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## SILVER WEDDING.

**Mr. and Mrs. Mathis Celebrated Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Their Marriage. Very Beautiful Occasion.**

Friday evening was a very unique and delightful time for the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathis at their beautiful home at Trenton, when they were congratulated on the arrival of their silver anniversary, having passed over twenty-five years of happy married life.

There were so many friends from Edgefield that we hardly knew whether we were in our own home town or our neighbor town of Trenton, and everybody looked so pretty and so happy, and every spot was so beautiful that we were in some doubt as to whether we were in this mundane sphere at all.

On arriving in Trenton, we would have known at once, if we had not already known at what place the anniversary was to be celebrated, for from the exterior there was every indication of brightness and joy inside. At the door, fruit nectar was served, Mrs. Abner Broadwater being in charge of this very inviting spot. As the guests entered, they were entranced by the beauty of the scene, in every direction, on the artistically decorated white background with Southern smilax daintily hung at intervals, there glistened the silver which was the emblem of the occasion. Above the mantel, framed in silver, were two embroidered pieces, on which were the names Mathis and Moss. These had been presented the bride and groom by Miss Mary Dye on the occasion of their marriage a quarter of a century ago. The whole mantel was adorned with silver, and the dates above the mantel were made in silver, 1890-1915. Hearts in white hung gracefully from appropriate places, and flowers were in evidence and added to the scenes.

As the guests entered they expected to find the host and hostess and receive the first greetings from them, but they were no where to be seen, and as the guests went from place to place in the handsome and commodious home, they continued their search for these the most important and essential part of the pleasure of the evening, and like the guests of a real wedding, viewed with great interest the beautiful, useful and splendid array of silver presents, which friends from here, there and everywhere had sent and brought as evidence of their love and esteem.

While enjoying this very interesting moment, there was a sound of music on the air, and from the parlor the strains of that beautiful old love song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," came on our listening ear. This was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Shannonhouse and Prof. Scott of Trenton, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Mamie Tillman.

Mrs. P. B. Mayson played "Tillman's Silver March," which was composed by Mrs. Julia Moss, Mrs. Mathis' mother.

It was at this moment that every one discovered where Mr. and Mrs. Mathis were. As the strains of the Wedding March were played there descended the stairs as many as possibly could be procured of the attendants on the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mathis. First to enter were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moss, then Mr. and Mrs. Roper Moss, and following these were J. D. Mathis, Jr., and little Susan. The climax of all was the entrance of the twins, Eugene and Catherine, the dear little children who preceded the father and mother as they entered the parlor. One would hardly believe that twenty-five years of married life had passed over the heads of this youthful and happy pair, and after a prayer by Mr. Shannonhouse, every one was full of enthusiasm to offer their hearty and sincere congratulations on this very auspicious occasion. The occasion was complete when all of this happy family were re-united with their many and warm friends from the various sections of our county.

Very elaborate refreshments were served, the first course being salad and the accompaniments with ice tea. This was followed by cream and silver cake, most daintily served. Young people are often

## News From Colliers.

Well, we are having some nice showers, and farmers are anxious to finish laying-by their crops so they can attend the protracted meeting and picnics.

Last Sunday two couples motored to Augusta and were married by Rev. John W. Tyndall. The parties married were Mr. Willie Dorr to Miss Emmie Thurmond, and Mr. Willie Parkman to Miss Anna Stevens. Immediately after the ceremony the brides and grooms returned to Modoc to make their homes.

Mr. H. W. McKie made a flying trip yesterday to Augusta in his new car.

Dr. George B. Adams, Jr., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Adams.

Mrs. Mary G. Pardue is visiting her son, Mr. Y. F. Pardue.

Mr. Y. L. Miller has a fine new buggy. What does that mean?

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Holmes and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Pardue last Sunday.

Miss Sallie Hammond has gone back to Edgefield to take up her duties as saleslady at The Corner Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Holmes and children, and Mrs. Y. T. Hammond passed through Colliers en route to Georgia.

The teachers of Colliers school have been elected, Mr. Wallace Prescott being elected principal and Miss Ellie Mathis as assistant.

Two Edgefield young men have been making frequent visits to Colliers.

Last Sunday afternoon quite a large crowd attended the temperance rally at Peace Haven. The pieces were well rendered, and much enjoyed by all present. The prizes were awarded to Master William Jones as best singer, and to Miss Ouida Pattison for best speaking. Dr. E. Pendleton Jones made a short but much enjoyed address.

Little Nell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mathis, has been on the sick list, but we are glad to say she is some better now.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Harry Calbreath is in the hospital, but hope he will soon be well again.

