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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Enthusiastic Meeting of Farmers Held. Revival Services Will Begin in Methodist Church Next Week.

On Thursday morning at the Auditorium a large and enthusiastic crowd of farmers of Saluda and Edgefield counties, met for the purpose of considering Dairying.

The boll weevil has reached this section and is destroying whole farms, and the farmers are realizing the necessity of diversified farming. The ridge section is especially adapted to Dairying.

The chief address of the morning was by Mr. C. Schmolke, agent in Dairying, of the Dairy Extension Dept., Clemson College. His talk was exceedingly interesting and he told his experiences in South Africa, of 15 years of dairying.

Talks were made also by Mr. Allen Mobley of this place and Mr. B. R. Tillman of Trenton.

Both of these have had experience in dairying for the past few years, and were able to give splendid suggestions and practical advice.

Each impressed the fact that those engaging in dairying must grow their own feed and give personal attention, if the venture was to prove successful.

There was much interest manifested.

A number of farmers agreed to form a co-operative dairy association, and to further effect this, there will be another meeting at the opera house, on the afternoon of Sept. 16, at four o'clock, the men being anxious to put this through.

An invitation to all farmers living near the town to join in was given.

An instance was told of a young man who lives near the S. C. border line, in another state, who has a 110 acre farm, where he operates a dairy. His farm produces all the feed and the dairy has his personal attention.

It was told that last year his profits, not including the sale of calves, was the sum of \$3,600.

It was decided that the Holstein was the best cow for dairying and to operate the proposed dairy it would take 400 cows.

A revival service begins here at the Methodist church, on Sunday, 28, and the pastor, Rev. Kellar will be assisted by the Rev. Mahaffey. Mr. Mahaffey is a fine and forceful preacher, having been heard here before.

On Sunday morning, at the Baptist church, the church letter which will be sent to the annual association, was read.

The association will be Thursday and Friday of this week, at Speigner's, and the letter or report of church activities that will be read at this meeting, is a good one, some of the items being as follows:

During the year there has been an increase of 29 members by profession of faith and 23 by letter.

The church membership is 434.

The Sunday School numbers 478, with 25 officers and teachers, 19 classes.

The church is very happy in the fact that two Ministerial students will go from it this fall, to Louisville Seminary, Mr. James Edwards and Mr. Ed Johnson.

During the year the church has contributed to the campaign fund, \$6444.22, of this amount the members of the church gave \$2980, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, \$2016.42, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, \$490, The Sunbeams, \$333.55, The girl's Auxiliary, \$230, The Royal Ambassadors \$192.60. The Sunday School \$200.

Other gifts and expenses of the church amounted to \$5363.20.

To all purposes the church has given about \$12,000 during the year.

About ten delegates will go from this church.

Mr. H. W. Dobby has the sympathy of his friends here in the death of his brother which occurred during the past week at his home in Aiken.

He was with his brother at the time of his death.

Mrs. B. Edwards has gone to visit her sister, Mrs. Tom Willis in Willis-ton.

Mrs. W. B. Ouzts and Wilmot have

gone to Tennille Ga., to visit the former's parents.

Miss Marion Boyd, of Chester, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Tom Smith who lives near the Harmony section, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday. Her friends hope that she will rally, and can be spared here much longer.

Dr. Olin Sawyer, of Georgetown, has been the guest of his sisters, the Misses Sawyer.

Miss Marie Askins, of Greenville, is visiting Miss Marie Lewis.

Miss Lillian Mobley has gone to Orangeburg to visit her sister, Mrs. M. T. Siftley.

Mrs. Archie Lewis entertained the club on Thursday afternoon in a very happy manner, all spending two pleasant hours with the cordial hostess.

The highest score was made by Miss Frances Turner, who was presented with the prize, a very dainty cover with ten napkins to match, and Mrs. C. P. Corn received the consolation, a set of corn holders.

A tempting salad course was served.

Mrs. Claud Lott entertained the Narcosa club on Friday morning. Besides the members there were other guests. Rook was the chief diversion, and at the conclusion of the game a dainty hot luncheon was served.

Mrs. W. E. Lagrone and children are at home from a visit to relatives in the mountains.

Misses Ruth and Elizabeth Harris are guests of their grandmother, Mrs. P. N. Lott.

Miss Mallie Waters has been visiting Mrs. W. F. Scott at Batesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strother, Master Harry and Josephine are at home from a visit to Newberry and Chap-pells.

Mesdames, James White and Lilly S. Andrews spent last week at Saluda.

Misses Eva and Jessie Rushton and John Olin Eidson have returned from a two weeks stay at Sullivan's Island.

Prof. Compton has returned and is now domiciled at the manse on school campus, and school will open Sept. 5.

Mrs. Compton is still in Columbia with her mother, Mrs. Moses Mobley, having gone there last week upon the illness and subsequent death of her father, Mr. Mobley.

