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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Potato Growers' Association Formed. Mary Ann Buie Chapter. Reception to Mrs. Halford.

The following news item, which comes from the Chamber of Commerce will be of especial interest to farmers:

It appears that a determined effort to dethrone King Cotton is being made in this community.

In addition to peaches, asparagus and tobacco, which have been grown successfully here, the present indications are that there will be a number of cars of Irish potatoes shipped shortly. There is to be a large acreage in sweet potatoes.

Faith in the latter crop is shown by the organization of a Sweet Potato Growers' Association, with a large acreage pledged. Plans have just been perfected for the building of a potato curing house of 15,000 bushels capacity during the summer, the contract for the lumber having been let and a location on the railroad secured. This enterprise is backed by about 40 farmers and business men.

Mr. A. B. Carwile, our energetic County Agent, has announced that he will have four office days each month at Johnston, being located at the office of Sawyer and Milford, where all farmers are urged to call on him. There are hundreds of ways in which Mr. Carwile can help you solve your problems of the farm and he will gladly cooperate with you if you will call on him.

Miss Mary Guinn of Spartanburg, has been for a visit to Mrs. L. C. Lattimer. Several years ago Miss Guinn taught music in the high school here, so has many warm friends who cordially greeted her. At present she and her sister are conducting a special school of music at Spartanburg.

Mrs. Bartow Walsh and Billie are at home from a visit to Sumter.

Mrs. G. D. Walker is spending a while in North Carolina.

Mrs. Carrie Dorn of Meeting Street is the guest of her niece, Miss Orlena Cartledge.

Master Billie Turner celebrated his third birthday on Saturday afternoon, by inviting some of his little friends to come and spend a while with him. It was a very pretty sight to see the little ones as they enjoyed various games out of doors, and they romped and played to their hearts' content. Later they all marched into the dining room where they all had ice cream and cake, and each had a little box of candies to enjoy. A large cake with three pink tapers decorated the table. Billie's friends all gave him pretty gifts in honor of the occasion.

Mary Ann Buie chapter, U. D. C., observed memorial day here in an appropriate manner during the afternoon of the day.

A speaker had been selected for the day, but his being unable to attend was not known in time to make arrangements for another, so only very simple exercises had to be followed out.

The daughters met at the Presbyterian church nearby the cemetery, and flowers were placed on the fifty-nine graves of the veterans. Garlands of flowers were also placed on the monument to the confederate dead.

On last Tuesday evening the playlet, "Snow White", was presented here under the auspices of the High School, the proceeds to be used in fitting up the play grounds. Over \$100 was cleared.

The young people all did well, the play being well suited to them.

Johnston is beginning to experience some of the road situation that Edgefield had during the winter, which was the result of putting in water works. On Main street Friday, there were six cars at one time completely stuck in the mud and some sections of the town cannot be reached with cars at all.

Mrs. H. W. Crouch entertained with a large reception at Oral Oaks, on last Monday, in honor of her daughter, Mrs. James H. Halford, of Dillon who had just arrived for a first visit since the recent marriage.

The lower floor was ensuite and was lavishly decorated in pink roses

and sweet peas, and the many prettily gowned ladies and sweet music, made it all a very pretty affair.

All the rooms were lighted with pink lights.

About seventy five guests came during the afternoon, these being received by Mesdames C. P. Corn, Archie Lewis, J. L. Walker, and Walter Sawyer.

Punch and sandwiches were served in the library by Mrs. J. W. Cox and Miss Elise Mobley, Miss Antoinette Denny furnishing music.

In the parlor the receiving line was composed of the hostess and honoree, Mrs. Leland Miller, Mrs. Julian Bland, Mrs. Lovic Smith, Mrs. L. S. Maxwell, Mrs. Lester Broadwater.

The guests were carried to the dining room by Mrs. O. D. Black, and served with pink and white block cream and angel-food cake by Mesdames M. W. Crouch, James Tompkins, J. Howard Pagne, Misses Sue Smith Maud Sawyer, Ella Jacobs, and Pearl Witt.

The table was lovely with garlands of maline and sweet peas, a silver basket of sweet peas being the centerpiece.

The affair was one of much beauty and pleasure.

Mrs. Emma Mace and her sister, Miss Agnes Griffin, of Marion, are guests of their cousin, Mrs. Bessie Bean.

Mrs. O. D. Black and Miss Zena Payne were joint hostesses for the Apollo music club on Tuesday afternoon. Besides the members the visitors here were also invited, and the meeting was a very pleasant one, the subject study being attractive.

The meeting was held in the home of the former, Miss Antoinette Denny leading.

The club having offered a prize for the best average in music in high school, the committee was asked to have this on hand, if possible, so that it might be presented at the musical recital during commencement.

