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JOHNSTON LETTER.

House Set on Fire. Owner Accused. Music Club Met. Mrs. Walker Entertained New Century Club.

On Sunday morning about 2 o'clock, a negro tenant house, on Railroad avenue was discovered on fire by the occupants. The man awoke and being attracted by the odor of burning cotton arose to investigate. He found under the corner of the house, which was built near the ground, a quantity of cotton saturated with kerosene which had been set fire to and was igniting the house. With assistance the fire was extinguished. Early Sunday morning the town authorities took the matter in hand, and telephoned for the penitentiary blood hounds which were put on the trail. In the early morning the tracks found leading from the house were staked off. They led out immediately and going about a mile, stopped at the door of a negro, Peter Mathis, and seemingly the trail could not be made. Mathis, with six other negroes walked off some distance. He branching off and going into a swamp nearby climbed a tree. The dogs immediately came to him. An arrest was made and the negro taken soon after to Edgefield jail. The house that was set fire to belonged to Mathis, and was insured for \$400.

The Apollo music club met with Miss Elise Crouch on Friday afternoon, and was called to order by the president, Miss Lila Maud Willis, at roll call, the members responding with musical quotations. The club was delighted in having a gavel presented to it, by Mr. Frank Kenney, which he had made at Clemson college. The chief business was in choosing the club colors and flower, and after a vote, white and gold with the white rose were chosen. The music is "music culture, is soul culture, mind culture and body culture. The musicians are to be studied in chronological order, and the two for the afternoon were Bach and Handel. The musical program was as follows: A paper, "The object of the Apollo music club," Miss Lila Maud Willis; "Biographical sketch of Bach," Mrs. F. L. Parker; "Bach's influence over musical art," Miss Martha Watson; musical selection, "Bourree" Miss Willis; "Life and works of Handel," Miss Gladys Sawyer; musical selection, "Largo," Mrs. W. F. Scott. The hostess served a tempting salad course after this had been enjoyed being assisted by her mother, Mrs. H. W. Crouch and Miss Sue Smith.

Mrs. Page Nelson Keese entertained about 50 of her friends with an "At Home" on Wednesday afternoon, the honoree being Miss Mary Dunovant of Chester. Her handsome new home is well adapted for entertainments, and the interior was made very attractive with quantities of autumn flowers, and large sprays of the brilliantly tinted foliage added a pleasing touch of color. Large bowls of golden rod were also used. Miss Josephine Mobley and Mrs. M. Mobley assisted the hostess and arranged the numerous tables for playing rook. The tally cards were in the shape of leaves and the highest score was made by Miss Lila Maud Willis, who was presented with a boudoir cap. After cards were laid aside an elaborate salad course was served. The autumn leaves were also used here, forming a runner on the table and were prettily reflected in the mahogany surface.

The New Century Club met with Mrs. J. L. Walker on Tuesday afternoon and as usual, with this enthusiastic band, there was much business to come up for discussion and this being disposed of, the president Mrs. W. F. Scott turned the meeting over to Mrs. Walker whose time it was to act as leader. Three southern authors were discussed, one of them, Mary N. Murfee (Charles Edward Craddock) being a near relation of Mrs. J. G. Mobley and she was able to give many interesting facts about her, having been a frequent visitor in her home. The program enjoyed was as follows, "Life of Esten Cooke," Mrs. A. T. King; "Character of his writings," Mrs. P. N. Lott; selected reading, Miss Clara

Sawyer; "Birth and early life of George Cable," Mrs. Dobey; "Ancestry and misfortunes of Mary N. Murphee," Mrs. J. W. Marsh; selected reading, Mrs. J. L. Walker; Song, Good-bye, (Fosti) Miss Gladys Sawyer. After the program the hostess invited her guests to the dining room for refreshments, where a three course repast was served. The table was adorned with a large basket of the club flowers the violet, and the streamers of violet and white tulle extended from the electrolier to the table. These colors were also prettily carried out in the ices and cake and the lights were violet. The hostess and the young misses assisting her, were attired in this pretty color. Passing out into the hallway all were drawn to the coffee table by the fragrant aroma, and Mesdames J. A. Lott and W. P. Cassels poured the coffee and offered the sandwiches.

The Emily Geiger chapter, D. A. R., met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. William F. Scott, and after a short business session, the program as arranged was held. The subject for study this year will be "The colonial period," the topic for this afternoon being "The birth of our country." Mrs. Scott is a most hospitable as well as gracious hostess, and when the meeting concluded she invited her guests to the dining room where an elaborate salad course with coffee and whipped cream was served. The guests were loath to leave this happy and congenial element.

Mrs. Frances Hoyt of Harlem, Ga., is the guest of relatives. Miss Belle Lynch and Miss Mary Marsden have been guests of Miss Bertha Woodward.

