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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### School Closes for Holidays. Christmas Bazaar a Success. A Collection for Orphanage.

Owing to so much sickness among the pupils of the high school from severe colds and influenza, and also of the superintendent, Prof. Broadas Alexander, the trustees deemed it advisable to close the school on last Friday instead of Wednesday of this week. This was a great relief on all sides, many that were sick were distressed over missing classes and some that were not sick were relieved on missing classes. The school will open on January 3rd. The love and esteem that the teachers of the grades are held by their pupils was shown by the very attractive Christmas gifts that each teacher received from their grade, and each grade was very happy in the selection of the gift for each teacher seemed to receive just what she wanted. Splendid work is being done in the manual training class. The tabourets, chairs, swings, book cases and may other useful articles could be readily sold, if so desired.

The literary society of the high school had an interesting meeting on Friday at the close of school, and it was honored in having present, Hon. Joseph Jacobs, consul from U. S. to China, who made a most informing address on manners and customs in China. He also told of the Chinese New Year. Mr. Jacobs spoke of the pleasure he had in being with the pupils and alluded to his years at this school as pupil and as a teacher.

On Wednesday evening, December 27, at the Baptist church, a pleasant meeting is being planned, this being arranged that the town and community might do honor to their distinguished son, Hon. Joseph Jacobs. Everyone will want to be present at this meeting.

The Christmas Bazaar which was held here on Friday under the auspices of the New Century Club and the Library association, was a success from every point. About \$100 was cleared, this to be divided between the High School and the Library. More books will soon be purchased for the Library which will be good news to the patrons. The room is opened Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Mrs. Jim Satcher has been quite ill at the University Hospital, but is now considered out of danger.

Miss Blanche Sawyer has returned from a visit to her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Lott, at Greenwood.

Relatives from here went to Trenton Thursday afternoon to attend the burial of Miss Lilla Courtney, which took place at 3 o'clock at Ebenezer cemetery, the body being carried to the grave direct from the train. Her death occurred at Rock Hill, where she had been making her home for some time.

Mr. Bonham Adams who has been in Ashburn, Va., for several months, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. G. G. Waters entertained the Narcosa club on Wednesday afternoon in a very happy manner, and each one present thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. Tables for rook were arranged and dainty score cards were used. Each table was adorned with fragrant flowers. Following the game the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Turner, served a tempting salad course with coffee and whipped cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and family who have been residing here on Church street, have moved to another part of the state to reside.

Messrs. Willie Lee Sawyer and Samuel Watson will arrive this week from Clemson college, the former's father to go in his car to make the trip.

On Sunday morning at the Baptist church a special collection was taken for the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, amounting to \$67.50. Owing to the very inclement weather the attendance was not so large, and so the expected amount of the superintendent was not given.

Mrs. W. B. Ouzts and little son have gone to Tennille, Ga., to spend the holidays in the home of the for-

mer's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stevens and children of Meeting Street were visitors during the past week in the home of Mrs. Willie Tompkins.

Misses Eva and Jessie Rushton are at the home of their sister, Mrs. Olin Eidson, their schools being closed for the holidays.

The friends of Mrs. Price Timmerman will be glad to know that she is now much improved after a severe attack of influenza.

Rev. Mr. Gordon of Columbia, filled the pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, his discourse being a fine one. He has recently preached at Lake City where Rev. W. S. Brooke is now in charge.

The friends of Mr. Wallace Wright are glad to know that he continues to improve, and can soon be up again. Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Tarrant and little son of Augusta spent Sunday in the home of Mr. M. W. Wright.

Mrs. Attaway, of Saluda has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Grady Hazel.

Mrs. Grady Hazel was hostess for the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon and many things were planned for club welfare. The club had ready to send to the Tubercular Camp at Greenville for the ex-service men, Christmas bags, well filled, there being about 25. A tribute was paid Mrs. W. J. Huiet and Mrs. L. C. Latimer, for the great work they have done, and are doing for education in the town. After the program the hostess served a delicious salad course, with coffee and whipped cream, ideas of Christmas being prettily carried out. The rooms were decorated with Christmas decorations.

### Terracing Important.

Clemson College, Dec. 13.—Soil erosion or the washing away of the soil from the fields costs the farmers of South Carolina millions of dollars every year. Proper terracing is the first step in preventing this loss. This is the season of the year to give attention to terrace making.

There are two general types of terraces that may be used, the bench or narrow terrace and the broad-base terrace. The broad base terrace may be of two kinds, level or on a grade. The broad-base graded terrace is known as the Mangum terrace.

