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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Birthday of Jefferson Davis Observed. Experimental Poultry Yard Soon to be Opened.

The birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3rd, was beautifully observed by the Mary Ann Buie chapter, U. D. C. June 3rd is a red letter day of the U. D. C. and the memory of Jefferson Davis is honored all over the South, and where Southern-born are found. Jefferson Davis stood as the exponent of a cause to which he attached the most patriotic citizenship and chivalric soldierly mankind has ever recorded. He did his full duty at all times, under all circumstances and duty is the sublimest word in the English language, to quote Robert E. Lee. Even the northerner has to admire him. The observance of the birthday of this honored man, by the chapter, took the form of a picnic, and this was held at the country place of Mrs. Martha Edwards, one of the members. To this were invited the veterans of Camp McHenry, their wives the widows of veterans, the World War veterans and their wives and the Children of the Confederacy. The day was an ideal one which was delightful, as "what is so rare as a day in June," had only meant rains and heavy clouds for the month. The home of Mrs. Edwards is a lovely place for such a gathering and the broad verandas, large cool rooms, with comfortable rockers, and the sweet, cordial and most hospitable hostess, all added to the comfort and pleasure of the guests. There was a full attendance, and it was a pleasure to see the veterans as they met, and hear them converse. The girls of the '60's had equally as good a time together.

A one o'clock all were seated to a bountiful dinner of fried chicken, country ham, hot chicken pies and hot biscuits, with all kinds of salads, stuffed eggs and sandwiches. All kinds of cake and pies were served with iced tea and coffee. Rev. W. S. Brooke offered a beautiful prayer; and blessing Rev. David Kellar spoke on Jefferson Davis, and paid a beautiful tribute to his memory. He spoke of the Confederate soldier and also of the work of the U. D. C. in honoring them. The other speaker was Hon. James Sheppard, one of Edgefield's honored sons, and it was a pleasure to all to hear him. He is a gifted speaker and his remarks to the veterans, the girls of the '60's and the World War veterans were most happily expressed. He also paid a tribute to Jefferson Davis, and in a very interesting way, told of some personal recollections of his family concerning the last night Jefferson Davis spent at Abbeville, S. S., just previous to his capture. So pleasant was his address that all regretted that he did not speak longer. He was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Marion Turned, president of C. of C. Mrs. Edwards was presented with a basket of flowers from the chapter, with the warmest love of each member. For seven years this annual picnic has been held at Mrs. Edwards' home, and she has expressed the wish that as long as she lives this day always be spent with her.

Mrs. Lilla H. Ready and Mrs. Sadie J. Hill are at Winthrop college this week to witness the graduation of Miss Emma Ready. Miss Ready has made a most splendid record, and graduates with honors.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Kinard were in Newberry last week and were present at the graduation of their son at Newberry college.

Mrs. O. S. Wertz will go to Chattanooga Tenn., for medical treatment at the hospital there. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Taylor Goodwyn.

Messrs Calvin Kinard and Dan Tompkins of Epworth were visitors here on Sunday.

"Clean up Week" is being observed this week and prizes are offered by the town for the best kept yards. This is open to the colored people as well as to the white.

Miss Susan Pinder has gone to Asheville, N. C., to visit her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Huie Waters and George left in their car on Sunday morning for Alabama to visit in the home of Mrs. Osborne, the mother of Mrs. Waters.

Messrs William and Joe Bouknight spent a part of the past week in Atlanta.

Miss Eva Rushton is welcomed home, having just closed her duties as teacher in a school in Georgia.

Miss Carrie Belle Stevens has re-

turned from Plum Branch where she has been teaching.

Mr. Watson Nickerson who is traveling in North Carolina, spent a few days recently here with his wife and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Turner and Miss Frances Turner attended the marriage of Miss Lucy Katherine Easterling and Mr. Mountcastle which took place Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Episcopal church at Aiken.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartow Walsh and children have gone to Sumter to visit the former's father.

Mr. Will Carwile of Augusta is spending a while here with relatives.

Mrs. James Halford spent the past week at Leesville with Mrs. Tom Mitchell.