Miss Lizzie Posey has been the guest of Mrs. Mike Clark.

Miss Ruth Smith has returned to Tenille, Ga., being accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. B. Onzls.

Miss Maud Sawyer is at home from a visit to Camden.

Mr. Jesse Edwards died at his home here Sunday evening. For the past two years he had been in failing health and for several months had been confined to his bed. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease. A few years ago he moved his family here from near Saluda and during the time that he made this place his home he has proven himself a good neighbor and friend, a true citizen. He was a member of the Baptist church and was always a regular attendant and his kindly face will be missed from his accustomed pew. During all his suffering he bore it with Christian fortitude and his passing away was a sweet, peaceful one of the true Christian. There are seven children left, Messrs. V. E., T. E., E. B., and Rev. J. M. Edwards and Misses Mary, Jessie and Ida Edwards, his wife having preceded him to the grave a few years ago. Mr. T. J. Edwards was a brother. The funeral services were conducted here Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. A. T. King, after which the body was laid to rest in Mt. of Olives cemetery.

Meeting of Mission Society.

At the meeting of the Baptist mission society on Monday afternoon, the following delegates were elected to the meeting of the W. M. U. in Newberry November 8-11: Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman will represent the western division, and Mrs. A. L. Barker, Mrs. Fannie Tompkins, Mrs. B. B. Jones and Miss Miriam Norris will go as a delegate from the local societies.

A very encouraging report was made by the treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Peak, who said that the full apportionment of \$552.00 had been raised and forwarded to the various purposes for which they were contributed.

The most entertaining feature of the program was a talk on the Holy Land by Mrs. Mamie Tillman which was of great interest to all present, and the more, because it has been visited and the experience related to us by one of our mission society. Arrangements for the concert and flower show were also discussed, Mrs. E. J. Norris presiding.

A Member.

Notice: The Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats are included in our 25 per cent reduction sale. Spend \$15.00, save \$10.00. F. G. Mertins, Augusta, Ga.

WHITE TOWN.

Many Visitors Come and Go. School Will Open Next Monday. A Surprise Marriage.

Mr. O. D. White went on a business trip to Parksville last week.

Mr. Jim Deal visited his son-in-law, Mr. Johnson Stevens, of Newberry, last week. He has been quite ill with fever.

Mr. W. T. Reynolds went to Augusta last Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. W. W. Fuller, who was very ill after undergoing a serious operation.

Mr. Irby White, Misses Leona White and Maggie Medlock, visited relatives in McCormick Saturday night.

Mr. C. Cleveland Patterson and wife returned home Sunday after two weeks stay in Shatterfield section, where Mr. Patterson has been doing carpenter's work.

The people of this section were surprised very much last Tuesday a. m., when they heard that Mr. Marshall Morgan and Miss Kate Medlock were united in marriage at the home of Rev. J. T. Littlejohn's. It has been said that next year the law will force every bachelor to pay \$50 extra tax each for not marrying, so we presume that Mr. Morgan didn't want his name on that list.

Miss Essie Bussey came from Anderson Saturday to begin her school work Monday. We wish for her much success during this session.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Barden spent Sunday with Mr. Walter Riddlebover and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jennings were their guests.

Miss Ruby White spent Sunday with Misses Nenie and Georgia White. Aster.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The country home of Mrs. Maggie Hill was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the Old 96 District Chapter.

Mrs. Hill lives about four miles from Edgefield, and the drive was greatly enjoyed, especially by those who had such pleasant companionship as the writer. The wild flowers on this road from Edgefield are unusually pretty at this season.

There were about fifteen in attendance, and in the absence of the Regent, Miss Sarah Collett upon request, took charge of the meeting. A committee to arrange for a contribution to the Red Cross was appointed, consisting of Mrs. J. L. Mims, Mrs. J. W. Peak and Mrs. Maggie Hill. Letters were read from Mrs. Woodson and others, and the announcement was made that the Regent would attend the state D. A. R. convention in Rock Hill.

The historical program had been arranged by Miss Collett and was carried out in the reading of sketches of three partisan generals, the first, Gen. Sumter, most pleasantly treated by Miss Gladys Chappell; the second, Gen. Andrew Pickens, by Mrs. J. W. Peak, and the third Gen. Francis Marion by Mrs. D. B. Hollingsworth. All these were very instructive and well prepared.

At the close of the historical program, a very elaborate salad course with coffee was served in the antebellum style. One of the waitresses who served was one of the old school, and courted to each person as she handed the abundant refreshments. This was an unusual sight for the present day, and made us both pleased and saddened that but few of these courteous relics of antiquity still remain to reflect honor upon the past of their race. We almost felt as if we had been transferred to the day of our revolutionary ancestry and these fathers of our country would appear before us in flesh and blood. The chapter is greatly indebted to Mrs. Hill for this delightful afternoon.

