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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Patriotic Address by Dr. E. W. Sikes. New Century Club. Resolutions on Death of Mr. Coleman.

On Sunday evening at the Baptist church Dr. Sikes of Coker College made one of the finest war speeches it has ever been the privilege of this audience to hear, and it was regretted that the very inclement weather prevented the large attendance that would have been had otherwise.

It was the intention of the Sunday school to plan a service flag on the walls at this time, but for an unavoidable delay doing this had to be postponed.

A patriotic rally, marking America's entrance in the world war, was held here on Saturday, and Johnston turned out en masse, and filled the auditorium, every one being in full sympathy with the country-wide effort to make the big Liberty Drive a success, and great interest was manifested by the crowd present. Liberty Bond had been the chief topic of conversation during the day and enthusiasm ran high.

All places of business closed, and for the first time in its history the postoffice was also closed, that every man could attend.

Hon. N. G. Evans of Edgefield was chairman of the meeting, and stirring and inspiring addresses were made by Lieutenant-Governor Bethea, Rev. Pendleton Jones of Edgefield and Prof. Peterson of Edgefield.

On last Wednesday afternoon, about 5:30 o'clock, a very severe rain and hail storm took place, some of the hail being very large in size. The wind did some damage by blowing down fences and unroofed several outhouses.

The storm brought very material loss to Mr. Ed. Walton, who lives about a mile from town. The lightning struck his barn, killing both of his fine mules and four hogs. The good people of the town and community made up a purse of \$500.00, which has been given him. Mr. Walton was a young farmer, and was held in high esteem by all, as has been shown by their true Christian act toward him.

Mr. Homer Moyer, who has had a Government position in Washington, in the auditing department, was here last week for a good bye visit to friends, as he leaves May 1 for France, where he will occupy a similar position in U. S. affairs in France.

Mr. Graham, who sustained such painful injuries about two weeks ago, while attempting to catch a through train which did not make a stop here, is considered much improved. For several days following the accident his life was despairing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Strother and little son spent the week-end here in the home of Mr. M. T. Turner.

Mrs. S. G. Mobley went to the Baptist Hospital last week for treatment, she having been sick for some time. It is hoped that she will return to her home ere long strong and much improved.

Mr. Oliver Hamilton arrived on Saturday from Virginia to join his family here, who have been visiting relatives.

Mr. Elliott Lewis is improving each day from an operation for appendicitis at the Baptist Hospital, and will soon return to his home.

Lieut. Chas. Earley has been spending a few days with his family here.

Miss Annie Crouch of Converse College spent last week at her home here, and her mother, Mrs. H. W. Crouch, and Mrs. L. S. Maxwell accompanied her on her return as far as Greenwood, where the three made a short visit to Mrs. Taylor Woodwyn.

Mrs. J. L. Walker entertained with a beautiful tea recently in compliment to Mrs. Oliver Hamilton of Virginia.

Two very pleasant hours were spent, the hostess being a charming entertainer.

Mrs. Hamilton had been away for a year and there were many things to discuss and to be reminisced over.

The tea table was prettily arranged, there being no cloth, lace mats being used, and the centerpiece was a large bowl Mamon cochet roses.

A three-course repast was served.

Those present besides the honoree were Mesdames G. D. Walker, E. M. Walker, W. B. Ouzts, W. F. Scott, Calhoun Kammer and Misses Mallie Waters, Irene Montgomery and Zena Payne.

Mrs. J. W. Marsh was hostess for the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon, and every one enjoyed going out to this hospitable home.

The club decided to improve its library, and a special committee will submit some plans at next meeting. The next year's study course will also be under consideration. A report of this will be heard in May.

A sample page for the scrapbook that is to be sent from South Carolina to the Biennial at Hot Springs is being made. This book is to show what the club is doing along the lines for bringing good cheer to the convalescent soldier.

Delegates were elected to the State Federation in Aiken April 24-28. The club each year sends different ones, that all may have the privilege of enjoying these meetings.

Delegates—Mrs. H. D. Grant, Mrs. C. D. Kenney, Mrs. J. A. Dobby, Mrs. P. B. Waters.

The subject for the literary programme was "Southern Humorists," Mrs. J. A. Lott being the leader.

The authors discussed were Page, Bagby, Johnson, Hoopers.

Miss Mallie Waters gave a good paper on "Southern Chivalry."

Following this the hostess served a delicious salad course, Mesdames LaGrone, Long, Grant assisting her.

A well attended meeting and one full of fine results, was that of the Mary Ann Baie chapter, U. D. C., held Thursday with Mrs. S. J. Watson. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. M. T. Turner, and all reports were good ones. Two new members, Mrs. Leon Wright and Mrs. Will Hoyt were welcomed into the chapter. Five application blanks are being filled out by prospective members. The leader of the children of the Confederacy, Mrs. P. B. Waters, reported a gain of five members. This C. of C. chapter had recently made \$13.55 and will give this to Red Cross work and educational work.

