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JOHNSON LETTER.

Revival Meeting at Baptist Church. Women Organize for Patriotic Service. Mr. Claxton's Health Fails.

A revival service has been in progress at the Baptist church during the past week and will continue on through this week, Rev. Brooke being assisted by Rev. Upchurch of Raleigh, N. C. The meetings are being well attended, and especially at nights are there unusually large crowds. A new hymnal is being used for the services which contain beautiful hymns, and the music is a good feature. Music has oft times moved a person that might not be touched otherwise.

Rev. Upchurch is a man of great magnetism, and his sermons are forcefully drawn and he presents the gospel truths in a way that catches and holds the attention of all.

The Sunday morning service was an especially sweet and beautiful one. It was the Easter morning, and at the close of the services, two young boys gave their lives for new ones of service. Rev. Upchurch preached upon "A Beautiful Life", and this sermon was the turning point for these young men. The Easter service was as follows: Organ - - - Schubert's Serenade.

Hymn—"Christ the Lord is Risen." Prayer—Scripture—Rev. Brooke. Hymn - - - "At the Cross." Offering—Organ—"I gave My Life for Thee."

Anthem—"Down in the Lillied Garden."

Sermon - - by Rev. Upchurch.

Hymn—"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken."

Organ Postlude.

Owing to the revival that is in progress in town, there has been held nothing of a social nature, and the various organizations gave way, for it has always been the custom here to give place for anything of a religious nature.

Mrs. Frances H. Williams is spending awhile at Swausea with her husband who is now located there.

The National League for Woman's Work held last week in Washington an important conference, and definitely affiliated with this League are the various patriotic organizations.

Following upon this comes the meeting all over the States of the various organizations, and patriotic women are all ready to volunteer their services for any need.

The women of Johnston met on Monday afternoon in the Sunday school rooms of the Baptist church to discuss plans and to take up this alignment of work.

In all the annals of history, women have ever been ready to bear their part in any conflict, and the women of today, no matter what comes, we stand ready.

There is much that they can do now for preparedness, and the women organized themselves into various units in their respective organizations. The D. A. R.'s have had the Red Cross work in view since October, and literature and plans will be secured for undertaking this.

There are various plans for some form of service, and there is a detachment that will learn gardening and canning to help in the production and conservation of the food supply.

The approach of war does not seem to have had any effect on the wiles of Cupid, for this little god has effected a marriage here for this spring.

Mrs. Amelia Houston has been quite sick for several weeks, and her physician considers her condition a serious one. Her sister, Mrs. Foster of Augusta, has been with her for the past week.

Miss Pauline Timmerman is spending a few days here with relatives.

Mrs. Smyly Stevens of Bennettsville, and Miss Lena Stevens of Meeting Street, were visitors here recently.

On Saturday evening, April 21, in the college auditorium of Coker College, Miss Elise Mobley will be presented by the college in a senior piano recital. Miss Mobley is one

News From Edgefield's Schools.

In the primary reading contest there is to be a contestant from each grade, as this is the only contest for primary children. This is to relieve all misunderstanding in regard to the number of contestants in the reading contest.

Instead of the regular chapel exercises of Friday morning the time was given up to the preliminary oratorical and recitation contest of the graded school in order that a boy and girl might be selected to represent us in these respective contests on Field Day. The program rendered was as follows:

"Seeing Things at Night"—Edward Peak.

"Little Friend in the Mirror"—Gladys Lawton.

"The Dutchman's Schnake"—Elise Hudgens.

"Annie and Willie's Prayer"—Helen Nicholson.

"Katie Lee and Willie Gray"—Gertrude Thurmond.

"The Banner Betsy Made"—George Tompkins.

"The Soldier's Dream"—Eloise Hart.

Kipling's "Recessional"—Ruth Paul.

"Uncle Remus and the Telephone"—Elizabeth Reeves.

"Men and Memories of the South"—Wm. Folk.

Mrs. Robert Long, Mr. James Bonner, and Miss Katherine Mims acted as judges and their decision was given in favor of Elise Hudgens and Edward Peak. In case either of these should be unable to fulfill their duty alternates were selected who were Eloise Hart and Wm. Folk.