Mrs. Everett Herlong, Mrs. Charles Brannon of Spartanburg and Mrs. Cato of Greenwood are visitors in the home of their father, Mr. J. R. Hart.

Mrs. Susie Latimer was sick during the past week but is now able to be out again.

Mrs. Eugene Kneee spent the past week here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Herlong, the latter having been sick for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Tarrent have returned to McCormick after a visit in the home of Mr. Will Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Waters of Vidalia, Ga., spent a few days of the past week here in the home of the former's brother, Mr. G. G. Waters. Their marriage is a recent happy event and they were on their return from a honeymoon.

An experimental poultry yard will soon be opened up here, this under the direction of the government. The gentleman who will operate this is from Washington, and he and his family will soon arrive and have rented rooms from Miss Sue Sloan.

A meeting of the League of Women Voters was held Friday afternoon with Miss Clara Sawyer, the meeting being presided over by the chairman, Mrs. P. N. Lott. The ladies discussed plans for informing themselves of issues that will confront them. The league hopes to see every woman of the town registered, and committees were appointed to make a canvas during this week. It was decided that a committee attend the council meetings that the league may be informed further. A report of the recent Democratic convention held in Columbia was given by Mrs. J. H. White.

VAN-NIL never disappoints.

Kirksey News.

Friends wish her a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lanier and children spent last Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Greenwood.

Mrs. W. E. Parkman of Ninety Six is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. S. T. Strom.

We are sorry to report Mrs. John Seigler on the sick list. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. L. Strom and Mrs. Will Jackson spent last Thursday with Mrs. W. L. Mellichamp.

Miss Mamie Zoe Johnson spent last Saturday night with Misses Cecyle Mae and Lucile Strom.

Mrs. W. D. McLure spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Bill McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wertz and children, Mrs. W. E. Parkman and daughter, Miss Sophia Sue of Ninety Six were the pleasant spend-the-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Strom last Sunday.

Messrs. John Seigler and S. T. Strom were business visitors in Greenwood last Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. McLure spent last Monday night with Mrs. S. T. Strom.

Mrs. Homer Ouzts spent last Monday with her aunt, Mrs. N. G. Ouzts.

Miss Cecyle Mae Strom is spending this week in Ninety Six with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Trapp Ouzts and children and Mrs. Klebe Penn spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ouzts.

The farmers are real busy in this community now chopping cotton and planting corn. The harvesting of oats is about completed and the crop is generally fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ouzts spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Strom.

WANTED: Several hundred bushels of good, sound milling corn. Will pay 87½ cents per bushel.
J. G. ALFORD.

6-7-22.

Letter From Texas.

Many times have I given my reason for being so closely allied to the Edgefield Advertiser. Therefore, I will now say good morning to all of The Advertiser force and also to my many friends and relatives who still reside in the dear old home state. Several of my cousins have passed away since my visit back there in 1920 and today my mind carries me back there roaming over the old red hills, the brooks and vales where I made many tracks in my childhood days.

Readers, excuse me for mentioning a few of my early recollections of those days gone by. I can recollect when the mail hack used to run by where my father lived, en route from Edgefield court house to Ninety Six. We lived near Dorn's Mill where there was a postoffice and a changing station. Therefore we got to hear the bugle blow for the stable men to have fresh horses ready to hitch to the hack. I can actually recollect when men wore men's clothes and women wore women's clothes, and the sexes could be easily distinguished by their manner of dress. I can recollect when the corn-crib and smoke-house were important buildings on the plantation. I can recollect the old field schoolhouse with part of one log missing on the back, the opening in the wall serving as a window. From these places came our leaders for church, state and nation.

I will now side track a little and imagine some one is asking the question, Do you want to drift back into the practices of those old days? I will answer this only in part. In my weak judgment many of the old time customs and practices have never been improved upon. They may yet but I don't know. One more item of recollection, when people wanted a school house they built it; when a church they built it; when a bridge was needed they built it and when the public road needed repairs the road hands were warned out and the work soon done. All such is now done by the bond issue plan, which I frankly say has well nigh got the whole country bankrupt.

