of that splendid culture of the old South, but she was a woman of remarkable intellectual strength and a charming conversationalist. Having traveled extensively and being conversant with the best literature and also possessing the rich experience of accumulated years, she was always intensely interesting in conversation. Mrs. Evans possessed decided convictions and could always be found on the right side of all questions affecting the social and religious welfare of the State and community. She was a devout member of the Methodist church from girlhood and during the more active years of her life was always a regular attendant upon the services of her church. Her death removes a personality that is greatly honored and beloved in Edgefield by the young and the old, the white and the colored.

Mrs. Evans is survived by three sons, John Gary Evans, N. G. Evans, B. B. Evans and one daughter, Miss Mary Evans. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. L. Gunter, pastor of the Methodist church at Oakley Park at 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The body was carried to Cokesbury Friday morning for burial in the family square, the funeral party making the journey in a special car.

The Nation's Urgent Need.

The supreme need of our nation and of the nations with which we are co-operating is an abundance of supplies, and especially of foodstuffs. Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the peoples now at war, the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fall. "The world's food reserves are low."

Not only during the present emergency, but for some time after peace shall have come, both our own people and a large proportion of the people of Europe must rely upon the harvests in America. Upon the farmers of this country, therefore, in a large measure, rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations.

I particularly appeal to the farmers of the South to plant abundant foodstuffs, as well as cotton. They can show their patriotism in no better or more convincing way than by resisting the great temptation of the present price of cotton and helping to feed the nation and the peoples fighting for their liberties and our own. The variety of their crops will be the visible measure of their comprehension of their national duty.—President Woodrow Wilson

This is an appeal that doubtless will be heeded. The farmers of the country will vie with each other to do their duties in the furrows as well as in the training camps and trenches. That there are many difficulties to be met in increasing production need hardly be argued. But these will be met and overcome.

Since all classes and occupations have been called upon by President Wilson to render patriotic services in production and distribution of foods it will be desirable for close co-operation in which every class and every individual does his best. This is the way to produce more and put it on the table of the consumer at the least cost possible.—Farm and Ranch.

CLEORA CULLINGS.

School Closed With Picnic. Addresses on Civic Preparedness. Killed Eleven Snakes at One Shot.

Our school closed last Friday and we had a basket picnic at the school house Saturday. Mr. A. S. Tompkins gave us a talk on Civic Preparedness and Education. As is always, with him, his remarks were original and to the point. He was followed by Mr. S. McG. Simpkins and Dr. Josh Beall on the same subjects. These talks were all good and to the point and were enjoyed by all present.

Owing to the rain on Friday which put hard land in good condition to plow, very few of the men of the community were present.

Mr. Albert Reel, who was operated on in an Augusta hospital about three weeks ago, is improving slowly. His mother Mrs. W. T. Reel, is still in Augusta with him.

L. R. Brunson, Jr., has been in bed several days with chills but is better now.

Mr. C. M. Williams is confined to his home with Rheumatism or sciatica.

Misses Ellie and Eugenia Mims visited Mrs. L. R. Brunson last Friday.

The drought has at last been broken; had a fine rain Friday. It is raining all day today, and it looks as if we will have as long a wet spell as we had dry.

Some who planted cotton early have very good stands, but those who were late planting have none up yet.

We have the champion snake killer in this community. Mr. D. C. Nicholson, who lives on Mr. A. B. Holmes' place, saw a big water moccasin on the opposite bank of the creek and several others following him. When they stopped he shot into the brush and killed eleven at one shot. "Next man!"

All around here are about through planting cotton, but very little corn has been planted, but there will be a big crop put in after this big rain. There will be more corn, peas, velvet beans, sorghum and potatoes planted around here than for several years.

Dr. Josh Beall happened to be over here on business and attended our picnic. His friends were all glad to see him.

We wish Uncle "Iv" Morgan, another one of our Edgefield men who has moved to Georgia, had happened over at the same time. Others of his Edgefield friends would like to shake his hand besides Fair, Mims and Griffis.

The Griffis school closed last Friday with an entertainment at night, which was a decided success and reflected credit on teacher and pupils. Mrs. John Barnett taught the Griffis school this term.

Spanell Guilty; Gets Five Year Sentence.

Coleman, Texas, May 5—A verdict of guilty of murder was returned tonight by the jury in the case of Harry J. Spanell, charged with the killing of Lieut.-Col. M. G. Butler. Punishment was fixed at five years imprisonment.

Spanell all but collapsed when the verdict was read. Counsel for the defense announced a motion for a new trial would be filed immediately, and if it were not granted, an appeal would be taken. The plea for reversal, they said, would be based specifically upon the refusal of the court to sustain defense's plea of "former acquittal." Spanell was indicted at Alpine, Tex., for the alleged killing of his wife and Lieutenent-Col. Butler on the night of July 20, 1915. The charge of killing his wife, Mrs. Christal Holland Spanell, was tried at San Angelo last February on a change of venue. Spanell was acquitted and the case against him for killing Butler was brought to Coleman county. The trial here began Monday, April 23.