The next meeting will be held in November and will be entertained with Miss Ina Hill.

A Guest.

Reception in Honor of Teachers.

Edgefield always gives the instructors of the youth of our town a cordial welcome, and accords to them a high place in the esteem of our people, but the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has made it a habit for some years to give them some tangible evidence of the attitude which they assume towards these honored members of our community life.

On Friday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock the W. C. T. U. entertained at an evening reception at the home of Mrs. Mary Norris and Mrs. Tillman. In the receiving line were the teachers and the officers of the local W. C. T. U. At the door, the hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lott, and Mr. E. J. Norris met the guests and welcomed them.

Fruit punch was served from the front piazza by Misses Genevieve Norris and Florence Mims.

When all the guests, about seventy-five in number, had assembled, a short program was carried out as follows with Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse in charge:

Vocal selection, Miss Miriam Norris with Mrs. Tillman accompanying.

Five short talks: "The star of hope stands over the American public school," Mr. Orlando Sheppard.

"Prospects for National Prohibition," Rev. J. R. Walker.

"The present war and the alcohol question," Mr. J. L. Mims.

"How can the teacher aid in bringing the ideal," Prof. T. J. Lyon.

"Our nation to-morrow," Prof. C. C. Rees.

All of these talks, though but short in duration, gave encouragement to the temperance cause, and were full of good thought and splendid ideas. The day will come, when these subjects will no longer be discussed as a problem, but as one of the struggles with an evil which is being in future history. God will the time.

The program was finished with a vocal selection by Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse.

The decorations were very suggestive, the library having some educational posters placed on the curtains and in conspicuous places in the room.

In the front hall, there were banners bearing the names of the ten dry states, Oklahoma, Maine, North Dakota, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, West Virginia, Kansas, North Carolina, and Virginia. In one corner was the banner of South Carolina, dreary and desolate, among this galaxy of heroic southern states, but the time of her deliverance draws nigh.

In the parlor where the program was enjoyed, everything was in white, and a picture of Frances Willard looked on to enjoy the scene—a scene influenced by the labors of her heroic and self-sacrificing life—and without that life, perhaps, the occasion would never have been.

At the close of the program an elaborate salad course with coffee and marshmallows was served.

Dr. A. W. Lamar in Edgefield.

Sunday was a good day with the Baptists in Edgefield. Dr. Lamar of College Park, Georgia, came over on Saturday, and filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning, talking at the Sunday school and preaching for the union service at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. At all these services, large crowds greeted him, and listened to his eloquent discourses with rapt attention. The union service was perhaps the largest ever held.

Dr. Lamar, as a boy, lived in Edgefield for several years, residing in the home of Chancellor Wardlaw, who lived at the present Rainsford residence, and attended the school of Mrs. McClintock, at the home now occupied by Mrs. Carwile. He visited these places with great interest. It has been thirty-four years since he was last in Edgefield. He was pastor and one of the most active workers in the early history of the Johnston church, and went from Edgefield to Johnston for a service. Dr. Lamar has preached and lectured in almost every State in the union, but still has an abiding affection for Edgefield, even after these many years.

D. A. Tompkins.

Gradually, quietly, very gently, the long release came to Mr. D. A. Tompkins. With it closed the activities of a mind which ever worked for community good, and of hands that always wrought for the betterment of social, moral and industrial conditions, first at home, next in the State and after that in the Nation. His character is quite well portrayed in the sketch which has been prepared for the news columns, and it was the qualities therein outlined which so early in his life in Charlotte brought him into prominence throughout the South. An unassuming engineer and surveyor when he reached Charlotte to face the problems of his career, he died with his name known at home and abroad as a developer of enterprise and the builder of monuments to prosperity. He had been discernment and this he exercised in consideration of all projects upon which he was approached for aid or advice. Never a thing involved in doubt had countenance from him; never a good movement appealed to him in vain. Of the latter, none in Charlotte failed of his support was never passive. It was active and founded on a determination to secure results. In this way he gave momentum to the cotton oil industry, whose value was at first not appreciated, but which has become second in importance only to the cotton industry itself. He was a practical economist, and he worked strongly and heroically in the building and loan interests until the associations had gained an impetus from which their present splendid proportions were of easy and safe attainment.

With Mr. Tompkins' constructive ideas and his achievements in community development the public has some knowledge. With his private characteristics and his social side, however, it has had but partial appreciation, for he kept that to himself. His more intimate associates who at times had a glimpse of his inner life knew him to be a man of noble and generous impulses, strong in his sympathies, mindful of human faults and appreciative of merit and virtues, but to this, he would have us give small thought.

