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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Will Observe Fellowship Day. Music Club Met. Spirited Game of Football Played.

Next Sunday, 13th, has been designated over the state as "Fellowship Day" in the Lord's work, and all over the state there will be special addresses and sermons in the pulpits. Where there are more pulpits than preachers the laymen have been asked to make talks. The Baptist church here will be filled by Rev. Thomas J. Watts of Columbia, the great state Sunday school worker. The pastor, Rev. Brooke, will preach in the morning at Mt. Pleasant and in the afternoon at Leesville. It is hoped that every church member will be present at the service and that all interested will attend.

Rev. David Kellar has gone to attend the Methodist State Conference. Not only the members of the Methodist church, but the entire town hopes that the conference will send Mr. Kellar back again, for he is held in love and esteem by all.

It is a great pleasure to every one to see Dr. S. G. Mobley out again. He was confined to the house about two and a half months, but he now looks hale and hearty.

Mrs. W. J. Hatcher is in Spartanburg this week attending the State Woman's Missionary Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Culbreath of Tampa, Florida, spent the past week in the home of their nephew, Mr. Harry C. Strother.

Mrs. Leland Miller of Richmond, is visiting in the home of her brother, Mr. William Bouknight.

Mrs. Mamie Wright of Marion, has been visiting in the home of her niece, Mrs. Wiley Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Tarrant and little son are at home from a visit to the former's parents at McCormick.

Mrs. Jones returned on Friday evening from the Baptist Hospital, with her little daughter, Natalie, who was carried there for treatment following a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia. After an X-ray it was found that the symptoms for which she was being treated had cleared up and the physician felt that she could be safely carried home. Every one hopes that the little girl will soon begin to improve.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt, who is at the Baptist Hospital is beginning to improve. The child was paralyzed from extreme weakness following an attack of typhoid fever, and hospital treatment was the last resort to save the life. The restoration is considered almost a miracle.

Mr. T. J. Langston was taken quite ill on Thursday while he was talking to some friends on the street. The attack came suddenly and as if from paralysis, he fell to the ground. He is much improved and is able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whittaker had the misfortune to lose their home by fire on Friday evening. They are now living in Columbia, near Shandon. Both were out in the yard attending to the feeding of the chickens and stock, and the flames bursting through the kitchen roof was the sight that met their eyes as they started to the house. Only a small part of the household effects were saved.

Prof. W. J. McGarity of Aiken was a visitor here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. W. D. Woodward went to Aiken last week to visit relatives.

Mr. Bob Stillwell of the Harmony section took a tablet of bichloride of mercury thinking it was aspirin. This was on Wednesday, and as soon as the mistake was discovered physicians were sent for and every effort made to counteract the poison. This poison generally proves fatal, the victim living about eight or ten days. The occurrence is a most deplorable one, and the friends of Mr. Stillwell are hoping that yet the physicians may find some means of saving his life.

Mrs. Pickens Kinard of Greenwood spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. P. N. Lott.

Mesdames W. P. B. and M. L. Kinard and Messrs. Quincy and Calvin Kinard of Greenwood spent Sunday

here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Turner.

An exciting game of football was played here on the field at the high school, the teams being the A. R. C. of Augusta and the local team. Some fine playing was done on both sides, and the large crowd of spectators cheered the teams lustily. The score stood 44 to 6 in favor of Augusta. On Friday afternoon of this week the Johnston team goes to Ninety Six to play the team there. The basket ball team of this school will, on the same afternoon play the basket ball team of Ninety Six. This game occupies only 45 minutes. Prof. Staunton Lott and two other of the teachers will accompany the teams.

Mrs. J. W. Browne visited in Augusta during the past week.

Mrs. J. W. Cox is in Jonesville at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Hames, who has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming Marsh of Columbia have been for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsh.

Mrs. Ida Boatwright of Ridge Spring has been visiting in the home of her son, Mr. B. T. Boatwright. While she was here, her birthday occurred and Mrs. Boatwright surprised her with a birthday dinner party, inviting several of her friends to meet with her.

Mrs. Taylor Goodwyn of Greenwood is visiting the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wright and little son went to Batesburg during the week to visit relatives.

The Apollo Music club met Tuesday with Mrs. James White. The meeting coming at Hallowe'en, the decorations were of this season, and a spook met the arrivals at the door and pinned on favors.

The chief business was in plans for a big community sing to be held at an early date.

