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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Revival Services Closed. Miss Hardy Entertained. Mrs. Crim Ill From Over-Dose of Medicine.

The revival services which have been in progress at the Baptist church closed on Sunday evening. The meeting has been a great uplift and many spiritual blessings were gotten. There were four additions to the church, all young gentlemen.

It was sincerely regretted that Rev. Upchurch who was assisting Mr. Brooke, was taken sick and about the middle of the week had to return to his home in Oxford, N. C. About a month ago he had an abscess in his throat, and with constant talking the trouble returned, and he found it impossible to utter even a few words without great effort and pain.

Miss Elliot Hardy entertained a few friends with a most pleasant dinner party on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Eva Howell of Florence, who is visiting Miss Sarah Stevens. The hours were most delightfully spent in this pretty home with its cordial inmates, and each one was reluctant to depart when the hour came. An elegant dinner was served with true hospitality. Sweet music was also enjoyed.

Those from here who attended the patriotic meeting at Trenton were Mesdames M. T. Turner, A. P. Lewis, O. D. Black, M. W. Crouch, J. L. Walker, A. P. Lott, and Misses Clara Sawyer, Zena Payne, Frances Turner and Elberta Bland.

Everyone here has been saddened and deeply concerned over the serious condition of Mrs. David Crim, which resulted from taking an over-dose of medicine.

Mrs. Crim has been suffering from heart failure, and her physician was giving her strychnine to relieve her. On last Thursday morning she felt an attack coming on, and finding all of the prescribed tablets taken got a box of loose strychnine which had been found in the medicine chest. She did not know that this was full strength, thinking it was mixed as in the tablet form which was 1-26 grain. She took what she thought to be as much as a tablet but her physician said it was sufficient to have killed four persons. Soon after taking she felt a numbness, and the family seeing her suffering was not the result of heart failure, phoned for medical aid, and the physician resorted to every effort to free her system from the poison. It seemed only a miracle that she was saved, but since then, the great shock to her system has placed her life in the balance, and she lies hovering between life and death. Her physician stays at her side, and the prayers of everyone are that she may yet rally and be spared to her family and two little babes.

The W. C. T. U., held a full and interesting meeting on Friday afternoon last. This is next to the last meeting for the model member contest, and there were several visitors present as the result, and it was good to see all on time and with the white bow pinned on. The meeting was held with Mrs. L. C. Latimer, and Miss Zena Payne presided.

After appropriate songs and scripture, with prayer, the various departments and reports were heard. The Treasurer had made good collections, and the Union voted to give \$4.00 on the county essay contest fund.

The flower department had been busy with God's sweet messages, the flowers, some having been sent arranged prettily in baskets.

Of especial interest was the department of "Soldiers and Sailors." The Union decided to work as a unit, and by next week will have their "comfort bags" ready to send on. Everyone is interested, and especially so as the matter of the soldier boy lies close to the heart of all now. This means of the Union is such a splendid way of keeping temperance before them. This date of the meeting was "the young people's Branch Day" and just now there is a great call to get these interested and the matter was discussed.

Several other matters were discussed.

RED OAK GROVE.

Exhorts to Good Works. Y. W. A. Held Meeting. W. M. U. Division Rally Saturday the 21st.

The idea gathered from the study of our last Sunday's lesson to us was one to encourage our people, that our sacrifices should be a lenient, to be true service. Therefore, wherever a call to duty may lead us, should we not gladly follow, believing character is the main key to safety, which we ourselves can blemish in the sight of our merciful Father. So now in the great crisis the world in war, may our people both high and low, rich and poor, this world over, humbly say, "Send me wherever Thou wouldst have me to go." Our prayer is, that the great sin, that is now causing so much blood-shed, to say nothing of the starvation for food supplies and destruction of property, may cause the people to get closer to God.