A stranger entered the church during the sermon. Getting tired, he asked his neighbor, "How long has he been preaching?"

About thirty or forty years, I think," replied the man.

"I'll stay, then," said the stranger; he must be nearly done."—The Young man and Woman.

CLARK'S HILL.

Large Acreage in Corn. Peaches Nearly Ripe. Interesting Report of State Sunday School Convention.

The new store at Meriwether of H. A. Adams & Son is about full of new spring goods. Miss Katharine Adams has an ice cream parlor in connection with the store. A fresh meat market will be another department of this new store, which will be managed by John Adams, a younger son.

Middleton & Rich are getting grain and hay in car lots for our mill people. Some of our farmers are using some of it; but they say not so for next year. One man did not get a good stand of cotton, so he plowed it up and planted corn. Most all of our oat land is in corn and peas. All old corn has been plowed and chopping began last week. We are about through planting cotton, and most of us have good stands.

All of us have had something fresh from our gardens. We are now enjoying peas and strawberries. Peaches will be ripe in ten days.

Fried chicken will be on us in a few days, and anybody who is hungry, come to see us. We will go down on the Savannah and take a chicken for dinner, have fish for supper, if we catch them.

How is our friend Jim Cantelon? Wonder if this sounds good to him?

Some of our boys have joined the pig and corn clubs. We wish every farmer that has a boy would encourage him to become a member of this club. Oh, that we could make it more interesting for the boys on the farm!

Quite a lot of sickness in our community. Dr. Bell of McCormick, was down to see some of them this week.

Mr. H. A. Adams took his son John Adams, to the hospital in Augusta a few days ago. The latest reports are to the effect that he is better.

Mrs. Tillman Bunch is in the hospital in Greenwood.

W. M. Rowland spent a few days on his Melrose plantation last week, and left Saturday for Spartanburg.

Miss Addie Timmerman is spending some time with Mrs. D. W. Sherpton.

Mrs. H. A. Adams is in Augusta by the bedside of her son.

Mrs. S. T. Adams is off for a two weeks visit to friends in Spartanburg, Greenwood, Gaffney, Greenville and Bradley, while Sam is at home taking care of the chickens: So the song goes. "let Sam do the work, and Louise do the frolicking around." May she have a good time. Mrs. Adams attended the State Sunday School Convention in Spartanburg last week. Sam was with her at this convention, but as soon as the meeting was over she sent him home. Miss Frances and Mrs. W. S. Middleton, also attended this great convention.

Well, how was that convention, you ask? It was good, every bit of it. An army of boy scouts met every train, and took you and your grip to your home. Most of the appointed speakers were on the floor on time. Our county had nine delegates, four of them from our school. We were sorry to see only two from Edgefield. We are very much interested in dear old Edgefield, as we are a part of you. Every county was represented but Georgetown. McCormick county was put on the honor roll of banner counties. We tried hard for the gold star, but missed two schools. We are going to have these next year. Our county pledged twenty-five dollars and paid thirty-eight dollars. The State is asking us for fifty dollars. We must go forward and meet it. Forty two of the forty five counties are organized. My, what a worker we have in Mr. Webb. We recommend Hon. B. E. Nicholson, who was placed on the Executive Committee. I am sure this committee will get valuable help from brother Nicholson.

Ex-Governor M. F. Ansel was chosen president of the convention for next year.

FOR SALE: 100 Bushels of peas, also pure White Leghorn eggs for hatching, 75 cents for 15. L. C. Parker & Co.

Planting Summer Legumes.

Planting peas, soy beans, velvet beans and peanuts as companion crops with corn and the grain sorghums should be done this year more than ever before. We are striving to increase the yield this year as well we may, but we should not forget that the soil must be kept up so our yield will not decrease the following years. To maintain the fertility of our soil we should plant legumes on every acre that can be planted to increase the nitrogen and the humus contents of the soil.

Fortunate are those who have plenty of legume seeds, such as peas, soy beans, velvet beans and peanuts. Those who have seeds to sell should advertise them so the people who need late planting seed may buy.

Strenuous means should be employed to plant cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans and peanuts not only in plats to themselves for seed and for feed, but also in corn and grain sorghum fields to improve the soil, to afford grazing or to make hay as the legume may be adapted to the purpose.

The legumes mentioned are adapted to late planting, and may be planted any time when there is sufficient moisture up till the first of July, and perhaps a little later in some localities. Let preparations be made to plant them and get the benefits.

Especially will it be desirable to prepare to plant the oat and wheat stubble fields in some of these legumes. If the season will permit much can be accomplished by planting the stubble fields. It is certainly worth an effort.—Farm and Ranch.

Meeting of the Bald Eagle Chapter C. of C.

The children forming this chapter were beautifully entertained by Mrs. W. A. Byrd on Saturday afternoon. This was called a trying to make their plans for Memorial Day, but their regular historical program was carried out, as their director wishes to leave no moment unimproved.

