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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Conference at Ridge Spring. Knights of Pythias Give Oyster Supper. Flower Show in Fall.

On Sunday morning Rev. W. S. Brooke announced from the pulpit that a conference of the Ridge Association would be held on Monday, February 28th, at Ridge Spring. This is being called by Dr. C. E. Burts, who will be present and is in the interest of the \$75,000,000 Campaign. A series of meetings similar to this is to be held over the state. Mr. Brooke urged a full attendance at the Ridge Conference, both men and women.

Rev. Mahlon Padgett celebrated his 83rd birthday last Wednesday. He is still hale and hearty, and all his friends here hope that he will be spared many more years yet. He is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. John Waters of Salluda, visited in the home of Mr. Phil Waters last week.

Mrs. Edith Chester, little son, and Miss Maud Wright are at home from a month's stay in Macon, Ga., in the family of Rev. Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and Mrs. Garlington spent the first of the week at Newberry with friends.

Mesdames T. R. Denny, P. N. Lott, A. P. Lewis, James White and Miss Cleo Attaway went over to Columbia to attend the mid-year W. C. T. U. meeting which was held in the Baptist church.

It has been decided to have a Flower show during the fall months, this being held under the auspices of the D. A. R. and U. D. C. For several years Flower Shows were held here, the chrysanthemum being the chief flower, but the coming show will be general as to flowers and prizes will be offered. It is hoped that many will have this in view and begin now to cultivate their flower beds. Several have already begun and there is much interest manifested. The committees to agitate this are:

Mrs. M. T. Turner, Mrs. P. N. Lott, Mrs. O. D. Black and Mrs. J. L. Walker from the D. A. R.; Mrs. Bartow Walsh, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. T. R. Hoyt, Mrs. F. M. Warren, Mrs. Charles Lamb from the U. D. C.

Mrs. Auburn Moyer and little son of Atlanta have been visiting friends and relatives during the past week.

Mr. J. Neil Lott left on Monday for New York on a business trip to purchase spring goods for his store.

Miss Lillian Mobled has been to Columbia to visit her sister, Miss Ella Mobley who has been sick.

Mrs. F. M. Warren, Sr., spent last week at the bedside of her brother, Mr. John R. Tompkins in Columbia. Mr. Tompkins is now in a critical state and his friends here will be saddened to know that the end might be expected at any time.

Miss Annie Waters of Augusta has been for a visit to the home folks.

Mrs. L. S. Maxwell was hostess for the Apollo Music club on Tuesday afternoon, and the chief business was in plans for Reciprocity Day, this occasion to be jointly celebrated by the two clubs of the town. Mrs. Robert Earle, vocalist, and Mrs. W. T. C. Bates, pianist, of Columbia have been invited by the club to be present.

The subject of the program was "Legends That Have Influenced Musical Compositions," a paper on this being given by Miss Zena Payne.

Musical numbers inspired by legends were given on the piano by Mrs. G. D. Walker, Mrs. Earl Smith, Miss Hallie White and vocal selections be Miss Frances Turner and Mrs. C. P. Corn.

The hostess served a dainty repast in which the idea of valentine were prettily carried out.

Dr. Coleman of Columbia is visiting his sister, Mrs. Elsie LaGrone. Mrs. Clifton Mitchell has returned to Batesburg after a visit to Mrs. David Howard.

Mrs. Regina Bartley has returned from Augusta where she visited her sister, Mrs. Eunice Moorman.

Mrs. L. C. Latimer spent the week-end in Edgefield with relatives. Mrs. De Saussure Hogan of Colum-

bia is visiting her mother, Mrs. O. S. Wertz.

Mrs. J. E. B. McCartha and Mrs. Annie Kinard of Leesville have been for a visit in the home of Mrs. J. H. Kinard.

Mrs. A. J. Lewis entertained the bridge club on Thursday afternoon in charming style, and Friday afternoon was most pleasantly spent by the members of the Nacoosa club in the home of Mrs. T. R. Denny. Rook was played at the latter and after the game a salad course was served.

Mr. S. J. Watson returned last week from a business trip to New York.

Mr. P. B. Bethea, a former teacher of the High School was here last week, now being a traveling salesman.

The Knights of Pythias held a full meeting on Friday evening at their hall, and after business an oyster supper was enjoyed.

Miss Carrie Belle Stevens who is teaching at Plum Branch spent the week-end at her home here being accompanied by Miss Corrie Lee Cheatham.

