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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Dr. Sikes Will Speak Sunday Night. The Red Cross Rooms Open Every Day.

On Sunday evening at the Baptist church there will be a special service, the occasion being to place a service flag on the walls of the church. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College.

The service will be one in which every one is interested, and the speaker being a man of note, no doubt the church will be filled to its capacity on this occasion.

The Red Cross chapter here has just completed a most splendid work, and a box of about 150 garments beautifully made has been sent on. Also a large box of good clothing, contributed, has been sent to the needy of France.

There was an executive meeting on last Wednesday, and several plans for the furtherance of the work was discussed.

It was decided to have the rooms opened every day of the week, which will bring about the accomplishment of much more. Mrs. W. J. Huiet is supervisor of the knitting and she will be in charge of the rooms on Monday. Mrs. A. P. Lewis is supervisor of hospital supplies, having charge on Wednesday and Mrs. Joseph Cox will dir at the making of surgical dressings on Friday. The other days for work have been well planned, and special committees will attend to various lines of work. At an early date Miss Caroline Guignard, of Columbia, will come to have charge of a class in surgical dressing, the material having been ordered for this.

Mrs. J. H. White entertained on Saturday with a dinner party, the honorees being Mrs. James Cullum, of Hartsville, Mrs. David Moore of St. George and Mrs. Oliver Hamilton and Mrs. J. W. Mish of Virginia. The day was happily spent.

The union meeting held here Saturday and Sunday at the Baptist church was well attended and especially on Sunday. The programs of both days were exceedingly good and in the rendering of them, was accomplished just what the committee on arrangement wanted to bring about—helpfulness and a desire for even better and more earnest work in the cause, and much inspiration was gained by all present.

Mr. G. W. Scott of Philippi is moderator of this division. Saturday was occupied with business and reports, and the chief feature was a talk by Mr. Stanton Lott, on "How to teach a Sunday school class successfully." No better one could have been selected for this than he, for he has well shown this by the splendid class of young boys he has in charge.

Rev. W. S. Brooke, pastor, made a very impressive talk. On Sunday morning following Sunday school the following order of service was held, special Easter music being enjoyed: Organ prelude.

Anthem, "Hallelujah, Christ is risen." Doxology, prayer.

Hymn, "Hark ten thousand hearts and voices."

Prayer, scripture.

Anthem, "Risen, a glorious king."

Offeratory.

Sermon, Rev. E. C. Baker.

Hymn, "Christ, the Lord is risen to-day."

A short business session was held followed by dismissal for lunch on church grounds.

The afternoon devotional was led by Mr. James Edwards.

Talk, "The laymen's opportunity," Col. R. B. Watson of Ridge.

Talk, "Religion in the high school," Prof. W. F. Scott.

Talk, "The orphanage," Rev. J. P. Jackson, of Philippi.

The sermon of the morning which was a most earnest message, and these most helpful, thought-producing talks were all heard with deep appreciation. The next union meeting will be with Philippi church 5th Sunday in June.

Mrs. Laura Ready died at her home near town on last Monday evening and in her death, there is the passing away of a true christian woman, one that meant so much to her loved ones and to every one that knew her. She had been sick only two or three days, having a

sudden attack of acute indigestion.

Mrs. Ready had no children of her own, but her three nephews, Messrs. Tom, John and Will Hoyt, meant to her very much, and she has been a mother to them since the death of their own mother many years ago. These with their families lovingly ministered to her during her last days. She was a woman of high ideals and her life has been a benediction to all with whom she come in constant contact.

Her hand was a generous one and it was always a great pleasure to give of her substance to worthy causes, and to help in whatever way she could. Her grand nieces and nephews loved her devotedly and their greatest happiness was to stay with "Aunt Laura." Such a woman as she, has no doubt planted good seed in these trusting hearts and her sweet influence will show forth in their lives.

Since her early girlhood she has been a christian, and she was always faithful to her church, even inclement weather would not keep her back. Her life is one that should be emulated and her memory must be a sweet and blessed one to those of her relatives that grieve for her.

The funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Spann cemetery at Ward, by Rev. W. S. Brooke and the body was laid to rest beside the grave of her husband who many years ago preceded her to the grave. There were many beautiful flowers placed by sympathizing friends on her casket.

The Civic League met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. LaGrone, Mrs. S. J. Watson presiding. It was decided to have next week in April as clean-up-week and posters to this effect will be put up. Unpleasantly placed about the town will be looked after and the mayor, Mr. H. W. Crouch has promised to co-operate in every way with the league to make a city beautiful. An entertainment to raise funds to aid in the work is being considered. Once a week the league sends out flowers to the hospital at Camp Jackson, and letters of thanks were received, one of the letters containing the signatures of each soldier in whose room a vase of flowers had been placed. Money had previously been sent from the league to purchase vases for the flowers. Placing a wire fence about the hedge recently placed on the monument square was decided on.