The treasurer, Mrs. John Wright, had a most excellent report. All chapter pledges are paid and \$61.25 in all had been given to Red Cross work. \$5 was made by the "Melting pot fund" and \$4.50 made by getting subscriptions for "To-day's magazine," for this month.

The note which the chapter had given when the monument to the Confederate dead was erected, was exhibited, marked paid. This was viewed with a hand clapping. That which will in a way be a monument to the chapter, was in its purchasing Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$200. One \$100. and two \$50 bonds. This was also given a hand clap. The money is on hand and the bonds will be purchased immediately.

Mrs. O. D. Black presented several matters that would concern this chapter in the work of her district. This district conference is to be at Allendale, April 18, and Miss Clara Sawyer was elected delegate. The chapter voted to mark the graves of the two uncles of Mrs. F. M. Warren at Parkville, three relatives of Mrs. J. P. Bean at Wards, and the graves of Capt. W. L. Stevens and Mr. E. L. Stevens, husband and step-father of one of the members, Mrs. Ida Stevens, were reported marked with the iron cross, which designates the Confederate soldier's resting place.

Resolutions of respect will be drawn up by this chapter upon the death of one of the members of its advisory board, Mr. W. L. Coleman, Mesdames F. M. Boyd and J. P. Bean to act as the committee.

Plans were made for Memorial Day. The chapter will work one day the month as a unit at the Red Cross rooms, as it was decided some time ago to do this, and Thursday the 11th, the day of the historical meeting, all members are expected to gather here early and while sewing they can listen to the program. The historian, Miss Payne, read out the program for the meeting and stated that on this day the chapter would celebrate also its 22nd birthday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harry C. Strother.

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RED OAK GROVE.

Lecture on Sunday School Lesson. Social Circle No. 2 Will Meet With Mrs. J. E. Hamilton.

Our pastor, Rev. G. W. Bussey, lectured on the Sunday school lesson last Sunday, bringing out many striking points on the usefulness of our Saviour during His work on earth. Though often our Lord was persecuted or censured for service rendered, many instances of which we might mention in connection with the last Sunday's lesson, but His experience taught the danger of over-work through His unselfishness.

Our congregation showed their appreciation of our pastor by the goodly sum contributed to help defray his expenses to Hot Springs in May.

The services last Sunday was so timely, as it was taken from Psalm, 119:9, which was much appreciated and enjoyed, evidenced by the perfect attention of the congregation. Quite a number of young men and boys were present.

Social Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. James E. Hamilton on the 10th, Mrs. Eva Bussey presiding.

We are so glad to report that interest is growing in our circles.

Mrs. Thurmond brought in a contribution to home missions, which showed many had contributed and interest was good in Circle No. 1, which meets with Mrs. Ann Doolittle on the 12th.

Mrs. W. O. Whatley had with her in her circle Mrs. Eva Bussey last month. Mrs. Whatley sent in a contribution to the Hostess house from that circle.

The Y. W. A. meet on the 21st with Miss Marie Hamilton. They are planning for their programme. They are full of enthusiasm, making them good workers.

Mrs. J. T. Griffin is busy with the little children's meeting, which meets once each week for six weeks with Miss Kathleen Kenrick, who is helping to demonstrate their study, "The African Trail."

Both the Y. W. A. and Sunbeams have been requested to take some part on the programme of our divisional meeting at Plum Branch, which they hope to be able to render.

The many friends of Mrs. Maggie Griffin are delighted to know she has recovered sufficiently to go for a short ride. Since last November her affliction has been an example of patience and long suffering.

Miss Grace McManus has been with her grand-parents the past week, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Griffin.

Mrs. Eddie Agner's condition is improving now, having undergone a surgical treatment at University Hospital in Augusta last week.

We are delighted that Miss Lola Young is doing so well, and that she will soon be home again. Both Mrs. Agner and Miss Young have the interest of many warm friends who wish for their speedy recovery.

Our community was well represented at each of the patriotic meetings last week at Red Hill and Edgefield. Our people seem to now realize that our country is in real war, and that it is worth while to heed the solemnity and enormity of our duty. We are glad, too, that the community is being aroused to our duty and privilege of assisting in winning victory by contributing to Liberty Loan and the buying of U. S. S.

Mrs. Jessie Bailey has been with her father, Mr. George Mathis at Red Hill, who has recovered sufficiently from his recent attack to be brought to Mrs. Bailey's for a change.

The change in the temperature brought a good shower of rain, which most assuredly will help grain and the gardens wonderfully. Many of the fields were too hard to plow.