Another thing that impresses us with much earnestness, is the importance of cheerfulness, on part of those of us who may be called upon to part with loved ones to go to defend their country. That will have great weight in efficiency. There has never been a time that the demand was greater for prayerful thought and wise procedure.

While the work on farm has been very much delayed by repeated rains, we trust many may see the way to go to Edgefield to-morrow and hear Hon. D. S. Henderson.

We are glad to hear many nice things for Fieldsday, and regret our Flat Rock school did not attend. Little Brooks Kenrick has been failing in health again now for several weeks. His friends have so sweetly remembered him which has given us a cheering, and a great amount of times does not relieve him of a sense of obligation and he demands an acknowledgment made for all courtesy shown him, which is always cheerfully carried out as he directs it.

The Y. W. A.'s had full attendance on yesterday, and real good meeting. Will meet with Miss Marie Hamilton next third Sunday evening. We regret making date for divisional meeting at Red Oak Grove on the 28th, when it should have been the 21st. But hope it will be corrected this week, and that our meeting will be a success and well attended.

An Appeal From Colored Chairman.

Editor The Advertiser:

Will you please give me a short space in your paper, to make an explanation? I have been appointed County Chairman, Preparedness Commission for Edgefield County. I have appointed the following committee, throughout the county, and I wish to ask the white friends to please assist this committee wherever appointed in carrying out the instructions they have:

- Wm Holloway, Pleasant Lane.
- Rev Wm Perterson, McCormick.
- Lucius Dobbs, Meeting Street.
- Prince Adams, Meeting Street.
- Charlie Bussey, Modoc.
- Rev Kinser, Cold Spring.
- Henry Jefferson, Trenton.
- Lewis Collins, Edgefield.
- Milton Strother, Edgefield.
- A W Nicholson, Trenton.
- Rev F W Weaver, Edgefield.
- E W Anderson, Edgefield.
- Rev Mark Adams, Edgefield.
- Ed Wilson, Johnston, R F D.
- Rev Shaw, Edgefield.
- Erksome Parker, Edgefield.
- Charlie Holloway,
- Rev Tom McManus, Meeting St.
- Rev Hamp Hill, Trenton.
- Eli Key,
- Rev James Blocker, Edgefield.
- John Garrett, Cold Spring.
- Ransey Miller, Edgefield.

The members of this committee are requested to meet me at Edgefield Saturday at 11 o'clock.

A. W. Simkins,
Co. Chair. Col. Preparedness,
Commission for Edgefield, Co. Edgefield, S. C.

When you get ready to buy your next suit come in and we will save you money, as our stock of clothing is better than we have ever carried. Mukashy Bargain House.

Mr. D. R. Coker, Chairman of Food Conservation Commission, Issues Proclamation.

The following is a proclamation issued by Mr. D. R. Coker summarizing conditions on which campaign for larger food production is based:

"Whereas, the national government and our State government realize that an ample supply of foodstuffs, both for this country and for those other countries who are likewise at war with the imperial German government, is necessary for the successful prosecution of military operations. They also realize that the available food supplies of the world are entirely inadequate, and that the successful prosecution of this war is menaced by said food shortage. They have, therefore, called upon the people of South Carolina to discontinue, as far as possible, their drafts upon the already heavily depleted national food reserves by the production at home of every possible pound of food for man and beast.

"In order that the people of South Carolina may be advised of the national peril caused by food shortage, and that effective steps may be taken in this State for food production and conservation, the governor of South Carolina has constituted a commission known as the commission for civic preparedness for war. He has charged this commission with awakening our people with the necessity of united and patriotic action in the face of national peril.

"That the people may be properly informed and induced to take the necessary co-operative action, the commission has appointed a chairman and members, and has begun its work. The available supplies of foodstuffs are the lowest in all food-producing countries that they have been for over 50 years.

"Prices of most foodstuffs have about doubled during the past two or three years.

"The government crop report forecasts a wheat crop which will be short of American consumption. The reserve supplies of meat are far below normal.

