

A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO THE COMING GUESTS; FINE PROGRAM FOR DISTINGUISHED MEN

Details Complete for Reception Next Tuesday of Chairman Harding, Federal Reserve President Harrison, Southern Railway, and President Miller of Richmond's Bank.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Feb. 3.—With some 200 men and women working during the whole week past, Gastonia is now in readiness to receive the several hundred visitors who will be her guests from Monday, February 5, to Friday, February 9.

The chief attraction of the meetings will be the address of Hon. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Harding will address the business men of the State at a general banquet, at the armory, in Gastonia at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday, and at 3:30 o'clock at the Gaston County court house, in Gastonia, he will address the farmers and others who will not hear him at the banquet, and then in the evening at 8 o'clock, he will be the guest of honor at an exclusive banker's banquet at the Armington Hotel, in Gastonia, at which there will be some 150 prominent bankers from North Carolina, South Carolina, Richmond, Va., and other Southern cities. Mr. Harding will speak to the farmers on "The Observations of the Next Crop."

Elaborate plans have been made for both banquets. The women of Gastonia will serve the banquet at noon, furnishing their own and best china, silver and linen. Miss Lillian Atkins' orchestra will furnish the music for the evening banquet and the Gastonia Music Club will furnish the music for the noon banquet, which will include a "Welcome Song," the words of which are by Mrs. Brockman, of Gastonia.

Immediately after No. 37 arrive with Mr. Harding all guests will assemble at the Armington Hotel to review the drills of the Gastonia Drum Corp., after which all visitors will be given an automobile ride over the "Textile Center." On the return from the automobile ride, the guests will gather at the Armington Hotel just previous to marching to the armory for the general banquet. Arrangements have been made to seat four hundred at this banquet.

Attractive souvenir badges will be presented to each guest with his name on it.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, president of the First National Bank, will serve as toastmaster, while Mr. Andrew E. Moore, president of the Citizens' National Bank, will make the address of welcome. Mr. W. S. Blakeney, president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will respond to the address of welcome. Mr. O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, will introduce the guest of honor, and following the address of Mr. Harding will come an address by John M. Miller, Jr., of Richmond, Va., president of the First National Bank there, and Mr. Fairfax Harrison, of Washington, D. C., president of the Southern Railway.

Gastonian's Who Will Welcome Visitors to Gastonia This Week



C. B. Armstrong, Mayor of Gastonia.



J. H. Separk, President of the Chamber of Commerce (Manufacturer.)



A. G. Myers, First Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce (Banker.)



S. A. Robinson, Second Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce (Merchant.)

National Bank, will make the address of welcome. Mr. W. S. Blakeney, president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will respond to the address of welcome. Mr. O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, will introduce the guest of honor, and following the address of Mr. Harding will come an address by John M. Miller, Jr., of Richmond, Va., president of the First National Bank there, and Mr. Fairfax Harrison, of Washington, D. C., president of the Southern Railway.

GASTONIA'S COMPANY B GUESTS OF MUSIC CLUB
Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Feb. 3.—The Gastonia Music Club, through Mrs. G. W. Ragan, has extended an invitation to Captain Bulwinkle and his entire company to attend the Sorrentino-Torrence concert Wednesday night next, as guests of the Music Club.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR'S GASTON FAIR OCTOBER 9-13

New Commodious Poultry Building—Three Departments for Livestock—New Premium List, 75,000 People Expected Next Fair.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 3.—October 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, 1917, are the dates for Gaston County's third annual fair, which will be held in this city, the selection having been made at an important meeting of the board of directors Friday evening.

It will be of interest to those engaged in the poultry business to know that the directors decided to erect at the next fair, a commodious poultry building. In addition to this and the already splendid equipment, a number of other changes and additions were authorized.

Owing to the complete revision of the premiums to be offered this Fall, it was decided to have printed and distributed, at once, 5,000 copies of the premium list, this being in addition to the regular issue during July. Also, owing to the large display of livestock last year, this department was divided into three separate departments, cattle, horse and pigs.

