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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Union Service at Baptist Church.
Emily Geiger Chapter Met.
Musicians Meet With
Mrs. Black.

Mrs. Paul Perry is spending awhile here with Mrs. Alice Cox. Miss Sara Norris has gone to Atlanta to spend awhile.

Col. Robert Levell of Newberry was here for the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Belle Jones Galloway has returned to Johnston to reside, and has rooms at the Wertz hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Wright are expected soon to visit in the home of Miss Clara Sawyer.

Every first Sunday at the Baptist church the collections of the classes go to the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, the collection of the past Sunday being \$15.00.

Mrs. W. J. Hatcher is at home from the Baptist hospital, where she was under treatment. She will have to be confined to her room for several weeks, and she has with her Mrs. T. R. Denny, whose visit will not only give pleasure in the home, but to all here, for Johnston still claims Mrs. Denny as her own.

Mrs. Mamie Huie was quite sick during the past week, but we are glad to state that she is now much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richards left on Friday evening for a visit to the former's sister in Florida. Mrs. Richards has been here for a month visiting in the home of her father, Dr. C. F. Strother.

Mr. Jim Strother, who has been in Philadelphia, where he holds a position, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Stimen.

Mrs. C. D. Kenney has returned from Fairfax after visiting her daughter, Mrs. David Moore.

The union service was held on Sunday evening at the Baptist church. Rev. J. H. Thacker of the Methodist church preaching a very forceful sermon. Special music was given by the choir, an anthem, "Praise the Lord," being rendered, and the orchestra made the songs very pretty with the accompaniment. The organ, with violin obligato, was an enjoyable feature as an offertory.

The young girls of the High school are all making comfort bags, and are taking great pleasure in the work. Miss Eva Rushton, tenth grade teacher, is directing them. The young girls were all given the thread and card board from which they will make the little thread devices for the bags.

Miss Foster of Jonesville is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Hoyt.

Mr. and Mrs. Toney Weeks have returned to Aiken after a visit to friends.

Mrs. Calhoun Hanner entertained most pleasantly on last Wednesday afternoon, and although at the hour the weather was very disagreeable all were present, and found the warm, cozy rooms a delightful contrast to the exterior. Conversation, sewing and music occupied the time, and all enjoyed the sweet course served in artistic style.

The Apollo Music Club met Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. O. D. Black being hostess. Mrs. E. Mobley presided over the meeting, and the members were glad to learn that \$12.50 had already been sent on for community work. Plans were perfected for the play to be had here at the auditorium on the evening of February 12 called "The Allies' Dream." Miss Emma Bouknight has charge of this, there being special committees to arrange the presentation of each country. The proceeds will go to war relief work. The musical program was greatly enjoyed with vocal and piano selections, and there were three papers pertaining to music and singers. Mesdames H. W. Crouch and Joseph Cox assisted the hostess in serving fruit salad, sandwiches, coffee and whipped cream.

Mrs. J. W. Browne was hostess for the Emily Geiger chapter on last Monday afternoon, and at business, presided over by Mrs. W. S. Mobley, several matters were discussed. The chapter will assist in the work of re-building one of the French villages, this being a general D. A. R. project. Twelve pairs of woolen socks will be made by the chapter to add to the thirty knitted

RED OAK GROVE.

Bad Roads Decreases Church Attendance. Farmers Buying Fertilizers. Planning Farm Work.

There was a general disappointment Sunday among our people, as the bad weather had prevented Mr. Sam Agnew from fixing the roads so that we could manage to get to the church for our montly service. By going around, doubling the distance, and over roads almost impassable, we could have reached the church. Our faithful pastor, Rev. G. W. Bussey, braved the rain and the bad roads and was on his post of duty. How well it is we all should be on our post of duty just at this urgent demand for loyalty to duty. Great responsibility rests upon each and all that we prove ourselves loyal to our government as well as ourselves, for to not heed the requirements means detriment to our own good.