Mrs. P. N. Keesee has been sick for the past week, but is now able to be up again.

Mrs. S. J. Watson went over to the Baptist Hospital on Friday last. Her many friends pray that she will soon be restored to health and be home again.

Successful Meeting of Edgefield Cotton Association Saturday in Court House.

The meeting of the Edgefield branch, American Cotton Association, which was called by President B. R. Tillman, last Saturday for the purpose of compiling the acreage reduction pledges, and also to take up the question of marketing of cotton and the retaining of Cotton Grading work together with that of providing means of retaining County Agent work, which was not provided for by the members of the delegation from this county.

The meeting was well attended by farmers and much interest was shown by those present to reinforce the ranks for an attack toward progressiveness.

The results of the campaign for acreage reduction has been successful, about 75 per cent of the leading farmers have signed up and at least 90 per cent of all who have been approached have signed. The results are very flattering to committeemen and those who have assisted in securing the farmers' pledges. It means that the farmers of Edgefield county are determined to combine their efforts for one united purpose.

The failure of the county delegation to take care of these splendid progressive citizens of Edgefield farmers by failure to make the insignificant county appropriation to take care of the County Agent work is regretted. One prominent farmer made the statement that the County Agent work was worth more to him than all the other public offices combined, as he assisted him in every day problems of handling his farm.

However the County Agent is to be retained and the people who are interested in farming should see some of the committeemen who have been appointed to look after the public subscriptions which are being raised to take care of the work, and subscribe such amounts as you care to give.

A committee was appointed to meet Saturday, February 26 at 11 a. m. at the Court House for a conference to lay plans for Cooperative Marketing of cotton in Edgefield county. Mr. F. L. Harkey, Agent in Marketing and Mr. E. C. Parker, Agent in Cotton Marketing Demonstrations of Clemson College will be present at this conference.

A Good Medicine For the Grip.

George W. Waitt, South Gardiner, Me., relates his experience with the grip. "I had the worst cough, cold and grip and had taken a lot of trash of no account. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done me any good whatever. I have used one bottle of it and the cold and grip have left me."

FARMER'S PLEDGE

I, _____, of the county of Edgefield, do certify that I am a farmer and cotton grower, and hereby solemnly promise and agree on my sacred word of honor that during the year 1921 I will not plant in cotton more than one-third of the lands cultivated by me during the year 1920.

And I further promise that I will use whatever influence that I may have with my friends and neighbors to have them sign a like obligation and to co-operate with the county committee in the organization and the work for the said cotton reduction.

Witness:

Miss Florence Mims Writes of Oratorical Contest in the Aurora School.

Dear Advertiser:

On last Thursday evening a preliminary contest in declamation and dramatic reading was held in the Aurora High School. On this occasion two students, a boy and a girl, were selected to represent Aurora in the contest in Hibbing, which takes place March 3rd.

There were eight students trying out and these eight students represented five different nationalities, Finnish, Austrian, English, Swedish, and Irish.

A tiny little sophomore won the first place, giving a selection about a negro hero, Toussaint L'Overture. It was really pathetic to learn afterwards that the little boy's father, though present on the occasion, could not understand a word of English and when the winner's name was announced he did not understand. On being told by his wife, who understood English that their son had won, he thought it too good to be true, and after much explaining was finally made to understand.

The hall was crowded and many were standing. Back of the contestants a huge American flag was hung. The audience was composed of almost every conceivable nationality, and all these people are in the process of becoming good Americans.

The next best thing to hearing one's own teacher read, is to hear one's own pupils. The superintendent stood on the opposite side of the hall from me and the students could not have had two more appreciative listeners than he and I, for the general audience took a general interest, but ours was keenly personal.

The girl who won first place read an O Henry story, "Mammon and the Archer," wherein a good old soap manufacturer proves the fact that money can buy everything, even time.

An audience likes to laugh and pat itself on the back that it sees the point to a complicated story and applauds partly in praise of its own cleverness at understanding and partly at the appreciation of the reader. Applause is a fickle thing and should never be taken too seriously.

Public speaking is a very popular subject on "The Range." Eveleth, a nearby town has two instructors, a dramatic coach and a teacher who does the class room work.

The judges for the contest were the public speaking teacher of Gilbert, the dramatic coach of Eveleth and a lawyer from Biwabik.