The oratorical and recitation contest to select two representatives from the high school took place Monday morning. The speakers were:

"Aunt Jemimah's Courtship"—Annie Mae Culbreath.

"The Maid of Orleans"—Emmie Broadwater.

"The Turk's Dream"—Lydia Brunson.

"Minute Men of the Revolution"—Eugene Timmons.

"Happiness and Liberty"—Lee Timmons.

"The Unknown Speaker"—James Porter.

"The Alamo and the New South"—James Sharpton.

"The South Faithful to her Duties"—Edwin Folk.

"The Black Horse and His Rider"—Milledge Holson.

"Stonewall Jackson"—Elwyn Moore.

"Death of Garfield"—Warren Wright.

The Judges: Mr. Gunter, Miss Isabel Chappel, and Mr. Bonner selected Miss Emmie Broadwater and Mr. Edwin Folk as our representatives. The second honors were conferred upon Miss Lydia Brunson and Mr. James Porter. Edwin Folk will also be our representative to Columbia in the State Oratorical Contest and we hope that he will come out with flying colors.

We decided sometime ago that it would be best not to have a parade on Field Day because so many of the schools from the county would naturally be late and that would delay the regular program. However, since a state of war exists, we all feel very patriotic and want to show our patriotism in some way. A grand parade will be the best method, and to each of you, who desire to show your National spirit by floating the "Stars and Stripes," we extend a cordial invitation to join our parade beginning at 10 o'clock from the public square. For further information concerning this, consult Mr. Lyon.

Just a word to the ladies: Remember, we are to receive quite a number of guests Friday, and it is your duty to see that they are sufficiently provided with food. The students will do the entertaining, but you mothers must do the feeding. Set us a good example by closing the occasion properly.

Our representative in the spelling contest is Neta Ouzts; second honor Edwin Folk.

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Patriotic Mass Meeting in Court House.

The people of Edgefield, both town and county, are requested to meet in the Court House Tuesday morning, April 17, at eleven o'clock. Several short stirring addresses will be made in order to awaken and arouse our people to a sense of their duty with reference to the war in which our common country is now engaged. The principal address will be delivered by Hon. D. S. Henderson of Aiken, S. C.

Attend the meeting and urge your friends and neighbors to attend.

Death of Mr. Edgar Reynolds.

Great is the pity that those who bravely endured the hardships incident to the four years of strenuous service during the War Between the States, which devastated and impoverished the South, can not be spared to enjoy the prosperity upon which this section has entered. Before the South fully comes again into its own but few veterans will be left. The last to be called hence from the rapidly thinning ranks of Confederate veterans was Mr. Edgar S. Reynolds who died suddenly at his home in the Longmires section Sunday morning. His brother, Mr. Arthur Reynolds, was on a visit to Mr. Reynolds and was present when he breathed his last. As Mr. Reynolds has suffered at times during the past year from a weak heart, it is presumed that heart failure was the immediate cause of death. He was in the 47th year of his age.

Mr. Reynolds was descended from a family that has always had an active part in the making of history for Edgefield county. Neither in war nor in times of peace have the Reynolds family ever been shirkers of duty. In the more active years of his life, Mr. Reynolds was a prominent factor in the community life. It was in the Longmires community that he passed both the morning and eventide of life, being one of the foremost farmers of that section of the county. His wife, who was Miss Kate Seigler, died about 10 years ago and it was beside her grave in the community cemetery near the home that his body was laid to rest Monday morning. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of Bethany church.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. E. Padgett, Mrs. W. H. Yeldell, Jr., and Miss Buford Reynolds, and two sons, J. E. and H. M. Reynolds.

Southern Officials Interested in Farm Marketing.

That every Southern farmer who grows a food crop this year will be able to dispose of it at handsome prices either in its original shape or as live stock was the unanimous opinion of the fifty experts of the Development Service of the Southern Railway System and affiliated lines who met in Atlanta to discuss plans for farm marketing, immigration and the agricultural and industrial development of the South.

The market and farm products agents are aiding the movement for increased production of food crops in the South by their efforts to put growers in touch with dealers and consumers desiring their products and have been so successful that the demand for products of Southern farms has greatly exceeded the supply.