"Give me the eye that can see God in all; the hand that can serve Him with all; and the heart that can bless Him for all."
How much the sunshine is welcomed after almost an entire week of dreary days. However, these days must come, and well, too, for them to remind us that life is not all sunshine.

Our home influence in dreary weather, much of which we have had this winter, brings the golden opportunity to parents for placing good reading material. Childhood is like a mirror, catching and reflecting images from all around it. I am sure that an unpious or profane thought uttered, or worldly amusement or pastime indulged in by a parent, will operate on the young heart like rust on polished steeling, staining it with rust that no after scouring and scolding can efface.

Many of the farmers have placed fertilizer orders for this year, and are beginning to talk ploughing now.

The little birds will soon return with their happy voices to cheer the country life, which shall be made to feel the vibration Divinely sounded.

Mrs. Mamie McManus has returned home, having been with her mother the past week. Mrs. Griffith seems to be gradually improving. Still so patient, always cheerful, affectionally greeting her friends as they pass in and out. How could one be otherwise with a sweet Christian influence like that of Mrs. J. T. Griffith constantly ministering to every want.

Circle meets Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Sallie Timmerman's, and as so few were permitted to attend our last meeting, we trust our crowd will be large, and hope our plans for 1918 may be well established.

Mr. G. W. Bassey, Jr., has returned from Summerville, where he has been visiting his brother, Rev. Pat Bussey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dorn were visitors in our neighborhood lately.

Mr. West Doolittle is preparing to open a public workshop, something greatly needed for the convenience of a neighborhood. Mr. Doolittle comes to us from Cleora with a splendid recommendation.

Two more of our boys have been classed in first call to U. S. government—Messrs. Albert Shelton and John Agnew.

Owing to the continued cold weather and the appointment of Mr. Lamb to assist in the food conservation, he has arranged business so as to defer his matters down in South Georgia until spring.

Flat Rock school building has been completed and inspected by our superintendent, Mr. W. W. Fuller. Our school is moving along nicely. The children seem to be hard at work and love their teachers, which measures success.

Hear the Young Warrior.

The next lyceum entertainment will be given in the opera house Friday evening, February 15, by Sergt. Flahiff, who has seen many months of active service in the trenches or Northern France. For the time being, you can be transported to the trenches and, through the vivid account of Mr. Flahiff, see something of modern warfare. Do not fail to hear this brave young Canadian who has been fighting our battles for us.

Save

- 1-wheat
use more corn
- 2-meat
use more fish & beans
- 3-fats
use just enough
- 4-sugar
use syrups

and serve
the cause of freedom
U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. L. Mirs.

The special purpose of the meeting was to begin the making of the arm and leg bandages, and a number of these were cut and the work begun.

Plans were also made for the holding of a Frances Willard afternoon and a gold song contest at the Methodist church one Sunday afternoon during this month.

There are nine young people who have won silver song medals and all these are entitled to contest for a gold medal. They are as follows: Johnston, Elliott Lewis, Ora Belle Perry; Trenton, Susan Mathis; Harmony, John Owen and Daisy Smith; Edgefield, Julian Mims, Corrie Cheatham, Dozier Tompkins and William Jones. All these will be prepared to enter the contest.

It was also announced that the "Village Players" of Aiken would come over and give a minstrel, the proceeds from Edgefield's share being contributed to the Hostess House at Camp Jackson.

Mrs. W. L. Dunovant announced that the time for the sale of "smileage books" had been extended.

Mrs. W. B. Cogburn was appointed to gather together all the scraps of any colored yarn and from these afghans will be made for hospital convalescents.

Mrs. E. J. Norris was asked to collect all the old linen and soft cloth procurable to be sent to France at the request of the War Relief Association.

Aid will also be given for the Field kitchens, seven of which will be sent by the National organizations to France. These are auto-kitchens on which stoves and every convenience for making and serving hot drinks are placed, and from which these are served to the men just from the trenches.

Visit From Presiding Elder.

