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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Mothers' Day Observed. Anniversary Service Held at Baptist Church. Interesting W. C. T. U. Meeting.

Sunday was a full and interesting day at the Baptist church. The greater part of the Sunday School hour was devoted to exercises of Mother's Day which was beautiful and affecting. Cradle Roll exercises were held, and this was most pleasing.

This department was organized in 1908, and little Ben Lee Allen was the first name on the roll, over two hundred since having been on the roll.

Mrs. J. H. White is superintendent, with Mrs. O. D. Black assistant. It was a beautiful sight to see the little tots as they carried out their part, in song and recitation, and those promoted to first grade were presented with Bibles.

At present there are 57 names on the roll, and these names were called and a white carnation was pinned on by Mrs. Fannie Jefferson. Each was given a tiny flag also.

One of the mothers, Mrs. Alfred Holstein, had recently died and a memorial song was sung. This concluded the exercises.

Following the exercises in the Sunday School, an Anniversary service was held in the auditorium, the following being the order of service: Doxology; Invocation; Song, by congregation; Scripture—Prayer, by Rev. W. S. Brooke; Anthem, "Crown Him Lord of All"; Offertory—"Ave Maria"; Addresses by three laymen: "The Value of the Church," Hon. J. L. Walker; "Our Duty to the Church," Mr. W. M. Sawyer; "Two Views," Mr. S. J. Watson; Song, by congregation; Benediction.

The evening service began with fifteen minutes, followed by the anniversary of the pastor's pastorate of Rev. Brooke.

A largely attended meeting of the W. C. T. U., was held on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Annie P. Lewis, and during business presided over by Miss Zena Payne, many matters were discussed.

Prohibition as a war measure, which is now occupying the minds of the half million white ribboners, and thousands of leading Americans whose opinion mean much, was one topic of discussion.

The Union had sent a telegram to President Wilson urging this, and at the meeting a petition was drawn up which was signed by all and this will be sent also.

The work of the department of "Soldiers and Sailors" was presented and many of the ladies have their comfort bags ready. These were passed around and viewed, and the 16th was set as the day to pack the box and have ready to send on.

The Union made a contribution for the electric fans to be used in the hospitals.

Baby Day will be observed here soon and the Union will co-operate by exhibiting posters and distributing literature, and all of the members were invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

It was decided to visit the County Home on June 9, Jennie Cassidy's birthday, and unite with the Unions of the county in making a happy day for the inmates. A committee was appointed to arrange for a basket of good things that each union is expected to carry.

Membership Day was observed by the model member contest report, five new members being gained. The side of Mrs. A. P. Lewis made 1221 points and that of Mrs. J. H. White 826. It was found that Miss Zena Payne made the most points.

Miss Eunice Cates of Augusta is visiting Mrs. James White.

Mrs. Workman of Cross Hill is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. P. Lott.

Memorial Day was beautifully and fittingly observed here on Thursday by the Mary Ann Baie Chapter, U. D. C., the occasion being held in the auditorium of the High School. The decorations here were very pretty and patriotic, and with the many flags of the Confederacy was Old Glory draped.

A line of march composed of the various grades of the High School,

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## House and Senate Agree on Selective Draft.

Washington, May 10.—The long deadlock of senate and house conferees on the selective draft military bill was broken today with agreement on a compromise measure under which a great war army would be raised by selective conscription of men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive.

Authorization for recruiting Col. Roosevelt's proposed volunteer division for service in France, written into the bill by the senate and defended stubbornly by the senate conferees, finally was thrown out on the insistence of committeemen representing the house. In return the house yielded to the senate's proposal for prohibition at military posts.

The conference report is expected to be given approval by both senate and house within a few days and within two weeks after the president has affixed his signature registration of those eligible for conscription will be under way throughout the country. Some States have already selected their registration boards and the war department has erected a vast and intricate war machine for assigning and organizing the conscripts. They will be assembled in September.

The compromise bill is understood to be generally satisfactory to the administration and to the army general staff, on whose advice the original measure was framed.