"A nation at war requires more food than a nation at peace.

"France, England, Belgium and Italy are short of food and are largely dependent on American imports, and unless some means is found of supplying them, they cannot continue to fight effectively.

"The South is importing from the North and West \$600,000,000 to \$700,000,000 worth of foodstuffs annually and is thus a tremendous drain on the nation's food resources.

Death of Mr. W. F. Carter.

Monday afternoon Rev. P. B. Lanham conducted the funeral at Dothan church of Mr. W. F. Carter, who died at the home of Mr. Hugh Scott. Mr. Carter was a native of Ireland but had been in America about 40 years and had made his home with Mr. Scott for a number of years. Mr. Carter was about 80 years of age and was a civil engineer by profession. He was an intelligent man and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Report of Committees of Inspection of Civic League.

Seven committees representing the Civic League inspected the back yards of all of the homes in the town limits of Edgefield, and the following yards were reported as being in the list for the first and second prizes. A second committee, composed entirely of ladies outside of the Civic League will go around Friday morning to make the final decision.

Jeter Street—Mrs. S. M. Smith, Mrs. Emeline Cartledge.

Columbia Street—Mrs. J. A. Timmerman, Mrs. J. T. Pattison.

H. H. Sanders residence to J. Thurmond's residence—Mrs. Lovick Mims, Mrs. J. D. Kemp.

From Depot to Mr. W. A. Stroms residence—Mrs. R. A. Marsh, Mrs. Kate DeVore Butler.

From Court House to Mr. Jackson's residence—Mrs. J. S. Byrd, Mrs. Robt. Parks.

From Griffin Hill to Mr. Walter Holston's residence—Miss Virginia Addison, Mrs. Will Lott.

From Mrs. Kinaird's to Mrs. J. E. Hart's residence—Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. Kate W. Cheatham.

UNCLE "IV" WRITES.

Expresses His Views on War. Raising Food Crops. Commends President Wilson and Congress.

As a good many have and are expressing themselves or their views on the war, I will splode my splelements by telling of an incident that took place many years ago.

There lived in the neighborhood of a large school a man that had a few young men boarding at his home, and they on one occasion complained about their fare at the table, and the man with whom they were boarding said that he could eat a crow. The young men said no more just then, but decided on a plan to get even. So one of them went out and killed a crow, and took it to the cook and told her that her master (it was in the days of slavery, and the black mammy did the cooking) wanted a crow and told her to cook it right, and at the same time gave her a pepper shaker with snuff in it, and told the cook to put plenty of pepper on it, and she did as she was told to do.

And when meal time came around, there was that crow, and the man of the house asked what it was and was told that it was a crow, and it was prepared for him as he said he could eat a crow, and he replied that he could, and helped himself to some of it, but he soon begun to make ugly faces, and do as if he was about to vomit, and finally gave it up, and one of the young men said to him: I thought you said that you could eat a crow, and he replied; I can, but I am not hankering after it.

"I have had a taste of war, and am not 'hankering' after it, but as far as I am concerned, I will do anything already, and I will do it up to the top of my head.

I mean acres in corn, oats and wheat. I mean oats sown after the freeze, and with seasons to suit next-month will make good oats. Yes, will finish planting cotton today. Not as much as last year, and corn at least twice as much as we planted last year to the two plows that I run (or the boys) and in every row of the corn will put peas or velvet beans and some peanuts, too; and have also, Ribbon cane and sorghum for the stock, with some early corn to help out for early feed for mules, hogs and cows, and some sorghum to make up into syrup, and at least one acre in sweet potatoes. In that way I am trying to help my country in trying to raise something to eat for man and beast, and with seasons to suit, some to spare for those who are dependent on the farmer for their living.

In letters I receive from those with whom I correspond, I am asked the question as to what I think about the greatest war that has ever been waged, and my reply is something like this: Try and not get excited, but plant something to eat; for as to when it will close God alone knows, and 'tis useless for anyone to speculate about it.

