

### JOHNSTON LETTER.

**Red Cross Ladies Busy. Interesting. Lecture by Mr. Campbell. Theodore Marsh Goes to Plattsburg.**

The Surgical Dressings rooms, at Red Cross headquarters will be filled with busy workers during the next two weeks or so, an order for 200 pads and 1200 (4 by 4) wipes, having been received. Those who finished the course are all expected to work as before, each having their day to wear the blue veil as instructor and then to aid further in the work. There is much that can be done by those who did not take the course, such as drawing threads and cutting the cloth into regulation size for the 4 by 4 wipes. Everyone is cordially invited to come and help in the order and they are requested to have a special apron or white dress to work in, as apparel worn out on the streets and then worked in might get dust or some foreign matter on surgical dressings work.

The Junior Red Cross under Miss Eva Rushton, during the past week completed 100 comfort bags or "house-wives" as they call them. These are ready to be sent on.

Mrs. W. J. Huie has done a wonderful work with the knitting, and has been ably assisted by a force of workers. A box of beautifully made socks is to be sent on this week.

The lecture last week by Mr. Roland Campbell, who is at home from the scenes of action by the war forces, brought a good sum into the Red Cross treasury, \$100.00. The large school auditorium was well filled. He was heard with keen interest, all except one point, and that was when he pointed the long-range captured German gun at the audience and stated that it was loaded, and all he had to do was to press the trigger and the people would see what it was capable of doing. At this point he fired a blank cartridge from a pistol on the table. Everyone, more or less, dodged.

Miss Bettie Waters has been elected to teach at Chappells. Miss Bettie graduated at the High School here last year and took a special course this year at Columbia college. Chappells has a splendid two-story brick school building with pretty grounds, which is a great credit to the community.

Mr. Earl Crouch was operated on in Columbia Hospital for appendicitis last week and his friends will be glad to learn that he is resting very comfortably; his wife and mother, Mrs. H. W. Crouch, have been in Columbia a few days with him.

Mr. Goode Mobley is at home from a trip to Washington and New York.

Mrs. L. C. Latimer is visiting her son, Dr. Edward Latimer, at Macon, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cox and Mr. and Mrs. John Wright spent last week in Hendersonville, N. C., with the mother of Mrs. Cox.

Miss Jessie Rushton is the guest of relatives and friends in Columbia. Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse and little son, have been visiting the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Thacker.

Mr. Theodore Marsh is to be congratulated upon the splendid mark he made in standing an examination for training at Plattsburg. Mr. Marsh is a student at Georgia Tech., and has volunteered for service. He will be in training until September 1, and then return to his school duties. He asked this, but should there be a demand for him to enter service he will leave school for this. Out of 1,000 at Georgia Tech., 16 were asked for military training, and of the fortunate 16, Mr. Marsh was one. His record on examination was a fine one.

Mrs. Walter Derrick and children have gone to the mountains of North Carolina to spend a while.

Mr. Frank Perry left Thursday night for Charleston where he will be in training for the navy.

Miss Frances Turner is visiting her friend, Miss Lucile McLendon, at Timmonsville, S. C.

Miss Mallie Waters went to Augusta on Sunday to visit her sister, Miss Annie Waters and will also visit Mrs. Cook McKie in North Augusta.

Mrs. Davis of Spartanburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mike Crouch.

Mrs. Chas. Early and little boys are at home from a month's stay in Florence with relatives.

Mrs. M. E. Norris has gone to Tim-

monsville to visit her sister, Mrs. Wood Lowman.

Mrs. J. W. Browne and children and Miss Marie Dozier have gone to Flat Rock, N. C. to spend a month. Miss Bertha Warren of Gainesville Fla. is visiting in the home of her uncle, Major F. M. Warren.

Dr. Horace Wright of Georgetown has joined his wife here for his summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingram of Augusta were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. J. W. Marsh.

Mrs. M. M. Stewart has returned to Chester after a visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Morgan and Donald Morgan of Augusta have also been visitors in this home.

Mrs. Boger and Misses Edna and Ruth Boger have returned to Manning after a visit to Mrs. Mary Waters, the former's mother.

Mr. Mark Toney of Columbia has been visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. B. F. Boatwright.

Mrs. J. Howard Payne and little Margaret are at home from Little Mountain, N. C.

Miss Sallie Dozier is spending a short time from a business college in Columbia.

Lieut. Alton Bland, whose home is in Vidalia, Ga., is spending a few days here with relatives.

For the past few years it has been the custom of the Baptist church to hold an annual business meeting and on Sunday at the monthly conference it was decided to have this meeting on September 2nd. It will be an all day affair, dinner on the grounds and a resume of the year's work will be given. The pastor, Mr. Brooke stated that he was already making arrangements for the day and thought that he would be able to secure Dr. Z. T. Cody of Greenville to preach. At a later date he will appoint committees for furthering plans for the day.