Delegates to the State Federation of clubs to be held in Aiken, April 23-24 were elected. Mrs. Watson first delegate, Mrs. Oliver Eidson second delegate.

A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the talks by Miss Patti Major, county home demonstrator, and Mrs. G. F. Mims of Edgefield. The subject was "Poultry" and Mrs. Mims gave much valuable information regarding the raising of poultry and Miss Major's demonstration will be very helpful to housekeepers. Miss Elizabeth Rainsford was present and presented the matter of the Liberty Loan. She was heard with deep interest and all present signified their intention of doing their best. They appointed Mrs. S. J. Watson chairman of this work among the women, and the presidents of all local organizations will meet with her at an early date to begin the drive.

The young people enjoyed a party on Friday evening with Misses Bettie and Mary Waters, and the pleasant evening made the large porch the scene of their enjoyment, and their happy laughter testified to how the time was passing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Payne are now domiciled in their pretty new bungalow on Addison street.

During the past week Mr. Elliot Lewis was quite sick, and on Saturday it was found that a case of appendicitis had developed and his father Mr. J. C. Lewis and Miss Helen Lewis went with him on the afternoon train to the Baptist hospital Columbia, and a few hours after the arrival, an operation was performed which was a very successful one, and everyone will be glad to know that he is resting well.

Elliot is a bright and popular young gentleman and his illness has been a source of solicitous inquiry with all.

Mr. Earl Smith has been elected cashier at the Bank of Western Carolina, following the resignation of Messrs. Eidson and Yonce who

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Service Flag Presentation.

On Sunday afternoon next April 7, at 4 o'clock according to the new time, at the Baptist church there will be a patriotic meeting arranged by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. At this time the service flag will be presented to the church.

There will be a very interesting program, and all our people are invited to be present, both from town and county, to do honor to the twenty-nine young men who have answered the call of the colors from the Baptist congregation.

In connection with the presentation, a patriotic address will be given by Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker college, and many in our county will be delighted to have this opportunity of hearing Dr. Sikes for the first time.

The following is the program: Dr. E. P. Jones will preside over the meeting.

"Come Thou Almighty King," by congregation.

Reading of scripture and prayer, Dr. Jones.

Selection, "The Flag," Effie Allen Lott. At this time "The Star Spangled Banner" will be brought on the platform by Misses Helen Tillman and Rosela Parker, and a quartette consisting of Mr. H. M. Reynolds, Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse, Miss Sadie Mims and Rev. A. L. Gunter will sing our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Roll call of men in service, Mr. W. B. Cogburn.

Response giving position of men, Mr. J. H. Cantelou.

Selection, "The Service Flag," Elise Hudgens.

Unveiling of service flag, Margaret Allen and Katherine Mims.

Vocal solo, "Keep the home fires burning," Miss Miriam Norris.

Presentation of flag for Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mr. O. Sheppard.

Acceptance, Mr. A. S. Tompkins.

Introduction of Dr. Sikes by EX. Gov. J. C. Sheppard.

Address, Dr. E. W. Sikes, president Coker college.

Collection for War Relief.

"America" by congregation.

Mass Meeting.

On Saturday April 20, 1918, a patriotic mass meeting by the colored people of Edgefield county, under the auspices of the colored board of council of defense and colored teachers' association. This will take the place of the usual 9th of April celebration, which means nothing and is empty in so far as any good that could be accomplished. Past events holds nothing for us in this case. We are interested only in service to the United States. No time for petty rehearsal.

This meeting has been arranged to instruct our people in how they may render the most effective service to our country and to ourselves. Every colored person in Edgefield county should be there. All speakers have volunteered their service, and we should not miss this opportunity to learn something that may be the means of driving hunger from our doors. Get in earnest. No time for folly. Keep in touch with your country's needs, help supply them. See that every one has something to do. No place now for drones and loafers. Economize in everything that you can. Save food, form War Saving Societies, raise every morsel of food that you can. Let's make good as American citizens, talk less, work more. Come and let these gentlemen tell you of true conditions, but don't wait, get busy for the biggest crop of food stuffs Edgefield has ever grown.

The following gentlemen will speak: Hon. J. W. Thurmond, Hon. B. E. Nicholson, Hon. N. G. Evans, Mr. E. J. Mims on War Saving Stamps, Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse on Red Cross. J. S. Raney as chairman of Edgefield county colored food conservation committee will have Jesse Thomas on food conservation. Our county agent will speak on gardening and farming. Don't miss this meeting.

J. H. Cheatham, colored, Board Council of Defense.

C. Hightower,

W. H. Holloway,

A. W. Simkins,

Committee on Arrangements.

We have a new shipment of liquid snoko for curing you meat.

L. T. May.

Rehoboth News.