Rather late that night after the contest, the superintendent of the Aurora School District, the principal of the Aurora High School and I accompanied the judges to their respective towns, and it was a pleasure to hear their comments of approval on the work which the students had done.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Aurora, Minn., Feb. 16, 1921.

Notice.

A meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held in the Public Library Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. A full attendance is urged.

Mrs. P. M. FELTHAM,
County Chairman.

Week of Prayer at Baptist Church, Beginning February 28th.

Monday afternoon—Our Schools. Leader, Mrs. W. B. Cogburn. Devotions, Mrs. J. W. Peak. Reading, The Man With Two Friends, Miss Jennie Pattison.

Vocal solo, The Ninety and Nine, Mrs. A. B. Carwile. Our Schools, Dr. R. G. Lee. Hymn, "Higher Ground."

Tuesday afternoon: Home Mission Topics: "Cuba and the Negroes." Leader, Mrs. D. B. Hollingsworth. Devotions, Mrs. J. W. Thurmond. Talk: S. B. C. Work in Cuba, Mrs. B. L. Mims.

Light and Darkness, Mrs. J. P. Nixon. Hymn, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

Our Next of Kin, Mrs. J. P. Nixon. Prayer that the problems of the negroes may be properly solved, Mrs. Peak. Hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming."

Wednesday afternoon: "Among the Un-Americanized." Leader, Mrs. Abner Broadwater. Devotions, Mrs. E. J. Norris. "Americanization," Miss Eliza Mims.

Prayer for foreign mothers, Mrs. M. E. Barker. Good Will Centers, Mrs. W. E. Lott.

A Real Valentine, Mrs. W. A. Byrd. Hymn, "Jesus Paid it All."

Thursday afternoon: "Mexicans and Indians." Leader, Mrs. R. G. Lee. "Story of Home Board's Mexican Evangelization," Mrs. M. N. Tillman. Vocal solo, Miss Miriam Norris.

Missions among the American Indians of Oklahoma, Mrs. W. M. Mooney. Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Long Branch Items.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott took a business trip to Ward recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Williams and family spent the week-end with relatives at Warrentonville.

Miss Bessie Thompson of Ridge Spring spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thompson. From her home she went to Atlanta for a business trip of several days.

Mrs. W. L. Rutland and two daughters of Ridge Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Watson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lott recently.

Pierce, Albert and J. D. Herrin visited relatives near Johnston a few days ago.

A. M. Herrin who has been in a hospital in Augusta for several weeks is expected home within the next few days.

The Long Branch school is planning to celebrate Washington's birthday.

Mrs. George Rhoden and family of Eureka visited Mrs. Jim Clark recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Derrick gave the financial committee of Philippi church a dining one day last week.

Harry Scott of Harmony community spent last Saturday night with his uncle, G. W. Scott.

Misses Chloe Rhoden and Daisy

Belle Clark visited Miss Ruth Scott recently.

J. B. Thompson and Fletcher Derrick took a pleasure trip to Augusta Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Sexton and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Claxton last Sunday. They took tea with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thompson Sunday night.

Miss Lizzie Harvey, Cecil Scott and Jasper Derrick recited beautiful selections at Philippi Sunday school last Sunday.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was a Valentine party given by Miss Lizzie Harvey to the pupils of the seventh and ninth grades of Long Branch school and to a few other guests. This party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott. The parlor was attractively decorated with festoons of hearts extending from the four corners of the room to the chandelier in the centre, also over the windows and a large bowl of violets and vases of daffodils; the hall was decorated with pot plants such as ferns and hyacinths. The guests were met at the hall door by Mrs. G. W. Scott and Miss Cleo Attaway. Miss Harvey welcomed them at the parlor door.

Beautiful piano music was rendered by Misses Daisy Belle and Thelma Clark. Various games were played during the evening such as "What, Where, What," "Ring on String," "Faith, Hope, Charity," a stunt, "Picture in a Spoon." Two contests: "A Floral Love Story" and a picture contest, the prizes, a box of candy and a bag of kisses were won by Misses Farra Salter and Nelle Ferguson.

A large Valentine box was stuffed with Valentines, the reading of these and also the fortunes, turning much amusement. The favors were cards with a fortune written on them and a red heart in one corner.

Miss Harvey served five kinds of delicious home made candy. Everybody had a good time.

Rev. G. M. Sexton preached a stirring sermon on "Prayer" (Neh. 1:4) at Philippi Sunday afternoon.