Rev. W. S. Brooke has been appointed by the Baptist State Board of Education as one of their field workers, to help raise the funds for the State denominational colleges, and it was requested that the church grant him an absence in which to make the canvass. The Ridge Association is expected to give \$10,000 and Rev. Brooke will canvass the territory that the Ridge Association embraces. Having this part of the State will enable him to spend each night at home, so the prayer service and evening preaching service can be held. The month of September was specified as the month for his work.

The happy family re-union of the past month of the mother and sisters with Mrs. J. W. Marsh, is ending, and this week her mother, Mrs. Pedrick returned to Florida and her sisters, Mesdames Wilson and Isom, with their children have returned to Spartanburg. Miss Theora Fleming will stay until September 1st.

Misses Marie and Helen Lewis have gone to Timmonsville to visit the former visiting Miss McLendon, and the latter Miss Marshall.

Miss Ella Jacobs has been elected to teach the 1st and 2nd grades of the High School.

The commodious ware house being erected on Main Street is well under way, and rapid work is being made on the dwelling of Mr. Wiley Derrick in west Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ouzts are at home from Chick Springs.

Mrs. Carl Richards of Alabama is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Strother.

Mrs. Jim Day of Illinois and Miss Sallie Mae Johnson are visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer.

Miss Lillian Mobley has gone to Columbia to visit her sister, Miss Ella Mobley, and from there will go to Orangeburg to spend a while with her sister, Mrs. Wilton Siftley.

Miss Bettie Waters is visiting friends and relatives in Augusta.

### No Calls Now in Hand.

People are naturally interested in the induction of men from this county, both white and colored, into the military service. Several times each day members of the board are asked when more men will be sent to camp. The board has no call unfilled. The sending of the men to Camp Wadsworth Friday filled the only call thus far received for August. It is probable, however, that other calls for white and colored men will be received before the end of the month.

### CAMPAIGN MEETING.

**Senatorial and Congressional Candidates Given Respectful Hearing by Large Number of Voters.**

According to the schedule arranged by the State Democratic executive committee, the candidates for the United States senate reached Edgefield Friday and addressed a large audience in the court house, a considerable number of ladies being present. The candidates for congress also spoke. The meeting was presided over by County Chairman B. E. Nicholson, who called upon Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse to offer the invocation.

The first speaker presented was Senator Christie Benet. He stated that he was born in Abbeville county and feels at home in Edgefield. Mr. Benet urged the people to cast their ballots this year with prayerful consideration, not alone for men and issues but for humanity. He hurriedly reviewed his past and what he has already undertaken in Washington since he has taken his seat as the successor of Senator Tillman, to whom Benet paid a beautiful tribute. He referred to Mr. Peeples' absence, having attended only one meeting. He also read extracts from Mr. Blease's Pomaria speech, reviewing his career of disloyalty. He stated that when he fights disloyalty he is fighting for our boys in the trenches. He favors the government fixing a minimum price for cotton, so as to stabilize its value. Senator Benet was well received.

The second speaker was Hon. W. P. Pollock of Cheraw. In his tribute to the lamented Senator Tillman, Mr. Pollock said his works gave him permanent place in history. He was urged to become a candidate for the long term but would not oppose Senator Tillman who was always loyal and true and although enfeebled could accomplish more in the senate than any other man. Mr. Pollock referred to the first meeting at Florence where he propounded questions to his opponents and since that meeting Mr. Peeples has not attended any of the regularly appointed meetings. He expressed the belief that 90 per cent of the Edgefield people would cast their ballots for civilization and for our boys in the trenches. He attacked Mr. Blease for his disloyal utterances of last year as published in the Charleston American, and that he dare not make such speeches now. He urged the people to vote for America against Germany, for Democracy against Autocracy, for civilization against barbarity. He urged loyalty to our government, loyalty to Woodrow Wilson. In the fight our boys are making there can be no relaxation at home or abroad until the American flag is planted in Berlin.

Mr. N. B. Dial, candidate for the long term, began by injecting good-natured humor into the occasion. The presence of the ladies suggested to his mind a newspaper paragraph which stated that God made women both beautiful and foolish. They are beautiful and the men love them. The women are foolish because they love the men. He said an old darkey recently stated that Woodrow Wilson was the greatest man the world has ever seen. He has made the day one hour longer and took all the railroads away from the big corporations and gave them to his son-in-law.

