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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Union Meeting at Johnston. Great Demand for Houses. Injured by Leaping From Train.

Next Sunday being the fifth Sunday the union meeting of this section of the Ridge association will be held here, and a most interesting program is being arranged for Saturday as well as Sunday. Dr. Love of Richmond was invited by the pastor to preach the sermon of Sunday, but another engagement for the day in Washington, D. C., prevented the people here from having the great privilege of hearing him.

Col. R. B. Watson of Ridge is on the program for a talk, and Rev. Jackson of Philippi is to talk on a stated subject.

Mr. Stanton N. Lott on Saturday will tell "How to Teach a Sunday School Class Successfully," and on Sunday afternoon Prof. William F. Scott will tell of the need of "Religion in the High School." Rev. A. C. Baker will preach the Saturday morning sermon.

Dinner will be had both days on the church grounds, and it is hoped that there will be a full delegation.

Dr. W. S. Stokes has been appointed registrar for the bureau of registration and employment for teachers. The bureau opened Saturday, Gov. Manning affixing his signature to the bill.

Messrs. H. G. Eidson and W. P. Yonce have resigned their position in the Bank of Western Carolina to engage in the automobile business. Many regret this move, in a way, for they gave such courteous attention to the public, and carried on the business in a most satisfactory manner to all concerned.

There is such a demand for houses in Johnston that the people will soon lose two of its residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cassells.

The home that they were renting has been sold and being unable to find any vacancy, they will go to Ellenton, the home of Mrs. Cassell's mother. It is their hope some day to come back, as Mr. Cassells is traveling in this territory.

Mrs. J. W. Mobley is spending awhile at Greer, S. C., with her husband who is engaged in war service there.

Mr. William Hart of Edgefield visited his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Lott last week.

Mr. J. W. Marsh has returned from a business trip to Gastonia, N. C.

Mrs. D. D. Mooror is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kenney.

Misses Snow Jeffries and Gladys Rives of Edgefield have been visiting Mrs. Robert Long.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ozuts are at home from a few days visit to Tenuille, Ga.

Last week Mr. Pope Simmons went over to Columbia to stand an examination for entrance to Annapolis Naval academy. He is one of the town's brightest young men and his friends trust that he was the successful one.

On last Thursday Mr. H. E. Graham was injured here while attempting to leave a train that had no orders to make a stop here, it not being local. The train never stops unless there is a passenger on that has come from points above Columbia. Mr. Graham, who is manager of the telephone company in this district, was returning from Batesburg, and decided to risk getting off at the curve as the train nears the station. He would have been successful but his foot slipped and left him clinging to the step railing from which he fell. The train had started at full speed again which made the blow he received as he struck the ground, very serious. He was carried to his home nearby, and later taken to the Augusta hospital. It was feared that he had concussion of the brain, but although he is in a most critical state, the symptoms are better at this writing.

Cordial interest was centered in the marriage which took place here last Thursday, the contracting parties being Mrs. Hattie Parrish and Mr. Robert Z. Levell of Newberry, the event taking place in the home of the bride. Only the immediate family was present to witness the union of these two lives, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. S. Brooke, Rev. E. V. Babb of Newberry assisting. After congrat-

lations, a wedding dinner was served, and later Mr. and Mrs. Levell left for Newberry in a car. The bride wore a modish coat suit, all details being in harmony. She is one of the town's most beloved women and her departure is deeply regretted. Johnston's loss is Newberry's gain. Mr. Levell is one of Newberry's honored citizens and is in every way worthy of his bride.

Mrs. Joseph Cox entertained on Saturday afternoon with a beautiful party in compliment to Mrs. James Cullam of Hartsville, and Mrs. David Mooror of Columbia. A cordial welcome was given all by the hostess, the honorees receiving with her, and later all gathered around the arranged tables, after pretty place cards had been drawn. An hour was spent with progressive rook, and after this a tempting repast of salads, sandwiches, crackers, pickle and iced tea was served. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and was glad to meet again, these two friends, who before their marriage removed them to other towns were among the most popular young people here. Mrs. Cox is a charming hostess, and each one thanked her for the happy occasion it had been to them.

About seven years ago the Mary Ann Buie chapter, U. D. C., erected a monument to the memory of the Confederate dead at a cost of \$1,750. Last week the last payment of \$500 was made to this, to the great satisfaction of the members. The general U. D. C. has pledged itself to let all endeavor go for war relief and to erect no more monuments or memorials as long as the war lasts. But the obligation was made several years ago and was to be met. With this on hand this chapter has done well also in Red Cross work.

Prof. W. F. Scott spent Saturday and Sunday at Monticello, with his father, Dr. Scott.

