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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Woodward-Hill Marriage. Musicales a Success. Club Entertained. Death of Mrs. Boatwright.

The marriage of Miss Alma Woodward to Mr. Hiram Warner Hill, on December 15, is of much interest to all.

The happy affair took place in Washington, D. C. at Calvary Baptist church, and after a bridal tour they will be at home to their friends after December 25 at Columbus, Ga., the home of the groom.

The bride is one of Johnston's beloved young women, who has been in Washington for the past two years, where she had a government position.

Mr. Hill is well known here, having some warm friends, and is to be congratulated on having won so charming a wife.

Miss Annie Crouch will leave soon for a visit to a class mate in Florida.

Mrs. Joe Cox has gone to Fairfax to visit her mother and before her return will visit relatives at other places.

Mrs. Fannie Boatwright, the widow of the late Mr. Eliza Boatwright, died last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Page in Atlanta.

The news of her death is learned here with sorrow. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Boatwright resided at their large plantation near town and as long as they resided here this home was most hospitable and especially did the young people enjoy visits here.

There were four daughters and two sons. The eldest child, Maude, having died about 8 years ago. The other children are Mrs. Percy Norris of Aiken, Mrs. Speck of Geffney, Mrs. John Swearingen of North Augusta and Messrs Russell and Keitt Boatwright.

Mr. Earl Smith is out again after a week's sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Allen, Miss Mary Lewis, and John spend Saturday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Horne have moved to Columbia to reside.

The first of the year Mr. and Mrs. Whittle and family will move to Columbia to reside.

Rev. W. S. Brooke spent part of last week in Greenville attending the board meeting relative to the Baptist Courier. The State Baptist Convention at the recent meeting purchased this paper.

Mrs. James R. Kelly of Florida, has been the guest of relatives here the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. William Connerly have gone to North Carolina to visit in the home of the former.

Mrs. Hattie Bruce is at home from the Baptist Hospital and is now much improved.

Mrs. Weinona Hart and Mr. Alonzo Cato were quietly married on Sunday last by Rev. W. S. Brooke. They are now domiciled in the dwelling of Mr. Alonzo Horne.

Mrs. Ann Mobley is welcomed home from a visit to her daughters, Mrs. Harry Hamilton and Mrs. Oliver Hamilton of Virginia, with whom she has been for a few months.

Mrs. Hamilton of Virginia is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Allen Mobley.

A division meeting of the Ridge association was held Saturday at Speigner Baptist church, the following attending: Mesdames T. R. Denny, A. P. Lewis, J. H. Payne, W. J. Hatcher, Belton Stevens and S. J. Watson.

Mrs. Carrie Padgett of Saluda and Mr. Alex Watson were married at the Methodist parsonage last week by Rev. David Kellar. After a visit to friends in Georgia, they will be at home to friends at their home near town.

Upon invitation Mrs. O. D. Black, first state vice president U. D. C., attended the Ridge Spring chapter meeting and told of the proceedings of the recent convention.

The musicale given Friday evening for the benefit of Ridgedale academy was a very enjoyable affair, over \$40 being cleared. As only a small fee was charged, this was considered a very good amount.

Misses Conya and Elliot Hardy who have been in Washington, D. C.,

for the past year, are at home for the holidays.

The young people of the various colleges are beginning to arrive for the holidays, and the town seems to be much livelier. Several social affairs are already being planned for their pleasure.

The Baptist Sunday school is planning to have a large and beautiful Christmas tree this year, and Santa Claus will come and meet all the little boys and girls, and grown ups as well. There will be a gift on the tree for every member of the Sunday school and it is hoped that there will not be an absentee. It has been many years since the Sunday school had a Christmas tree, and the last one was arranged by the late Mr. William D. Turner, who made the occasion such a memorable one that even now, the grown folks, then children, recall with a thrill that Christmas night.

The Woman's Missionary Society is packing a box of clothing at the home of Mrs. M. R. Wright for the benefit of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartow Walsh and Billie have gone to Sumter to spend the holidays.

Prof. and Mrs. Scott of Batesburg, spent the week-end in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Dobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Mal Boatwright of the Philippi section have rented the Langston home and will now reside there.

Mrs. J. A. Lott entertained the New Century club last Wednesday in a most enjoyable manner, and the members and visitors all enjoyed the two hours spent with the hospitable hostess.

During business it was decided to increase the membership to 25 and those on the waiting list were admitted. The club bought a \$5.00 bond to aid in the tuberculosis campaign.

A matter of deep regret to the entire club was the resignation of Mr. P. N. Lott, as a member. Her wisdom, counsel and literary attainments made her a most valued member, and her place cannot be filled. She was made an honorary member.