Chorus books were distributed, the members having recently purchased these.

The program led by Mrs. Joe Cox had as its subject, Music Relating to Flowers, Mrs. J. W. Marsh giving a fine paper and Mrs. W. S. Brooke musical events.

Piano selections: Mesdames L. S. Maxwell, Mims Walker, E. B. Dasher, T. R. Hoyt and John Milne, voice: Mrs. C. P. Corn and Miss Frances Turner.

After the programme a tempting salad course, with iced tea was served. A social while was spent, all enjoying being with the visitors, all being warm friends.

The "Microbe of Love" which was presented by the Edgefield Troupe, here on Saturday evening, was heartily enjoyed by all that attended. The parts were each given well, and the town is to be congratulated on possessing so much talent.

The Senior and Junior classes of the High school enjoyed a reception on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

This was a very happy occasion and besides the members of the classes, there were a number of other friends.

Mrs. O. D. Black, as First state vice-president of the U. D. C., has been invited to bring greetings from the South Carolina division of the U. D. C., to the veterans as they gather in their annual re-union, which invitation she accepted, and will attend.

The re-union will be at Camden, May the 18 th. and 19 th.

Mrs. Black has been appointed matron of honor at camp McHenry, of this place.

Mrs. Alice Cox and James Robert are visiting Mrs. Paul Perry at Peak.

Mr. Frank Suber has been visiting his niece, Mrs. W. B. Yonce, at Edgefield.

The High school closes with this week, and on Sunday May 22, the commencement sermon will be presented at the school auditorium.

The graduating exercises will take place on Monday evening.

The manual training class has made a number of attractive articles, and the young gentlemen will have these displayed in the library for the inspection of any who wish to see their work.

The articles are useful, and sev-

County Agent Work to Cover County.

Clemson College has realized that in order to have County Agent work reach the maximum number of farmers in the various counties that there must be a more definite schedule and program of work to be done than has ever been maintained. Under the old custom of a County Agent jumping from place to place as he is called and looking after demonstrations with only a small per centage of the farmers, the entire mass of farmers is not only directly benefited, but indirectly he is very much benefited. In order to correct the mistaken idea that the County Agent only aids a few, Clemson College is working out a plan to organize each county into community groups and then direct the agents to work through these groups to aid the farmers through community organizations and as a community and not as individuals.

In order to put Edgefield county in better shape for community work, County Agent Carwile has made plans to have an office located at Johnston, as well as Edgefield, so that he may have a headquarters for the work in the lower section of the county. Mr. Carwile says that about eight days of each month are required for office work; therefore he has planned to have four office days each month at Johnston and four at Edgefield. Below is given the schedule to be followed:

Edgefield office, in rear of Court House, next to Cantelou's stables, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, and 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

Johnston office, with Sawyer and Milford; 1st and 3rd Mondays and 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

All 5th Saturdays and 5th Mondays will be spent either in the Edgefield office or at field work over the county.

Working in cooperation with the farmers' clubs that now exist in the county and with those that will be organized in the future, County Agent work should reach throughout the county and be a direct benefit to every farmer in the county.

Residence Burned.

Saturday morning about five o'clock the residence on Columbia street owned by Mrs. T. G. Talbert of Parkville and occupied by Mr. L. G. Miller and Mr. Charlie Weathers and their families was burned. There was considerable delay in giving the alarm, owing to the inability to get telephone connection, consequently the fire company did not reach the burning building in time to save it. The outbuildings on the premises were saved through their efforts. Neither Mr. Miller nor Mr. Weathers saved any of their furniture or personal effects, their loss being quite heavy. Mrs. Talbert carried \$1,500 insurance on the building. Just how the fire originated is not known.

Money From Bonds Received.

Persons who hold claims against the county that were approved and not paid last year can now get their money, as Supervisor A. A. Edmunds is rapidly paying out the funds received from the sale of the bonds issued to pay off all past indebtedness. Better come at once and get your check before it is all paid out.

Several have had offers to sell these, but they were asked to leave these until after commencement.

Prof. Stanton Lott has had this class in charge and it has proved very appreciating one to the students.

Mrs. W. S. Brooke was taken suddenly ill Sunday, and early Monday it was found that she would have to undergo an operation for Gall stone.

Accompanied by her father, Mr. Fulton, and her physician she was taken to the hospital.

Her husband, Rev. W. S. Brooke, who was in Chattanooga attending was wired for.

Mrs. Huiet Waters received a message last week telling her of the death of her brother, Mr. Osbourne.

He resided in one of the western states so owing to the distance, Mrs. Waters did not attend the funeral. Her friends deeply sympathize with her sudden sorrow.

