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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Three Young Soldiers Very Cordially Received D. A. R. Will Observe Flag Day.

On Sunday morning at the Baptist church, among the first arrivals at Sunday School were three young soldier boys. Upon being spoken to, it was found that they were from Texas and were stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta. They had wanted some recreation and decided on spending Sunday at Johnston, though they knew no one here, and they had never been in this part of the State before. They arrived on Saturday afternoon and were at the hotel. The fact that they sought out the house of worship and attended Sunday School, certainly spoke well for these young gentlemen. They were most cordially welcomed and had an escort of at least eight of the Berean class to go to their room for the lesson period. After service many spoke to them and scarcely a one who did not give an invitation to spend the day with them. This the young men greatly appreciated and the best they could do was to separate and each go to a home. In the homes where they went they found good cheer and if they felt so lonely as to seek a day of recreation, they were certainly cheered up and no doubt got a bit of mothering.

Mr. John Fleming Marsh has gone to Washington, D. C., to accept a government position, and Mr. Theodore Marsh is in Atlanta in the employ of the government.

Miss Annie Crouch left Wednesday last for Columbia University, New York, to take a post graduate course in the languages. She has already had a splendid position as teacher offered her.

Mrs. Mary Wates has gone to Springfield to visit her daughter, Mrs. David Phillips.

Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Monroe of Leesville were guests last week in the home of Mr. Walter Derrick.

Little Margaret Payne was quite ill during last week, suffering from a partial attack of pneumonia. She is now improving.

Miss Mary Lewis of Meeting St. visited relatives here last week.

Rv. and Mrs. W. P. B. Kinard, Mrs. M. L. Kinard, Miss Cecile Kinard and Calvin Kinard of Greenwood were visitors last week in the home of Mr. M. T. Turner.

Mrs. M. M. Stewart of Chester is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Boyd.

Electric fans have been placed in the sewing rooms of Red Cross Headquarters, which makes it more pleasant for the sewers, and an electric iron aids in smoothing out the made garments.

Miss Rachel Simmons has won a Coker College scholarship and this fall will be among the number from here to attend.

Miss Sadye Cohen of New York is the guest of Misses Fannie and Julie Shade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walker have gone to Hot Springs, Va., and while away will visit Mrs. Harry Hamilton and Mrs. Oliver Hamilton, of Middlebrooke, Va.

Miss Lucile Smith of Newberry has arrived to spend a while in the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. James White, Mrs. Gould and children and Miss Hallie White made a car trip last week in Georgia visiting relatives.

Miss Luella Howard has gone to Charlotte, N. C. to visit her uncle, David Strother, who has been transferred there from an aviation field in Texas.

Miss Clare Richardson of Waco, Texas is expected this week to visit Mrs. David Howard.

On last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock Miss Sadie Lee Bruce, the daughter of Mrs. Hattie Bruce, became the bride of Mr. J. M. Posey, the happy event taking place in the home of the bride, Rev. W. S. Brooke officiating, being assisted by Rev. Kinard. The wedding march was played by the bride's sister, Miss Jamie Bruce, and as the first notes sounded the maid of honor, Miss Rosalind McQuay entered and stood near the improvised altar of ferns and flowers. She wore a costume of white crepe meteor and carried an armful of pink Killarney roses. Little Bruce Hart, a nephew of the bride was ring bearer and this he brought in on a (Continued on page Five)

Visit to Philippi.

Accompanied by Dr. B. F. Jones and Master Luther Jones, the writer went to Philippi church Sunday to speak in the interest of the War Savings Stamps, having been given this assignment by the county chairman. The crops all along the road between Edgefield and Philippi, almost without exception, are very fine. It appears that the acreage of corn is not up to that of last year and the old corn is probably not as fine, yet there is much fine corn in this portion of the county. The cotton is especially fine for early in July and unless some unfavorable conditions befall it before the harvesting season, a very large yield of cotton will be made.

When we reached Philippi Sunday School was in progress. Mr. George W. Scott is the popular and capable superintendent. Immediately after Sunday School the writer was given the opportunity by the beloved pastor, Rev. A. C. Baker, to present the War Savings Stamps. This cause had been previously presented at Philippi, and the people of the three school districts subscribed in the aggregate about \$30,000, which was a very patriotic response.

Instead of the sermon being preached by the pastor, it was preached by Rev. John E. Jackson, a son of Mr. Henry W. Jackson, who completed his course in the seminary and has been actively engaged in the ministry for some time. He has applied for a chaplaincy in the army and is well endorsed for this special assignment. Mr. Jackson preached a very earnest sermon, holding up the Christian character of Robert E. Lee as an ideal or model worthy of emulation.