"Thomas Nelson Page" was the author discussed during the program, and Mrs. Olin Eidson, as leader made this part very pleasant.

The hostess served an elaborate salad course.

On Saturday evening the old Bacon homestead at Harmony was burned. It is sad to see such a landmark and one of so many pleasant associations pass away.

Notice.

To the Public:

We, the undersigned merchants and gasoline dealers of the city of Edgefield, owing to the fact that we are forced to pay cash for gasoline and too, we all know the scarcity of the cash at this time, are forced to get the cash for all gasoline. This is to go into effect January 1, 1921.

Stewart & Kernaghan.
Yonce & Mooney.
Geo. W. Adams.
Lyon Brothers.
Hamilton Auto Company.
Chero-Cola Bottling Plant.

Mr. John Dunovant Entertains.

On Friday evening, December 17, John Dunovant entertained a number of his friends at a lovely party.

When the guests arrived each was provided with a tally card and when these were filled the couples enjoyed an hour of progressive conversation. After that some time was spent playing "questions and answers" and "gossip." Then several victrola and piano selections were given.

The boys and their partners were ushered into the lovely holly decorated dining room where delicious ambrosia and cake and malaga grapes were served.

Other games were played and the guests departed in a happy mood.

The guests present were Margaret Madden, Dozier Tompkins, Mattie Saunders, Gertrude Thurmond, Warren Wright, Sue Adams, William Strom, Eleanor Mims, Amos Moore, Lily Holston, Truman Mundy, Isabelle Byrd, John Wells, Helen Nicholson, Mitchell Wells, Elise Hudgens, George Evans, Dixon Timmerman.

Delightful Meeting of the U. D. C.

The Edgefield chapter U. D. C. met with Mrs. N. G. Evans on Tuesday-afternoon for a delightful meeting. The business session was opened by the president. The Lord's prayer was repeated in unison, and the minutes were read by Miss Sophie Dobson. The treasurer's report showed all pledges paid for the year.

Mrs. Wright read a letter from our State vice president, Mrs. O. D. Black, of Johnston, regretting her inability to be with us as she had accepted an invitation to be with the Ridge Spring chapter on a like occasion. She sent a report from the State convention which was held in Greenville. Mrs. Wright also gave a few interesting points of data from Mrs. McKinley's report of the general convention held in Asheville, which had appeared in the Confederate Veteran.

A matter of business which is always dear to our hearts is the sending of a box to the County Home each Christmas. This was planned for the committee, being Mrs. J. H. Cantelou, at whose home the box will be packed, Mrs. B. B. Jones and Mrs. John G. Edwards. Gifts of fruit, candy, cake and tobacco are requested. They are to be sent to Mrs. Cantelou Wednesday the 22.

As we are to take up for the coming year the study of South Carolina writers the historian read a sketch of Henry Laurens, prepared by Miss Mildred Rutherford. Mrs. B. B. Jones read a recent article in the Confederate Veteran from the pen of C. A. Wright, of Florida, a former Edgefield man who wrote of the nine Wright brothers in the War Between the States, among whom was J. Russell Wright. Mrs. Jeff Wright was asked to tell of this family which she did in her usual charming manner. She also mentioned several other families.

There lived and wrote in South Carolina during the seventies a Georgia man, Carlisle McKinley, who was in Columbia during the State Fair in 1873 and seeing a company of Edgefield cavalry pass, dressed in Confederate gray, dedicated to them a beautiful poem. This was read by Mrs. Woodson, after which Mrs. N. G. Evans read a lovely and glowing tribute to the old Southern slave mammy of a past generation. This was very appropriate in view of the fact that we as an organization are to be asked to place a monument to a negro slave who was killed by yankees because he would not betray his master at the time of the John Brown incident at Harper's Ferry.

This concluded the program, after which the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Herbert Smith served a delicious salad course with tea.

A much welcomed guest of the occasion was Mrs. James O. Sheppard, who comes from Newberry and whom Edgefield takes to her heart.

Letter to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus
I am sorry you have not sold your cotton. I hate for you to sell it while the price is so low, but I want you to come to see my two little brothers, Rhetta and Leonard Brooke, and my two cousins, Mary and Lela Margaret. Their mother is dead and they live with their grandpa.

Mr. Brooke, our preacher lives on the hill near our home and has four little children, be sure and stop there.

Santa Claus, I wanted you to bring me a wagon but as the times are so hard I will do without. Santa Claus, I will get a can of Prince Albert tobacco from daddy and leave it on the table for you to smoke in your pipe. I am six years old and go to school. Am in the first grade. My name is

JAMES BRYAN.

Edgefield, S. C.

Cabbage Plants.