While the bench terrace is the type that has been generally used in this state, it is rapidly being replaced by the broad-base terrace except on very steep slopes. The bench terrace is essentially a steep land terrace and should not be used where it is possible to build a broad-base terrace, advises R. W. Hammond, of the Agronomy Division. The objections to the bench terrace are that it is expensive to keep up, it cannot be cultivated, it is usually allowed to grow up in weeds and grass that draw the plant food away from the adjoining crops, it prevents the ready passage of farm machinery from one field to another, and it furnishes excellent winter-quarters for the boll weevil.

The broad-base terrace does not have any of these objections and therefore should be used where the slope permits. The broad-base level terrace should be used where the soil is porous enough to absorb the rainfall before it can injure the growing crop or collect in sufficient amount to flow over the top of the terrace. This type of terrace in preventing the rapid run off of rain furnishes moisture to the crop for a longer period in dry weather and allows practically none of the soil or fertilizer to escape.

The Mangum or broad-base graded terrace is exactly the same as the broad-base level terrace with the exception of the indicated difference, it is built with a fall. This type is used on soil that does not absorb rain rapidly and where there is danger of the water collecting and overflowing a level terrace. Some soil and fertility is lost in drawing off the water by the gradual slope, but this loss is insignificant compared with what the loss would be without terracing.

Detailed instructions as to building terraces may be had from the county agents or the Extension Service, Clemson College.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

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### "Uncle" Rufus Derrick Gives Good Advice to Boys and Girls.

Young Girls and Boys:

Listen, I am talking to you. I am not a great writer like Bill Arp, I did not study under him. What I know I learned by experience.

General Robert E. Lee had a little boy in his army named Johnnie. Rations become short, and he got something by sleight of hand. Other boys said, "Say Johnnie, better not let officers see that." He said, "My daddy taught me to be as honest as the day is long, but they are getting mighty short now." That is the way with my recollection.

My talk to you hinges on two words, advice, kindness. This is the best Christmas gift I can send you. Every little girl and boy is looking for Santa Claus to bring them a present at Christmas.

I remember when I was a little chap when Easter came we made rabbit nests in the garden for rabbits to lay in. I am not Bill Arp nor Santa Claus, but I will give you the best advice I can. I love to talk with young girls and boys and advise them how to do to carry on a good life. We must keep up our Sunday schools, prayer meetings and churches and all other good societies. Watch that company you keep, shun bad company; obey father and mother, they are anxious about your welfare.

Cars can roll with lumbering noise, mother can sleep with one eye shut and one eye open to watch over you. Take pride in having your mother for your best friend. Do anything you can to gain the confidence of father and mother.

Treat your mother as kind and polite as if she was a strange lady. Always tell the truth and shun the devil. Let whiskey and tobacco alone. I am seventy-eight years old and have never smoked a cigar, a cigarette or used a chew of tobacco. My wife is seventy-nine years old. She never smoked a pipe, and has never used glasses, and can see to thread a needle.

Girls, meet everybody with a smile on your face. If a young man comes to your house, do not run out of the back door, nor jump out at the window. Treat him kindly, politely. He will speak a good word for you.

Boys, be honest, prompt to keep your promise. Never let your out-go be greater than your income. If you do you will always be behind.

Girls, you haven't the same chance to marry like young men. He can pick his girl out of a bunch of pretty girls. He can get her if he has her to steal.

Act right. A lot ofttempting baits come for you to bite to get your money. Don't bite or nibble. If you have a dollar put it in your pocket or bank or on seven per cent interest. In fourteen years the interest will lack only two dollars of being as much as the principal.

If you will follow these rules you will always be well thought of, will be a good lady or a Christian young man.

Be true to your country. Never be a deserter or traitor. Be brave. Let your name live like George Washington's, who has been dead over a hundred and twenty three years.

I had rather die and be wrapped in stars and stripes and buried, than die with the name of a deserter.

R. M. DERRICK.

### Fill a Stocking at De la Howe.

Did you know that you had an empty stocking getting ready to be hung under De la Howe's mantel shelf? You may have more than that. If you have none to hang from your own, you may have as many as a dozen or two out of the 109 over there. Just imagine 109 empty stockings all in a row, and that many disappointed little folks, your little folks, and all on Christmas morning! A sight to make the angels weep!

There are 19 boys and 20 girls over there from 6 to 12 years of age; 13 boys and 19 girls from 12 to 14; 15 boys and 23 girls from 14 to 17. Pick out yours and write Mr. J. B. Branch, the superintendent at Willington, S. C., that you will send enough to fill your stockings—and live happy ever after.