After the opening exercises by the president, Miss Mae Rives, their plans were discussed, and it was decided that each child prepare four magnolia wreaths, which they are to carry in the procession and immediately after the speaking and other exercises at the opera house, they will go with the committees appointed by the mother chapter, to the cemeteries and place a wreath on the grave of every soldier which they are able to locate. There were twenty three children present, and the most profound sympathy was shown for Miss Mary Evans in her deep sorrow over the loss of her mother, who was one of the honorary members of their chapter.

After the business of the hour was disposed of, the historian, Miss Gladys Lawton, took charge of the meeting and a very interesting program was carried out. Isabel Byrd recited with a great deal of feeling the beautiful poem on Mart Gary, which was reprinted in the Chronicle a few weeks ago. Elizabeth Lott gave a well written and comprehensive sketch of Jefferson Davis and the early days of the Confederacy, and it was remarkable how well the children answered the questions prepared by our Historian general for the use of the children's chapters. They sang both "Dixie" and "America," and one of the children remarked that on one occasion a band was playing one of our national anthems here, and when the audience did not rise he waited until an Edgefield people should thus show their patriotism. Hereafter, when the band plays "Dixie" or "America" or the "Star Spangled Banner" I know of one little patriotic band who will rise to the music.

Before leaving for their homes the children were served ice cream cones and cake by their hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hughes and Mary Lily Byrd.

After the meeting was over they enjoyed a delightful half hour of play on the lawn.

Horace—"There's your friend Simpkins. I am afraid he's going to get soaked to the skin. Why don't you ask him under your umbrella?"

Ely—"I'm afraid he would recognize it!"—Judge.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Rain Welcomed. Fires Again Made. Many Visitors Come and Go. Meriwether Barbecue.

We are so glad to have had a nice rain on Friday, which helped everything so much, and enabled the farmers to plough and plant some more of their hard lands, and gave the cotton and corn a drink; also, the grain and gardens. But my! isn't it cold? Winter lingers in the lap of spring until quite late. Fires are very comfortable and necessary. Such weather! Some were sitting on their piazzas Sunday afternoon, I can't say enjoying themselves, for they were drawing up their coats, and looked so cold, as well as felt so.

We went out riding Sunday afternoon to Mr. Jim Gilchrist's to see them a little while; also, Mrs. T. R. Gilchrist, who is the picture of health herself, but has a very sick baby, just out of the hospital; in fact, two of them just back. We hope they will soon be all right now.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Tom Miller had been taken to the hospital a few days ago. Hope she can soon come home sound and well. She has been very frail for many years.

Met Cadet Hal Wells at Mr. T. R. Gilchrist's visiting his aunt.

Saw Mrs. D. T. Mathis and son D. T., Mr. and Mrs. Orin Reese and Mr. Walter Harris coming across the bridge as we did.

Met Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKie and family in their car coming out to visit Miss Genie Hammond, who was holding a reception on her front piazza. Mrs. D. R. Hammond and daughter were there also.

Messrs. H. L. and H. G. Bunch and family, Mrs. L. C. Raymond and Miss Lilla Bunch were riding on the good roads of Georgia and rough roads of South Carolina Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKie brought Miss Marjorie McKie home Saturday after a very pleasant week with them.

Master Jule Butler spent the week-end with Master Robert McKie, Jr.

Mr. Walter Stevens motored Miss Mary Townes to Augusta Saturday. Mrs. Townes and Mr. Frank Townes were in town also.

We are looking forward to the Meriwether agricultural club barbecue on May 19 at the hall. We always enjoy them so much.

We are soon to lose one of our sweet girls, judging from an invitation we received a few days ago. We speak of Miss Beatrice Stephens to marry Mr. Julius M. Vann on the 16th. We congratulate Mr. Vann on winning such a lovely little lady, and wish for them both every happiness.

Hardy's.

U. D. C. Meeting.

Mrs. E. S. Johnson was hostess for the U. D. C. on Tuesday afternoon, and the meeting was well attended, although it ended in a great shower.

Memorial Day plans were perfected and arrangements for the coming of Dr. Carter Helm Jones of Seattle to make the Memorial address. Mrs. E. P. Jones had charge of the meeting in place of Mrs. Marsh, who was absent.

A splendid paper on Albert Sidney Johnston was read by Mrs. B. E. Nicholson, prepared by Mrs. B. L. Mims.

A poem on Shiloh was beautifully read by Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman.

Little Miss Anne Lawton brought a very graceful message from the children's chapter.

An iced course, with two kinds of cake, was served by the hostess.

Dinner will be served on Memorial Day to all veterans.

Miss Southby—"So you'll be in Florida another week? Are you going to Kissimmee before you start for home?"

Mr. North—"I hadn't thought of it, but you certainly do look tempting."—Chicago Daily News

When in need of gasoline come to our store—price this week is 27 cents per gallon.

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