But in my poor judgment it will not close until the central powers in Europe have to succumb to those who are allied against them—but that the central powers of Europe will be overthrown—I haven't a doubt, from the very fact that I can't and don't believe that God ever intended that one man or a few should rule a world or a nation. No sir, those filibusters in the U. S. Senate are a fair type in my mind of the Kaiser of Germany and his advisers, and like them the people of those countries that have no say-so in the government, will eventually rise in their might and claim their freedom as Russia has already done.

I am proud of our President of these United States and also of our Congress. They have and are quitting themselves like men that every American citizen has a right and ought and are proud of them.

Now I close with this. "Be still and know that I am God"—Psalms 46-10, and again; "Wait patiently for Him"—Psalms 37-7. No, I am no preacher, but if there was ever a timewhen we ought to wait, patiently it seems to me that time is now. Almost the whole world at war, and the end not yet and may not be for sometime. I, nor any one else knows but God knows, and in His own good time He will in the right way

Sunday Morning.

Sunday school in usual order. 11:30—Missionary sermon by Rev J F Warren.

12:30—Adjournment for dinner.

A talk by S T Adams on Sunday school work and co-operation. Song service. H. E. Bunch, for committee.

Inquisitive Lady—How much milk does your cow give a day? Truthful Boy—'Bout eight quarts lady.

Inquiring lady—And how much of that do you sell? Truthful Boy—'Bout twelve quarts, lady.—Puck.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Measles Prevalent in Community. Marriage of Mrs. McKie and Mr. Harrison. Missionary Society to Meet.

Measles is taking the day, on the children down this way just now. They have been brought out to the country for their health from the North Augusta school. Mrs. Georgia McKie Harrison's children all have them; also, J. P. DeLaughter has them. We are expecting to hear of their having been spread to the Cemetery Hill school. We hope not, for they only have this week to finish up their term, and it would be a pity to have any of them lose any of those few. All of the children there love and are learning fast. We they had a longer term now they are so interested.

We in our neighborhood been very much surprised this week by the marriage of Georgia McKie to Mr. Harrison April 12, at the Meadonage in North Augusta. A romance, as she had only him since last fall when he manage her business for he wish them much happiness.

Mrs. Eulala McCarty has from Mr. George Wright's (Mr. George McKie's) for him. She and her daughter Mr. George's daughter, Ju attended services at Hard Sunday.

Mr. Stanton Townes friend, Mr. Watson, were a coming over from the elect across the river where working. They went hon Mrs. Julia Townes to talk before returning to go on the train Monday morning.

the week before at her home will board with Miss Mary on North Augusta, as I agree that she must not home for fear of another the fever. We hope she up and meet with us The W. M. S. meets Julia Townes. We are forward to a nice address Jennie O. Briggs, who her brother, Mr. Will Br

Sorry to hear of Mrs. E being so unwell of late. will soon be strong.

The farmers are very bl constant rains keeping too wet to plow or plant for clear weather until a ton and corn can be put becoming serious.

Mrs. P. B. Lanham home Saturday from a daughter, Mrs. Gregg I where she has been s last two months at Bis C. Mrs. Lanham has home body we are glad rest and change, and I feel stronger all the ye need a rest sometime constant sameness of It gives new ideas that joy thinking of while helps in every way.

Deserve Highest tion.

The faithful women pose the Woman's Cl perance Union of the o the highest commend persistent efforts to young along the line o and to create temperar For the past 10 yea been conducting essay the children of the p of the county. This the work in this cou the supervision of Mr Rainsford. The pres prizes was an interest Field Day exercises F

cause the ruthless shed to stop. I believe tha view a great and gloi in allowing it, and finished God will kn call to arms, the bo non, the rattle of the and the bugle call, will cease; and let m hope that it will not future. (So mote it be.) Uncle Iv.