Miss Florence Mims Visits Ely Lake, Minnesota.

Dear Advertiser:

I sometimes wonder why so many lakes should be distributed over the middle west, and especially in Minnesota, and why one or two might not have been sunk into the red clay soil of Edgefield county.

When nature bestows any blessings, she gives them lavishly, lakes and primeval forests, wonderful climate and rich mines.

The huge blocks of ice preserved for the summer and taken from the surface of the lakes could more profitably be used in South Carolina than in Minnesota. But Minnesota has to read her history into the future wondering what great things will have been wrought when it has been as long settled a state of South Carolina is at the present time.

Yesterday in looking through some books in the school library, I came across two pictures of John C. Calhoun and one of the cotton wharves at Charleston. Being so far away from my native state gives me a sense of ownership, a sense of state pride, that separation seems only to magnify.

When I began these more or less poorly connected paragraphs, I intended to write about a trip to Ely Lake, but when my thoughts travel over a thousand miles to the South, they travel like lightning on the home ward journey, but very slowly creep back to Minnesota, hence my lingering on the more attractive subject of South Carolina.

Ely Lake is a blue body of water, bounded by shores of rugged wilderness that jut out into the water with overhanging boughs of pine. If we had lakes in the South, we couldn't have white birch trees along their shores and that is half the scene.

By some strange chance, the camps which are for the use of visitors like ourselves, were all being painted. At any other time I would not have cared, but that day of all days to be rehabilitating our only means of transportation over the water, was maddening.

We had all had visions of ourselves lying lazily in the boats or striving to propel the oars while we glided over the blue waters in our green canoes, perhaps singing a song to the rhythm of our oar strokes and foraging for wild flowers like vikings along the shores; but having a vivid imagination only made it the worse, so we sat on motionless logs and talked.

It is odd, how on such occasions, some girls will naturally attend to gathering sticks and building a fire, preparatory to cooking the noon meal and to frying the ham, and setting the coffee pot above the coals, while the rest of us, in just as matter of fact manner, sit and look on, unheeding.

I don't say, though, that those who fixed the meal did it with a sense of enjoyment, which excused us from the service.

The dinner gong was not one of sound, but one of sight, for seeing the tempting food, we immediately gathered around the family board, which was in this case any grassy spot that looked tempting.

It is not always that one has a neighborly chipmunk to divide with, so we threw one the crumbs that fell from our table and he was satisfied.

But the main thing was the good company, and though Minnesota has the better scenery, it can not rival South Carolina for excellency of companionship.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Aurora, Minnesota.
May 11, 1921.

Meeting of Music Club.

The Philharmonic Club was delightfully entertained Wednesday afternoon, by a recital of the music pupils of Miss Margaret May. The meeting was held in the Baraca room of the Baptist church, Miss May being hostess.

The first number was a duet "Jolly Darkies" by Frances Louise and Mary Loreen Townsend. Martha Thurmond played "Heart's Ease Waltz". Margaret Lyon played "Red Roses", followed by a duet, "I Begin", by Pauline and Earnest Quarles. Another solo, "Dolly's Dream", was played by Caro Louise Cheatham. Effie Allan Lott played "Win-

ning Jockey" after which Hammie Scurry gave "June Roses". A duet, "Playing Tag was played by Juanita Hightower and Magdalene Redd. Sara Hughes played "Flower Fairies Waltz" followed by "Wayside Flowers" by Frances Louise Townsend. Mary Lyon and Addie Sue McClelland played a duet "Bicycle Waltz". Magdalene Redd played a solo, "The Secret". Ocean Spray" was played by Mary Loreen Townsend, after which Sarah Hughes and Effie Allan Lott played "Flying Doves", which concluded this musical program.

Mrs. Tillman gave a few words about the life of Geraldine Farrar and Miss Elizabeth Rainsford sang "Si Mes Ver" one of the numbers on Miss Farrar's program in her recent concert in Augusta. Miss Miriam Norris sang "Songs My Mother Taught Me" and "One Fine Day" also numbers sung by Miss Farrar.

Mr. Blalock, who was the visitor for the afternoon, presented the prize offered by the club to the pupil making the best records for the year. This went to Mary Loreen Townsend who is talented in the musical art. The music club voted Sarah Hughes the best performer for the afternoon, and expressed its appreciation by a bouquet of sweet peas.

At the close of the program delightful refreshments were served.

Evangelist Bridgers' Meeting.

Mr. Bridgers with his singer, Homer S. Jenkins will arrive Saturday to begin the Evangelistic Campaign in Edgefield. Mr. Bridgers has just closed a meeting at Radford Va., and is resting a few days at his home in Gainsville, Ga.