Spring is here at last, and Oh! how nice it is to bid old cold winter goodbye. With the pretty days, come hustle and bustle in the gardens and fields. I think it won't be so very long before chickens are frying, as they are progressing nicely now.

It must be very hard for school children and teacher too, to stay shut up in the class room while nature calls so strongly from the outside.

Mr. Marion Traylor is making his home with his aunt, Miss Georgia Burkhalter.

The woman's missionary society met with Mrs. Agnes Winn, Saturday afternoon, March 24. The following program was carried out: Called to order by president, Mrs. Carrie Strom.

Roll called and minutes of last meeting read by secretary, Mrs. Helen Winn.

Business.

Essay "The first Easter," Miss Annie Lou Morgan.

Song "There is a fountain filled with blood."

Debate: Resolved: "That Easter should mean more to us than Christmas." Affirmative, Mrs. Jennie Strom, Mrs. Helen Winn, Negative, Mrs. Julia Reynolds, Mrs. Fannie Hughey. Mrs. Julia Reynolds was absent so Mrs. Cartledge read her paper.

Reading, "My boy," Mrs. Kitty Lou West.

Song, "He's just the right Savior for me," Mrs. Helen Winn, Mrs. Jennie Strom and Mrs. Agnes Culbreath.

Recitation, "The lost word," by Miss Lucile Culbreath.

Song, "He Arose," Mrs. Helen Winn, Mrs. Jennie Strom and Mrs. Agnes Culbreath.

Dismissed by Mrs. R. D. Seigler.

We are going to meet with Miss Maggie White April 27. The last meeting was enjoyed by all and we hope to have a full program again in the near future. Just before the guests left to go home, red, white and blue Easter eggs were pinned on them as souvenirs by Misses Martha Strom, Annie Lou Morgan and Lucile Culbreath.

Miss Virginia Briggs spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Hughey.

Mrs. Paris Culbreath is very ill. A trained nurse is with her now. Here's hoping that she will be well ere we write again.

Mrs. Anna Seigler is in the hospital at Augusta. We hear that she is improving.

Mr. Preston Strom from Fort Moultrie spent several days with the home folks last week.

"I don't want to fool about and wear my welcome out, so I'll now say to you For this time adieu."

Brown Eyes.

The "Clean" Streets of Edgefield.

If I did not live in Edgefield, and had never been here, I think I would spend a little extra time and money in order to see one of the oldest towns in South Carolina, with all of its addresses and curiosity. It would be worth a two hundred or perhaps a three hundred mile trip to see the streets of Edgefield, for one could go back and compose a very nice theme on the subject.

As one walks down town in the afternoon he can see more paper lying about on the streets than constitute a respectable home library. There are more corn shucks than grow on an acre of land of reasonable fertility. Main street, with all of this confused conglomeration of waste paper and corn shucks, is a real curiosity.

In the midst of the Edgefield park stands a monument erected in memory of the Confederate dead. Surrounding this monument is a stretch iron fence, part of which is broken down, and within the enclosure around the monument grows, in all of its beauty and splendor, Johnson grass, gimpson weeds and nut grass.

As you walk down the street one block north of Main you will see old worn out buggies, parts of wagons and all manner of unnecessary plunder. A man asked me the other day: "Why don't you people of Edgefield clean up your streets some time?" I told him that everybody was use to seeing the streets in a dilapidated condition. The Mayor wouldn't have them cleaned up for

he was afraid some old citizen of the town would protest against it. Some people say that they don't want to hire a man to clean up the streets, for they are patriotic and want to save everything they can for the town. If the town would hire two men and pay them \$50.00 per month it would be greater economy than having no one at all. It is like the farmer that doesn't put any fertilizer on his land. He says it will cost him more than the production of the farm will bring. He just plants a field for several years until it wears out. He then lets it lay out until it has recovered some of its fertility. This does not pay of course, as has been shown by agricultural experimental agencies.

If you put out no money for the development of your town you need not expect for your town to prosper.

Edgefield has also had the chance several times to run a railroad through the town, but she has lagged along and let the opportunity pass. As long as Edgefield is the "jumping off place" of South Carolina she will remain the same little Edgefield.

We have also had the chance to run a trolley through the town. That also "fell through." The railroad and the trolley line are two of the principal things that constitute a prosperous town.

I hope that Edgefield will hurry up and get the paper and the corn shucks and the dilapidated vehicles stored away in some out of the way place, or either burn them up. Also it would be very advisable to have a railroad or a trolley line running through the town.

Tenth Grade Pupil.

News From "Choty."

Next Sunday, being the first Sunday in April, we hope to have a pleasant day and a large congregation for the grand subject in our Sunday school lesson, "Freedom Through Obedience."

We cannot realize how much the subject may mean to our future.