She is expected during the coming week.

### Soft Shelled Eggs.

It surprises many folks that hens will often persist in laying soft-shelled eggs even when liberally supplied with oyster shells, grit, etc. The supplying of such material is very important and should never be neglected, but in addition there are other factors to be considered.

Soft-shelled eggs are often produced by hens because they are in an over-fat condition, especially when the fowls are fed almost exclusively on grain. The supposition that oyster shells provide absolutely all the material needed for the formation of eggshells is not confirmed, as experiments show that part of the lime of the eggshells is obtained from the food. As grain is deficient in lime, and largely abundant in starch, the hens, when fed on grain exclusively, are given a larger proportion of starch or fat producing material than they can utilize, and not enough mineral matter.

If clover is supplied to the hens, they can secure a larger share of mineral matter therefrom, but soft-shelled eggs will always be the result when hens are fat, no matter what kind of food is given. Excessive fat is obstruction to reproduction, in both animals and birds. When a hen is very fat she will lay double yolked eggs, very small eggs or small eggs without shells.

If the eggs from overfat hens are used for incubation, the result will be few chicks, and sometimes none. The chicks will often be weak and sometimes deformed.—Utah Farmer.

### Large Insurance Policies.

We see it stated in the New York Times that the President of a large New York cooperation has applied for insurance of \$10,000,000, naming his company as the beneficiary according to H. B. Rosen, an Agent with offices in the Harriman Nation-

### Rates On Cotton Will Be Reduced.

Freight rates on cotton for transportation for distances within the state of South Carolina, ranging from five miles or under to 120 miles, are to be reduced by an order issued by the state railroad commission yesterday afternoon. The order grants that part of the Seaboard Air Line and Southern railroads for an adjustment of cotton rates carrying reductions on "short haul" shipments and refuses the sections providing for corresponding increases on the "long haul" shipments.

The rates to be made effective by the order, which as far as they go are identical with the rates for short hauls carried in the railroads' petition are: for five miles and under, 19 cents per hundred pounds; ten miles and over five miles, 21½ cents; 15 miles and over ten miles, 24 cents; 20 miles and over 15 miles, 26½ cents; 25 miles and over 20 miles, 29 cents; 30 miles and over 25 miles, 31½ cents; 40 miles and over 35 miles, 32½ cents; 50 miles and over 45 miles, 35 cents; 55 miles and over 50 miles, 36½ cents; 60 miles and over 55 miles, 37½ cents; 65 miles and over 60 miles, 39 cents; 70 miles and over 65 miles, 40 cents; 75 miles and over 70 miles 41½ cents; 80 miles and over 75 miles 42½ cents; 85 miles and over 80 miles, 44 cents; 90 miles and over 85 miles, 45 cents; 95 miles and over 90 miles, 46½ cents; 100 miles and over 95 miles, 47½ cents; 105 miles and over 100 miles, 50 cents; 120 miles and over 110 miles, 52½ cents and 130 miles and over 120 miles, 55cents. Reductions in rates carried in this schedule range from 30 per cent. to 2 per cent. lower than the rates now in effect. On all shipments for distances over 130 miles the rates now in effect will obtain, the commission having refused the railroads' petition for an increase in the long haul charges.

The rate adjustment plan, originally proposed by the Seaboard Air Line railway and agreed to by the Southern railway, was refused by the commission when first presented for consideration. Later, however, a hearing was held on the proposal, the railroads making the claim that the reduction of the rates on short hauls would benefit the farmers and buyers while the increase on the long hauls would supply the railroads with the revenue needed to meet high operating expenses. The present cotton rates, the two companies' representatives admitted, were maladjusted, the short haul charges being too high in proportion to the long haul rates. The Atlantic Coast Line railway refused to join the other two carriers in advocating the plan, asking instead that the rates now in effect be maintained until some later date when after transportation costs had been reduced all reductions in rates could be made. The short line representative also opposed the reduction of short haul charges. The proposed schedule, it was pointed out, was identical with the rates already in effect in interstate traffic.

Shippers of cotton present at the hearing, however, contended that the proposed schedule would work a serious hardship on the shippers of cotton in the state, the greater majority of the cotton being carried, they said for distances in excess of 120 miles. The shippers also gave it as their opinion that the loss in revenue due to the reduction of rates on short hauls would be offset by increased business on cotton now carried by trucks. This, it was contended, would make the increase in the long haul charges unnecessary.—The State.

A bank building, who has just written a \$5,000,000 policy of this kind for Adolph Zukor, the motion picture producer. Mr. Rosen declined to reveal the name of the applicant. The annual premium of Mr. Zukor's policy would be in excess of \$200,000, Mr. Rosen said. Until he wrote this policy, the largest similar one he had negotiated was that of John McE. Bowman of the Pershing Square Hotels, for \$2,000,000. Mr. Rosen said that he had written thirty policies where the amount was \$1,000,000 or more.—Augusta Chronicle.