Dr. R. E. Stackhouse, the presiding elder of the Columbia district, will preach at the Methodist church at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning. At the close of the sermon the Holy Communion will be observed, and this will be followed by the first quarterly conference for the year.

The general public is cordially invited to any and all of these services.

Red Cross Chapter.

The meeting of the Red Cross Chapter will be on Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock of this week, instead of Thursday afternoon on account of the absence of the Chairman.

Hortense Padgett, Sec'y.

Whaley Voted for Inquiry, Byrnes Against It.

Washington, Jan. 28.—With regard to references to him in connection with the federal trade commission's combination of the meat packers combination as having been one of the members of the judiciary committee of the house on whom an agent of the packers said he could rely on to vote against the Borland resolution for an investigation of the packing inquiry, Congressman R. S. Whaley said today: "It is a plain lie. I have never seen or spoken to any agent, attorney or representative of the packers. I voted for the investigation both in the committee and in the house." The Congressional Record of February 28, 1917, shows that Mr. Whaley voted for the Borland resolution.

The congressional record shows that Mr. Byrnes voted against the investigation of the meat packing inquiry, the Borland resolution or amendment. This is one of the very important questions Representative Toole called on Mr. Brynes to debate last fall and he refused. Why one should not want an investigation on the high cost of living is more than the average citizen can understand.—Adv.

Concerning Cotton Seed.

William Elliott, Food Administrator, has issued the following statement:

"Reports have reached this office that farmers in certain sections of the State are feeding seed to cattle, and in some instances using seed for fertilizers. Such a policy on the part of any producer is short-sighted when the prevailing price for cotton seed is obtainable and results in an economic loss as well as destroying valuable food for man and beast.

"The Food Administration would like to see this wasteful practice eliminated. Rule 4 of the Special Rules of the United States Food Administration prohibits the use of cotton seed for feed or fertilizers without the written consent of the State Food Administrator. It is probable that few farmers who are thus practicing this wasteful method realize the loss both to themselves and their fellow man resulting in utilization of cotton seed in this manner.

"America is the greatest food-store-house in the world to-day and we must all practice the strictest kind of economy. There must be no waste of the essential food products. The oil which is extracted from the cotton seed is a food product."

WANTED: Several hundred bundles of fodder. Apply at The Advertiser office.

LYCEUM ATTRACTION.

Sergt. Flahiff, a Young Canadian Warrior Will Speak in Edgefield Opera House February 15.

Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, Edgefield, S. C.

Undoubtedly you will be pleased when we advise you that we have been able to secure the services of Sergeant John Flahiff, of the Princess Pat Regiment of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

Sergeant Flahiff is an American boy, who enlisted in the American regiment of the Canadian Expedition Forces when they first went to France. As you know, the Princess Pat Regiment, of which he was a member, took part in the most severe fighting that has occurred thus far in the Great War. You will probably recall the fact that this regiment was wiped out several times in the fierce battles around Ypres and Vimy Ridge. Sergeant Flahiff served seven months in the trenches in 1916 and 1917. He went through the battle of the Somme. He went over the top twice in the big drives and dozens of times in the smaller trench raids. He had three of the most difficult and important positions in the regiment: first he was a bomber, the members of which on the French front have been termed members of the "suicide club" because of the danger involved, he was then a machine gunner, and later a sergeant of the stretcher bearers. He was dismissed from service owing to a severe attack of trench fever which disabled him for further military duty. He holds a pension from the Canadian Government for the rest of his life.

Mr. Flahiff will appear in his Canadian sergeant's uniform and will carry with him gas masks, bombs, and other instruments of modern warfare, to be explained to the audience.

His lecture will be full of human interest, stories etc., naturally be right up to date concerning active fighting in France.

Self-Explanatory Letter.

Mr. R. N. Broadwater Supervision, Edgefield County, Johnston, S. C.