"Suffice it that he never brought His conscience to the public mart; But lived himself the truth he taught, White-soled, clean-handed, pure of heart."

A memorial in stone may some time mark his resting place, but all over the South there are living monuments to the triumph of his constructive character. The energies which he expended in the development of the communities which came under his influence will eloquently proclaim how well he wrought and how mightily he accomplished. With Mr. Tompkins' lead, a career of splendid achievement is ended.—Charlotte Observer.

In the death of Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, the South has lost a man of constructive genius. For many years this valuable citizen, who made his own way from an unknown man to a national figure, has labored without ceasing in the up-building of the South's industries. He was instrumental in developing the cotton seed oil industry. It was he, in connection with the late Mr. J. P. Caldwell, who founded the Charlotte Daily Observer, and these two men built up that paper to its present position of importance.

The death of Mr. Tompkins is the cause of peculiar regret to the Greenville Daily News, as he was for a time a large stockholder in this paper, and although he has sold a part of his interest, he was still affiliated with the ownership when death came to him. He aided The News, as he did the Charlotte Observer, in building from smaller to greater things.

Mr. Tompkins was a man of discerning mind and excellent judgment. His counsel will be missed in various industries in Charlotte and elsewhere. He was an unostentatious man, his private characteristics being known to a comparative few. Of these the Charlotte Observer speaks eloquently, and as that paper knew Mr. Tompkins better, perhaps, than any other persons or firms, we refer any reader who may be interested in this character to the words of the Observer, to be found in another column of this paper.—Greenville News.

TRENTON NEWS.

Mrs. Broadwater Entertained at Her Elegant Home. Death of Mr. C. A. Long. Box Sent Orphanage.

The death of Mr. C. A. Long, while not entirely unexpected, was nevertheless a shock to his host of friends here. He had been in declining health for the past several months, but recently he had improved to such an extent as to be out and mingle with his friends, but the end came quietly and peacefully in the early morning of Monday. Mr. Long was originally from Newberry, but Trenton has long since claimed him by adoption. He has always been a useful and substantial citizen, a conscientious, courteous gentleman and his place in the community will be hard to fill. But in the home circle, around his own fireside where his ever faithful and now desolate and broken-hearted wife is left the grief is most keenly felt. To her and his devoted children, Mrs. Walter Smith and Mr. Fred Long, Jr., his sisters and his brother we offer our deepest sympathy. Mr. Long was a member of the Lutheran church at Newberry, but was an attendant of Harmony and it was at this church yard that he was buried, a large concourse of friends and relatives being present to pay their last tribute of respect.

A thoroughly charming lady in our midst at present is Mrs. Sara Bennett from Rockingham, N. C., the guest of Mrs. Abner Broadwater. In compliment to her friend Mrs. Broadwater gave a dinner several evenings ago. The table was beautiful in its decorations of cut-glass and silver, with a tall crystal vase of long stemmed pink roses, for its central ornament, making a perfect setting for the elegant course dinner served thereupon. After dinner the guests repaired to the parlor where music, both vocal and instrumental, was enjoyed. The evening throughout was a delightful one and a lovely compliment to a very lovely visitor. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Broadwater, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathis.

Mrs. Willis Miller and little Dorothy have returned home from a visit to relatives in Batesburg.

On Wednesday evening of the past week Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Crouch entertained quite a party of friends, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Crouch proved herself a charming hostess, and apart from many other pleasures afforded, served a delightful supper.

The ladies of the Baptist Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. S. A. Morrall and packed a box of clothing for the little girl they are supporting at the Connie Maxwell orphanage.

Mrs. Bess Jones Miller and Mrs. Eva Jones are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Coleman.

Mrs. Charles Moore is making short visits to friends and relatives this week in Atlanta, Washington and Elberton.

Mrs. Wallace Wise entertained a number of friends at a spend-the-day-party on Saturday, complimentary to Mrs. John Butler of North Augusta.

Mrs. S. A. Morrall gave a lovely little card party to Miss Clara Harigal during her recent visit here, and at the conclusion of the game served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Austin Clark is enjoying a visit to Columbia.

Miss Sallie Smith and Mr. Griffin both of this place were quietly married on Thursday last. This came as somewhat of a surprise to this large circle of friends and the best wishes and heartiest congratulations are being bestowed upon them.

Death of Aged Citizen.

Saturday morning last Mr. T. E. Settles died at the home of Mr. H. M. Morgan in the lower part of the county. He was in his 60th year. He had a large number of friends and will be missed in the community where he passed the major portion of his long life. Mr. Settles was never married. He was buried at Hardy's church, the Rev. P. B. Lanham conducting the funeral.

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