

# A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

## THE GASTONIA DRUM CORPS LEAVE FOR THE INAUGURAL PARADE AT WASHINGTON

Thirty-Five in Party — Special Pullman There and Return. Side-Trips to Salisbury and Statesville for Exhibition Drills.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—Tonight on Southern train No. 38, in a body the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps with a special Pullman will set out for the inaugural ceremonies at Washington. There will be about 35 in the party: R. G. Cherry, president; Kenneth Todd, vice president; F. C. Abernethy, secretary treasurer; J. Holland Morrow, drum major; Ben E. Douglas, R. S. McLean, R. C. Simpson, W. B. Spencer, Lamar Abernethy, W. B. McKee, C. C. McLean, Wm. McArver, C. M. Robinson, W. S. Morris, F. D. Barkley, R. A. Atkinson, J. C. Loughridge, R. L. Spencer, J. L. Page, Amos Morris, J. F. Bess, Hunter Morrow, M. D. Abernethy, F. A. Whitesides, W. L. Pursley, Geo. B. Mason, F. C. Todd, L. T. Lineberger, D. S. Rhyme, W. S. Brown, J. W. Holland, J. C. Quinn, W. C. Adams, Wm. Morris, W. A. Adams.

## WILSON MAN AT GASTONIA TO BUY PERCHERON MARES

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—L. P. Woodard, a prominent citizen of Wilson, N. C., was in Gastonia today to see Thomas Sparrow, a Percheron horse raiser about six miles out from the town. Mr. Woodard wanted several mares and the Percherons bred by Mr. Sparrow are pedigreed and registered. Purchase will amount to quite a sum in dollars and cents, but the Percherons are all horse and wide.

## GASTONIA SOUVENIR FROM CITY'S CRACK DRUM CORPS

Will Represent Gastonia in Inaugural Parade With Patriotic Offerings of Citizens — Will Uphold Their City.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—The Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps has gotten out a neat souvenir of Gastonia which will be distributed during the visit of that organization to the inauguration. Facts about Gastonia are given—and they are good facts. The Chamber of Commerce will furnish the souvenir on application. Here is the "Foreword" of the souvenir: "The trip of the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps to Washington, D. C., for purpose of taking part in the inaugural parade of President Woodrow Wilson was made possible by funds provided by the public spirited, loyal and patriotic citizens of Gastonia. We would have every contributor know and feel that he has the thanks and gratitude of each and every member of the entire corps." Here is the "Oath of Allegiance to Gastonia": "We will never by any act of dishonesty or imprudence bring disgrace to Gastonia; we will uphold the ideals and seek to further the progress of this our city; we will reverence and obey her laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence from others; we will labor to keep alive the spirit of true progress and strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty—thus in these and other ways we pledge ourselves to earnestly endeavor to lift high the ideals of Gastonia and inspire her citizenship with a fervent patriotic love and renewed enthusiasm for a greater, grander and more beautiful city!"

## TO HAVE OFFICES IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—These parties will occupy offices in the new First National Bank building and are expected to move into their new quarters about March 15, or thereabouts: Flint Manufacturing Company, Arlington Cotton Mills, Groves Mills, Inc., Modena Cotton Mills, Moroweb Cotton Mills Company, Gray Manufacturing Company, Parkdale Mills, Inc., A. M. Smyre Manufacturing Company, National Realty Company, Mangum & Woltz, lawyers; O. F. Mason, lawyer; George B. Mason, lawyer; P. W. Garland, R. C. Patrick, H. C. Dwelle and others.

## REV. C. H. PARKHURST IN MOVIES

Gastonia, March 3.—"Warning," the S. O. S. call of humanity by the late Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, of New York, will be presented at the Broadway Wednesday, March 7.

## G. W. SPENCER TO FLORIDA

Gastonia, March 3.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Spencer are leaving this afternoon for points in Florida on a recreation and pleasure trip, whence they will return in about a week or 10 days.

## FINE WORK BY BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION OF GASTONIA

Delegates to Federation at Durham—Larger Appropriations for Library.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—The Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association held a well attended meeting at the school house Friday afternoon. There were nearly 200 present, even though the weather was bad. This was reciprocity day and after the program refreshments were served by the home economics committee in the domestic science department of the school building. Reports from the various associations in the different sections of town and at the various mill villages were made by their representatives. These reports indicated that a great amount of fine work has been accomplished by the women of Gastonia during the past year. In some cases from \$1,000 to \$1,500 had been spent by the mill management in beautifying the ground and improving the conditions. Night schools have been operated, where even married couples are learning to read and write. Many sick have been cared for, and material improvements have been made throughout the city. The library committee submitted a petition which had been signed by some 100 prominent business men of the city asking for a larger appropriation from the city for the use of the library for this year. Ten new members were elected. Mesdames S. A. Robinson, J. H. Separk, W. J. Clifford and H. H. Parker were elected delegates to the State Federation of Women's Clubs in Durham to be held in May. After the business session, there was a musical program by Mrs. A. C. Jones and Miss Little. Miss Miller sang two selections. Prizes were awarded by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the ladies for their services in serving the banquet February 6 and other work.