While live stock growing is being advocated earnestly, farmers are urged to provide food crops before buying live stock. Any farmer in the territory served by the Southern Railway System or affiliated lines who desires aid in disposing of any crop will be given all possible assistance if he will communicate with the farm products agent located in his section or with

Roland Turner,
Chief Farm Products Agent,
Atlanta, Ga.

State Sunday School Convention at Spartanburg.

The program of the State Sunday School Convention, which is to be held in Spartanburg, May 1, 2, 3, will be the strongest and most attractive program ever presented to the Sunday School workers of South Carolina, according to a statement from the program committee. The morning and evening sessions will be given to general addresses from some of the leading Sunday School workers of the State and of the country. Among those on the program are John L. Alexander, Secondary Division Superintendent, International Sunday School Association; Dr. Plato T. Durham, Dean Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. E. O. Sellers, Director Sunday School Department, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; Rev. A. W. Blackwood, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Columbia; Miss Myra Batchelder, General Secretary Birmingham Sunday School Association; Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Editor of Literature for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, Columbia; Dr. B. H. DeMent, Pastor First Baptist Church, Greenwood; Prof. D. W. Daniel, Professor of English, Clemson College; Dr. J. L. Mann, Superintendent of City Schools, Greenville.

A special feature of the convention will be the training school for Sunday School workers each afternoon. From 3 to 5 o'clock each afternoon there will be a separate conference each for Administrative, Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Division workers. The program committee has secured an expert for each of these divisions, and it is the plan to make all of these conferences a real school of instruction. In addition to these experts, there will be on the program fifty or more people in the State who have attained notable success in their particular work. It is the purpose of the program committee to give inspiration and expert help to every person that attends the convention.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 6.

Death of Mr. C. H. Stone.

Thursday afternoon Mr. C. H. Stone died suddenly at his home in Modoc. He fell between the residence and the lot and was found by his son. While life was not extinct when his body was discovered, he breathed but a few minutes. Mr. Stone was a good citizen. He was a man of sterling qualities and was a prominent factor in the community life. His place among the people who have known him and esteemed him from his youth up cannot easily be filled. The funeral was conducted Friday at Modoc by Rev. J. F. Warren, pastor of the Baptist church.

Besides his wife, Mr. Stone leaves three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Holston of Augusta, Mrs. J. N. Moore and Miss Marie Stone of Modoc and three sons, C. B. Stone of Augusta, T. J. Stone of North Augusta and J. M. Stone of Modoc.

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Ex-Governor John C. Sheppard Urges Growing of Food Stuffs.

Mr. Editor:

I have received a communication from The Public Safety Committee of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, saying among other things:

"Alarming conditions confront us as a result of war. The South has been fed largely from the West; but this year we must feed ourselves, because the Government will take the Western food supply for the army."

"There will be widespread suffering in the South before the year ends if food crops are not heavily increased. The only way to avert the impending calamity is for every farmer to raise plenty of food for man and beast."

"By so doing he will reap a rich reward, because food is scarce the world over, and food crops are sure to bring high prices."

Then follows the suggestion, that on the average one-horse farm in the South, there should be planted in the present year, five acres in corn and velvet beans, five acres in cowpeas for hay, to be followed by winter oats; one and a half acres in sweet potatoes, to be followed by winter cover crops; and other food stuffs, together with the ordinary products of the vegetable garden.

I have just seen also a statement issued by the Commission for Civic Preparedness for War, recently appointed by Governor Manning, of which that splendid citizen, Mr. D. R. Coker, is chairman, who is always doing something to promote progress in agriculture and the prosperity of the farmer, in which it is stated:

"Food stuffs are already at the highest point reached in fifty years, and prices continue to advance. The pinch of the high cost of living is being felt by practically all classes of our citizens except the farmer, who is entirely self-maintaining. It behooves our people to take earnest thought of the situation, and their duty in reference to it. Our duty to the Nation demands the production of the greatest possible amount of food stuffs for the consumption of man and beast."

I regard it as a wise and merciful dispensation of Providence, that the seasons have been so unfavorable this spring as to necessitate the postponement of the planting of crops. The middle of April is near at hand, and very little corn and cotton have been planted. When our farmers were formulating their plans for the year they did not dream that before their crops could be planted war would be declared. Now that the tocsin of war has been sounded we must re-arrange our plans.