The most important change made in congress was in the age limit, fixed by the staff at 19 to 25, inclusive. The senate made them 21 and 27 and the house 21 and 40. The ages named in the conference agreement at 21 and 30, inclusive, making the draft applicable to all men under 31.

Although there has been no direct authoritative expression from

the bill as sent to congress from the war department.

With the Roosevelt proposal the conferees also threw out a senate amendment under which three regiments of volunteers could have been enlisted for service on the Mexican border.

The section dealing with exemptions from draft was rewritten in part by the conference committee and provision was made for hearings in exemption applications before local civil tribunals with the right of appeal to a second tribunal and finally to the president.

Two of the house conferees refused to sign the conference report. Representative Anthony of Kansas would not accept it because the Roosevelt amendment was stricken out. Representative Kahn of California would not agree to the prohibition amendment, contending that it reflected on the moral standards of the nation and that regulatory provisions should be left to the president.

Republicans in the senate who have favored giving Col. Roosevelt authority to raise and take American troops to France declared tonight that an effort would be made on the floor to have the senate insist on the retention of this feature. The general expectation, however, is that the conference decision will prevail.

The prohibition proposition as agreed to excludes liquor, beer and wines from any military post but does not forbid selling or giving these beverages to soldiers except when in uniform.

The conferees put into the bill an amendment giving the president power to organize and equip for each infantry and cavalry brigade three machine gun companies in addition to those comprised in each organization of these units. He also was given authority to organize one armored motor car machine company for each division.

Exemptions from the selective draft were left virtually as originally suggested by the general staff. Those absolutely exempt include officers of the United States and any State or territory; ministers, students of recognized divinity or theological schools and members of any well recognized religious sect or organization at present organized whose "existing creed" forbids participation in war. The last class are not exempt from non-com-

## LONE STAR STATE.

### Cold in Texas. Corn Doing Well. Cotton Backward. Too Dry in Early Spring For Grain.

As it has been some time since I wrote you last I will write you a few lines this morning, as it is too muddy to stir around much. We have had two good rains this week, more than we have had since last fall, and it don't look like it is done with yet. The land is in fine fix and if we can get a good underground season and a few showers along through the summer I think we will make a good crop this year.

It has been cold here for the last ten days. Thermometer down in the forties nearly every morning, and a strong north wind blowing all the time. I don't think I have ever seen so much high winds in the spring as we have this year. The corn out here is about knee high, but some of it looks like it has been scorched. What cotton that is up is not doing very good, it has no stalk, and the grass is coming up thick and it will be a hard matter to get the dirt up to the cotton to cover up the grass. I don't think there is more than half of the cotton planted yet, and if it turns warm the cotton to be planted will get ahead of them. They will kill the crop that is up when they plant the cotton.

It has been too dry this spring for the small grain, but the rains will make the grain fill out. There is very little wheat planted in this territory this year.

There has been considerable war excitement out here, a good many of the boys are volunteering to keep from being conscripted. There would have been a good deal more

and there will be a good deal of maize and kaffir corn planted after harvest if we have any season in the ground to bring it up.

Nearly every one has had a few hogs to sell. There has been three or four car loads shipped from Brandon, and expect there will be two or three more later on. Will close for the present.

Respectfully,  
W. J. Rochelle.  
Brandon, Texas, May 11.

## Entertainment at Antioch.

An entertainment will be given at the Antioch school Friday evening of this week at 8:30 o'clock. The programme will consist of a Tom Thumb wedding, a dramatization of Miss Minerva and William Green Hill and several musical numbers. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. It is hoped that a large number will patronize the entertainment as the proceeds will be used for the school.

batant service. In addition the president is authorized to exclude or discharge from draft the following:

County and municipal officers, custom house clerks, postal employes, workmen in navy yards or arsenals or armories; others in the federal government's employ whom the president may designate; pilots and mariners actually employed in sea service; "persons engaged in industries, including agriculture, found to be necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment of the effective operation of the military forces, or the maintenance of national interest during the emergency;" those having persons dependent upon them for support and these found to be physically or morally deficient.