Now I will tell the Carolinians a little about conditions in this section of Texas. The early part of the year was very dry, but since the coming rains set in we have had rain in great abundance, which is very much out of the ordinary here. Our section has been badly damaged as we see it from a human standpoint. Our farm work has been greatly hindered but the people of this section of the globe have much to be thankful for. We have but little trouble with the boll weevil and have plenty of food stuff. The fertilizer and boll weevil problems are still unknown to us. We also have a very healthy climate. Our country is gradually developing into an oil field. So all things considered we ought to be quiet for a while.

E. M. McCRELESS.

Colorado, Texas.

Mrs. Julian Bland and Miss Marjorie Tompkins Hostesses at Bridge Luncheon for Miss Rives.

One of the most pleasant of the series of parties that have filled old Edgefield's social calendar lately was the bridge luncheon on Tuesday morning given by Mrs. Julian Bland of Johnston and Miss Marjorie Tompkins at the latter's pretty Buncombe home, in honor of Miss Gladys Rives.

The guests were seated at the card tables and refreshing sherbert served. Four hands of bridge followed, the winners progressing to the next tables, where a course of fried chicken, potato salad, tomatoes, hot rolls, and iced tea were served.

After, four hands of bridge the couples again progressed, and were served with strawberry mousse and chocolate cake, again followed by bridge.

Mrs. Ellison Capers of Columbia, and Miss Katherine Earle of Landrum, cut for head prize, the latter winning the couple of dainty handkerchiefs.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a half dozen lovely hand-made handkerchiefs for her trousseau, completing their delightful party.

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Notice.

I shall take a limited number of students for private work in Expression this summer. The course will begin the middle of June and continue for two months. Twelve dollars will cover the cost of the lessons.

FLORENCE MIMS.

VAN-NIL never disappoints.

May-May Wedding.

A great community interest has centered around the marriage of Miss Margaret May who from her infancy has been known and loved in our town, having that peculiar position enviable and much to be desired of having lived in Edgefield all her life and having been the descendant of two of Edgefield's most honored families, those who bore distinctive and high characteristics. Her friends were interested and pleased that she had chosen one who bore her own name and was distantly related, thus renewing the relationship which the passing years might have gradually obliterated between these members of the family who had many years ago become residents of the land of flowers.

Miss May is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May, and from her earliest years was a very promising student and led her classes through the graded and high school, and graduating with distinction at the Greenville Woman's College. She is accomplished as a pianist and vocalist and was organist in the Baptist church from time to time. Since graduating she was ambitious to be of service to the world and for two years taught successfully, one year in Georgia and the present year in Edgefield.

It is with regret that the news was announced that Miss Margaret would, after her marriage, become a resident of Florida, but if "one of the name is as good as the same," we are sure she will fall into good hands and will enjoy her new environment.

The Marriage.

Thursday evening at 9 o'clock, a very large and interested assemblage of people gathered at the Baptist church to witness the marriage ceremony. As they entered they were greeted by the romantic and soulful tones of the pipe organ than which no musical instrument is more appropriate for a wedding. At the organ Professor G. H. Schaefer of Greenville, Director of Music of the Greenville Woman's College, presided. He had been selected for this service, and the people of Edgefield were indeed fortunate and honored to have him, because for four years he had been Miss May's instructor in music in Greenville, and he manifested his appreciation of her by being present on this occasion. We hardly believe he would have easily come for any other. The following musical program was given by Professor Schaefer:

Allegro, from Sonata in C minor, Guilmant.
Nocturne in E Flat, Chopin.
Gavotte from "Mignon," Thomas.
Intermezzo, Rogers.
Offertoire, Weley.
Canzonetta, Goring Thomas.
March, Clarence Eddy.

Three vocal selections were given by Mrs. Brown Mahon, who is a beautiful blonde bride with a bewitching, coquettish voice. She sang, "God Bless You, Dear," "The Greatest Wish in the World," and "O, Promise Me."