## INQUIRIES FOR FARM LANDS

Gastonia, March 3.—The secretary of the Greater Gaston County Association, says inquiries continue to come in asking about Gaston County farm lands. With a few exceptions inquiries have been received from every section of North Carolina besides the inquiries from other States.

## PROSPECTIVE MANUFACTURERS

Gastonia, March 3.—During the past week Gastonia was visited by four prospective manufacturers who contemplate establishing plants in Gastonia. These prospects were brought in by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.

## J. H. SEPAK SAYS WAR MUST COME, ACCORDING TO BIG MEN

From the Moment Worst is Known, Business Activities Will Take on New Life.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—J. H. Separk, president of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, and representing the controlling interests in the Gray and Parkdale Mills, returned today from a week's business trip to New York. Mr. Separk said in reply to queries from your correspondent that he found the sentiment in New York fixed in the belief that there was no way out of war with Germany. Further questioned, Mr. Separk said that from what he heard substantial business men say, he located the belief among them that from the moment the worst may become known, there will be an immediate response in the shape of sharp recoveries in all values and in all industrial activities. Japan was referred to as an illustration, the little island Kingdom almost having recouped herself in millions after the bloody sweat of the Port Arthur days.

## GIFTED SOLOIST TO BE HEARD THIS EVENING

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—Miss Lucile Rush, one of Charlotte's gifted young soloists, will sing at the First Presbyterian Church at the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening. Miss Lillian A. Ferguson is the president of this society, and a former school-mate of Miss Rush, and it is through her influence that Gastonians will hear Miss Rush. The pleasure of the evening will be emphasized for many when it is known that Miss Rush will be accompanied by Miss Mary McLean, of Gastonia.

## STUDY CLUB WITH MRS. WRAY

Gastonia, March 3.—A meeting of the Study Club was held with Mrs. Joe S. Wray Tuesday afternoon. The program on "London—Literary Men," was intensely interesting. "Old Chelsea," a paper by Mrs. G. A. Sparrow.

## IN HONOR OF MISS BOYCE

Mrs. S. A. Robinson entertained the members of the S. and O. Club at her home on South York street Thursday morning in honor of Miss Lucy Boyce, whose marriage to Cleveland Welch is to take place on the 12th of April. In addition to club members and Miss Boyce the guests were Mrs. S. N. Boyce, Miss Sallie Moore and Mrs. A. E. Moore.

## BUSINESS DONE IN GASTONIA

Gastonia, March 3.—The First National Bank of Gastonia, on January 2—record-breaking day—received as deposits \$287,000, and paid out on checks \$166,000. This is a portion of the business done in Gastonia.

## DINNER TO THE DEACONS

Gastonia, March 3.—Thursday evening the manse, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, gave his annual dinner to the deacons of his congregation. The guests were J. O. White, J. Lee Robinson, S. A. Robinson, W. W. Glenn, T. L. Craig, H. F. Glenn, D. A. Page, E. J. Rankin, W. T. Rankin, C. B. Armstrong, A. W. Kinget, J. W. Timberlake, T. W. Wilson, C. I. Loftin, F. L. Smyre and W. Y. Warren.

## FIRST MEET OF CAMP FIRE GIRLS WITH 14 MEMBERS

Named Winona—Miss Ferguson, Guardian; Mrs. Henderlite, First Assistant.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—Last Monday night the Campfire Girls met at the Chamber of Commerce offices and organized the first Campfire with Miss Lillian A. Ferguson, guardian, and Mrs. James H. Henderlite, first assistant. The camp decided on the name of "Winona" and these are the members: Misses Gladys Armstrong, Sarah Elizabeth Love, Frances Robinson, Laura Caldwell, Eleanor Smith, Mabel Glenn, Mozelle Parker, Lucile Coone, Virginia Henderlite, Louise Wilson, Riddle Rose Bright, Mary Alexander and Annie Blair Anders. This completes this particular campfire, but they have material for at least a half dozen others. The girls are anxious to join and get to work, but how soon they will be able to do so, and derive the splendid benefits therefrom, will all depend now on the interest displayed by the people who can qualify as leaders, or guardians. We think, however, that a conservative estimate of the number that Gastonia will have at the end of the Summer season will be very close to 100.