It is as certain as anything in the world can be, that if the crops had been planted as planned by our people, there would have been an excess of cotton, and a "famine of food stuffs" in the Southland before another crop could be made, which would have resulted in conditions from which our people could not have recovered in a generation.

Therefore I am writing to my fellow citizens with all the sincerity of my nature, and urge them, by every consideration of private interest, as well as public and patriotic duty, to review and reverse their plans for the year.

The authorities above quoted urge that the area to be planted in food stuffs for man and beast should be doubled; and that the area to be planted in cotton should be cut to at least one-half.

Every farmer in the county should arrange to make provisions for home consumption, and leave a good balance for sale.

Since our plans for the year were formed, our government has declared that a state of war exists with the Imperial Government of Germany. We are allied with England, France, Italy and Russia for the destruction of German militarism. The demands of civilization, humanity and liberty require that the imperial militaristic oligarchy of Germany shall be destroyed. The people at home must live, and in addition the greatest armies that the world has ever seen must be maintained. Soldiers cannot produce provisions; they must be raised on the farms and sent to the soldiers in the trenches and along the battle lines. Farmers at their homes are just as necessary,

CLEORA CULLINGS

Late Preparing Land. Preaching at Brunson School House. Urges Formation of Edgefield Military Company.

It looks like Providence is taking a hand to reduce the next cotton crop. Early planting is the only way to beat the boll weevil. It is now the 9th of April and no cotton planted in this section and less land prepared for planting than for a good many years. If the weevil strikes us this year (and the probability is that he will) cotton ought to bring \$1.00 per pound next fall. But the farmer that has to buy his provisions with cotton money will be in bad shape even at that price.

Losing the grain crop by the freeze hit the farmers a pretty heavy blow. But with a few spring oats, and early patches of sorghum and pop-corn we can get through the summer without buying much corn. Nearly everyone in this section has the velvet bean craze, and Mr. N. L. Willetts' pieces on it are increasing it.

Mrs. Brooks from the Red Oak Grove section, has been visiting the family of Mr. Wesley Doolittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strom visited the latter's parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cheatham.

Mr. J. O. Williams has about finished his new house just across the road from and in 200 yards of the Brunson school, and will move in it soon.

Rev. P. B. Lanham preaches at the Brunson school house in the afternoon of the 2nd Sunday. He preached a good sermon yesterday to a house full.

If the war continues through this year the farmer that doesn't make his provisions will have to do without it. Some don't seem to realize how serious the situation is.

When the United States call for volunteers we hope the Edgefield company will live up to her past record and furnish her quota, and instead of volunteering in small squads and going in with troops from other States, organize a company of Edgefield boys and have the company organized by Edgefield men.

Our school will close sometime in May and we want to paint our new house during the summer and have it ready for the fall term.

Unless the weather prevents, our school expects to attend Field Day exercises at Edgefield on the 13th but hope we won't have as "cold" and wet reception as we had last year.

During the Civil war, says the Philadelphia Ledger, a captain of a company which had sixty men in its ranks, none of whom was as energetic as the officer thought he should be, hit upon a plan which he believed would cure the men's habits of laziness. One morning, after roll call, the captain, addressing his command said:

"I have a nice, easy job for the laziest man in the company. Will the laziest man step to the front?" Instantly fifty-nine men each took a step forward.

"Why didn't you 'step to the front?" inquired the commander of the one man who did not come.

"I was too lazy," replied the soldier.

and contribute as efficiently to success in war, as the soldiers on the battle field.

Millions of tons of food stuffs have been buried in the deep bosom of the ocean by the most ruthless methods of warfare that have ever been known by the sons of men. The shortage thus produced cannot be supplied by the greatest crop of cotton that the world has ever known. The shortage thus produced must be dug out of the bowels of the earth by the sweat of the brow of labor. If this war shall last four years—and may God in His mercy forbid it—the Southern people will be dependent for maintenance upon crops produced upon Southern soil. Let us not await developments; but let us foresee the peril and provide for it. Let us provide food enough for our people at home and for our sons on the fields of battle.

Very respectfully,
J. C. Sheppard.
April 9, 1917.