Mrs. S. G. Mobley has been quite sick for two weeks but is now much improved.

The Angeline Bacon chapter, C. of C. will devote their energies this spring to war relief work and their aim is to buy a liberty bond. On Saturday they made \$12.50 to help on this. The little folks are re-enthusiastic over their plan, and worked with a will to raise the money. Mrs. P. B. Waters is their leader.

Mrs. P. N. Lott was hostess for the New Century club on Tuesday afternoon and every one enjoyed the meeting and especially the literary program. Some time since the club decided to have some circulars printed to send out to farmers, urging them to use the bulletin board system to advertise all saleable produce. The committee reported this done. The bulletins are to be placed on the public roads at farmers houses and will be a fine way to aid him in sales and also to give to others what they may want to buy.

\$5.55 was on hand to aid in purchasing smileage books, these books having already been sent on from the club, the gift of the members. The matter of replenishing the library with current literature and other matters will be discussed at the next meeting.

The subject of the program was "Southern Essayists," "Joyne's, Trent and Galdersleeve" being discussed. There were selected readings from these and good papers. While all were enjoying jelly, whipped cream and Lady Baltimore cake, several selections were given on the victrola.

On last Friday evening in the High School auditorium there was a very fine debate, those contesting being from the schools of Ridge and Edgefield. Everyone that heard the debaters spoke highly of their abilities and those of greater years could hardly have beaten them. The query of the debate was to the effect "that the immigrant should have a certain amount of education before coming into this country." The affirmative speakers were of Ridge and were St. Pierre Asbell and Miss Moore. The negative speakers were of Edgefield and were Edwin Folk and Elwyn Moore, Edgefield winning. By being successful this gives them the honor of competing at the State contest in Columbia.

The Emily Geiger chapter, D. A. R., met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Scott and it was a pleasure to the members to have an out-of-town member present Mrs. W. B. Cogburn. The financial re-

RED OAK GROVE.

Urgent Need for Christian Education. Recent Visit to Camp Gordon Near Atlanta.

"Life is so full of many good things for us; if we seek to find it." I have been made to realize the truthfulness of the assertion quoted above, during a recent visit of recreation and pleasure. From observation and close study I base my statements.

The whole current of many lives has changed, yes, and elevated, by the serious demands of the war cloud. The struggle to help seems to be taking a decisive part in the existence of every worthy organization, bringing as it has a sense of fellowship to burn in many lowly hearts that before was absent. It has therefore come in close touch to character.

These convictions were forcefully impressed by the remark of a widowed mother whose fate was the rearing of six sons, whose father was killed on the railroad leaving them destitute, save a mother's love, who since this war says she has been made to feel that her cup of sorrow has become one of gratitude, in that two of her sons are enlisted for the honor of our country, the protection of humanity. Therefore I repeat, the serious demands of the war has come in close touch to character.

Never before has there been a more urgent need of Christian education. It is important that we have a democracy that is safe for the world. Surely it is a day of newspapers. This fact has been brought forcefully to my mind. Wherever you go, whether on street, the train or car, park or places of business, the newspaper is in evidence, frequently see more than one person reading the same paper. In my acquaintance persons who once ignored subscriptions to newspapers no longer consent to be a non subscriber, and most assuredly religious journalism along with the newspaper is growing in enthusiasm. Information is being anxiously sought as never before in the history of our country, the reasons being various of course, some of which I deem worthy of mention.

An employee of the Home Mission Board whose name I can't recall, gave me this information that the demand for literature has been increasing rapidly. It was most gratifying for the study lately of our W. M. U. has made us feel more keenly its present needs. During a recent visit to Atlanta we visited Camp Gordon, the afternoon the big parade was given by the soldiers in honor of Mrs. John B. Gordon and her daughter, Mrs. Burton Smith, who leaves now soon for France in behalf of war relief work. The half day at Camp Gordon was so full we must make a long story short by as few words as possible, as we saw it. An ideal camp ground in every sense of the word, comments on every side that the boys called off an admirable drill. The general spirit of the soldiers seemed contentment, if restlessness it was demonstrated by expressing the desire to be sent over to France. At the Y. M. C. A. hall by chance we met and was so pleasantly entertained by one of the medical corps originally from one of Edgefield's worthy families, Dr. L. B. Werz.

port of the chapter was very gratifying, all calls up to present time upon chapters, and all pledges having been met and a balance of \$20.57 was reported. The chapter will at an early date consider marking an old trail and a marker placed nearby the home of Mrs. Nancy Lott. A chapter scrap book will soon be started, this to include all D. A. R. items of the club pages of The State. The members were urged to remember the 3rd Thursday, as on this day they were to work at the Red Cross rooms, besides going on Red Cross days to work. Two fine papers for the Reciprocity bureau were turned over to Mrs. M. T. Turner. The literary program was in charge of Mrs. W. B. Cogburn, who made it very interesting, telling several things concerning the subject. Mrs. M. T. Turner gave an informing paper on "The men who have made the country great by inventions." Mrs. W. E. LaGrone was

PATRIOTIC RALLY.