### Dairy Meeting at Johnston Successful.

There was surprising interest shown in the dairy meeting held at Johnston last Thursday, Aug. 18. Farmers from Edgefield, Roper's Cross Roads, Trenton, Harmony, Phillippi, Long Branch, Johnston, and various sections of Saluda County were present, numbering in all about 150. Mr. J. W. Cox, one of Johnston's young farmers, as well as a lawyer, presided over the meeting in a very pleasing manner. He stressed the need of our farmers turning to other issues besides cotton, and urged earnest cooperation among our people.

Two very interesting talks followed, giving the inside of a dairyman's life. Mr. B. R. Tillman of Trenton, who is the proud owner of some twenty of the best Jerseys to be found anywhere, talked at length of his experiences. Mr. Tillman stressed the matter of being kind to the herd, saying that the person who hits his cows is going to get hit. He also told of the importance of using the Babcock tester and the scales to rid the "boarders" in it. At Clemson College and the Department of Agriculture at Washington, he said. Mr. Tillman is building his herd so as to not have any cows in it that will give less than about 500 pounds of butter each year, which it seems to be a real cow. Feeding plays a great part in the game, so says Mr. Tillman. He says that one can raise his own feed alright, but he may find trouble in properly mixing the home feeds unless he studies the matter and gets a little help from Clemson College. He says that Clemson's feed man stayed with him one day and showed him how to properly mix his feed, and this work has been worth many dollars to him. The silo is a paying part of one's equipment, is the opinion of Mr. Tillman, as well as of every dairyman. Mr. Tillman says that the dairy industry properly developed will make the "Ridge" a rich country. He says that the business has paid him and has paid him well, but he wanted everyone to understand that to succeed meant work all day long for 365 days in the year.

He said that the man who expects to get Sundays off, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and such like, had no place in the dairy business.

Another talk just as interesting as that of Mr. Tillman's was the one by Mr. W. A. Mobley, Johnston's only dairyman. Mr. Mobley said that Mr. Tillman had left little for him to say, but he would further stress the matter of one's work and help about the barn. He said that he had been in the business for ten years and the best hired man he had found was the plain "Allen" Mobley. He told of how he had used care in caring for his cans, etc., until he had gotten his milk very low in bacterial content. He says he is shipping into Columbia and that his milk is being used for babies. Plenty of hot water and steam will kill bacteria, he says. Mr. Mobley says that it took him 10 years to learn that he could not get along without a silo. He fills his twice each year.

The other talk was given by Mr. C. Schmolke, of the Extension Service of Clemson College and the Department of Agriculture, and who comes as an experienced dairymay from Africa, where he had fifteen years in the work there. Since coming to America, Mr. Schmolke has taken a two-year course at Iowa State College, specializing in dairying. Mr. Schmolke says that the condition brought on by the boll weevil is similar to the one of his country when ostrich feathers went to pieces on account of the ladies' styles changing. His people turned to dairying, he said and were saved. They did not make as much money as they had been making, but they made a substantial living and had a steady income. Mr. Schmolke says that our people can do the same, but they must not expect wealth too quickly. He stressed the matter of growing all the feed at home, getting good cows to begin with and handling them with care, and working in general as a cooperative people. He asked the people to call on him and the others

at Clemson College when they need any assistance.

Then there were short talks by Mr. S. J. Watson, Mr. G. H. Ballentine, and Mr. Earle Smith, who assured the farmers that the bank at Johnston are with them and will help in this situation all they can. Mr. Watson said that we must turn to other things besides cotton and it seemed to him that dairying would be a means of bringing a steady income to the farm. He said that he was going into the business, and asked others to join him. The fact was again stressed that it meant more work than our people have been accustomed to. It means that no "quitters" are wanted in this business. About thirty of the best farmers of the community signed up to go into the business.

Another meeting will be held in Crouch's Hall on the afternoon of September 6, at 4 o'clock. Farmers of Saluda and Edgefield Counties interested in this phase of farming are asked to attend this meeting.

### News From Trenton.

Trenton, S. C., Aug. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Matt Martin from Fort White, Fla., have been the recipients of much social attention during their visit to Mrs. Susie Miller and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathis. On Saturday last Mrs. Miller complimented them with a delightful barbecue to which fifty guests were bidden. The dinner was served "neath the shade of the large sheltering oaks in her beautiful yard and the day was ideal from start to finish. On Wednesday Mrs. Mathis entertained with a dinner party in their honor. Others who assisted in making their stay pleasant either with a supper party, dinner or pond party were: Mrs. W. H. Moss, Mrs. J. D. Mathis Jr., Mrs. S. B. Mays, Mrs. Wallace Wise, Mrs. J. N. Fair, and Mrs. S. W. Miller.