The Edgefield Baptist church has been the scene of many beautiful weddings, but this was one of the most tasteful and lovely of them all. The decorations were artistic in the extreme, the colors being pink and white. The spaces everywhere were covered with white canvass, making a background for the lace and delicate asparagus which gave the church the appearance of fairyland. From all appropriate positions hung garlands of white tulle and pink roses in such graceful effect that one might have believed it was the work of nature. But the artists who performed this labor of love knew that it is the purpose of art to conceal art and their handiwork made it a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

The electroliers were concealed by draperies of white tulle and pink roses which softened the lights and added a rosy glow to the atmosphere.

The altar was scintillating with lighted candles, placed high on pyramids of silver candlesticks and low in designs ranged from choir chancel to the baptistry. Tall white columns sustaining other candles suggested the inimitable architecture of the ancient Greeks, whose marble shafts, though found in fragmentary glory are suggestive of romance and art.

At the appointed hour the ushers lit the candies on exalted candelabra,

leaving those in reach unlighted and the people wondered how it would be done, but their suspense was soon relieved, when six little girls entered. These bore in their hands candles lit which would multiply other lights. Down the three aisles came Janie Edwards with Mary Cantelou, Elizabeth Nicholson with Dorothea Sheppard and Catherine Mims with Carolyn Patrick. Each of the candle bearers was gowned in pink organdy very fluffy and simulating rose petals. Like sprites from fairyland they flitted here, there and everywhere lighting the candles with magic deftness, making the expectant audience enjoy the moments of waiting for the climax to follow, and then quietly stood in three between the mystic columns at the rear. And now the bridal procession began. Entering from one door came Miss Martha Barksdale of Laurens in pink taffeta. Down the parallel aisle came Miss Patti Wilkes also of Laurens in orchid taffeta. Following these came Miss Gladys Padgett wearing jade green taffeta and Miss Mary Anderson of Woodruff in pink. The dames of honor were Mrs. J. D. DePass of Columbia and Mrs. H. B. Stevens of Augusta. Mrs. DePass wore a becoming gown of sunset taffeta and Mrs. Stevens wore jade green of the same material.

The maid of honor, Miss Grace Tompkins, wore orchid taffeta, and carried a tasteful bouquet of Killarney roses, as did all the brides maids and dames. These ascended to the opposite sides of the altar from the ushers, making a lovely picture. Then two little maids in white organdie, all frills came in as flower girls and took their places. These were Marjorie Tompkins and Virginia Holland. The ring bearer was little Frances Rogers of Bennettsville.

The bridegroom entered from the rear on the arm of his uncle, Mr. John Morris of Quitman, Ga., and ascended the pulpit in front of the minister. Down the central aisle came the bride on the arm of her father, Mr. C. E. May, and at the altar the happy pair met and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. T. Allen.

The bride's dress was of pin striped Canton crepe with chiffon and drapery of Spanish lace; the train was of chiffon and satin, and coronet veil with tulle and orange blossoms.

As soon as the ceremony was over the bridal procession left the church in the following order; Miss Barksdale with John Mays, Jr., Miss Patti Wilkes with Paul Cogburn; Miss Gladys Padgett with John Mims; Miss Mary Anderson with Rainsford Cantelou; Mrs. H. B. Stevens with James O Sheppard; Mrs. J. D. DePass with Mr. DePass, Miss Grace Tompkins with J. E. Morris.

The Reception.

Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party and invited guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held. Those receiving were Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, Mrs. A. E. Padgett, Mrs. C. A. Griffin, Mrs. Helen Nicholson. Souvenirs were given the guests by Ethelyn Byrd and Lovick Smith, Jr., the bridal party was received in the parlor and the dining room containing the bride's table was most tastefully arranged in pink and white candles. The presents were displayed in the long upper hallway and were numerous and costly.

The bride's table which was laid with handsome coverings, and supplemented with artistic arrangement of sweet peas, had also from the electroliers a shower of tiny bouquets as souvenirs for the bridal party, and on one side lay the gifts of the bride to her brides maids, Oriental vanity boxes containing all that a beauty parlor might suggest. In the dining room Mrs. P. M. Feltham, Mrs. Lovick Mims and Mrs. B. B. Jones received.