Dear Sir: We have on file application from your Board of County Commissioners which we received about July 2nd, 1917 requesting Federal Aid, and beg to advise that taking these applications in the order in which they were received from the several counties, places your county in line to receive your Federal Aid apportionment this year, the total of which is \$12,322.16. I trust that you will be able to take up your Federal Aid work this year, and in this connection would request that you write us and name a date for one of our Assistant Engineers to meet you in the near future and go over the road on which you propose to spend your Federal Aid.

We are anxious to get started on the surveys as soon as possible, as it takes from 60 to 90 days from the date that the surveys are completed before we can get all necessary papers signed up by the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, and his permission received for actual construction work.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

F. H. MURRAY,

Acting State Highway Engineer. Jan. 28, 1918.

Merchants, Law-Abiding Men.

There can be found nowhere a more law-abiding class of men than the merchants of Edgefield county. They are, without exception, according to reports that have reached the county food administrator, obeying the pound-for-pound flour regulation to the letter. One country merchant who was temporarily out of meal, owing to the very bad condition of the public roads, was unable to sell any flour for several days. However, nobody was hurt by the enforcement of the regulation, as people can always find a substitute for flour for a few days. Merchants everywhere are obeying the law.

MEETING STREET.

Urges Our People to be Loyal and Patriotic. Follow Our Leaders. Neighborhood News.

We have been trying to obey the laws of and demands of the government to the letter, but right at this time we hardly know just where we are or just exactly how to proceed. We have observed the heatless, wheatless, meatless, porkless, sunless and all sorts of days, and right now we feel that we will be called upon next summer to add another day to the column, namely: oatless days for our stock, unless we sow spring oats. The freezes for the past sixty days have gotten the best of them.

We have no complaint to make against our great President or his great rulings, but it seems to me that it would be best to get enough of we Americans over there to show the German Kaiser that our country will never stand to be ruled or dominated over by any such class of people as they are—if they can be called by the name of people. Sherman said "war was—" If that be true this must be a—of a war, which has the whole world now in its embrace.

The signs and the times say it's a great struggle and war. We not only see it from the great daily and weekly papers of our country, who are doing a great bit to help the cause, but we can read in the very hearts and minds of the people that we are in the greatest struggle and warfare that our country has ever witnessed. This being true, it becomes our duty, each and every one of us as patriotic citizens, to obey the call and command of our great leaders, who are true Americans and will not do anything only for the good of the cause and for humanity.

We should not want to be called a slacker in any degree. So if we don't do our duty in conforming to the task put upon us, we will surely be slackers of the slackest kind, and should be dealt with as such by our government. Those of us that are left back here thousands of miles from the trenches and from real danger, exempted by age and other dependent responsibilities, should feel it to be our duty to save everything possible of what is already made for our soldiers and allies who are at the front, and saying to us: "Feed and clothe us and we will win the war."

I pause just here to say: May the good Lord help us all to do our bit that this great struggle may be righteously adjusted for the civilization of a Christian world. "So mote it be. Amen!"

We have been real lousy up here ever since Christmas getting wood, making fires and trying to keep from freezing.

There is a good deal of cotton to pick and gin around this community yet, which the people are anxious to give proper attention just as soon as the weather will admit.

There has been no fertilizers hauled yet to amount anything, and not much prospect of hauling much soon on account of the bad roads.

We folks up here in the country who failed to buy flour earlier will just have to live on corn bread, as we can't afford to fill ourselves up on rice, grits, etc., to get the flour, and besides we already have the corn to grind in meal and grits; so that's the way we will wiggle out of it, and trust the kind hand of Providence to guide and lead us through these perilous times.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will close by asking you to keep us posted through the dear old Advertiser what Uncle Sam and Mr. Hoover say we muss and mussn't do, and you will find us Johnnie on the spot.

J. H. C.

Meeting Street, S. C.

Mt. Zion Box Party.

Friday night, February 23, a box party will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith for the benefit of Mt. Zion church. The public generally is invited. Besides the very enjoyable feast which will be provided by the boxes, the social feature will be exceedingly pleasant for the young people. Those of middle age will also find very pleasant diversion. The party will be held for a worthy cause and should be generously patronized.