Frost Proof Cabbage Plants, Charleston Wakefield, Succession, Flat Dutch, by express.

Ten thousand at \$1.50 per 1,000; five thousand at \$1.75; one thousand at \$2.00; by parcel post prepaid, one thousand for \$2.50; five hundred for \$1.50; three hundred for \$1.00; one hundred for 35 cents. Full count and satisfaction guaranteed. Leading varieties of Potato Plants in season.

WATSON PLANT CO.,
Edgefield, S. C.

Miss Florence Mims Explores an Iron Mine.

Dear Advertiser:

Some time ago in a letter I spoke of the wonders "under the earth" in Aurora, meaning the great iron mines which have made this part of the country rich and famous.

On Wednesday evening a party of us took a trip down into the St. James mine, about a quarter of a mile from the town itself. Since there was a great deal of climbing to be done, we were obliged to wear the clothes that the miners wore. Overalls that had once been blue, and coats that doubtless had been too, covered with mud and iron ore, were given us to wear. After looking long and hard at these togs, I summoned all the will power I possessed and using what I had stored up for the future, I got into the clothes and we surveyed each other with peals of laughter.

Each was provided with a hat from the locker of some sturdy Austrian or Italian and unless one looked at the feet and the face it could not be told whether we were real miners, or miners, as some one suggested and which we all claimed to be.

Whenever I think of a mine, I think also of the story of Jean Valjean in the underground sewers of Paris, though the mines unlike the sewers, are sources of great wealth. The entrance to the mine is exactly like the entrance into an elevator on the first floor of a building, only this elevator is called a cage and we felt like animals in our outlandish suits, descending into a den. A drop of 175 feet from the level of the ground brought us to the bottom of the mine, and I immediately thought of Edgefield and felt myself there on seeing the sticky mud just exactly like the red old hills of Edgefield. I really didn't mind walking around in it. I felt absolutely natural, as though I might look up over the clay bank and see the High School or some other familiar place.

I can think of no comparison that seems to fit more aptly than that between the subway and the mine. Car tracks run along leaving about as much space on either side as a car track leaves in a subway and the stations might be compared to the elevator landings where the visitors get on and off.

Overhead the archways were quite low. We wore carbide lights on our heads and someone was continuously asking "Is my light out?" And the gentleman who took us through was there to replenish our headlights.

From one level to another we climbed tiny perpendicular ladders with just enough room to stand on. In fact I was such an unskilled climber and the quarters so narrow that I burned my hand on the light on my hat.

I can think of no color combination more vivid, not even the tango of a few years back, than the red mud and iron ore dust. My rubbers are still wearing the effects of it and someone on looking down at them today said "Oh I see you have been down in the mine"—that in spite of two cleanings I had given them.

Someone would call out every now and then as we went along "Look out for your head," for I was absent minded thinking of something a long way off and once I did hit the top of the mine but came out with my light still burning.

We all looked like statues of liberty on a dark coast.

On turning a bend in the passageway we came upon some men at work and immediately offered the assistance of our mighty right arms. I took up a large shovel almost as long as myself and managed to get two pieces of ore on it, which I almost dropped on my foot instead of into the ore car. Then I dug into the soft ore with a tremendous pick axe and succeeded in loosening a few pieces. The miners, with their strong arms almost tumbled backward laughing at our feeble efforts. When one of the small cars was full, we pushed it down the track, though one hearty foreigner in front pulled the car and I doubt if the effort of the four of us made any impression on it at all. At least we gave the workmen something to laugh over for some time to come.

Our hands were so thickly coated

with mud and ore from climbing the ladders that we seemed to have on tightly fitting gloves of mud. It was a great experience.

Next, I would like a trip to the northern lights in an airplane.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Aurora, Minnesota.

No Paper Next Week.

Following a long standing custom, The Advertiser force will take a short season of rest next week, Christmas week, and no paper will be published Wednesday, December 29. The next issue of The Advertiser will be published January 5, of the new year. We feel sure that our readers are willing for the makers of The Advertiser to have a respite of one week out of the fifty-two.

Cantata at Baptist Church.

Sunday night the Baptist church was filled to overflowing, galleries and all, with lovers of music and with those who find comfort in hearing the Gospel message. The story of Christmas is especially appropriate in song, as the angels on that first great day sang in chorus from heaven "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth, peace, good will to men."

Dr. Lee opened the evening service with prayer, the Christmas story from the Bible being very effectively read from the different gospels between the three parts of the cantata.

The evening service was begun with an organ prelude by Mrs. Tillman, who also played all the cantata accompaniments with great taste and feeling.

The first part consisted of three choruses, the first a full chorus, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," then a chorus of women's voices, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," followed by full chorus, "While Shepherds Watched."