Miss Georgia Reese and Miss Addie Lee McKie spent Saturday night with Miss Alpha Hammond.

Miss Rhea Edmonds and Mr. Leslie Edmonds were visitors in Colliers the latter part of the week.

We are seeing orange blossoms again.

## Spending Vacation at Home.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Adams of Colliers have all of their children, two daughters and six sons, at home with them for a few days. Their son Robert is at home from Clemson and Dr. George B. Adams, their son who has been making his home in New Orleans for several years, is spending his vacation at home. He has steadily risen in his profession. After graduating in medicine at the medical college in Charleston he attended the medical college in New Orleans and received a diploma from that institution also. Since his graduation he has spent much time in expert work for the government and has also spent some time as physician in a large hospital in New Orleans. At the close of his vacation he will accept a position in the insane asylum of the state of Mississippi.

## Champion Tomato Grower.

In some sections tomatoes have been unusually fine. Last week we made a notice of a large one weighing a pound and a half that Mr. Chalmers Hughes grew. While we were at the picnic at Colliers Saturday Mr. T. L. Miller told us of two that he grew in his garden that weighed 5 pounds, about two and a half pounds each. Several other gentlemen told us about Mr. Miller's fine tomatoes. Who can beat this record? Up to this time Mr. Miller stands at the head of the tomato class and Mr. Hughes next.

reproved for their late hours, but these older heads who attended this happy occasion may well have been reminded by the youth in their homes that they forgot to look at their time pieces in the joy of the hour, and many of them reached their homes in the wee small hours.

May we all live to celebrate the golden wedding of these friends of our youth and of our later years.

F. A. M.

## COLLIERS PICNIC.

**People of Community Met at Peace Haven. Temperance Speeches. Good Music. Sumptuous Dinner.**

The people of Colliers community always know how to do the right thing in the right way. Realizing the advantages gained through the coming together of the people for a day under wholesome influences, a neighborhood picnic was held on the grounds surrounding Peace Haven Sunday school buildings Saturday last. In the early forenoon the people gathered from all directions, the ever-ready automobiles enabling many to attend from a considerable distance. The members of the committee on refreshments, Mr. Cartledge, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Wiley Wells, were among the first to arrive and soon had several large vessels of ice lemonade ready to refresh the people as they arrived. And you can stake your last dollar that it was real lemonade, being well supplied with and not the kind that merely has the lemon flavor. This popular beverage, the best the season affords (especially the Colliers kind) was dispensed free throughout the day unlimited quantity.

Soon after the people arrived they assembled in the house in response to the call of Rev. J. T. Littlejohn who was the master of ceremonies. Several songs were sung with organ accompaniment by Mrs. W. E. Prescott. Mr. Littlejohn called on Mr. Cogburn for a speech on temperance. This is a question in which Mr. Cogburn is deeply interested and for twenty minutes or more he presented this live subject in a manner that will bear fruit in that community. We feel confident that his very earnest appeals will help to swell the vote on September 14 for prohibition. Mr. Cogburn was followed by Mr. J. L. Mims who spoke at some length upon the question which is first and foremost in the public mind.

Mr. Littlejohn, being the chairman, had the advantage in that he would not call upon himself. He however interspersed the program with some good stories that created much laughter. The one which provoked the most risibility was the experience of a young minister who was soon to be married. He had called upon his bride-to-be possibly for the last time before their nuptials and being overcome by her bewitching beauty and personal charms asked if it would be any harm for him to kiss her, as they were to be married so soon. She demurred and said they ought to wait until after the wedding, as it might be wrong. Unwilling to leave her without a kiss, he suggested that they kneel and pray over the matter. This they did, and after arising from their knees he planted a kiss on her lips. He yet lingered and the conversation was prolonged. Just before he bade her good-night, the blushing beauty and bride-to-be demurely said: "Let's pray again."

The hour for dinner having arrived, all were invited to gather around the large table where genuine hospitality permeated the atmosphere, the feast being as informal as if it had been a large family dining. The war has had no effect upon the people of Colliers. They always live at home. Everything that was served, except the ice and sugar in the tea, was made at home. In their eagerness to supply everything that the housewives had great faith in the attendance, for a sufficiency of good things was provided for twice the number present. After every appetite had been satisfied, great stacks of pies and many beautiful cakes remained uncut.

The community spirit is almost ideal. Whenever anything is undertaken for the common good they come together as one man. The Sunday school at Peace Haven all through the years has been the means of bringing the people of the community together under wholesome influence and they have developed along many lines as a result of this personal contact. The erection of the commodious new school building near by has been another step in the right direction. The Peace Haven Sunday school and building are monuments to the lamented Dr. McKie, who had the right conception of the needs of the

## JOHNSTON LETTER.

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Entertain Officers of Baraca Class Elected. Dr. and Mrs. Corn Entertained.**

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brunson and Messrs. William, Samuel and Joe Brunson of Ninety Six, were visitors here this week with relatives, coming in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Bogue of Orlando, Fla., are guests in the home of Maj. F. M. Warren.