### An Afternoon With South Carolinians in "The Copper Kettle" at Northampton.

Dear Advertiser:

Ever since the Boston tea party, Boston has steeped and drunk its daily cup of tea. These six northeastern states are not called New England inappropriately, for they observe very regularly the old England custom of afternoon tea drinking.

Many quaint little tea rooms are to be found in the smaller towns and the cities, miniature little shops with ornated signs over the door, above the gate to a unique entrance. "The Copper Kettle Tea Room" brews for you a steaming cup, "Mother's Cnpboard" insures satisfactory home cooking, or even "The Porcupine Tea Room" may suit those of more woody, rustic tastes.

"The Dutch Oven Tea Room" could serve you Dutch crullers, perhaps if you liked them, and if not, cinnamon toast and fudge cake. All these little shops were to be found in Northampton. While there three South Carolina girls at Smith college, a Massachusetts friend and I, gathered in one of these tea rooms around a table set for five. It was a very great pleasure to entertain three South Carolinians even if I had never seen them before. There is a peculiar tie that one South Carolinian has for another. It is not true of all states. We have no very large cities, and rather few large schools, and since the population is comparatively small, in one way and another, we seem to know of most of the families in the state. At any rate, almost any two South Carolinians are apt to have friends in common.

Lena Whittle of Blackville, Estelle Rawl of Columbia and Lucia Sullivan of Anderson are the trio. For a while while we existed, not in the far north but in cotton fields of Carolina, and lapsed back a little perhaps into the dialect that we are about to outgrow. Helen Wulbern of Charleston was away for the weekend else she would have joined our merry party and we would have had news then of our old State from the sea to the Georgia line.

The girl from Columbia knew Miss Lillian Smith; the girl from Blackville said that Capt. N. G. Evans had been a friend of her father's and the girl from Anderson spoke of knowing Ouida Pattison. Miss Sullivan was a freshman at Smith, Miss Whittle a junior, and Miss Rawl, a graduate of Winthrop college, was working for her master's degree at Smith.

I am rather fascinated by New England's tea drinking habit. The South drinks iced tea in the summer to keep cool and New England drinks hot tea in the winter to keep warm. There is a saying that one can tell one's fortune in a tea cup by the way the leaves arrange themselves. I never can quite finish drinking one cup to see what my fortune is. These New Englanders drink three cups, while I am drinking one.

Long ago the Boston harbor was one big tea cup and the tea was a drink forced unwillingly down the throats by English tyrants. The leaves then told a fortune of freedom, but when the cup is made of dainty china and drunk by youth and age it must tell a fortune of romance.

The Chinese drink their tea without sugar or cream. That shows a real love for the stimulant. I think it much better when elaborately reinforced with sugar and cream and the bigger the better, the luncheon that goes with it. These blue bloods drink from blue tea cups, and the table laid, may be covered with a piece of the blue and white needlework which is a famous product of a small New England town. My only fitting qualification is a blue nose from the bitter cold. A cup of tea has a very enlivening effect on people. They chat much more amicably when drinking, and under the strange charm of this cup they grow very confidential and unburden their hearts in a remarkable way. I have even been constrained to tell the secrets of my sweetly simple past between sips.

The idea of tea rooms with a name on a sign over the door must have originated from the old English custom of naming the taverns, such as

"The Red Lion." It was "The Copper Kettle Tea Room" that our little party took place and all the gathering lacked was a colored mammy to serve us. I am sure that we all talked at once, and all answered at once, and since it was mostly of South Carolina that we spoke, it was a love feast of good cheer.

Soon after my return to Boston I went up to the public library and saw again the massive memorial to "Sherman's March to the Sea" and it ruffled me much more than ever. I was with the same Massachusetts girl who had been to tea with the South Carolinians, and I said "look at that memorial to Sherman." It was like referring to some trivial incident in the history of Afghanistan, for instance. It meant nothing to me one way or the other.

There is a very great difference in the consciousness of the Northerner and that of the Southerner. The North has money to spend on splendid memorials, but I wonder sometimes how much the average one knows or cares about the events they commemorate. The South on the other hand, has had little chance to engrave its heroes names on tablets of stone, so it has engraved them on the hearts of its people, and consequently we feel more reverence, more real respect for past greatness. Their attitude is partly accounted for by the fact that so many Easterners are foreign born.