Part II began with a trio, "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn," sung by Misses Elizabeth Rainsford, Miriam Norris and Sadie Mims.

Chorus, "Hark, the Glad Sound," then a solo by Miss Miriam Norris, "Joy to the World." This was very inspiring and the climax was a full chorus singing the familiar hymn "Joy to the World."

Part III began with a full chorus, "All Hail to Thee, Eternal Lord."

A solo, "The Shepherd," was beautifully sung by Mrs. M. B. Tucker which was one of the most melodious and sweet of all the selections.

A duet, "O Saviour, Precious Saviour" was given by Misses Elizabeth Rainsford and Miriam Norris.

The concluding chorus was "All Glory, Laud and Honor."

Quite a number of visitors from Johnston and Trenton were present and all the audience was cordially greeted by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the church.

Music Club Will Enjoy Great Privilege.

The Music club has been very fortunate on several occasions lately, in having guests of honor at their meetings.

On January 1, New Year's Day the club will enjoy an unprecedented privilege in having as their guests, Signora Carolina de Fabritiis and Prof. Irvine, pianist, of Augusta, who will accompany Signora de Fabritiis in her singing. The meeting will be held with Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, president of the club.

Signora de Fabritiis is a very distinguished vocalist and teacher of voice, having graduated at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and been one of the most eminent instructors in that famous institution for several years until she determined to come south.

Prof. Irvine is one of the leading instructors in piano in Augusta.

Each member of the music club will be expected and the occasion will be a very inspiring and delightful one.

How to be Healthy.

If you would enjoy good health keep your bowels regular and your stomach and liver in good working order. This is easily done by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets strengthen the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. They only cost a quarter.

Christmas Exercises at High and Graded School.

It was a pity that all the mothers and fathers did not go over to the school on Friday and see and hear what was going on. It was really a very pleasant and interesting occasion. One way to keep young is to keep in touch with the schools. It is very commendable of the teachers to do these extra duties in training children and parents and those who are fortunate enough to be parents would do well to lend their presence on such occasions.

The following was the program as carried out:

Song by Second and Third grades. Elizabeth Nicholson gave a story, "Why Chimes Ring."

Margaret Mooney, holding a doll and seated in a little rocking chair sang a Christmas song to her dolly. "The Story of Christmas Time" was given by Dorothy Marsh, William Byrd and Elizabeth Kemp.

One of the most enjoyable numbers on the program was a piano solo played from memory by little Esther Rubenstein, eight years of age.

The first grade gave a song "Jolly St. Nicholas."

Annie Nicholson gave a reading "Christmas Menu," and another little musician, Janie Edwards played a piano solo with much taste and from memory.

Little Naomi Davis gave a reading "Is it so?"

Little Lina Jones was one of the best in a reading "My Dolly's Stocking."

Isabel Byrd of the 9th grade played well from memory a piano solo.

"Christmas Wish" was very well presented by William Lynch, Mary Lorene Townsend, Arthur Timmerman, Clara Morgan and Harry Paul, and the third grade gave a song, "Santa's Helpers."

"If You are Good" was a reading by Carolyn Hickerson, and a song by Jerald LaGrone with chorus of three or four fine little singers whose names we did not get.

Eleanor Mims gave a piano solo, also Elizabeth Lott and May Rives, all from memory.

Little Margaret Allen pleased everybody with a reading entitled "Looking for Santa," and a song followed by the first grade.

The fourth grade gave a story by verses called "Santa Claus and the Mouse," and later a song.

Two especially good readings were by Mary Cantelou, "Two Little Stockings" and Helen Nicholson, "If You are Good."

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. G. W. M. Taylor, who read the Christmas Story from the Bible and talked to the children about its significance.

After a few lessons a Christmas tree was enjoyed by most of the lower grades.

Notice.

The annual election of officers for the Edgefield Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Court House on the FOURTH TUESDAY NIGHT of December, 1920, (28th inst.) at 7:30 o'clock, and the presence of every member thereof is URGED.

J. H. CANTELOU,
President.

Death of Fred Harling.

The people of Edgefield were saddened by the announcement early this morning of the death of Fred Harling, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Harling, which occurred last night at the home of his parents near Millen, Ga. The meagre report of his death was to the effects that he died from vaccination for smallpox. Mr. W. H. Harling motored to Augusta early in the night upon the receipt of a telegram stating that Fred was seriously ill and caught a train to Millen. Later in the night he conveyed the sad intelligence of his death over long-distance telephone. At the time of our going to press no definite announcement has been received as to the funeral but it is presumed that the interment will take place in the Berea cemetery. The Edgefield friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harling sympathize with them deeply in this dark hour of unspeakable bereavement.