Large Attendance. Splendid Addresses. French Officer a Favorite. Dinner Served by Red Cross.

The patriotic rally which was held Saturday in the court house surpassed the expectations of those who planned the meeting. As this is a very busy season with farmers it was feared that the attendance would not be large, but early in the forenoon people began to gather from all parts of the county and the court house was filled to capacity. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Edgefield Council of Defense, the good administration, and in the interest of the thrift and war savings stamps.

N. George Evans, county chairman of the Council of Defense, acted as chairman, calling upon the Rev. E. C. Bailey to open the exercises with prayer. The first speaker presented was Dr. George B. Cromer of Newberry, who first spoke of the unity of our people, making very effective his reference to the cementing of the North and the South and of the reunion of the veterans of both sides in Washington. Dr. Cromer paid a strong tribute to the people of England, showing that the War of the American Revolution was not really waged by the English people but through the Germans. He also quoted from Thomas Jefferson to prove that the Monroe doctrine was suggested by the British foreign minister from London. He also referred in eloquent terms to the heroism of the French.

Hundred Per Cent American.

Dr. Cromer denounced in the most scathing terms the pro-German element in this country. He stated that his mother came from Germany and that his father was a 100 per cent American citizen. His address was punctuated by enthusiastic applause and closed amid great applause from the large audience.

The second speaker was W. W. Long, director of the Clemson College extension work. Mr. Long made a favorable impression, leaving the people much food for thought in his long address. He urged the farmers of South Carolina to feed our own people and the live stock, instead of being constant drawers upon the reserve supply of food in the West, which is needed for our allies in Europe. He also spoke briefly of the transportation situation, showing by actual figures the heavy tax that has been placed on the railroads of the South in hauling 75 per cent of our soldiers and their necessary supplies. This increase in traffic has to be met without a system of double track. Mr. Long stated that South Carolina consumes 52,000,000 bushels of corn annually while we produced last year only 43,000,000 bushels, and last year was unusually favorable year for corn production. He also stressed the need of increasing the sweet potato acreage, urging the farmers to erect storage ware-houses for housing and saving potatoes after they were harvested. The people were urged to give more attention to poultry at this time and preserve eggs for winter use. He stated that while the average number of hens per farm throughout the country is 46, the average of South Carolina is only 17. He closed with an earnest appeal for more attention to dairy cows, stating that milk, which sells now from 60 to 75 cents per gallon, is no longer a poor man's diet. Only the rich can afford to purchase milk at that price.

Prof. L. T. Baker spoke in the interest of thrift and war savings stamps, effectively illustrating to the people that by this means every man, woman and child is afforded an opportunity for saving. Furthermore, that purchasing these stamps was only making an investment and not making any contribution to the government.

Prof. J. C. Guilds, headmaster of Carlisle Fitting School of Bamberg, also made an eloquent presentation on the program for current events, and each member gave an item of interest. The hostess served a tempting repast with fragrant coffee.

of the war savings stamps. Notwithstanding the fact that the people were somewhat weary after listening for several hours by earnestness and eloquence he aroused them and secured their undivided attention. It is believed that the speeches made today will greatly stimulate the sale of these stamps throughout the county.

French Lieutenant Speaks.

Notwithstanding the eloquent addresses that were made by others who could speak English more fluently, the speech which received the heartiest response was made by Lieut. Louis Rein Bazin of the French army, who resides in Paris. He stated from actual experience at the front that the women—mothers, sisters and sweethearts—can give greatest assistance to the men at the front by writing cheerful letters and by keeping up their spirits in other ways. He stated that soldiers at the front care but little for their lives or exposure to danger. In going to the front they contributed themselves to their country's cause, but that when the morale of the army is not broken the men can do more effective fighting. Lieutenant Bazin was assured that the American people are standing shoulder to shoulder with the French and British in the struggle for liberty and humanity.

The rally Saturday easily surpassed any occasion of the kind ever held in Edgefield, enthusing and arousing the people as they have never been aroused before.

Senator Tillman.

When Senator Tillman entered the Senate twenty-four years ago, only Lodge and Gallinger of the present body were there then, few of the newspapers of the country, outside of his organs in his own State, had a good word to say of him.