I am glad to say the patrons of the Red Oak Grove school are taking as much interest in the school as in the farm. The school is now preparing for a commencement, which we hope will be a grand success. Only a few weeks ago the school had a box supper in the grove, making up much more than was expected. It went for a teacher's desk and chair, which was purchased by our sweet teacher, Miss Anabel Saunders the next day.

Last Sunday being Easter the school had a picnic on Saturday. Also a Easter egg hunt. Dinner was spread in the grove, and some visitors from Plum Branch motored down. In the afternoon Miss Saunders, Miss Ruby Dorn and Mr. T. J. Dorn left for Edgefield.

Our Y. W. A. meeting met with Misses Nettie Bush and Lou Eva Parkman last third Sunday. The subject was enjoyed very much, it being on different camps, where we all have relatives and friends.

Last Sunday a friend from Camp Sevier and Camp Jackson was at the home of Mr. Press Parkman.

The measles is still raging around here, but hope this will cease before long.

"Choty."

Committee of Ladies.

The following ladies are asked to be present Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Court House. They have been appointed as members of the Central Committee of the Liberty Loan Committee and it is necessary that we meet to formulate some definite plans.

Miss Nelle Jones, Miss Sadie Mims, Miss Marjorie Tomkins, Miss Snow Jeffries, Miss Julia Roddey, Miss Lily Adams, Miss Emmie Lanham, Miss Ida Timmerman, Miss Nurva Bouknight, Mrs. M. N. Tillman, Mrs. J. B. Mathis, Mrs. Sam Watson.

S. E. Rainsford, Chairman.

Millinery.

We keep our stock of millinery always complete. New goods arriving almost daily.

Rubenstein.

We have some barley flour, you can buy without substitutes. Use it and save wheat for our soldiers.

L. T. May.

"UNCLE" IV'S LETTER.

Commends Article in Last Issue. Refers to Union Meeting Programs. Farm Labor Very Scarce.

Well, my old chum, as I am neither to plow, hoe or dig potatoes to-day, just thought I would chat you just a little while. Your issue this week came to me yesterday. I was glad to get it. Yes, and it did me good to read "Smile and be Happy" and let me say to the writer, you are right. It is not the time for long faces and the lower jaw hanging down. If there ever was a time when smiles are needed it is now. I know it is right hard sometimes to smile, but for the sake of those whose burdens and troubles are hard to bear, smile for their sake, even if your own heart is sad. A smile is like the sun coming out after days of cloudy weather. Why the birds sing louder and everybody feels better. So just smile.

As I write there comes to my mind a circumstance that took place during the civil war. We were all tired and sleepy and had lain down and all at once there was a catawalling and fice barking that you would have thought the regiment had been changed to cats and little dogs. But it was John Lyon imitating the cat and Jack Car the little dogs. Did it rest us any? Well if it didn't it made us all laugh. And those Indian maidens how good it made me feel because they had learned to walk the Jenuus road. And that song by Corrie Cheatham, "Throw out the life line," and let me say again if there ever was a time when that line is needed to be thrown out to its full length it is right now.

As I read of the work of those Edgefield girls my mind takes a backward flight to the days of their parents, possibly some of their grandparents, and compare the opportunities, and I conclude that the responsibilities of the young in this day is greater than in the days of their foreparents. Am I right? I believe that I am.

And I read also of the union meetings and their programs and can imagine I see the appointed speakers on the different subjects, especially those to be at the meeting at Clark's Hill and my old heart wells up in me and I feel just like I would love to be with them and listen to them, for I know them all and some of them are near kinsman of mine and the others are men that I have known for years, some of them from babyhood. God bless them all.

Farmers are busy some through planting their corn and are now budding out their cotton land. But I am glad to know that food crops in this section will be twice the acreage as cotton. Spring oats are looking fairly well since the rain a week ago and the wheat looks well and with seasons to suit will make a fairly good crop though some of it was badly thinned by the freeze. Farm labor has been badly thinned out, from men being drafted into the army and others going to public works, and I am afraid it will tell in the crops of this year. Land with no one to work it all about in this section to say nothing of the mules and horses with no one to plow them. There is living in a little over a mile of me a man that I heard had five idle mules and no one to work them. I don't know that it is true, in fact Mr. Editor you just hear anything and not half you hear is true, but one thing we do that is true, the farmer who failed to make corn enough last year to do him is in a bad row for stumps, and if he will neglect his food crop this year his row in 1919 will be all stumps and a hard row to travel.

Well as I want to mail this to you to-day will close by asking you to do me a favor. Some time last year the Trenton correspondent gave a remedy for the destruction of the ground mole and I thoughtlessly did not think and it was misplaced and I am anxious to get something to destroy the moles for they are very numerous here and are already playing havoc with our gardens and turning in the corn rows. So tell Mr. or Mrs. Trenton old uncle Iv says please send him the remedy and I will go to war on the mole.

Uncle Iv.