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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Public Library Opened. Memorial Day Observed April 22. Miss Claxton Won First Prize.

The town library was opened to public on Friday afternoon, and this was a red letter day to those who have faithfully labored to this end. The meeting was opened with scripture and prayers by Rev. W. S. Brooke. The library room is over the Farmers and Merchants bank and is a very attractive room, with its 140 volumes ready to be read, and interested friends of the library have hung curtains, given a desk and chairs, and as a first beginning, everything is most promising.

The opening hours were from 4 to 6, and Mrs. J. H. White welcomed each one with a hearty handshake, there being 50 who came to view the new library, several bringing a book to contribute. Punch and cake were served, the chief topic of conversation being suggestions and plans for the work.

The annual dues for membership are \$1.00. A large contribution of books is expected from the American Library association, these being given with the request that all soldiers of world war have free access to them. Juvenile books have been contributed from another source.

Over 100 have already joined and it is hoped that all interested will soon hand in their names. Every member added makes just that much stronger a library, and it is the wish that before long the books will be placed in a Carnegie library.

This year the Mary Ann Bue chapter, U. D. C., will observe Memorial Day on April 22nd. May 10th is the regular day, but owing to several conditions the chapter has decided to use the above date, one reason being that in April flowers are more plentiful than by May 10th. The memorial exercises will be held in the afternoon, 4 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

Mr. Marion Lott returned on Saturday morning from the Baptist hospital in Atlanta, where he has been for the past month following a serious operation. Mr. and Mrs. Lott have been with him during this time, accompanying him home. It is a source of great pleasure and thankfulness to all to know that Marion is doing well. The great courage and fortitude with which he has borne his suffering is wonderful.

Mrs. W. C. Connerly is spending two weeks in the home of her father, Mr. P. B. Waters.

Miss Sara Norris visited in Columbia last week.

Mr. Robert Cartledge of Greenwood spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Ben Wright.

Mrs. James White spent Tuesday in Columbia and attended the State Tubercular association meeting, she being chairman of this work in Edgefield county.

In the county contest, arranged by the W. C. T. U. of which Mrs. Mamie Tillman had charge, Miss Ida Claxton, of the Johnston High School has the honor of winning the first prize, being in the 9th grade, and Miss Helen Yonce of the 10th grade received honorable mention. Miss Elizabeth Lott of Edgefield won the second prize. The subject for the essay contest was "What a Year of Prohibition Has Meant to Our Country."

Mr. William G. Templeton died at his home here during the early hours of Monday morning, and while his death was not unexpected, it was a shock and brought much sadness.

The cause of his death was leakage of the heart with other complications. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Carrie Eidson, and four children, the oldest nearly 16 years of age, also two sisters and several brothers. After their marriage they made their home in another part of the state, coming here about three years ago to live. During this time Mr. Templeton won the love and highest esteem of all. He was a man of high ideals, kind and gentle, a true Christian, a most devoted husband and father. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. David Kellar, who paid a beautiful tribute to this exemplary Christian life.

The interment took place in the Mt. of Olives cemetery, the casket being

covered with flowers from sympathizing friends.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Harry Strother and Mrs. Wallace Turner entertained the Young Matrons' club, the occasion being in the home of the former. Besides the 12 members there were several guests.

After chatting and fancy work an amusing contest was had and the prize fell to Mrs. Howard Payne. Mrs. Joe Cox and Mrs. Heber Ballentine drew for the consolation, it falling to the former.

The hostess served a dainty salad course followed by frozen cream and cake.

Mrs. J. W. Marsh spent last week in Columbia and attended the State meeting of the Presbytery, going as delegate from the Presbyterian Mission Society.

Mrs. Frank Bland is at home from a month's stay in Darlington with her sister, Mrs. I. T. Welling.

Mrs. Bartow Walsh entertained the members of the Narcosa club very pleasantly on Friday afternoon, and with this cordial hostess the afternoon was one of many enjoyments. A delicious repast was served after music.

Mrs. David Philips of Springfield has been for a visit to relatives.

Mrs. P. B. Waters visited relatives in Augusta last week.

Mr. John A. Suber spent Sunday in Columbia with his sister.

Mrs. Finley of Florida is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hester.

Mrs. Annie P. Lewis, Miss Marie Lewis and Messrs. Elliot and Archie Lewis attended the burial of Mr. John Bell Towill, at Batesburg on Sunday last.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary Baptist church, during the past week made a large package of hospital supplies which will be used in the hospital in Chengchow, China. Several of the members completing the course in surgical dressing when the class was organized here during the world war, were qualified for such work, and it was a great pleasure to the young women to be able to prepare this box of articles for use, which the auxiliary has already sent to Mrs. Boatwright, State chairman.