At the close of the sermon a brief conference was held, among other matters the purchase of a piano being considered. A committee was appointed to raise the necessary money.

The Edgefield trio accepted an invitation from Mr. Henry Jackson to go to his home for dinner. A sumptuous feast was beautifully served and watermelon and peaches were also served later in the afternoon. The brief stay in this very hospitable home and the entire day were greatly enjoyed, making the occasion one of pleasant memories.

Died in Harness.

(Charlotte Observer.)

In accordance with his expressed wish, Senator Tillman died in harness, his death closing his remarkable and picturesque career of almost a quarter of a century in congress. While his friends and admirers in South Carolina, Washington and the nation at large had been prepared to hear at any hour the unwelcome news of his demise, the announcement that death had finally come to him was received with sorrow by tens of thousands in the Carolinas and other states.

Senator Tillman always had his opponents in political and other affairs and even his enemies, but there was much to admire in him even by those who did not support him or indorse always the measures which he advocated. His methods back in the early days of his career, which won for him immediately upon his entrance into the senate the nickname of "The Pitchfork Senator," were not altogether to the liking of a large element of thoughtful people whose opinions are worth while, but even many of these were forced to admire his fighting qualities and to recognize in him a man of ability, forceful aggressive and even powerful. As the years passed the number of his friends and admirers grew, and he devoted in the esteem and confidence of his fellow senators and leaders of his party generally.

As a whole, his career in the United States senate has been one of much service to the nation, and everywhere there is regret that his career is ended at this period of the nation's history, when men of large caliber and patriotic mold, of experience and wisdom, men of keen insight into the country's purposes and plans in the world war, men who are willing to follow the leadership of the nation's spokesman, are much needed in Washington.

Civic League will meet at the Red Cross rooms July 15th, Monday, at 5:30 o'clock P. M.

Mrs. W. L. Dunovant.

RED OAK GROVE.

War Savings Stamps Campaign Presented. First Watermelon of Season. Pastor Visits Members.

The monthly meeting at Red Oak Grove had another interest added to the service last Sunday. Mr. J. H. Cantelou presented to the people in a most interesting manner data concerning the importance of supporting War Savings Stamps.

Flat Rock school district contributed \$500.35 more to the amount already subscribed on the 24 ult.

We think the people are becoming more interested and aroused to the purpose for which War Savings Stamps stand, placing each of us as it does in an easy position to help win in this great world war, and may none of us be slackers. Old Edgefield must do her bit.

While this war is cruel, our dear Heavenly Father in mercy calls us to cease from sin and wickedness, and come back to the better and nobler things of life which the multitudes, seemingly had overlooked. And now things seem more to indicate that God is supreme. When the world realizes the truth they will come the dawning; yes, the great struggle for the sake of righteousness will have ended.

We believe that this war, even with all its horrors and sadness will be the means of bringing many souls to our Savior and will make us a better people. Hence, the world will be a better place in which to live.

We feel that there are those who will be constrained to subscribe more to War Savings Stamps since our old county has not reached its quota because that means only a fraction over two dollars per capita.

Aid your children like this mother who took two of her little boys, the eldest not eleven, and let them scrub, giving each a room, and then giving them the War Savings Stamps. This is a beautiful method by which our children can be taught economy, industry and self-denial, all of which must come in the formation of character.

The relatives and friends of Mr. O'Neal Timmerman of Towns, Ga., formerly of this section, have extended a warm welcome to him during his stay of two weeks. Marked attention has been given him by his friends, both young and old.

Mr. William Bailey, another of our former neighbors, but now residing near Callison, who has just returned from Columbia, having been before the naval board for examination, came down to visit his old friends before his departure for military training. Tillman has many warm friends here and elsewhere who are extending their best wishes to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamilton were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, worshipping at Red Oak Grove. Mr. Hamilton subscribed a thousand dollars for his school district for War Savings Stamps.

Mr. Willie McManus, also his mother of Edgefield have been on a visit to the latter's mother, Mrs. Maggie Griffiths.

Mr. J. T. Griffiths brought to our home the first watermelons we have had this season. He enjoys most to share his melons with his neighbors.

Mr. Bruce Timmerman had as his guests last Saturday night quite a gathering of his friends in honor of Mr. Tillman Bailey and Mr. O'Neal Timmerman.

Mrs. G. W. Bussey and Mrs. Lamb spent last Thursday with Mrs. J. C. Harvley at Modoc, whose health is now such that her friends have urged her to take a period of rest at Glenn Springs.