Mr. Dial soon got down to business and discussed matters of public interest in a practical manner. While he makes no pretenses to being an orator, yet his earnest conversational style impresses people favorably. His speech was well received, winning friends for him in the county. Mr. Dial, in order to demonstrate his ability to serve the people in the senate referred to what he had achieved in business. Besides developing two water powers and is now engaged in a third he has built a cotton mill, an oil mill, a glass factory and assisted in establishing a bank. He urged the people to make preparation for the return of our boys after the war. Our educational system should be steadily improved. The idle and loafing class everywhere should be put to work. Mr. Dial is an advocate of national prohibition, stating that coal miners lose 8 days in a month where strong drink is sold and lose less than one day where none can be had. He advocates tax-

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### "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."

**Brave Cleora Boy Writes Interesting Letter From Overseas to His Mother At Home.**

July 1, 1918.

My Dearest Mother:

Your letter of June 2nd was received and needless to say I am always glad to hear from you all and to know that you are well. I am all O. K. today.

I have been off for a few days. I am not with the company now but I get my mail there just the same.

Well, I have certainly seen a great deal since I have been over here. Listen, I saw the first pretty girl yesterday I have seen since I have been here, but am still loving the American girls best.

I saw some pretty little towns yesterday as I was coming in where I stay. Mama, you ask me to tell you something about the place where I am but I can't write you how the place looks for fear the enemy might be able to get some information about the place and for that reason I can't describe it.

I learned this morning that one of my officers and I were school mates. We went to school together at the Corley place. Benjamin Greener is his name. I did not know him the first time I saw him but believe me I was glad to find him out. I have not seen Walter Griffiths and Billy Byrd in about two weeks. I will go over to see them as soon as I have time.

Well, I certainly would like to get a box from home but it is so far it would not be good when I got it so don't send anything to eat.

I had a lot of trouble learning to count this money over here. You can have a pocket full of it and then not have much. As for talking, I can't do that at all—just have to make signs, so you know how often I visit.

All hello for me and write soon. Will close, with love to all.

Your devoted son,

Hezzie F. Griffiths

Co. E. 118 Inf. A. E. F.

**Letter From Overseas to Mr. P. B. Day.**

Gievres, France, June 16, 1918

Dear P. B.:

After a long wait, I was just receiving your letter. It was just like a mess of scuppernongs so refreshing, to hear from the country.

I dropped George a post card the other day through the S. D., A. G. O. A. E. F. (looks like an alphabet gone crazy, doesn't it?), but received the card back in about a week, so I suppose the 666th Aero hasn't arrived in France yet. I will try again at some future time, and if he is over here, he will probably receive the letter. The delivery of mail has been perfected to a great degree now. When I first came over they were just getting things straight, and my first mail followed me all around for a long time, until I could get my A. P. O. number to the home folks. Now, however, the alphabet above keeps track of everybody and the mail comes through in great shape. One thing I would like to know, is whether George is in the production, or supply or flying section of the aviation. I know where the various centres are located, and if I knew what he is in, I could try to locate him through those centres. I heard that the 666th was at a certain place before I wrote him, but it must not have been. Also, what is his rank?

The people around here are quite keen on raising asparagus. I have been to town on market days, and it is quite a sight to see all the old women bring their produce to town, most of them rolling it in a wheel barrow. I couldn't "get" the asparagus market for a while, until a French acquaintance put me next. It all looked as though it was over too soon, and I did not see that they had sold any of their wares, because I couldn't see the purchasers. But the produce houses in Paris and other cities have representatives at every little town, and these buy up the produce, and ship it in, and there are very few local sales. The local sales are made mostly on the weekly market day, which varies in each town, all the way from Monday to Saturday, and these nicely dressed people from the town houses do all their

purchasing for the entire week on that one day. There are very few green grocery stores as there are with us for peddling the wares to the lazy housewife. To the early bird belongs the best there is, and the one who doesn't get there in time is just out of luck for the rest of the week, until another market day.

I'm not so certain that I will get continued good health. Florida is a great place to those who live there, but as for mine, give me good old Georgia every time.

I'm not so certain that I will settle down on a farm when I get back to Civilization. With cotton at 35 cents a pound, and food products so high, it looks so to me to be a good buy to get where you can raise what you eat yourself. If I do I'll come over and get you to give me the preliminary instruction into the art. The farm used to be laightd at, as a place to hide yourself. The farmer is the only man in the States at present who is living on a sure basis. He is producing that which he eats, and could live if everybody else went crazy. But those in the cities who are in business of one kind or another would stop pretty quick if anything should happen to shut off their source of supply.

The only trouble with me is that it will require a ten horse farm to raise enough to supply myself, and there won't be anything left over to sell at a high price to buy clothes with.

When I spoke of getting married, I didn't have any French girl in mind for several reasons. For one thing, they talk too fast for me. Another is that I can't understand what they say. It is all right, whatever it is, but their language is such that they can't understand themselves half the time and they can't pronounce it correctly to save themselves. Who ever heard of the river "Was" (Oise)? I'll tell you some more reasons when I see you next. I don't like their style.