He was one of the pioneers in the fight of the masses against the classes, he had crushed the aristocracy of South Carolina, he had kept his own State in years of turmoil, he had put many fads on the statute books and, having a vitriolic tongue and a certain roughness of manner, his entrance into the Senate was looked upon as distinctly disadvantageous to its dignity and ability.

Yet now, when the Senator at the age of 71 announces to his people his desire for re-election, the leading newspapers of the country receive the announcement with the utmost favor, and, while not reflecting on the capacity of the men who would succeed him, venture to express the hope that South Carolina will re-elect him and thereby honor both itself and the country.

No better evidence could be given of the Senator's growth in the estimation of the country. Long ago, by sheer ability and ardent patriotism, he lived down the reputation which attached to him when he first made his appearance in Washington and he now ranks among the sanest and most influential members of upper chamber. That the country at large should feel so kindly toward him at this particular time is perhaps due to the service he has rendered in the upbuilding of the navy. When he entered the Senate he was made a member of the naval committee and the navy became his hobby. As a member of the committee and as chairman he has been indefatigable in his efforts to develop it to the highest state of efficiency.

Long before we entered the war he foresaw what was coming and knew that the first call would be on the navy. So far as he could influence the situation he devoted himself to putting it in a condition of readiness for the call, and with what results the country has had ample evidence. Our entrance into the war found the War Department disorganized and unready. It found more or less confusion in all departments of the Government. The navy was the exception. Its organization under Secretary Daniels was perfect. It was prepared to move when the signal was given; and it has been moving ever since in a manner to thrill Americans with pride.

South Carolina could not be more worthily represented than it is now by Senator Tillman, who holds a commanding position in the affairs of the nation in one of its greatest

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Township Equalization Working Early and Late. Aiken County Chain Gang Improving Road.

Last Monday the equalization board, consisting of Messrs. H. F. Cooper, J. O. Scott, and H. L. Bunch and R. W. Glover as assistant, met at Mr. J. O. Scott's. As I was invited to spend the day, and get so few opportunities of visiting, I took advantage of this one, and spent a very enjoyable day with Mrs. Scott. She was telling of how lonely it is over there, since so many have moved out on account of bad health, and her children stay away for the same cause. She has two married, and they would visit her oftener, if the health conditions were better. One son off in the army or rather navy, Mr. Oswald Scott. Miss Inez visits in North Augusta quite frequently and Miss Zelma is attending school there. So it leaves Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. Ed Spires are the only ones at home. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scott, Sr., the only ones at their home. We know how terribly lonely it is for her, for she is fully a mile from Mr. John Scotts, where Mr. Hugh Scotts store is, and where he is all day. There are no young folks over there now. Mr. Taylor's daughters have all married, except the two youngest, and they and the son are off at school. 'Tis sad to think that after the parents have raised a family, and they are growing old and need those children, that they should all go and leave the old folks at home feeble and lonely. Often too feeble to do for themselves, and in these days such a thing as hiring help is out of the question.

I heard just the other day of an old couple, all their children have married and left them, and the gentleman is paralyzed, and perfectly helpless. The lady was taken violently ill, and lost her eyesight, and they too were alone, and no one came to see them for several days, and when they did, found they had been without food and fires all that while, because neither one could do for the other. Wasn't that pitiful?

We were so glad to hear of Mrs. John McKie being able to be taken home last Monday, and hope she will continue to improve and soon be strong.

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Julia Hammond of Augusta, being quite sick this past week. Also Miss Lucie McKie having been sick for two or three weeks, and Mrs. Sallie Bunch has been real sick this week. Hope all these sick ones may soon be well and strong again. Also Mrs. Baynon who has been complaining a great deal this past week.

Mrs. Francis Townes came up Sunday morning in her new "Chevrolet" bringing her two aunts, Mrs. Mat Shaw and Miss Melvie Lanier to spend the day at her father's, Mr. George McDlock's. She took her mother back with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fouche and Mr. Wise went down to attend services in Augusta Sunday. Mr. Harry Bunch took his family to ride Sunday afternoon to see where the Aiken chain gang had worked the road, it is such a rare thing to see on this road. But they have not hurt it yet. We hope they will come on up as far as the line anyway, as they had only come as far as Mr. George McKie's Saturday.

The equalization board will meet again this Monday at Mr. H. F. Cooper's to try and finish up their work. There being so much to do this year, they could not finish up in one day.

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Patriotic Rallies.

A patriotic rally will be held at Red Hill Friday, April 6, at 11:00 o'clock, and a rally will also be held at Johnston Saturday, April 7, at about the same hour. Very able addresses will be delivered by speakers from out of the county. Tell your friends about these meetings. The attendance should be large.

crises. His mere expression of a wish to be re-elected ought to be sufficient to assure his return. From New Orleans Daily State March 13, 1918.