The subject of the program was "The Song of Hiawatha," and as Carl Busch has interpreted much of Longfellow's pen productions in music, these selections, chiefly were used. A good paper on "Longfellow, the Poet," was given by Mrs. M. T. Turner, and "Hiawatha's Wooing" was given by Misses Jacobs and Barre. Musical selections were given by Mr. Elliot Lewis, Misses Maizie Kinard, Clara Sawyer and Mrs. C. P. Corn. After the program a sweet course was served.

The Mary Ann Buie chapter, U. D. C., held the recent meeting with Mrs. Bartow Walsh. The members heard with pleasure that all pledges were paid and a good report was ready for the convention. At the recent entertainment, under the auspices of the chapter, \$51 was the door receipts. \$10 was given to the local school, the entertainment being given in the auditorium. During the month, several courtesies had been extended to veterans, and fruit and flowers sent. After business the historical program was carried out.

Furman Club for Aiken and Edgefield Counties.

Aiken, Nov. 8.—Former students and graduates of Furman University residing in Aiken and Edgefield counties met here Monday night and organized The Furman Club of Aiken-Edgefield Counties.

The following were elected officers of the club: President, Ex-Gov. John C. Sheppard, Edgefield; vice president, A. J. Lewis, banker, Johnston; secretary-treasurer, L. R. Holley, banker, Aiken. Executive Committee: L. R. Holley, chairman; A. E. Padgett, president Farmers Bank, Edgefield; W. D. Holmes, assistant postmaster, Johnston; H. E. Holley, planter, Aiken; J. J. Nixon, business man, North Augusta.

Organization of the Furman Club followed the appearance here of L. M. Glenn, executive secretary of the Furman University Alumni Association under whose direction Furman men throughout South Carolina are now being organized into county clubs.

L. M. GLENN.

Sunday Services at Methodist Church.

Services will be conducted in the Edgefield Methodist church Sunday at 11:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. G. W. M. Taylor, the pastor, who has just returned from the annual conference.

President Issues Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Washington, Oct. 31.—President Harding issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November 24 as a day of thanksgiving, devotion and prayer and urging the people to give thanks "for all that has been rendered unto them" and to pray "for continuance of the divine fortune which has been showered so generously upon this nation." The proclamation follows:

"That season has come when, alike in pursuance of a devout people's time honored custom in grateful recognition of favoring national fortunes, it is proper that the president should summon the nation to a day of devotion, of thanksgiving for blessings bestowed and of prayer for guidance on modes of life that may deserve continuance of divine favor.

"Foremost among our blessings is the return of peace and the approach to normal ways again. The year has brought us again into relations of amity with all nations after a long period of struggle and turbulence. In thankfulness, therefore, we may well unite in the hope that providence will vouchsafe approval to the things we have done, the aims which have guided us, the aspirations which have inspired us. We shall be prospered as we shall deserve prosperity, seeking not alone for the material things but for those of the spirit as well; earnestly trying to help others, asking before all else the privilege of service. As we render thanks anew for the exaltation which came to us, we may fittingly petition that moderation and wisdom shall be granted to rest upon all who are in authority in the task they must discharge. Their hands will be steadied, their purposes strengthened in answer to our prayers.

"Ours has been a favored nation in the bounty which God has bestowed upon it. The great trial of humanity, though indeed we did our part as well as we are able, left us comparatively unscarred. It is for us to recognize that we have been thus favored and, when we gather at our altars to offer up thanks, we will do well to pledge, in humility and all sincerity, our purpose to prove deserving. We have been raised up and preserved in national power and consequence, as part of a plan whose wisdom we can not question. Thus believing, we can do no less than hold our nation the willing instrument of the providence which has so wonderfully favored us. Opportunity for very great service awaits us if we shall prove equal to it. Let our prayers be raised for direction in the right paths. Under God, our responsibility is great, to our own first, to all men afterward; to all mankind in God's own justice.

"Now, therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, hereby designate Thursday, the 24th of November, to be observed by the people as a day of Thanksgiving, devotion and prayer; urging that at their hearts and their altars they will give thanks for all that has been rendered unto them, and will pray for a continuance of the divine fortune which has been showered so generously upon this nation.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the United States of America.

Done at the capital of the United States this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord, 1921, and of the independence of the United States, the 146th.

"Warren G. Harding.

"By the president:

"Charles E. Hughes,
"Secretary of State.

To Organize Potato Growers' Association.

A meeting will be held at the Court House Saturday morning at 11 o'clock to organize the Edgefield Potato Growers' Association. Many farmers in this section have expressed the desire to learn how to cultivate the early potato crop. All who are interested in the growing of early potatoes will meet at this time to organize an association for the growing and marketing of the early potato. This may be one way to beat the boll weevil. Come if you are only going to plant a small quantity.