I suppose you have heard a little from Erdman of how things are here with me. They are the same, day in and day out. I have about a twelve hour working day, which is all right, since it is wartime, but ten hours a day is enough for me. I am commencing to agree with the labor unions, that there is a limit beyond which a man should not be forced to work. I don't think, however, like the revolutionists do in Russia, that this limit should be fixed at four hours a day. That is a little too short.

I haven't seen anybody from home since I arrived in France. I know I'll disgrace myself when I do see them. I understand that there are lots and lots of the boys over here, but while I have a general idea of their location, that is about all I do know. They are certainly some distance from me. Perhaps we'll meet at some day, even if it is in Berlin.

Well, old boy, I must stop now, as it is nearly supper time. I am going to stay on the lookout for George, and you let him know where I am. I'll be here for another month or so, and if you write him, he may be able to locate me.

Kindest regards to yourself, your wife, and father and the others that I know in the neighborhood, I am

Sincerely,

Wm. F. Bowe, Jr.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many kind deeds of love and true sympathy shown us by so many of our relatives and friends during the recent illness and death of our beloved son and brother.

W. H. Dorn and family.

### Claying the Sand.

Supervisor Broadwater has his roadworking force claying the heavy sand on the public road that leads east of Johnston by Mr. Robert Clark's, Mr. Charlie Rauton's and Mr. Silas Yonce's. We drove over this road yesterday and the gang is working near the home of Mr. Lewis Clark, making a modern road of this much-traveled highway. The clay is obtained from the ditch alongside the road, making it much easier and cheaper than hauling it some distance. After this leading thoroughfare is clayed practically every public road east of Johnston will have been well-coated with clay. Mr. Broadwater is doing good work and the people of that section appreciate it.

### SERVICE FLAG.

**Eight Stars on Service Flag of Republican Church. Patriotic Address. Inspiring Music.**

Sunday was a splendid day at Republican. The weather was fine and everything propitious. The services consisted of a morning meeting only, everybody returning home at the dinner hour.

The first interesting occurrence was the meeting before entering the church of the kind friends for whom the trip was largely made, and then all the kindly greetings from many in the church already gathered and waiting.

The choir was ready and in place when the service began and on the pulpit platform was a lovely flag, "Old Glory," to give inspiration and a feeling of protection and patriotism.

Rev. Kesterson, pastor of the church presided over the meeting and read the scripture and led the large congregation in prayer. The choir sang enthusiastically and well, appropriate selections adapted to the occasion.

The speaker of the occasion was Hon. B. E. Nicholson, who addressed a most attentive audience, with a speech full of eloquence, wise counsel and new thought.

Mr. J. L. Mims was also called upon and made a few remarks of a patriotic nature.

Miss Lucia Miller gave that eloquent poem, "Here Comes the Flag" and at the close of this little Misses Florence McKie and Robbie Ruth Miller unveiled the flag, showing a satin flag bearing eight stars, representing that many boys from Republican church. One sailor boy, Willie Lanham, was present to hear his name called, the roll being called by Murphy Miller and responded to by Thomas Adams. The boys whose names were called are D. T. and Harris Mathis, B. F. and J. Robert Adams, Willie and J. Preston Lay, George Lawrence Miller and J. E. Atkinson. The members of the family stood as the names of the boys were called.

Miss Minnie Lanham sang in a very sympathetic manner, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," with organ accompaniment by Miss Sallie May Miller who also acted as organist throughout the service.

The flag was made by the ladies of Republican church and was a work of art.

Another interesting feature of the program was a duet by Napoleon and Jeter Kesterson about the service flag, their father, the pastor, having composed the music.

The party from Edgefield who were so fortunate as to attend this occasion, on invitation of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Mathis stopped and partook of their gracious hospitality at dinner, this family having a bountiful supply of everything raised at home and the best watermelons in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis have sent their two noble sons into the army as volunteers, Dr. Harris Mathis being stationed at Camp Jackson, a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, and D. T., who is a graduate of Clemson college attending the Officers Training Camp at Camp Gordon.

Those who were in attendance from the town of Edgefield were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wells, Hon. B. E. Nicholson, Judge Kinnaird, Mr. Jas. T. Mims, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mims.

Misses Emmie Lanham and Ellie Mathis were largely instrumental in making the program successful.

### Fifty Organs.

Mr. John A. Holland announces in his half-page advertisement on our second page that he has purchased 140 organs and 50 of them have been shipped to Edgefield. This is your opportunity to purchase an organ. Better not delay. After these are sold it is probable that no more organs can be shipped to Edgefield until after the war. By purchasing some months ago in such a large quantity Mr. Holland will be able to make a closer price than any other dealer can. See him or communicate with him at once.