## COL. ARMSTRONG PUT ON PRISON BOARD BY GOV.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—Governor Bickett's new prison board will again be headed by Henry B. Vardner, assisted by A. E. Smith, of Surry; C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia; W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, and B. F. Shelton, of Edgecombe.

## MOCK MARRIAGE AT DALLAS

Gastonia, March 3.—A mock marriage will be staged at Dallas Saturday night, next by local talent under the auspices of the Farm Life School. The hour will be 7:30 and the place the graded school auditorium. Professor Sawyer will be the bride and Professor Henson the bride's mother.

## CARNIVALS FOR THE FAIR

Gastonia, March 3.—Carnival Contractor Barnett was in today to see Secretary Holland of the fair—the contractor representing the Sibley Superb Shows. This is the twelfth carnival company that has put in for an arrangement to appear on the exposition grounds next Fall.

## V. O. WILLIS, OF CHARLOTTE, HAS BEEN SPENDING A FEW DAYS HERE WITH HIS SON, G. G. WILLIS, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM A RECENT SEVERE ILLNESS.

There will be services at St. Michael's Catholic Church at 10 a. m. today, consisting of holy mass, communion and sermon, after which the stations of the cross will be held.

## 400 COVERS AT NEGROES BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—The Gastonia Negro Business League held a banquet Tuesday night, being the first annual banquet of the league. Some 400 were present.

After an elaborate menu, speeches were made by prominent negro business men along lines of improvement of their race and their conditions in the South. This league is following out suggestions made by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to improve their yards, screen their houses, and endeavor to make the conditions attractive to keep the negro in the South where they belong, but Gaston County has not been troubled with negroes leaving for the North.

## U. S. OFFICERS INSPECT GASTONIA'S COMPANY B

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—Today the Gastonia Company B came in for inspection of property and company inspection tonight by Major Thomas Stringfield, the State Inspector General, and two United States Army officers detailed from the Inspector General's Department of the Department of the East. These officers are Capt. A. C. Thompson and Capt. C. C. Allen, U. S. A. Captain Thompson, by the bye, was Colonel of the First Pennsylvania on the border.

## THE GARDNERS ENTERTAIN

Gastonia, March 3.—Tuesday evening at their home on North Falls street Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gardner entertained at dinner in honor of Mr. Gardner's birthday. The guests were: Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Col. C. B. Armstrong, V. E. Long, L. H. Long, R. A. Rankin, A. F. Frazier, E. B. Long, W. E. Hoyle, Armstrong, R. C. Warren, W. Y. Warren and W. N. Davis.

## INAUGURATION PARTY

Gastonia, March 3.—Mrs. D. K. Jackson and her son, Jack, left last night for Washington, D. C., where they will attend the inauguration ceremonies next Monday. At Charlotte they will be joined by a party consisting of Miss Bleeke Ritch, Miss Minnie Reed, Miss Grace Hatcher and Mrs. M. L. Hatcher.

## LAST NIGHT AT THE MODENA SCHOOL HOUSE SCOUT COMMISSIONER E. N. LE-BLANC AND OTHERS HELD A MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A TROOP OF BOY SCOUTS FOR THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY.

F. C. Abernethy, book-keeper for the Spencer Lumber Company, of this city, has given up his work for several weeks and is undergoing treatment for his eyes, which have been causing him quite a bit of trouble.

## MR. SEPAK WILL CALL A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER AND SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE TO BE TAKEN UP.

Col. J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, spent the day in Gastonia.

Your correspondent has the past week met three new residents in Gastonia, brought here by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce since February 27.

## BELMONT GRADED SCHOOL HAS FINE FORMAL OPENING

Many Gastonians Attend. Speeches and Crowd Mark Exercises.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—Last night there was a whole-hearted gathering at Belmont, the occasion having been the formal opening of the new graded school there. A number of Gastonians went over including Mayor C. E. Armstrong, Jno. R. Rankin, W. F. Rankin, J. B. Holland, J. W. Atkins, Joe S. Wray, O. F. Mason, A. N. Boyce, H. C. Sisk, and S. J. Durham. Among the speakers of the occasion were Mayor Armstrong, H. A. Query, superintendent of the Belmont school; F. P. Hall, superintendent of education, S. N. Boyce, Joe S. Wray, O. F. Mason, Prof. J. B. Henson, of Dallas; R. A. Stowe, of Belmont. Snappy talks were made by members of the Belmont High School also. Several musical numbers were rendered by the town folks as well as by the High School Music Club.

## A. M. DIXON APPOINTED TRUSTEE A. & M. COLLEGE

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, March 3.—The trustees of A. & M. College, who were appointed by a joint session of the two houses of the Legislature, Wednesday, include the name of A. M. Dixon, of Gastonia, to fill the unexpired term of Senator R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, resigned. The appointments, which begin March 20, are for six-year terms.

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