A Visit to the Salt Plains of Oklahoma.

Dear Advertiser:

The dying year is like the setting sun in the west, richer and more colorful than at the zenith of its summer tide, but what a glorious thing is autumn in this great west! I still miss the Southern trees and the orange and red foliage, for the leaves drop here without turning brilliantly, but there are compensations.

Sunday, a party of the faculty took a long drive of about sixty miles through this splendid level country to the Salt Plains of Western Oklahoma.

I like the Red Wood forests of California and still, deep lakes and mountains, but this country, too, has its charms. It hides nothing. It spreads itself all before you and rolls on and on endlessly. Whenever I see a hill in the distance, I want to get out of the car and caress it and walk up it for the sheer joy of puffing and blowing as I always do coming up the hills in Edgefield from home to town. I shall never mind them again.

The men in our party were armed for hunting. We came upon the cunningest little red fox squirrel sitting in the middle of the road eating his noonday meal. I do not know why he chose the exact center of the road to dine. I would never do that, but he is endowed with winged feet. The hunter in the party, when asked why he did not kill it said, "That would be murder to shoot it with a shotgun, too easy." I liked that. The westerners have hearts, you know, as well as southerners.

At long intervals, very long ones, we passed farm houses, cosy enough with a group of trees around them, far from the maddening crowds ignoble strife. There was no smoke curling from any chimney, however, and when we drove to the back door of one unfriendly house there was no smoke. No wonder! For six days they commune with the glebe, the plow and harrow "to fulfill their homely joys and destiny obscure," so on Sunday they all go, perhaps for miles and more miles to sit around a neighborly fireside.

For my own part, as much as I hate the city for purposes of home life, I think I would prefer the rumbling of a street car to the haunting stillness of these country places. There are not even any servants' quarters and each man works for himself and he himself is his only servant problem.

The sides of the road were strewn with corn shucks where there had been recent corn shuckings, when the surrounding country gathered, perhaps at "Farmer Brown's" and worked at afterwards ate and drank and told jokes. It is the sort of thing one reads about. That is the joy of wandering. We can read of these things and then see them in our travels with small or great thrills in proportion to the strangeness of the event.

On either side of the road there were green wheat fields like a carpet, thick hedges of mock orange, called "wind brakes," which protect the growing crops from the early spring winds, a blue sky overhead and colors in the landscape that blended from green through yellow and golden with beautiful effect. I gazed and gazed, like Wordsworth at the daffodils, and was filled with joy over the scene, for one becomes a nature lover in a moment, even if he has not always been one, if he has any beauty in his soul that reaches out to meet the beauty around him.

It is not always the spectacular, the massive and the overwhelming that appeals. It takes only a lesser soul to comprehend those things.

We passed on our journey, one little western town after another and it is so almost anywhere throughout the middle west. All the little towns are exactly alike, except that the sign over the drug store may bear a slightly different name. So as we traveled from this place, we passed Tonkawa the second, and third and fourth and fifth.

A little journeying on many roads finally brought us to our destination, the Salt Plains, a level strip of country where the ground was saturated with an enormous salt deposit. There were crystals on the surface of the earth which gave the sand a glazed appearance in the light.

The Salt Fork River flows near

these salt plains and developed its name from the salty character of the water. The plain was interesting mostly for what lay underground. Soon the rain began to fall, and the "salt had lost its savor," so we wound our way back over the grass-grown roads to civilization.

This country is overrun with rabbits. They scamper across the road early in the evening in crowds. It is quite a custom to hunt and ride at the same time, shooting through the open windshield, or else to sit on the hood of the car and get an even better aim.

I handle a gun with all the awkwardness of the novice, and nothing I aim at need have any fear. It is safe.

I can imagine no country more desolate than this will be, when the chill wind sweeps across the open plains and the few trees will be leafless.

However, since "the city of Happiness is in the state of mind," I shall try to create the proper reaction.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

Nov. 1, 1921.

Banquet for American Legion.

Friday night the American Legion Post of Edgefield county will give a banquet at the Dixie Highway Hotel, beginning at 8 p. m. Tickets are now on sale at Collett Drug Co., J. D. Holstein's and Mitchell & Cantelou's. Confederate veterans are especially invited as honorary guests of the Legion. All ex-service men are eligible to attend, whether you belong to the Legion or not. Each ex-service man may bring one or more ladies as he sees fit. Get your tickets immediately as Capt. Moore has to know how many guests to prepare for a few hours in advance.

CLAUDE T. BURNETT,

Com. Post No. 30, Edgefield Co.

Fine Jersey Cattle.