Owing to the change in the date of the meeting the tent will not be available until May 23. The tent engaged is 90 x 110 and will seat 1200 people. It will probably be the middle of the week before the tent arrives. In the meantime the services will be opened in the Methodist church. There will be two services on Sunday the first day of the meeting. One at 11 o'clock and another at 8 o'clock.

It is desired that those who sing in the various church choirs will join the big Chorus Choir which Mr. Jenkins will organize upon his arrival. The meeting will continue for two or three weeks. It is sincerely hoped that the meeting at this most opportune time will bring a great blessing to the community.

Baptists Busy at Convention.

Chattanooga, May 14.—The Southern Baptist convention had a busy day today. The first business to come up at this morning's session of the 66th annual convention was a report on Bible institute, followed by educational boards.

The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted largely to the consideration of foreign missions.

During the past convention year there were 173,595 new Baptists, according to a report to the convention by the department of survey. This brings the total membership of churches affiliated with the convention to 3,199,005.

In the report it was shown there are within the bounds of the convention 967 district associations, 27,444 local churches, 20,420 Sunday schools with 1,966,610 pupils and church property valued at \$97,732,990. The contributions for the past year were \$20,843,421.30, and for missions, education and benevolences, \$14,037,611.48, bringing the total to \$34,881,032.78.

There are 196,236 white Baptists in the South not affiliated with the convention, the report shows, while there are 2,765,251 negro Baptists within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Total receipts of \$3,658,517.87 for foreign missions during the past year were reported.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth was reelected chairman of the conservatism commission of the \$75,000,000 campaign, and Frank E. Burkhalter of Nashville secretary and publicity director.

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Trenton School Prepares for Commencement.

An interesting program for the 1921 commencement of the Trenton school has been arranged.

Wednesday night, May 25 at 8:30 o'clock the exercises will begin with an operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland", by the pupils of the Grammar school department.

Thursday night May 26 at 8:30 o'clock there will be a musical recital by the music department of the school.

Friday night May 26 at 8:30 o'clock the declamers and reading contests will be held. The following pupils have been selected for these contests. For declamers, Arthur Duncan, Fred Salter, Charley Day, Willie Pritchard, Nat Herlong and James Day. For reading, Catherine Marsh, Eva Duncan, Susan Mathis, Ella Huiet, Lois Black, Cornelia Webb, Kathleen Smith, and Margaret Courtney.

Sunday morning, May 29, the baccalaureate sermon will be presented by Rev. Luther D. Mitchell of Saluda.

Monday morning, May 30, at 11 o'clock the class exercise will be held followed by an address to the class by Maj. H. C. Tillman esq. of Greenwood S. C. after which the medals and diplomas will be awarded.

All these exercises will be held in the school auditorium. The school is looking forward to these exercises with a great deal of interest and expects every parent and a large number of friends to be present at each and every occasion.

Death of Mrs. Martha E. Brunson.

Monday morning about 10 o'clock Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Brunson died at the home of her grandson, Mr. Wallace F. Holston, where she was spending several weeks on a visit. Mrs. Brunson was in her 89th year at the time of her death. Before her marriage she was Miss Elizabeth Robertson, having descended from one of Edgefield county's oldest families. Her husband died soon after the close of the Civil War from the effects of a wound received in the war. She was a member of Antioch church and during her earlier life she was an active force in the church and community, her influence always wholesome and helpful. Besides her only son, Mr. Charles A. Brunson, Mrs. Brunson is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Emmie Wash and Mrs. J. C. Morgan, and one brother, Mr. N. D. Robertson of Augusta.

The funeral will take place this morning at eleven o'clock at Antioch church, her pastor, Rev. W. R. Barnes officiating.

Announces 12-Mill Tax Levy.

The tax levy for 1921, as determined by Walter Duncan, comptroller general, and announced yesterday, is 11 1-2 mills. To this is added the one-half mill for Citadel, provided in the Acts of 1920, making a total levy for state purposes of 12 mills.

This is the same as the levy for 1920.

In determining the levy for the current year the comptroller general has found it necessary to fix this appropriation bill, and gives the following figures as the basis of his calculation:

Total amount appropriated for 1921, \$6,534,925.82.

Less revenue from sources other than taxes, 1921 (estimated), \$1,035,000.00.

Amount to be raised by taxation, \$5,499,925.82.

Total taxable property, 1920, \$448,222,786.00

Estimated increase over 1920, \$30,000,000.00.

Total taxable property, 1921, \$478,222,786.00.

Levy of 11 1-2 mills.

Total \$5,499,562.03.

As will be seen by these figures, even the maximum levy will fall short by a few dollars of producing the total amount from other sources and increase in taxable property for the present year will be as large as the comptroller general has estimated.—Columbia Record.