Mrs. Mamie Warren of Center Spring was a visitor here this week.

Miss Daisy Sawyer of Vidalia, Ga., is visiting her sister, Miss Clara Sawyer.

Misses Mary Lucia and Elise Mobley are at home from a visit to Miss Hannah Hannah at Winnebago.

Messrs. Joseph Cox, J. L. Walker, Willie Wright and George Yonce attended the Sunday school picnic held at Stevens Creek church on Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Rhodes of Hampton is spending awhile with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Crim.

Mesdames M. E. Norris and Alice Cox have been enjoying a two week's stay in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mrs. Leon Stansell spent last week in Williston with friends. Prof. Lewellyn Cogburn of Wards was a recent visitor in the home of his sister, Mrs. M. W. Clark.

One day last week Misses Kate and Fannie Pruiet entertained the members of their graduating class with a most pleasant dining and the day was happily spent by this congenial party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kenny charmingly entertained at tea last Thursday evening in compliment to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pickett Dorn. Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Payne, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Whitaker, the interior of the home was made more attractive with blooming flowers and the cordial host and hostess made the evening one of pleasurable memories for their guests. The tea table was beautiful with its centerpiece of roses and sparkling cut-glass and silver and an elaborate repast was served.

Mrs. Walsh, Sr., of Sumter is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coleman.

The officers of the Baraca class, Baptist Sunday school were elected Sunday and are president, James Edwards; 1st vice-president, J. A. Lott; 2nd vice-president, J. Howard Payne; secretary, George Hardy; treasurer, Avery Bland; reporter, W. P. Casselles; teacher, Dr. J. A. Dobey; assistant teacher, James Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crouch have returned from a visit in the home of the latter's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Smith at Mullins.

Miss Hortense Padgett spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Alex Watson at Meeting Street who has been sick.

Mr. Robert Kenny has returned from Latta after a pleasant week at a house party with friends.

Master Marion Lott is now able to be carried out for rides and the broken limb is mending very nicely.

Another thing that has been a help and inspiration to the young men of Colliers is the splendid band that was organized several years ago. Notwithstanding the fact that they are somewhat scattered and unable to practice with any degree of regularity, the young men play beautifully, and their repertoire is not limited to a few popular airs. The leading feature of diversion Saturday afternoon was the music furnished by the band. It was highly creditable and was loudly applauded. The band has nine pieces and would be a credit to many of the smaller cities.

The day was so pleasantly spent that good-byes were reluctantly said when the hour came to disperse. As The Advertiser has stated many times before, every rural community should have its neighborhood picnic some time during the summer, preferably after the crops are laid-by. The pleasure and profit derived from the coming together of friends and neighbors are worth the time and efforts that it costs.

## Medal Contests at Harmony.

The second in the series of medal contests was held at Harmony on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The contestants in oratory were Misses Florence Mims, Mary Myers, Janice Morgan, Helen Marsh, Martha Lee Long and Leila Quarles, Helen Marsh of the Harmony section winning the silver medal which was presented by Mr. W. E. Lott of Edgefield. The selection was, "Why I signed the pledge," and was beautifully rendered, manifesting special gifts along that line. Miss Marsh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marsh.

There were two song contests, the winner in the first being Daisy Smith, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gamewell Smith of Harmony, her selection being "Father, dear father come home with me now." This medal was presented by Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman. The medal in the second song contest was awarded Miss Orrie May Perry of Johnston, and presented by Mr. W. E. Lott. An accompanying story was read by Mrs. J. H. White of Johnston, entitled, "Buy your own cherries" in connection with the second song contest.

Mr. J. L. Mims made a short address at the close of the contests, and "The dry line" was hung across the church and explained by little Elizabeth Lott in a poem.

A collection was taken for the expenses of the meeting, and the Harmony choir gave some of their inspiring music at the close of the exercises. Mr. Luther Watson presided over the program.

F. A. M.

## Rehoboth Temperance Rally.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be the third of the series of temperance rallies and medal contests.

The contestants will be C. B. and J. T. Littlejohn, Misses Janice Morgan, Florence Mims, Willie Peak and the Misses Catherine of Rehoboth.

The song contest will be made up of the following: Dozier Tompkins, Frances Jones, Edward Peak, Corrie Cheatham, Benjamin Cogburn and Eleanor Mims.