We have been pleased to hear several very favorable expressions concerning the exhibit of Mr. F. F. Rainsford at the Georgia-Carolina Fair in Augusta last week. His Jersey cows were easily the first on the list among live stock exhibits. His cash prizes amounted to \$85. Great is the pity that we have no county fair for the exhibit of live stock. Nothing stimulates farmers to higher and better things from an agricultural standpoint than creditable exhibits of their neighbors at fairs. Mr. Rainsford is credited with having the finest Jersey heifer in the state, but we doubt if all of his neighbors within a radius of five miles know it.

News from Kirksey.

We are having bad weather for the first of November.

Mrs. Mollie Mims is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. L. Carpenter of North Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robertson of Ninety Six visited their son, Mr. Jerry Robertson of Kirksey section Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Chappell is a business fellow in Epworth. He makes his regular trip every Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Thelma and Odessie Ouzts of Phoenix visited Miss Gladys Robertson of Kirksey section last week.

Mr. Serenus McDowell of Meeting Street was a visitor in Edgefield on Saturday.

Miss Lucile Strom of Kirksey spent last week with Miss Mary Emma Johnson of Kirksey.

Mrs. E. T. Chappell was shopping in Greenwood Tuesday.

Miss Gell Wood of Ninety Six was a visitor of Miss Viola Robertson of Kirksey section Saturday.

Mesdames Ivy DeLoach of Meeting Street and J. B. Chappell of Kirksey, visited Mr. Bill Rambo of Epworth last Saturday.

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The Boll Weevil and the Weather.

Clemson College, Nov. 8.—So far the weather conditions this fall have been rather favorable for the boll weevil's preparation for the winter, says Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist. These pests may be found now in both the full grown and the kick-er stages in and about old cotton bolls. The farmer in planning his program for next year should carefully consider the weather conditions on account of its great influence on weevil activity the following season.

To those who follow this pest carefully it is quite apparent that, should we have a repetition of the warm winter like that of 1921, the weevil damage may be expected to be severe next year over the greater portion of the state. On the other hand should next winter be a severe one, the weevil may receive a considerable setback, especially where a severe winter is followed by dry weather in June and July.

Just what the winter will do the weevil can not be forecast at this time, but everyone knows that the more protection the greater will be the number of weevils that survive the winter successfully. Farmers fully leaving their stalks and stubble on the fields should consider what a great enemy they are harboring and what a destructive nuisance they are maintaining in their community. Owing to the open weather the opportunities for this fight are still excellent, and every agency in every community should exert every influence possible to get every cotton stalk destroyed by shopping and plowing under at the earliest date possible and practicable.

Long Branch News.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. Bomar Scott spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark.

Mr. J. L. Scott and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rhoden.

The senior and junior B. Y. P. U. held their regular meeting at Philippi Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

Mr. J. T. Rhoden and family went to Augusta Tuesday.

Misses Evelyn Scott, Pansy and Thelma Derrick spent the day last Tuesday with the Lott girls.

Mr. Luther Lott moved on November 7th to Vauncluse. They certainly will be missed in the Long Branch community.

Misses Julia Clark and Lizzie Harvey went to Mrs. E. L. Ready's last Thursday afternoon.

Misses Farrah and Azilee and Avery Salter went on a business trip to Edgefield last Friday afternoon.

The senior B. Y. P. U. of Philippi enjoyed a pound party at Mr. John Claxton's last Friday night. Quite a crowd was there and everybody had a good time.

Little Ada Rodgers spent the week-end with Vera Clark.

Misses Mildred and Jacque Matthews of Columbia are visiting Miss Mattie Hair.

Misses Grace and Saline Clark spent the week-end with Misses Ruby and Frances Herlong of Johnston.

Mr. Pierce Herrin came back from Millen, Ga., where he has been visiting his brother.

Mr. O. C. Clark and family visited at Mr. G. D. Rhoden's last Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Sawyer of Warrenville spent Sunday at Mr. R. L. Williams'.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hair visited Mr. Offie Hair last Sunday.

Rev. Foreman spent Saturday night at Mr. G. L. Salter's.

Mr. Will Hare spent several days last week in Columbia.

Misses Nora McGee, Lucile Hair and Mr. Sim Clark and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. B. Rhoden.

Misses Evelyn and Lorene Scott spent Sunday with Misses Farrah and Azilee Salter.

Mr. Hugh Clark and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Clark.

Sunday morning before leaving Philippi Mr. Jesse Williams lost control of his car and ran into a group of girls in the church yard. Miss Evelyn Scott was hurt, but none of the others.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Silas Yonce is very ill at this writing.