

Aiken News

There was held at the Second Baptist Church, Aiken, of which Rev. J. W. Miles is pastor, a grand musical concert by the Glee Club of Bettis Academy, Monday night, January 23. The church was filled to its capacity by eager and attentive listeners, white and colored. Each person present seemed to have been swayed to the music of each rendition of the Glee Club.

The program consisted of melodies and a few of Dunbar's readings. Among the many pieces rendered, those that deserve special mentioning were: "O, Mary don't you weep," "Leaning on the Lord," "Wicked Race," "My Road is Rugged" and "Let the church roll on." We also had a solo by Miss K. M. Merrivether, with Miss Aulenia Edwards accompanying. Misses Clara Kinard and Georgiana Mason thrilled the audience with selections from Dunbar. "Done got a ligiton" by Miss Kinard and "That Fat 'oman" by Miss Mason.

Rev. J. W. Miles and his good people are to be congratulated upon their effort in advertising the coming of the Glee Club to their beautiful church. Immediately after the concert the Club was presented with a box of good eats by Mrs. J. W. Miles.

The congregation gave very liberally in the collection. Thru this medium we wish to thank all our friends white and colored for their generous donations.

A similar program will be rendered at the Second Baptist church by the Bettis Academy Glee Club, Monday night, January 30.

The many friends in and out of the state will be glad to learn that Mesdames Justine Jackson, Della McGhee, Mary Brown, Mattie McGhee and Miss Annie Belle Williams are recovering from serious injuries received as the result of an automobile accident which occurred recently on the Aiken-Augusta Highway.

There was a thrilling game of basketball played between School 11 School girls and the Clifton team last Saturday. The Haines' girls will meet the Schofield sextette on their court on Founder's Day, February 1.

Mother Green, the beloved mother of Friendship Baptist church, celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday, Monday night, January 22.

An interesting play, "Yemmie Yonson's Yob" will be staged on the night of January 31, by members of the third year, in Schofield chapel.

Mrs. Mary Ann Schofield was a very pleasant visitor at the home of the reporter last Saturday.

BETTIS ACADEMY.

The second semester at Bettis Academy will begin the first week in February. The members of all the upper grades have their brain filled with question marks. All hope to be able to go over.

The President of Bettis Academy Mr. A. W. Nicholson, made an official trip to Ridge Spring last Sunday.

Monday night, January 23, The Juniors and Seniors of Bettis Academy gave Mrs. S. L. Collins, a very pleasant birthday surprise.

We wish to thank the following persons who subscribed for The Palmetto Leader: Mrs. J. H. Palmors, Mrs. M. L. Spann, Mrs. S. L. Games, Mrs. Carroll and Rev. T. P. Palmors and Mrs. L. B. Morris. Any news items for the paper, please leave at 835 Union street, Aiken.

Prof. N. A. Ford, the principal of Schofield school, is a master of the situation with grace and dignity. He has the respect of his teachers, parents and students.

Prof. W. D. Drake, the accepted principal of the Aiken Graded school has proven himself worthy of his place and is bringing things to pass managing from 500 to 600 pupils.

Prof. F. C. Fant, principal of the Storm Branch Academy, has so deeply planted himself in the minds and confidence of the people of Aiken and Aiken County that he will have a place a long time. Our school has taken on new life and there is a greater future before our school.

The pastor, Rev. A. W. Hill, officers and congregation of Friendship church are rejoicing over the splendid spirit and cooperation of the entire membership in putting over our Lord's program. The congregation is large at each service and our collections are good.

The pastor's sermons are all good. No one could hear them without being impressed with a zeal to do more for God and humanity. We cannot forget these three subjects that he preached a few Sundays ago, "Prepare to meet thy God," "Advance and be Recognized" and "The Word Was God." He truly left an eternal impression upon the minds of the people of Aiken.

We are pleased to report that after a terrible automobile wreck in

Anderson News

Miss Christine Thomas, of Friendship College, Rock Hill, was at home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson entertained with a turkey dinner last Sunday the following: Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williams and Mrs. Nevery Jones. All the goodies of the season were upon the table and each one did justice to the occasion.

Mr. John Frazier is visiting his family and friends here. We are glad to have him.

Madam Rachel Glenn left last week for Abbeville and other points.

Mrs. Georgia Hasty, who has been very sick at her home, on S. McDuffie St., is better.

Miss Claudia Barris and Mrs. Harry Maubin are both in the Anderson county hospital. We hope they will soon be well again.

Miss Katie Anderson, who has been sick for about ten days is able to be in school again to the delight of her friends.

Mrs. Grace Johnson Heard, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Peck.