"The dry line" will be demonstrated by little Elizabeth Lott. Addresses will be made by Mr. O. Sheppard of Edgefield and Dr. W. G. Blackwell of Parksville.

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Corn were the honorees of a delightful tea on Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Wright, other friends also being invited. Pink and white crepe myrtle formed a pleasing decoration about the rooms, and a large bowl of these flowers formed the centerpiece of the table. The latter part of the evening was spent on the broad cool veranda and the time passed happily.

About the last of August the play, "The old folks' concert," will be held here under the auspices of the D. of C. Several years ago this was held and with the present cast of characters it promises to be equally as interesting.

Mr. M. T. Turner, Misses Frances and Bessie Ford Turner and Zena Payne spent last week at Chappells. They were joined there by their aunt, Mrs. Charlotte V. Spearman of Newberry, who accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsh, Mr. Theodore Marsh and Mrs. Pebrick were visitors to Batesburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kelly have returned from a two week's stay at Atlanticville.

Mrs. J. R. Hart is home from Spartanburg where she has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Brannon.

Dr. L. B. Asbell and Miss Louise Asbell were recent visitors here from Ellenton.

Miss Annie Smith of Augusta is the guest of Misses Frances and Bessie Ford Turner.

Mr. Joe Jacobs spent last week in Spartanburg with friends.

Prof. W. J. McGarity of Branchville, was a visitor in the home of Mr. T. R. Denny last week. Prof. McGarity has been elected principal of the Aiken high school.

Miss Lula Matthews of Atlanta was the guest of Mrs. O. S. Wertz during the past week.

## "UNCLE" IV'S LETTER.

**Discusses Religious and Agricultural Conditions. Preachers and Better Farmers Needed.**

Editor Edgefield Advertiser:

Well, after reading Jabez Garnet's letter, I just feel like I am due him an apology if he did marry my sweetheart Jane Cartledge. Yes, when she and I were school-mates, she would always bring me the first ripe apple, May and June apples that grew on her grandmother Cartledge's place and they were so sweet that I called her sweet Jane. I often wonder if those apple trees are still living. Now Jabez is at his preacher son's home, Milton, in Texas, and he was for a time a scholar in my Bible class at Parksville. You can't imagine the good it does me to know (though I claim none of the credit) that he is a preacher, and there are two more that were scholars in my Bible class that are preachers, A. W. Bussey, son of Geo. W., and P. H., son of P. H. Bussey. As I write I can in my imagination see those boys and my old heart gets full and my eyes fill with tears, as I think of their noble work, I sometimes wish I could have them all three right near me for preachers and good laymen are surely needed in this section of country where there is so little interest taken in churches or Sunday schools. We have some preachers among us and I will give you some of their beliefs and practices.

In the year 1882 there was a Methodist that came from one of the lower counties of South Carolina, asked me if the Baptist did not believe and teach that baptism was essential to salvation and I told him no, and it was a surprise to him. But I know now why he thought so, for there are some who claim that baptism is essential to salvation and go so far as to say that after repeating of one's sins and accepting Christ as their Saviour if you are not baptized hell is their portion. On one occasion when one of their preachers made the claim I just couldn't and didn't hold my tongue and told him that faith in the Saviour saved and nothing else did and that without that faith he might baptize me till he washed the last hair out of my head and hell would be my portion. Maybe I ought not to have said anything but I just could not stand it for he said it at the school house where I was the superintendent of the Sunday school. That occurred two months ago and he has not been back to preach since.

On another occasion a man came to our Sunday school and said he wanted to give a talk on the Bible and I told him yes we were always glad to have anyone talk to us about God's word. So he gave us a talk and he claimed that faith, baptism or anything short of sinless perfection would give us entrance into heaven, but I was asked by several after he left what I thought of his talk and I told them if what he preached was so, as for myself, I had just as well make no more attempts to get to heaven at all, and several said the same.

Then there are others that say Sunday schools are the devil's work and will take no part in them and they won't go to preaching at a church where there is an organ, claiming that the Bible forbids it. They are also opposed to Theological Seminaries and lesson helps. They claim that their church is the only true church, and say all other churches of any denomination are doing work for the devil, but I tell them if there were more devils turned loose, I thought the millennium would dawn sooner. The last named believers are the old line Primitive Baptists, but they are beginning to split. Whenever the majority of the members of their churches decide to have an organ or Sunday school the minority draws out and dubs the majority party as organ church, and themselves as the no-organ church.

In conversation with a no-organ preacher a few days ago, we got on the subject of texts and he said that he never used the same text twice. I asked him why, and he told me the following incident (and I inferred that was his reason.) He said there was a preacher that went on

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