There seems to be an encouraging outlook for a full fruit crop. So with a good garden we can continue to subsist without biscuit a long, long time.

LOST—A brooch containing 23 pearls, with 2 or 3 of them lost out. Brooch lost in town of Edgefield. Reward will be paid to finder. Leave brooch at Advertiser office. 4-10-3t Mrs. R. E. Cheatham.

FLAG PRESENTED.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Presented Service Flag to Baptist Church. Dr. Sikes' Address.

A large and representative audience from the entire county assembled in the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock to be present at the unveiling of the Service Flag in honor of our boys who have joined the colors from the Baptist church and congregation, and to hear the address by Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College.

Promptly at 4:00 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Ex-Governor John C. Sheppard, Rev. A. L. Gunter, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the devotions. Programmes were handed to all who attended on their entrance and the preliminary exercises were carried out without announcement.

The flag exercise began with a beautiful recitation called "The Flag," beautifully rendered by little Effie Allen Lott, beginning and ending with the words, "Here comes the flag." As she finished the first verse, from the central aisle, Misses Helen Tillman and Rosela Parker came slowly bringing "Old Glory," and hid within its folds was the Service Flag which was to be later unfurled.

As they unfurled the "Star Spangled Banner" the audience arose and the national anthem was sung as a quartette by Mrs. R. G. Shannon-whose, Miss Sadie Mims, Mr. H. M. Reynolds and Rev. A. L. Gunter. This singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" was a new introduction to the people of a song which has never meant so much to our people as now, and many said that both on account of the voices who sang and the new sentiment that it created, that it had never sounded so beautiful before.

As soon as the audience was seated two beautiful little girls, who looked like fairies or angels, or whatever is the most beautiful form of childhood in earth or fairyland or the future world, came up on the platform and in the most graceful manner took the folds of "Old Glory" which was hiding the Service Flag and placed it on the table in front of the platform, thus unveiling this flag which will hang in the church as a constant reminder of our boys at the front. These little girls were Margaret Allen and Catherine Mims, both of whom have uncles in the service.

As the Service Flag was unveiled Elise Hudgens gave that appropriate selection, "The Service Flag," the flag which shows to the passer-by in thousands of homes the love of the mother, father, wife and sister for the hero who has gone or is going "over the top."

The roll call of twenty-eight men was called by Mr. W. B. Cogburn, a member of the selective draft board, and responded to by Mr. J. H. Cantelou, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school.

The flag was presented to the church in the name of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union by Mr. Orlando Sheppard, who said that it was appropriate that this flag should be presented by an organization of women, who, through its national efforts, have done more than any other agency for the abolition of intoxicants, and who were giving of their service generously for the winning of the war. Mr. A. S. Tompkins accepted the flag in behalf of the church.

Miss Miriam Norris sang, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," there being no more appropriate and beautiful song than this to inspire our people to do their part at home for the boys "over there." Miss Norris has a beautiful voice, full of feeling, which can be used for no better purpose than to inspire our people to patriotism, and all the more that she has a beloved brother in the service in France.

At this time, the speaker for the afternoon, Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College, was introduced in a most gracious manner by Ex-Governor John C. Sheppard, who spoke of him as a great citizen of our State who is on fire with patriotism, and illuminating information in this great world-war for freedom and righteousness. The address by Dr. Sikes was as

Mr. Sheppard had said, a very illuminating discourse on the relations in the past and present of the three great allies, France, England and America.

This address pleased everybody, even the youthful hearers, who expressed themselves most enthusiastically in its behalf.

It was a splendid exposition of the real friendship of England to our own country, and might be justly called as a title, "What America Owes to England."

Dr. Sikes was for a number of years Dean of Wake Forest College, and was called from that position as president of Coker College.

At the close of the address a collection amounting to \$23.00 was taken for war relief.

The meeting closed with the singing of "America" with this as one of its verses:

"God keep our valiant men
From all the stain of sin,
God keep our men,
When Satan would allure,
When tempted, keep them pure;
Be their protection sure—
God keep our men.

Maj. William Arthur Collett, Maj 323rd Infantry, Camp Jackson.

Francis Wilkinson Sheppard, Capt. 7th Field Artillery, Lorraine Front, France.

James Orlando Sheppard, Clerk Field Headquarters, Tours, France.

William Wallace Sheppard, Rosbad, S. D.

John L. Holston, 323rd Regiment Supply Co., Port of New Jersey.

William G. Byrd, Machine Gun Co., Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

W. Claude Lyon, 118th Infantry, Band, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Mathew D. Lyon, U. S. A., Battalion Pennsylvania, box 10 Fort Monroe, Va.

Arthur Smyley Tompkins, 2nd. Lieut. 53rd Pioneer Infantry, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg.