Dr. Pruitt of Anderson will have charge of this hospital at Chengchow and it is an especial pleasure to the young women in making these, as Mrs. Pruitt, who was Miss Mary Cullum of Batesburg, is a warm friend of some of the members, and during the world war, taught surgical dressing classes with one of the Johnston young women in seven of the towns.

The music club met with Mrs. C. P. Corn on Tuesday afternoon, the chief business being in hearing a report of the recent Federation at Camden, this being given by Mrs. L. S. Maxwell, and impressions were given by others who attended.

The club is planning for an entertainment to be given in a few weeks, which will probably be a May fete.

The subject of the musical program was "Music Inspired by Birds," an enjoyable program being rendered. The hostess served a dainty salad course with coffee.

The sixth grade of the High School enjoyed a picnic on Friday at Lovers' Leap, the merry crowd leaving the campus at 11:30 o'clock, being accompanied by Misses Edna Bailey and Ella Jacobs. The beautiful woods, the branch and other attractions held the picnic crowd until the sun had set. Some, for the first time had a flying ride on "tree riding horses," but minded not the falls.

Teachers Notice.

The next regular teachers' examination will be held Saturday, May 7. Notice is hereby given that only certificates issued by The State Board of Examiners are valid, and no teacher will be paid next school year without such certificate. Any teacher holding a temporary permit that expires June 30, 1921, must take the examination. A valid certificate must be presented with first pay-warrant next term. Be sure that you can qualify before you accept a school or begin work. White applicants will report for examination at the Edgefield High School building; colored applicants, at Macedonia.

W. W. FULLER,
Co. Supt. Education.

Methodists Will Raise Large Fund For Their Schools and College.

Methodists of South Carolina will have an opportunity to do big things for the educational institutions of Methodist church, South, May 29 to June 5, in subscribing to the \$33,000,000 fund to equip better and endow their schools, colleges and universities. Columbia college will get \$300,000; Wofford college, Spartanburg, will get \$500,000; Carlisle school, Bamberg, \$75,000; Lander college, Greenwood, \$300,000; Horry industrial school, Aynor, \$75,000; Textile industrial institute, Spartanburg, \$50,000; Wofford fitting school, Spartanburg, \$75,000.

The quota for the Upper South Carolina conference, in which the churches of Columbia are more directly interested, is \$1,117,500. C. C. Featherstone of Greenwood is the financial director for the Upper conference and the Rev. J. C. Roper of Chester is the educational secretary. The quota for the South Carolina conference is \$1,149,500. Leland Moore of Charleston is the financial director and the Rev. G. E. Edwards of Orangeburg, the educational secretary.

Those subscribing to the movement will have five years in which to pay their obligations.

J. H. Reynolds, the director general, speaking of the movement, says that "the Christian education movement was scheduled for 1921 by the general conference of 1918. The movement comes, therefore, at a time when our country has just emerged from a period of unusual prosperity and prodigal extravagance and is entering upon that era of financial depression and frugal economy we have all known must come. If the church now exercises large faith and inspires courage in the people, she will lay the foundations for great spiritual fortunes in the near future."

The Christian education movement of the Methodist church, South, has an allotment of \$1,000,000 in its budget as an aid fund to educate the boys and girls for Christian life service. In broad terms, the movement proposes to raise \$3,000,000, the minimum sum necessary to enable them to send out the constantly increasing stream of educated Christian leaders required to carry forward the Christian work of the world; to deepen the moral and spiritual life of the people of the church and to promote a spirit of Christian liberality in all the efforts put forth in behalf of education; to lead at least 5,000 young men and women to devote their lives to the ministry, to mission or to some other form of effective service; to promote the cause of Christian education by bringing about a closer and more effective cooperation between the institutions of learning and the Sunday school, and by establishing strong departments of education in the colleges and universities of the church.

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford college, well known to every South Carolinian, is assistant director general of the Christian education movement, and is traveling over the country speaking in its behalf. Speaking of the cause, he says: "It will bring home to the schools and colleges the special nature of their obligation to make even a larger contribution to the progress made before, and so to organize their courses and work out their policies that theirs shall be the duty of being the servants of all the great interests whereby the church itself grows into a more intelligent and powerful agency for spiritualizing the whole life of the world."—The State.

Don't Stop.