County Essay Contest.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this county is getting ready to send each teacher at an early date literature on the two subjects for essays. For boys and girls over 14 the subject will be Law Enforcement, for those under that age, "Why Our State Has a Law Against the Cigarette?" For the best on each subject, \$5.00 will be awarded, for second best on each subject \$2.00. The teachers are requested to require each child to try as an English lesson, and thus help the movement to arouse our people everywhere to more earnest thinking along these lines. The contest will close March 15, when all essays are expected to be in the hands of Mrs. Tillman at Edgefield. If the teachers of this county can get the people in their respective communities to thinking along these important lines through the enthusiasm of the children, it will be a great benefit to our county.

Apply to Mrs. Tillman for suggestions. A very good plan is to select some speaker from your community or elsewhere to speak to the children on these subjects and allow them to take notes which they can use in writing their papers.

The Metropolitan Glee Club Coming.

The Metropolitan Glee Club will be here Monday night, February 28, at 8:15 in the Opera House. This is one of the finest quartets to be found, and in sending them to us Mr. Bryan, the manager of the Piedmont Bureau says they are one hundred per cent. That they never fail to please, and because he could not send the Copley quintet he is sending something better. This company is a more expensive one than any we have ever had and we want to show our appreciation by giving them a fine house.

FOR RENT: The Julian R. Strother plantation cheap. Five-horse farm, but will rent in smaller tracts. All under wire for pasturage. Apply to - BOX 95, Edgefield, S. C. 2-23-2t

Mrs. Ennett Writes Interesting Letters From Edinburgh, Scotland.

Royal Station Hotel, York, England, Jan., 11, 1921.

My dear Mother:

We are stopping here for the night on our way to Edinburgh, the second stop we've made this morning since leaving London.

The trip was most beautiful, as we came through a very fine farm and stock-raising country, the home of the South-down sheep and Longhorn cattle. You can not imagine the high state of cultivation this land has been brought up to. Every field is a garden and no ordinary garden at that. All the roads and fields are bordered with the neatest of hedgerows, and when no crops are growing the ground is hidden under the greenest of well mowed grass. This is one place where our careless methods in America show up worse by contrast than any other. Our farms seem rough and crude after seeing these, yet in such things as hotels and modern improvements we can give them "cards and spades."

Since coming into this room a party of young men walked in and one of them came up and introduced himself. They recognized us as Americans and Southern Americans at that. The boys are from the South and are Cecil Rhodes' scholarship boys at school at Oxford. They were in camp at Camp Jackson. Isn't it strange how small the world is!

Our Southern accent gives us away wherever we go, yet I know it will take a full month after I get home to drop off English expressions that will attach themselves to our speech like cockle-burrs.

This is one of England's very old towns and has a Cathedral, Abbey etc. which attract the tourist. Also remains of an old Roman wall. I will write you more fully about them tomorrow.

On January 13, the famous boxing match takes place, for which so many American sportsmen came over with us on the Imperator. I was too seasick to see anything of them, but Mr. Ennett must have made an impression for we just can't lose them. They offered him a free ticket which costs ten pounds, so it is hard to get his mind back to Cathedrals after that. They seem a jolly, attractive bunch, but what do you think of men coming all this distance to see a fight. I hope the American will win, but there my interest ceases.

We expect to be on this Edinburgh trip only through Saturday, and then return to London. There are so many places to see that it is hard to draw the line, but there is no use trying to do too much and we are going to draw it soon.

Tell me if you got the candy I sent you from New York. I have an umbrella for you later. Be sure to write No. 11 Rue Scribe, Paris.

Goodnight and best love.

GRACE.

Royal British Hotel, Princess St., Edinburgh, Jan. 12, 1921.

My dearest Mother:

The trip from York to Edinburgh was made this afternoon in about five hours on an express train with only one stop, which was at Newcastle. I have heard of the "coal of Newcastle" all my life but can add two more assured facts to that bit of information. It is a city of about three hundred thousand people, and it has its share of cold as well as coal. The weather here has been fierce, for between fogs and smoke it was almost impossible to get a clear impression of the scenery such as we had all day yesterday from the train.

It seemed (from the glimpse we had now and then) the landscape becomes more rolling—almost mountainous in places—which I imagine must be the mining districts. The ground was covered with snow, and if there were any black mines, they were well camouflaged under their white mantle.

York was such a queer sort of place it seemed a pity not to stay longer, but we simply can't take in everything. It is a walled city built by the Romans in the year 400 A. D. We climbed on top and walked until our feet

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