Mrs. O. E. Johnson has been sick for the past few days. We hope that she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee Davis entertained in honor of Mrs. G. R. Heard last Wednesday night at their home. Those who enjoyed the evening were Mrs. Harsh, Mr. and Mrs. John Adger, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williams, Mrs. M. V. Martin, Misses Butler, Boykin, Sullivan, Johnson, Emma and Nettie Mack.

Dr. J. C. Anderson and Mr. Marion Maubin.

Mrs. Olivia Johnson and family were in Abbeville, the 3rd Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Mack, who has been spending a while with her children here, left Thursday morning for her home in Philadelphia, accompanied by her son-in-law, Mr. C. Lee Davis, who plans to be away about ten days.

Rev. C. W. Francis has returned from Georgia where he went to visit a sick mother. He reports her better.

The T. T. A. of South Park Street school met Thursday afternoon at the school and the 2nd grade rendered a delightful program and the 3rd grade served the parents refreshments. After the program the next half hour was devoted to business. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed the afternoon. The president, Mrs. O. E. Johnson, invites all parents and friends to be present at the next meeting, February 16th.

The ladies had their meeting Tuesday night at the home of Mr. T. E. Williams, on Boyles St. After a social hour the lecture of officers next claimed the attention of the members. After the business was finished a hot supper was served which was enjoyed by all.

A few men enjoyed a stag party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mat hews last Thursday night. The out-of-town guests were: Dr. Blaine Rowe, Dr. E. A. Huggins, Messrs. M. C. Maray and R. E. Singleton. Others present were Messrs. J. M. Butler, Wayman-Williams, Pete Woodruff, H. Wardlaw, Thos. Davis, Georgeon, Jr., Jake Thomas, James Benson, Fred Jackson, P. W. Shepard, W. I. Peck, W. H. Jones, Dr. Emanuel Johnson, Dr. J. C. Anderson, Messrs. John Adger, O. S. Quick, F. M. Neal, J. R. Bolden and T. B. Williams. The evening was very pleasantly spent and all enjoyed the turkey dinner. Mr. O. S. Quick acted as toastmaster. Several good speeches were made.

The reporter will be very glad to publish any news that readers have. We thank those who send us news from time to time and ask others to let us know of your activities. Phone 250W when you have news or leave it at the Ideal Pharmacy.

which the car turned over two or three times on the highway between Aiken and Augusta about a week ago, Mrs. A. B. McGhee, Mrs. W. M. McGhee, Mrs. Justine Jackson, Mrs. Ella M. Brown and Miss Anna Belle Williams were all improved, but the doctor says the injuries will not prove fatal.

The joint meeting of Union No. 1 and 2 of the Storm Branch Association will hold their joint session at Friendship Church, Saturday and Sunday of the Fifth Sunday in this month.

Friendship congregation enjoyed a special treat of outstanding importance in the services of Prince J. E. Blageshetta, a native of Ethiopia. His two messages to the people of Aiken brought to each service more than 600 people. He was brim full of historical and Biblical facts. The people went away rejoicing in their hearts and shouting in their souls

Bennettsville News

We are sorry to report of the many sad happenings that occurred in our community this week. Three persons were crowned Sunday afternoon in the bluff mill pond. Mr. J. McLeod's 12-year old son was hurt seriously by an auto on his way home from school. He is in the Bennettsville hospital.

Mr. J. W. Peck, of Blenheim, is no more. He was one of the best men in that vicinity. His remains were taken to the local funeral home, Wednesday afternoon.

Services held at St. Michael M. E. Church Sunday were inspiring. Dr. J. W. Cooper is a great pastor and is able to give you the scripture as you would have it.

A telegram has been received bearing the message that the young man who is no more, has remained accounted for by a number of his employers, arrived home from New York City, Saturday morning. The remains will be laid to rest in the Sawmill cemetery.

The Literary Art Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home Mrs. T. B. Williams. The meeting was quite a success. A large number of the members was present.

The Officers' Board of Shiloh Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. G. R. Heard, gave an entertainment on Tuesday night in interest of the new church.

Mrs. Elveteen Youngblood is seriously ill this week.

Dr. A. C. Cook held his quarterly conference at Eynns' Chapel A. M. E. Church, Sunday and delivered a wonderful sermon.

Mrs. P. R. McCallum, a member of the graded school faculty at Clifton, S. C. read an interesting paper at the County Teachers' Association.

The paper read was as follows: "The Value of Parent-Teachers Association to Community and Teachers."