Miss Saidee Long was hostess for the K. K. Klub Wednesday afternoon. Tables were arranged for rook and a tempting salad course was served after the game. Beautiful music was furnished by Miss Lena Long and Miss Agnes Long. The honor guests were: Mrs. Robert Long and Miss Marie Hyatt from Easley; Miss Rosa Spearman from Newberry, Mrs. P. B. Willis, from Gaffney, Mrs. Chas. Lafiday from Latta.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wolfe and their children from Orangeburg have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bettis.

Mrs. Beta Wright and her charming daughter Elizabeth from Newberry are guests in the homes of Mrs. Anna Eidson and Mrs. T. P. Salter.

Miss Lucy Kyle and Miss Marjorie Ryan from Columbia are guests of Mrs. E. L. Ryan.

Miss Kate Day entertained for Mrs. Harwood Haynes from Greensboro on Wednesday evening with a beautiful supper party.

Miss Mattie Harrison has returned home from a stay at Hendersonville N. C.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Morrall and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Miller are at home after a trip among the mountains of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham and little Chas. from Scranton, have been on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butler and Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis from North Augusta have been recent house guests at the home of Mr. James Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swearingen and Miss Ray Swearingen are at home after a weeks sojourn in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wise are spending a fortnight at Glenn Springs.

Mrs. J. R. Moss is in Belvedere with her father, Mr. George Walker who has been quite sick recently.

Mrs. W. A. Pardue entertained with a swimming party at Salter's pond for her Sunday School class on Wednesday afternoon, serving a delightful picnic lunch at the evening's close.

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### Red Oak Grove.

#### Protracted Meeting in Progress at Red Hill. Circle Work of Missionary Societies Revive.

The Sunday School lessons this quarter are very interesting. Mr. W. A. Dow lectured very interestingly on Paul Champions Christian Liberty. He made the lesson so plain. The teachers at Flat Rock anticipate organizing a training class soon.

The prayer meeting meets now on Wednesday instead of Saturday P. M. as here to fore. Misses Louise and Elizabeth Bussey arranged the program for last week. Their subject was Sin, being discussed by Messrs. W. A. Dow, T. W. Lamb and Perry Hamilton.

Rev. Thos. Walker, from Augusta, assisted Rev. Stewart in the meeting at Modoc last week. Several additions to the church were made.

Protracted meeting is in session at Red Hill this week. The services began on Sunday, Rev. W. K. Barnes preaching a most excellent sermon. Rev. E. G. Kugley will conduct the song service for the meeting.

The Circle work in the W. M. S. has somewhat revived. The ladies in No. 1 have reorganized now, with Mrs. Eustice Thurmond as leader and Miss L. E. Parkman Secretary, Mrs. Willie Dorn will be hostess for the September meeting.

Mrs. Genia Thurmond entertained the ladies for the reorganization, several ladies being present.

Miss Annie Doolittle is very sick with Malarial fever. Also Mr. W. M. Agner has had Malaria for several days.

Our community was saddened on hearing last week of the critical illness of Mr. Nick Griffis of Cleora.

Mrs. Sallie Dorn of Spartanburg has been visiting relatives in this section, stopping in Parkville, her former home, enroute to Spartanburg.

Mrs. Mamie Bussey accompanied her sister, Mrs. Dorn to Parkville last week, where they attended the meeting conducted by Rev. E. G. Kugley, and saw friends and relatives.

Miss Mamie Bussey accompanied by Mr. George Bussey and several others motored up to Cleora last Saturday to see Mr. Nick Griffis.

The friends of Mrs. A. B. Young are anxious about her condition, as she has not seemed to improve as was hoped for her.

Mr. Monroe Prescott will return from Washington this week where he has been sight-seeing for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Oneal Timmerman and Mrs. T. W. Lamb were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Whatley last week. Mr. and Mrs. Whatley are endeavoring to establish a school in that immediate section, there being already several and more moving into the community.

Miss Kathleen Kenrick is doing some demonstration work in her S. S. class at Flat Rock, ideas she gleaned at the S. S. Institute at Parkville.

Misses Mildred Bussey and Bertha Parkman visited relatives lately near Colliers.

Miss Marie Hamilton has returned from McCormick where she was the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Carrie Partlow from Kirksey and Miss Ruth Kemp from Lynchburg Va. visited Mrs. J. E. Bussey recently.

Miss Sadie Dow has returned from a visit to her cousin, Miss Nettie Doolittle.

Mr. Frank Kenrick has returned from a business trip to Atlanta and is located in business now in Augusta, where he will be pleased to have the patronage of his friends.

Mr. C. S. Lamb from Augusta spent last Sunday with his father, Mr. T. W. Lamb.

Mrs. Georgia Bailey has recovered from recent sickness.

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