We have had with us this week Rev. G. W. Bussey, doing pastoral visiting. During his stay he was called to Modoc to preach the funeral of the little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Land of North Carolina. Though only two months old, the short stay made the going away of the little babe a severe shock to its fond parents. Our hearts go out to them in their bereavement.

We have a beautiful line of ladies waists, such as georgettes, crepe de chine and China silk, and also wash waists. Come in and we would like to show them to you.

ISRAEL MUKASHY.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

Lieutenant Greneker Writes Interestingly of France to His Mother, Mrs. H. N. Greneker.

June 5, 1918.
Tours.

Dearest Mama:

As yet I have not heard from you but I am patiently waiting and at the same time very anxiously. It is generally about a month before one hears but as I landed on the 23rd it should not be long. Since I wrote you I have been to Blois and St. Agnor.

Blois is a very beautiful place and while there I went through the Chateau de Blois where Napoleon, all the Henrys, Catherine and a great many more lived. I saw the secret place in the wall where Catherine kept her poison, her bed room, prayer room, dungeon (which you couldn't even blow up now). I also saw the spot where Duke the Somebody was killed by Henry's order and a thousand other historical things which I don't know a thing about. Some of the paintings dated as far back as 1200 but were as plain as one of Miss Eliza Mims' which was painted yesterday. There is very little wood work about the Chateau but such work you never saw. To give you an idea: Each wall is covered with figures and no two figures are alike. How in the world these people ever did what they did I do not see. But it is there and will be there for a long, long time.

Then the cathedrals are wonderful too, and are too beautiful to describe. The French are wonderful arch builders and in Blois I was on a bridge which is 201 years old and good as ever. Yesterday over at St. Agnor there was not much to see except the river. Get your map and find the Loir and you will see where I have been.

The other day on a little hike I saw a flock of wild ducks and if I had had a gun I could have had more easy about them.

I suppose you saw in the papers where the President Lincoln was sunk on her way back. Well, this ship came over right in front of me and I saw her when she left the port going out. Of course they will sink a few but if the Kaiser just knew how many were getting by, he wouldn't be very happy over these results. His day is approaching. Nobody here is at all worried about the war because we all believe that Foch has not even shown one of his best cards. The Americans are growing in popularity every day with the French.

I will tell you what I want you to start among the school children and that is, to respect our flag and our national song. When the French or American colors pass over here, every little boy, no matter how small, takes off his hat. It is the same during the singing or playing of the national songs. I have seen more than one grown American just stand still. It is a shame.

Another person I would like to see and very much, is General Wood over here. The soldiers are billeted with French and in every barn or house you pass, some red headed soldier from the South, North, East or West will stick his head up and say "Hello, Goodbye, Good Luck. I wish I were going to the front instead of staying back here." I was talking to an officer the other day who was trying to get officers to transfer to the Gas Service but I told him I wanted to fight it out with the boys.

I am leaving today for Paris where I hope to see somebody from home as nearly everybody in the world meets somebody else there whom he knows. I never have believed that long range gun was a reality but now I am going to see. I am learning a little French and can get along very well but the French seem to learn English better than I do French. Of course I do not expect anything to happen but if anything ever does, I don't want any mourning in spirit or dress because it would not be a loss but a gain to give your life for your country at a time like this. When you get over here and see things as they are you are all inspiration and want to go and do. The little French girls from about six or seven to 12 years are the prettiest and dearest girls on earth and my vacant time finds me playing with them. They have just learned to use chewing gum and oh, my! Some little angel will come up and say, "Hel-

Camp Branch News.

We are having some rain this morning and clouds seem to be getting heavy so we may have plenty yet.

We were glad to have with us this week Mr. Tom DeLaughter from Ola and Mr. Alex. from North Augusta. They returned home Monday.

Mrs. Essie Bledsoe spent a delightful week with her aunt, returning to Augusta Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Coleman and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Griffiths and little Calvin, also Mr. Edwards, were visitors in the home of Mr. O. M. Burnett. A crowd from this community attended the barbecue of Mr. G. W. Hightower near Belvedere and all enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DeLaughter entertained a few friends Saturday evening in honor of their guests, Misses Nellie and Sallie DeLaughter of North Augusta, Mr. S. L. Matthews of Camp Hancock, Mr. Furman Matthews of Ellenton, S. C., and Mrs. H. G. Barrow of Belvedere, and they returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre from North Carolina were among their friends last week.

The Misses DeLaughter and Miss Janie Burnett, also Mr. Trap Burton motored to Columbia Sunday week to see their brother at camp Jackson.