The bride's book was kept by Mrs. M. B. Tucker and Mrs. James O. Sheppard. Block cream and angel cake were served and afterwards Miss Dorothy Marsh and Allen Samuel, Jr., handed pink and white mints in graceful baskets.

On the piazza fruit punch was served by Misses Frances Turner and Marie Lewis of Johnston and Miss Marjorie Tompkins and Miss Genevieve Norris.

The bride's bouquet which was one of unusual beauty was caught by

Auto Trip From Abbeville to Aiken.

The Medium man went through the country in an automobile to Aiken on Tuesday. Farmers in Aiken and Edgefield counties are not any ahead of us; few fields of cotton have been plowed, and a few have been thinned, but the great majority of it is small and hasn't been touched on account of too much rain. Between the Edgefield county line and the Court House the county seems deserted. There is practically no cotton planted in this section, and very little of anything else. The people are busy hauling lumber and that seems to be their chief means of livelihood. One negro said he was planting two acres of cotton to the plow. The roads in this section remind us of roads in this county ten years ago, and if anything they are a little worse, caused by lumber wagons. It is said the lumber business brings about \$40,000 to Edgefield a month. The road in question was built last year at an expense of about \$10,000 a mile. If so the \$90,000 was thrown away. Many of the stores in Edgefield are "old timey" looking, having the small front windows, while there are a few with modern fronts. The town, as a whole, does not present an appearance of progress. It has no paved streets, but has light and water.

It has a good thing, however, and that is the Dixie Highway Hotel run by Conductor Moore, who owns the Edgefield branch just as Capt. Syfan owns the Abbeville branch. He is a genial, good-hearted fellow, and he certainly knows how to feed you. His meals are served with promptness, everything is clean, the food is well cooked and seasoned, and everything is nice, clean and fresh. The building is three stories, and modern in every respect. If you want a good meal and are out automobiling, you can afford to go out of your way to get there. He will treat you right and give you value received. He must have the road between Greenwood and Edgefield fixed, however, before he can expect much business from this section.

Aiken has the best roads in the country because there are no hills, and it was easy for Mr. McGowan to go 40 and 50 miles an hour on it. He passed Cadillaacs, Packards and Kissels without any trouble.—Abbeville Medium.

Bridal Party Entertained.

In the series of brilliant functions which have been given during the past week in honor of the bride-elect Miss Gladys Rives, the climax was reached last evening when the bridal party of the Rives-Greener wedding was entertained at "Cedar Grove," the beautiful old ancestral home of the groom, Mr. T. B. Greener. Here in this stately old southern mansion his ancestors for several generations have resided and in its flower garden and in the spreading fields which surround it as a barefoot boy he romped and roamed. Now he is to go out to begin life under his own "vine and fig tree" and the reception given was a sort of God-speed upon the journey which he is soon embark. The Dixie Highway never gave passage to a happier pageant than it did to those who occupied nearly a dozen automobiles as they journeyed to "Cedar Grove" last night. When the wedding party arrived all were received with open arms and hearts, hospitality in truly old southern style being dispensed. A sumptuous feast was served. The occasion was one of unusual pleasure to all who were present.

Miss Wilkes of Laurens.

Immediately after the reception Mr. and Mrs. May left for a wedding journey in the mountains of North Carolina before they return to their future home in Florida and the good wishes of all our people go with them.

The out of town guests were Professor Schaefer of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Mahon, Mrs. E. C. Brown of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller and Mrs. Cinnie Sewell, of Augusta, Mrs. H. B. Stevens of Goldsboro, N. C., Mrs. Lillie S. Cogburg and sons and Mrs. W. A. McLees of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rogers and children of Blenheim, Mrs. Carrie Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Forrest, Miss Frances Turner, Miss Marie Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. James Tompkins of Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. George Bussey, Modoc, Miss Sue May, Asheville, Fla., Mr. John Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wade, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Patrick, Quitman, Ga., Mrs. Essie May, Misses Margaret and Martha May, Jacksonville, Fla.

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