The section relating to tribunals to hear pleas for exemption provides that there be civil and not military hearings. Tribunals are to be established in each county of each State or in cities, one for each 30,000 inhabitants. There are to be three persons in each board appointed by the president. There will be an appeal tribunal in each federal judicial district. The president would be the final court of appeal.

Mrs. D. T. Mathis and Miss Ellie Mathis were among the visitors in Edgefield Tuesday, having come from Colliers in their car.

## RED OAK GROVE.

### School Picnic a Very Pleasant Occasion. Mother's Day Appropriately Observed. Much Cotton Dying.

(Written for last week.)

A large congregation greeted our pastor last Sunday at Red Oak Grove. Representatives from several different churches were present. Among those from Clark's Hill were, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, accompanied by Mrs. Dave Sharpton and her guest from Augusta, Mrs. Addie Sharpton Timmerman. Mrs. Timmerman spent her girlhood days in this community, and there always mingles both pleasant and sad memories with one to visit their old home. We are sorry to learn Mrs. Timmerman's health has failed. We feel sure that the splendid hospitality of Clark's Hill people, with the spring breezes blowing over her lovely landscape, has much to benefit one who is not feeling well.

As our last Sunday School lesson taught us, so acted our congregation toward their pastor;—"actions speak louder than words," when they gave him a splendid little sum to defray expenses to Washington, that he might attend the great reunion there in June. The lesson his life has been to this church, has been a consecrated, humble life of service. True humility, is forgetting self. The beautiful example of our Saviour to us in our last lesson, should be stamped upon our minds that we might live more for each other.

Our Sunday School will observe the annual custom of Mother's Day. A short program will follow the regular Sunday School service, which will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The following program has been arranged:

## Mrs. D. T. Mathis.

Prayer—Superintendent Sunday School, Mr. W. M. Agner.

Address—"Mothers Day," Mr. Perry Hamilton.

Song—"My Sweetheart," little Pat Bush.

Recitation—"My Mother," Mrs. Bertha Parkman.

"Mother's Heroism"—Mrs. A. P. Young.

Song.

Lecture—Rev. J. A. Gaines.

Flat Rock School picnic was a very pleasant occasion, only a few invited friends being present. Most every patron attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Had plenty of ice cream after a real good dinner had about been forgotten. The good people of Flat Rock must co-operate with our trustees in the building of our new school house. We appreciate the good spirit, and feel sure that it will prevail 'till the task is accomplished. "Nothing succeeds like success." "The reason most men do not achieve more is because they do not attempt more."—Sheldon.

We have grown to be a rich nation. We have more wealth than the whole of Europe. War that has taken its toll of blood and treasure from Europe, have made us rich in luxuries. Our comforts and conveniences have multiplied. Alas! and a blessing to mankind, the hand of Providence has gently called to America alone, may to the world, and the cry is "Bread!" How pitiful! Can we longer live conscientiously in extravagance and hear the cry for bread?

Owing to the indisposition of your regular scribe, we will ask that you bear with a substitute this week.

Sunday school and Mother's Day exercises were well attended Sunday afternoon at Red Oak Grove. A special programme had been prepared by Mrs. Mattie Lamb, and much credit is due her in her untiring efforts to make the occasion a success. Appropriate songs were sung by Messrs. O. O. Timmerman, J. T. Griffiths, Mrs. Eva Bussey and Miss Kathlene Kenrick.

Recitations by Mr. Perry Hamilton and Miss Bertha Parkman were well rendered.

A paper, "Heroism of Motherhood," by Mrs. A. B. Young showed much thought and careful study. Little Martha Timmerman sweet-

## Miss Minerva and William Green Hill.

Edgefield has been making an effort for some time to be the hostess for "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill." All the boys and girls especially were eager to see the demonstration of the wonderfully funny book they had read.