Mrs. Nettie DeLaughter spent a pleasant day with her brother, Mr. Jas. Bartley of Johnston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett spent a delightful day with Mrs. Lou Pailley.

We see a few navy boys at home now on a 30-day furlough. They are Mr. Claud Eubanks, Mr. Warren Reel and Mr. Calvin Seigler.

We all enjoyed seeing the parade in Augusta July 4th. It was just fine.

Edgefield's First Victim.

Mrs. Eva W. Ouzts received a telegram Saturday from the authorities in Washington stating that her son, J. P. Ouzts, who has been in Europe with the marines for several months, was missing in action. It is inferred from this meager information that he fell into the hands of the Germans as a prisoner. This is the first Edgefield county boy who has thus far suffered at the hands of the enemy or become prisoner. Our American soldiers are proving themselves to be brave and daring, and in their eagerness to drive the Huns back it is probable that they go beyond the danger line, or line of safety, without realizing it.

Those Golden Stars.

In every home where flies the service flag with a golden star and in every home to which the golden star may come, mother and father and all should read what Abraham Lincoln wrote to a Civil War Mother:

"I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the adjutant general of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and the lost and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Greenville Piedmont.

Red Cross Notice.

The ladies of all auxiliaries will find the Red Cross rooms open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12 o'clock, and on every afternoon except Saturday after half past four.

At the meeting of the executive committee on July 6 it was decided to change the day of meeting from Saturday to Friday. Members of this committee will please notice this change and come on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Annie M. Clisby,
Publicity chairman.

Who could help but feel proud to be here? I won't have a cent as long as I can make them happy. With love to you all and my prayers and good wishes for you.
Your devoted son,
Benj.

MT. ZION NEWS.

Ladies Busy With Canning and Preserving. Mr. Smith's Barn Burned. Protracted Meeting.

After a period of dry weather we are having refreshing showers which is improving everything.

The ladies of our community are real busy canning and preserving. Some of those that are not fortunate enough to have fruit have been benefited by the kindness of Mr. E. M. Padgett furnishing them a nice supply as he has a splendid orchard.

We are indeed glad to report that Mrs. Franklin is much improved.

Mrs. Estelle Weeks is visiting her aunt Mrs. E. Barton.

Mrs. Fannie Murphey is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Carpenter.

Miss Marie Padgett is expected home the latter part of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Riley and Mr. W. O. Murphey and Miss Emma Murphey were visitors at the home of Mr. M. W. Carpenter Sunday afternoon.

Misses Lilla Mae Padgett and Mabel Carpenter have been appointed to sell W. S. S. in this district.

Mrs. Susan Garner has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in different parts of Georgia.

A few weeks ago Mr. L. C. Smith sustained a considerable loss by fire, two barns were burned, a horse and mule and a large supply of food stuff. Also his new car.

The friends of Mr. Y. E. Padgett will be interested to learn that he has reached "over-seas" safely.

Several from our community went to Trenton last Thursday to attend the funeral of Senator B. R. Tillman.

On our last preaching day the announcement was made that our annual revival will begin fourth Sunday of this month. We hope to have a large number of visitors.

Letter From Percy Ouzts to His Mother.

France, May 6, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Just a few lines this morning to let you know how I am. After coming back from the trenches I was asked if I wanted to work in the 1st sergeant's office of my company, as you know I used to work in the office on Paris Island, so I am in the office now.

I came over here to do my bit and if they want we here I am perfectly willing to stay. To me it matters not where I am.

I haven't had any mail since Feb. 1st., 1918, before I left the states, except one letter from Watson.

You can't imagine how it makes one feel coming over to a foreign country, though it isn't so bad because there are more Americans than Frenchmen where we are. It seems just like you were in the states as far as the language is concerned, but the country is entirely different. I am

Your devoted son,

J. P. Ouzts.

51st Co., 2nd Battalion, 5th Reg. U. S. M. C., A. E. F. Via P. M. New York City.

The Outlook Encouraging.

Sitting by the window of one of the coaches attached to the train that was to carry the Tillman funeral part back to Washington from Trenton, Uncle Joe Cannon of Illinois dean of the house and a national figure, declared that he did not think the people of this section were in any danger of starvation. He had observed the splendid crops in the "ridge section." The same thought occurred to others who journeyed yesterday to Trenton. Magnificent fields of cotton and corn are to be seen all along the road from Columbia to Trenton. Every home place has its garden, too, and from the road it seemed that every garden was planted to the limit. The vegetables looked fresh and fine.

As Uncle Joe says, there is no danger of starvation in the "ridge section" of South Carolina.—Columbia Record.