Daniel Augustus Tompkins, Hospital Unit, O. England.

Edloe Pendleton Jones, Sanitary Dept. 118th Infantry, 30th Div., Camp Sevier.

Horace Joseph Jones, Medical Corps, U. S. N. Ship Mercury, France.

John Page Jones, Field Artillery, Officer Training Camp, Camp Stanley, Texas.

Frank Butler Reese, Wagon Co., 105 Ammunition Train Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Robert Harold Norris, Engineer Clerk Gas Service, Gen'l. Headquarters American forces, France.

N. Douglas Timmerman, Quartermaster's Co. B. No. 1, Camp Jackson.

Diomedes Hollingsworth, Gunner U. S. S. Seattle on High Seas.

John Hampton Hollingsworth, Aviation Corps, Kelly Field, San Antonio.

W. D. Allen, Lieut. 105th Ammunition Train, Co. G. Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Stobo F. Prescott, Co. 118th S. C. Inf., Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Edmund Pendleton Gaines, 1st Lieut. Aviation Corps, Post Field, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

J. Preston Lanham, 118th Infantry, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Joseph Percy Ouzts, U. S. Marine in France.

Carroll R. Mays, Battery B. 64th Field Artillery, Fort Dade, Fla.

Joseph Trapp McManus, Naval Guards, Indianhead, Md.

James E. Hart Jr., Quartermaster's Department, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Christian Frederick Edmunds, 312 Aux. Remount Depot, Montgomery, Alabama.

Leslie Middleton Edmunds, U. S. S. Alabama, Fortress Monroe, Va.

William Holloway Ouzts, Aviation corps, not yet assigned.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Grateful For Refreshing Rain. Means of Destroying Moles. Mr. Broadwater Has Done Good Work.

We are having a glorious rain which was so very much needed to melt the large hard clods and soften the tight clay lands such as ours. Some of the farmers had to leave off breaking and wait for this rain to soften the land before they finished, and go to working their corn and potatoes, also plant over some of their corn, where the crows had pulled it all up. They are busy keeping up with the farmers and eating the corn as fast as possible. We noticed on Sunday they were on the job, making good, while the men were not in the fields, and were having a good feast.

Poor farmers, they are the men to feed them all. Man, beast, fowls, birds and insects, rats and mice, all depend upon the farmers for a living. Speaking of mice, I do not know why they have all left us, unless we have Hooverized too much for them, and kept every thing closed too tight in tin for them, or else my coppers ran them all away. I bought some coppers to put in the hog slop and had it on a shelf in the kitchen, convenient for putting in the slop bucket, and the mice were taking possession of my kitchen, so they went into the package or coppers and scattered it on the shelf. In a few days they were all gone, and have not returned yet. I hope they have gone for good.

I noticed Uncle "Iv." asked Mr. and Mrs. Trenton to please send him their remedy for moles. When my brother was in Central America, Belize British Honduras, with our Grand Uncle, Mr. Watrons, he was very much beset with moles and "Wee-wees" and he put glycerine of potash in their path-ways and kill them out. I have heard by soaking corn in strychnine, and putting that at intervals in their path, they will eat that and be killed. So I hope Mr. and Mrs. Trenton will give their remedy, and something will stop the moles.

We attended "The Birth of a Nation" on the afternoon of March the 30th, and it was fine. Would like to attend the "Kaiser," this week if it doesn't rain all the while; they are showing in Augusta. We saw several from Edgefield there, also from our neighborhood, when we were to see "The Birth of a Nation."

This last Sunday, we spent the day very pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brunson of Cleora. Came home in the rain, slipping and sliding, bumping and thumping, over the rough roads, until we reached Edgefield and swung around into the Trenton road, then we came home in a hurry. Mr. Broadwater has certainly done some grand work on that road and if he would come now and put the old Martin-town road in just that same grand fix as the Trenton road, why even I would electioneer for him, and almost go and vote for him. Now is the time to work the clay roads, so they can be packed during the summer dry days.

By the sound of the wind and rain outside, things will have water enough to come up and grow now. I am of the opinion the ground will be too wet to tramp over to set out cabbage plants and tomatoes for a day or two. The tomatoes I have set out will grow fast, if a frost doesn't come and catch them.

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hat I have put wire around, in the stove and put vegetables, meats, or whatever I have for dinner on the stove and start them boiling. I put the hot rocks in the cans, set my pot, stewpans (or whatever I am cooking,) on the hot rocks, put the lids on the cans tight, then cover all with something. I use folded newspapers and an old quilt, but am going to make myself a flat cushion stuffed with hay. I close the box and fasten the lid down tight. My dinner can be taken up hot and my vegetables and meats just as done as can be.—Mrs. Alphin in Progressive Farmer.

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