Various members of the W. C. T. U. or friends had asked for the characters represented in the play. George Tompkins had the honor of entertaining the distinguished William Green Hill and his Losom friend, Jimmie Garner, alias Edwin Merrill and Graham Carr.

Mrs. Beauregard Timmons and Mrs. J. L. Hart were hostesses for Rev. Hamlin Etheredge, "without whom the play would never have been."

Mrs. Tillman had the honor of having as her guest, "Miss Minerva," Miss Wannita Woodward, who was not at all adapted to the play until she came on the stage. She was too young and pretty.

Anton Markert, who took the part of "the baddest robber ever was," Ronald Morgan, another Edgefield boy, the son of Mr. Ernest Morgan, so well known in Edgefield county, and Emery Ruland, who took the part of Fred Smith, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mims.

Ronald Morgan took two parts, that of The Major or "Miss Minerva's bean," and the funny character of Sam Lamb, the negro.

Rev. Hamlin Etheredge before the play began, gave some idea of the great movement of the Boy Scouts, which he has been serving as Scout Master for seven years.

A large crowd attended the performance and \$50.20 was taken in to be divided after expenses are deducted between the W. C. T. U. and the North Augusta Boy Scouts.

## MT. ZION NEWS.

### Community Doing its Part in Food Preparedness. Prevalence of Measles causes School to Close.

The subject of this terrible war in which our country is preparing to engage in is uppermost in the minds of our people, as of those in every other part of the United States.

The young and inexperienced are willing, even anxious, to go into it, but fathers and mothers who can remember something of our own Civil War, are hoping and praying that the war clouds may roll away, and peace be declared before our country really gets into the struggle.

As for preparedness, so far as foodstuffs are concerned, I suppose our neighborhood will be in the foremost rank of those who are serving the nation in that way. Its general character is self-sustaining. As some newspaper editor said, "The price now prevailing would bring that condition outside of any idea of patriotism." If the present prices of meat and flour do not make us raise plenty of hogs and wheat, no sentiment can make us do so. So we are all bending our energies to make all possible out of the fields, gardens, poultry and dairy.

We hear that Mr. E. Pendleton Gaines came home with his trunk from the U. S. C. in Columbia, to bid his folks goodbye before leaving for the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. He left for that point on Saturday night.

We hear that Mr. William Bouknight, of Trenton, leaves for that place today. We feel a great solicitude for these young men, and hope that fortune may be kind to them.

Miss Marie Padgett came home recently from the Edisto Academy.

Mr. E. M. Jaggett's school is suffering from a siege of measles. Our school had to close without public exercises on account of this epidemic in the neighborhood.

Capt. B. F. Gaines, of Darlington, is spending awhile with his home people, pending orders to his company.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pritchard has been brightened by the advent of a fine little son.

## Interesting Letter From Furman University.

Editor Edgefield Advertiser:

It has been some time since I have written, but I have not forgotten you.

We are getting on fine and longing for school to close, in order that we may get home.

Although this is not a military school, three military companies have been organized and the drill made compulsory. We drill three hours each week and go through close order drill, which consists of squad movements. It is surprising how readily the men are catching on to the idea of drill. On Thursday we had a holiday and went on a hike. After climbing several hundred feet, we finally reached the top of the mountain and could see the surrounding country for miles around. We were not very tired but at 12 o'clock we had lunch, which every one was glad to make way with. At 12:30 we formed again and marched down the other side of the mountain, coming within two miles of Travelers Rest; here we were instructed in skirmish drill. It was very interesting to watch the boys lying behind a bank waiting for the other companies, which had been sent into the woods, to attack. One man while waiting was heard to say "I'm getting scared already." After the attack we fell into line and came back to Greenville, arriving about half past four. The trip was enjoyed, although our feet were a little sore.

Examinations start on the 25th and we are expecting a lively time 'cramming.'

The Chautauqua is here and giving information and amusement to hundreds of people.

But before this letter gets too long I'll close. With best wishes to you, I am sincerely,

J. T. L. Jr.  
Greenville, S. C.