One great writer has said "There is only one institution large enough to influence all the diverse elements of our civilization. The home cannot do it for the home divides itself. The church separates but the courts of law drive us under. The only big thing in our American life that stands for democracy is the organized power of the public school. As one has said, 'at the highest reaches of civilization of the Negro race is ever to be reached, it will be through the united efforts of the educated 'teaching us.' From these facts we can see that the great effort made in our schools at present results in organized power. When the success of the public school teacher depends largely on the respect and cooperation she receives from the community. The most efficient need ever to be achieved for herself nor for her pupils the best results unless there is an oneness of purpose on the part of both teacher and parent. This has long become evident and is a great parent and teacher have come together and organized what is known as Parent-Teachers' Association.

This well known organization is of great value to the teacher, community and parents. I will mention a few things.

It is of great importance to the teacher because it makes the parent a part of the school and this gives a sense of responsibility. It is possible for the necessary things and the teacher and pupil must have an order to make advancement. Being a part of the school, they will be interested in visiting if nothing more can be done. As a result they will see under what conditions the teacher must work. They will see why the alphabet is taught or not; they will see why the new methods are being placed in the schools. Having observed these things, most likely they will want to become such severe critics and become better students. There is, as there always has been, a need of cooperation between parent and teacher on the part of the parents. Too often the parents become critics of the teacher and her method instead of focusing their observations on the child and his response to the demands of the school. The Parent-Teachers' Association will quicken the interest of the school visitor bringing with it a closer cooperation between parent and teacher. Teachers are often blamed for slow progress of children in their studies, when perhaps it is a lack of knowledge of thoughtlessness on the part of the parent. We who have had child study know that sitting up late at night improper food or some small physical defect hinder the intellectual growth of children. If the teacher can have this heart to heart talk with parents, these defects can

be removed to a great value to the teachers.

The cooperation will stamp out tardiness and poor attendance. It will also establish a community plan with reference to character and attempt actually to regulate and even abolish some of the undesirable features which are creeping into high social functions. Parents will discover exactly what the school expects in the way of home study, discuss whether the study demands are reasonable or not, then cooperate to see the plans carried out.

Now there are certain qualifications the teacher must have in order to bring about this respect and cooperation. The teacher must be able to bring up the high standard which her office demands. There are certain elements that gain confidence. Some are as follows:

Good scholarship, a thorough knowledge and fresh knowledge of facts taught. This is an essential element to gain confidence of pupils, prompt obedience and respect of the patrons.

Another is skill in teaching and managing. It is one thing to know a subject but it is quite another to be able to teach it effectively. We need not only knowledge but skill. Skill is not only essential to successful teaching, but it wins confidence and awakens interest.

Another is heart-power—love for pupils and that love shown conscientiously to those who need it most. Not to the most deserving nor to the children of the most prominent families but to the most needy.

Another element is will-power—the teacher's ability to hold first her self and then pupils right up day after day to uniform conduct. The earnestness of effort not only wins confidence but establishes habits which will be well beyond school. Parents and pupils respect a firm hand and a steady line. Evenness of control wins.

Line and not least is a positive moral character. The one essential fact in the school and community is the teacher's character. Through all the schools of school and community and in the influence of the teacher's moral life. This is the one element of power that touches the heart of the public to cooperation. If we as teachers wish to reach the patrons, we must banish falsehood and deception from our lives.

When the teacher has put these elements into her life plus that nature that made her profession, she need not hesitate to lead into the great unknown that valuable asset, the Parent-Teachers' Association.

No one has such power over a tree as he who plants it and tends it while it is yet a sapling. No one has such power over a steam as he who stands near its source and no one has such power—humanly speaking—as he who determines the course and destiny of an immortal soul. The being true, how much value it is to teacher and mother to be the soul and eyes in shaping the eternal soul of the child and the student's feet. There is no ending that can more help and cooperation than the public school teacher. But "Heaven helps those who help themselves."

This subject could be discussed with parents and teachers. I am a parent and teacher and feel that the above need it most.

I have touched the subject lightly on intellectual and moral values. I think that if these are reached the material things that are needed will come.

CAMDEN NEWS

The 62nd anniversary of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church was held on Sunday evening before a packed audience of both white and colored. The annual address was made by Judge M. L. Smith, Rev. J. W. Boykin, pastor was the successor of Rev. Monroe Boykin, his father, who served 25 years, and who at his death gave it to his son, having served 27 years with peace and harmony. The jubilee choir and the community glee club rendered spiritual music.

The Silverstone Quintette will give a musical recital at the Jackson High school Tuesday evening. A good crowd is expected as these singers are of note and very pleasing artists.

In the presence of relatives and close friends Miss Bette Reynolds, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds became the bride of Mr. James Warden. The bride is a former graduate of Jackson high school and a beauty culturist of this city.

Mr. Edward Rainey is visiting parents and friends at home, after a long stay in New York City.

Dr. James Levy has returned to Chicago after being called home on account of the death of his mother.

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