To return to the subject of tea, the Bostonian has reduced the serving of it down to a positive art. The other day I was calling in Boston, and here tea is served on the slightest provocation. Leaning against the wall was a quaint table that folded and unfolded itself quite conveniently. When in use it was a tea table, and at other times is disappeared quite out of the way. On this table my hostess laid dainty sweetmeats.

tea, else I should have substituted a T-bone steak for it long ago. Then the tea pot is attached to an electric appliance in the wall near at hand, and the drink was served like magic.

"The Copper Kettle" was a very cosy place, and the tea was fragrant of cotton blooms. We talked till the candles burned low, and in the Copper Kettle we buried a treasure, a new allegiance to the state in the union that is a little bit better than any of the other forty-seven.

Perhaps I shall never have the privilege of returning to Northampton again and to "The Copper Kettle Tea Room" but the others certainly will and they may find each time some of the buried treasure, a memory of all the happy times we said of the old Palmetto State.

FLORENCE MIMS.

25 St. Stephens St., Boston, Mass.

### On Moving Bees.

Clemson College, Dec. 18.—If bees are to be moved, this is a good time of the year to move them. In moving bees there are some important things to be rendered, suggests E. S. Prevost, Extension Bee Specialist.

1. Close the entrance of the hive with screen wire to prevent the bees from getting out. The wire will also give sufficient ventilation.

2. Be sure that the hive is fastened together so that the bees can not get out. This is done by nailing the bottom and the top to the brood chamber with hive staples or slats of wood.

3. Be very careful not to give the bees any unnecessary jarring, as the jarring may break the comb. If the comb is broken at this season of the year it may fall over and kill the queen, which means destruction to the hive.

4. In moving young swarms, use great care as their combs are more easily broken than those of older swarms.

5. When you get your bees to their new location, remove the screen wire so that the bees can get out. The slats may be removed at any time.

Say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to your wife with a brand new Ford car. Maybe it is what she needs most.

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### Gov. Harvey Decides to Act When Constables Report Officers Refuse Aid.

Columbia, Dec. 15.—Charges that several Lexington county officers refused to assist state constables in a drive on bootleggers will be aired shortly, Governor Harvey announced today. The accused officials, the chief executive declared, will be required to show cause before him why they should not be removed from office for neglect of duty.

Decision of the governor to take a hand in the Lexington situation was made, he said, on receipt of a report by state constables that they could secure no assistance in conducting a raid in the town of Lexington yesterday. A rural policeman who had been assigned to accompany them, the constables reported to the governor, turned back and refused to go farther when he learned they had a warrant to search a place belonging to Sim J. Miller, former sheriff of Lexington.

At Miller's garage, the report stated, Russell Portee, an employe, was arrested after he had sold the raiders a pint of liquor. No whiskey was found on the search of the premises, according to the report, portions of which were made public by Governor Harvey.

Two other places were raided, the governor was informed. At the Harmon drug store, a quantity of whiskey was found and Dr. Rice Harmon was held in \$200 bail on a charge of violation of the prohibition law. Joe Suber was held in a like amount on a similar charge, the report stated, following the finding of whiskey at a place known as Annette Suber's.

Portee's bond was fixed at \$500 on charges of selling, storing and transporting whiskey.

Governor Harvey declared information on the case to Lexington county in the state as regards whiskey law infractions. He announced that he probably would proceed against officers in other counties where conditions were reported to be bad.

### May Hunt on Own Land Without a License.

There recently appeared in many of the newspapers of the state, a statement to the effect that a ruling by A. A. Richardson, state game warden, required that land owners obtain hunting licenses before hunting on their lands. The statement attracted considerable attention and Magistrate J. J. Sitton, of Pendleton, differing with the view of the law, wrote to Attorney General Wolfe for his opinion. Magistrate Sitton has received the attorney general's reply which is as follows:

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry under date of December 1 relative to the alleged statement which has been accredited to the chief game warden to the effect that a resident of the state is required to possess a hunter's license in order to hunt on his own lands in any county of the state, I advise that I have just talked with the chief game warden, who says no such ruling or statement has been made by him or on his authority. On the contrary section 8 of the act relative to hunters' licenses provides that the provisions of the act shall not prevent residents of the state from hunting without a license on their own lands in any county of the state.

Very truly,

SAMUEL M. WOLFE,

Attorney General.

### I'm Thinking of The Advertiser

The editor sends us a nice letter weekly, fifty-two times a year, and we look for it with pleasure, and read it with joy. Let us show him our appreciation for his faithful service by giving him a pounding. The churches pound their pastors, then why not the editors. Now, if my "think" is your "thought," let us all respond, and for someone to name the time and the place to deliver the goods. We owe this much to our faithful editor. It will make him feel glad and strong.

Fraternally,

J. RUSSELL WRIGHT.