Already the secretary has received numerous inquiries from some of the largest carnivals on the road. Reports that have gone abroad of the wonderfully successful fair of last year, and the unprecedented growth of Gastonia, made the amusement world "sit up and take notice," said Secretary Holland.

One of Mr. Holland's slogans is: "The fair is no side issue with us." Seventy-one thousand, eight hundred and fifty pieces of advertising matter were distributed last year, the attendance, in spite of rain twice that of 1915 fair. More than 75,000 people are expected for 1917 fair. Gastonia is a city growing by leaps and bounds, eight new cotton mills, making a total of 25, built and being built since last fair, giving increase, before 1917, of more than 5,000 new people. The motto of the fair is: "If it is worth doing, it's worth doing right."

NEWSPAPER MEN COMING FOR OUTSIDE PAPERS

South Carolina, Atlanta and Other Cities Will Have Representatives for Gastonia's Big Meetings.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 3.—From the present returns a number of newspaper men will attend the Gastonia meetings, not only from North Carolina papers, but South Carolina and Atlanta, Ga., will also have representatives.

FOR STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—FRED N. TATE

Of High Point Will Make Address on This Subject—Written Opinions Requested From Absentees.

Gastonia, Feb. 3.—One of the important business matters to come before the Gastonia meeting will be the discussion of the need of a State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fred N. Tate, of High Point, N. C., will make the recommendation and lead the discussion.

A number of business men of the State and many organizations and firms are desirous of seeing a State Chamber of Commerce formed, to advertise the State as a whole and look after matters of State-wide interest, and with a special view of maintaining a State Freight Bureau for the benefit of the small cities and individual shippers who may become members of the body.

The business men and shippers of the State are urged to attend this meeting and to assist in the organization of a State body if it is decided to do so.

If all those who cannot attend will express their opinion by writing the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, it will be a great assistance to the meeting.

BELMONT CHAMBER NAMES IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

Progressive Meeting Held Friday Night—Geo. P. Stowe President—D. P. Stowe, Sec.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, held Friday night, these committees were named to look after certain municipal improvements which the Belmont Chamber is anxious to bring about:

Municipal Improvement Committee—S. P. Stowe, chairman; W. B. Puett, J. W. Armstrong, Dr. W. W. Davis, and R. L. Stowe.

Agricultural Committee—J. Q. Hall, chairman; A. J. Rankin, J. M. Sloan, J. Arthur Rhyne, and J. R. Gaston.

Mercantile Committee—W. J. Francis, chairman; W. R. Stowe, J. W. Stowe, J. D. Tucker, and J. W. Howe.

Industrial Committee—F. P. Hall, chairman; Dr. G. H. West, R. F. Cox, J. D. Hall, and W. D. Crawford.

The Belmont Chamber of Commerce was organized by, and is a unit of the Greater Gaston County Association. Since its organization, Belmont has

made great strides in municipal improvements. George W. Stowe, a prominent merchant of Belmont, is the president of the Chamber and D. P. Stowe, postmaster of Belmont, is the efficient secretary. Belmont is one of the most progressive, and fastest growing towns in Gaston County, and the Belmont Chamber of Commerce has more than 50 charter members, and has added many additional members since its organization.

C. C. KIRKPATRICK OF THE CHICAGO HARVESTER CO.

Will Address Meeting on State-Wide Diversification—Experienced and Forceful Speaker.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 3.—In line with the State Chamber and Freight Bureau will also be considered the advisability of conducting a State-wide diversification campaign. Mr. C. C. Kirkpatrick, of Chicago, will come to Gastonia for the occasion and help in shaping the plans for this campaign, and if undertaken, it will be one of the greatest things the people of North Carolina could take up at this time. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a forceful speaker and thoroughly experienced in this work, and his ideas and suggestions will be of special value to all who hear him.

Welcome to Gastonia

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We invite the public—and specially the Farmers—to come to Gastonia Tuesday, February 6th, and hear address of Hon. W. P. G. Harding, Governor Federal Reserve Board of the United States, at Court House at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Gastonia Chamber of Commerce

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W. H. ADAMS, Treasurer C. W. ROBERTS, Secretary.

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