When some one stops advertising some one stops buying;
When some one stops buying some one stops selling;
When some one stops selling some one stops making;
When some one stops making some one stops earning;
When some one stops earning everybody stops buying.
Keep Going.
—Spartanburg Herald.

We will clean your Ford motor and put in fresh oil for \$1.25.

YONCE & MOONEY.

Miss Florence Mims Writes of Night School Banquet Among the Foreigners.

Dear Advertiser:

Almost all my life I have heard of night schools, but not until this winter have I come in direct contact with the movement. In Aurora it is the vast majority who actually need to learn to speak and write the English language. All winter classes have been held and the grown up people, men and women, who have children in school come with books under their arms to study and learn what they know in their various languages, but do not know in ours.

Several experienced teachers have charge of these classes which meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Wednesday night was the last time these students would meet for study this year and a lovely banquet was given by the school board for them in the hall of one of the large school buildings. Only the foreigners and their teachers were present, and a few others, including myself, who were fortunate enough to be on the program.

I say fortunate, for it was one of the most peculiarly interesting affairs I have ever attended.

Ranged along the sides of the long table were people with foreign faces, and very foreign accent, who were attending a banquet for the first time in their lives, most probably. An orchestra played during the meal, and I tried to entertain the two foreigners who sat on either side of me, a Mrs. Prosnick, a Slavonian, and a man whose name was Ludwig Kerkula. I looked at his place card and discovered that, and since this gave me a little clue to his race, I looked at him, and though the name sounded Austrian, the face looked Norwegian. I began to talk about the weather or the occasion, or some such uninteresting topic, and got would-be enthusiastic responses which I am sure he intended for English. Finally I asked him what country he came from and he began to talk about Minnesota, and thinking he did not understand, I asked again. After much struggling to get the words pronounced right, and properly arranged in a sentence he told me that he was born and reared in this state, and had had no opportunity for an education. To me it was incredible, and it is a good thing that he could not see my thoughts mirrored in my face, as they chased through my brain.

He must have lived in a remote Finnish settlement (I found later that he was a Finn), where only Finns live and where the English language did not reach. Surely the long, strong arm of the compulsory education law will penetrate to the homes of all in this generation, so that no citizen born in this country will have his tongue tied by the stifling customs and the lingering European language of his forebears.

No one can properly shoulder the responsibilities developing upon a citizen, unless he has had an equality of opportunity.

These people do not lack ambition, or they would not come to these night classes. He told me that he preferred not to make a speech, though he had consented to do so, because great things would be expected of a seemingly foreign born and reared in this country, and his thoughts were so handicapped by having to express themselves through the medium of such broken English. I was sorry for him, and provoked at myself, that I had managed to accumulate so much ignorance in spite of my opportunities.

The different ones present were called upon to tell why they came to America, and for the first time I really wished I could write short hand, in order to keep some of the very fine things in mind which they said.

Almost without exception, they said sooner or later in their talks that the chance to earn a good living and work under a Democratic government had a great deal to do with their leaving Europe. They repeated parts of the Constitution, or various patriotic quotations, with conviction, but rather like children who had learned the words to a new lesson. Sometime they would stop entirely and think until they had the idea translated and then start again, while all present, especially we Americans, waited expectantly.

One Finn, in particular, made a very excellent speech, and compared the Finnish schools with the American ones saying that in the old country he walked three and a half miles to school over roads that were hardly passable, while here in Aurora the children are brought to school in heated omnibusses from eight miles out in the country.

It was almost pathetic to note the pride over his citizenship that one expressed. He had been over here long enough to get papers, and after that he went back to visit his old parents who did not recognize him after his long stay in America. When he arrived at the New York harbor on his return he stepped off the boat with as much a sense of possession of the country as though his ancestors had come over on the Mayflower, while his companions went to Ellis Island to go through much entangling red tape before being admitted to this country. That was the substance of what he said.

A tremendous flag hung on the wall along the side of the table, and at the conclusion of the rather lengthy program, we all arose and gave the salute to the flag and sang America, and I almost believe that these people, so newly transplanted from Europe, sang it with a peculiar fervor that we who could actually say, "land where our fathers died," could hardly do.

Such an effect does the sudden change from Czardom to freedom have on a people.

FLORENCE MIMS.
Aurora, Minnesota.
April 10, 1921.

News From Epworth.

Dear Advertiser:

Here I come again. We are having some very cold weather. Most of the vegetables and fruit crops are killed.

Most of the people of this community and around Kirksey are on the sick list with measles, whooping cough, mumps and small pox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ouzts and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. G. Boone spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Freeland.

Mrs. Nancy Ouzts is on a pleasant visit to her son, Mr. J. E. Ouzts of Greenwood.

Miss Minnie Lee Adams was the guest of Mrs. E. T. Chappell last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Ben Dorn and Miss Grace Ouzts called on Miss Ethel Ouzts last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Ouzts.

Miss Mattie and Master Furman Freeland attended divine services at Good Hope last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watkins spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Freeland.

Mr. Sumter Gillian of Good Hope spent the day with Mr. R. L. Adams last Sunday.

Mr. Ivy DeLoach is a hustling young man. He makes his regular round in our community once every week.

Everybody is looking forward to Children's Day third Sunday in May at McKendree.

Miss Jewell Faulkner has finished a course in book keeping at Lander College. At present she is at home.

The store of Mr. J. L. Ouzts of Kirksey was broken open on the night of April sixth, by unknown parties. Many goods were stolen, also some money.

The Oak Grove school, taught by Mrs. C. T. Carson closed recently with an entertainment which was greatly enjoyed by the people.

"WHITE ROSE."
Epworth, S. C.

Candidate for Cotton Weigher.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of public cotton weigher for the town of Edgefield. I have served only one term and the experience I have gained will enable me to render more efficient service in the future. If elected for a second term, I pledge the same faithful and impartial service that I have rendered in the past.

W. G. Byrd.

FOR SALE: Towers, Tanks, Windmills, Motors, Pumps and Jacks. See C. N. WEATHERS.
3-16-3tpd.

Senator Dial Introduces Cotton Measure.

Washington, April 18.—Senator Dial of South Carolina has again introduced a proposed amendment to the cotton futures act which would have tendency to break the strangle hold which, he charges, the cotton exchanges have on the cotton producers.

It appears to be the consensus of opinion that the Dial amendment will have a better opportunity at passage than the amendment of former Senator Comer of Alabama. The amendment of the former senator passed the senate, but failed in the house as result of the activity of representatives of cotton states which produce only low grade cotton. It was their contention that the Comer amendment would have eliminated a market for their product.

Senator Dial declares that his amendment would not only eliminate a market, but would probably create a market. Under his scheme, any purchaser from a cotton exchange could demand one-half of his purchase in any two of the ten legal grades, and the cotton exchange could deliver the remaining half in any two of the ten legal grades.

"Both sides to the transaction," said Senator Dial, "have an even break. Under the law as it is today, a cotton exchange has the power to deliver a quantity of purchased cotton in either one of the ten grades it desires. The man who buys has absolutely no chance. On the face of things, that is not fair. It is not right. Such a scheme would not hold good if applied to any articles or goods purchased. If the producer of potatoes was legally authorized to dispose of his potatoes without consulting the purchaser, very naturally the purchaser would receive only low grade potatoes. And if the purchaser had the entire option, the producer of course could sell only his very excellent potatoes."

The same natural law applies to cotton transactions. Therefore neither the seller nor the buyer should have the sole right of option. It is that evil which I am attempting to eradicate. I am not trying to put the cotton exchanges out of business. I am not trying to reduce the ten grades now tenderable under law on cotton exchanges. I am simply trying to secure a fair deal for the man who buys cotton from exchanges.

"To get such a fair deal is, in my opinion, the most important issue facing the South today. It is my conviction that the system as it prevails at present costs the South millions of dollars per annum."

Cultivation of Peanuts.

Peanuts are very tender plants and need warm, pleasant weather for germination and early growth. Planting should not be done too early. This is a warm weather plant.

Early cultivation of peanuts should begin as soon as possible to get a start of weeds and to keep the surface soil mulched and in fine condition.

Experience shows that cultivation may begin before the plants are above the ground and if the soil is in good condition covering the young plants will not injure them. Sweeps on the cultivator as for the first cultivation of cotton is found suitable under many conditions. If the ground is a little cloddy a harrow or a spring-tooth cultivator will be serviceable.

Cultivation of peanut soil should be frequent and painstaking. The "legs" or pod-bearing runners, should have mellow soil in which to grow and bear.—Farm and Ranch.

Notice to Taxpayers.

All persons who have not paid their taxes for 1920 will take notice that the time allowed for payment with three per cent, penalty added will expire with the night of April 30. On and after May 1 the penalty will be seven per cent. After the night of May 15 the books will close and, as provided by law, will be turned over to the sheriff.

J. L. PRINCE,
County Treasurer.
April 19, 1921.

A large shipment of the well known Martha Washington sheets arrived this week.

RUBENSTEIN.