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## TOOK HER OWN LIFE

### AN UNFORTUNATE GIRL SUICIDES HERE

Georgia Crison, of Newton. Aged About 18, Committed Suicide at Falls House Last Night by Shooting Herself With Pistol—Had Been Here Since Friday—Left Note in Which She Charged Young Man With Ruining Her Life—Reputation Said to Have Been Unfavorable.

Georgia Crison, apparently eighteen to twenty years old, killed herself about 5:30 o'clock last night in a room at the Falls House where she had been a guest since last Friday. Beside her body on the bed lay a .38 calibre revolver, purchased only an hour before, with one empty chamber which told the tale as to how the deed was done. One shot, fired into her left breast evidently struck the heart and caused instant death.

On a table nearby lay a note, written on three sheets of the hotel paper and evidently scribbled just before she fired the fatal shot, which told of her troubles and her unhappiness. The note was as follows: "Trouble is my death. Tell my people not to worry about me for I am better off. I haven't got any home or friends and I am troubled to death. I don't want anyone to grieve about me for my pleasures are gone and no more good times for me. Jack Huffstetter promised to be true to me and he is my ruin but don't let him trouble about me for he don't care anything about me. My home is in Newton, N. C. Tell all of my people and my friends to meet me in heaven for I can't be with them any longer. I want every good girl to take a warning from me and never do like I have done. Well, good bye. Write Mr. Herbert House a letter for me to Schofield. I can't write any more. Don't let Jack Huffstetter marry nobody. Georgia Crison. Send me to Newton. I want \*\*\*." The note broke off here evidently unfinished.

According to information from the hotel authorities the girl registered there Saturday and had remained in her room most of the time since. It is learned, however, that she made one trip to Bessemer City supposedly in search of the young man spoken of in the note above. She came down to the hotel office shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, got the clerk to make a telephone call for her, and then came up town. At a hardware store she purchased a revolver and twenty-five cents worth of cartridges. In a short time she returned to the hotel. A bell boy, called to the room to carry some water, noticed a pistol lying on the mantel and reported it to the office. A moment or two later, while the clerk was pondering whether he should make any effort to get the pistol away from the girl, the report of a pistol was heard. Hotel employees went to the girl's room and knocked. Receiving no reply they notified the police department and Chief of Police Carroll went immediately to the scene. The door was unlocked and he entered, finding the girl lying dead upon the bed. She had undressed and put on her night gown.

Following an investigation the officials were convinced that the girl met death at her own hands and an inquest was deemed unnecessary. The body was removed a little later to the Ford Undertaking Company's establishment and prepared for burial.

Georgia Crison is known to quite a number of people here. The family at one time resided at the Holland Mill and later at the Trenton, leaving here for Newton about three years ago. The girl is described as being rather prepossessing in her looks and fairly well dressed. Saturday night, it is stated, she bought some new clothing at a local store. Her reputation, however, is said to be somewhat unsavory and the police court records show that she had on one or two occasions been before the court here. The following item from this morning's Charlotte Observer is of interest in this connection:

"Georgia Crison, it is believed, is the same girl who was discovered in a house in the restricted district of this city several weeks ago by Chief Christenbury. The girl was found in the place, and gave her age as 14 years. She also claimed she was taken there by a hackman who had promised to take her to a good home. The girl was taken to the police station, and later turned over to a matron to take care of. The hackman was arrested and charged with the offense. He claimed the girl requested him to take her to the place. The recorder sentenced the man to six months on the county roads. The case was appealed.

"The girl told a pitiful story about the case. Although she maintained she was but 14 years old, she looked to be all of 18 years. She has an unsavory reputation about the city, having lived here for some time, and made her home mostly on the streets. After the trial she was placed in the care of a home and made her escape one night, and has not been heard from since until the message was received of the death in Gastonia. Those who are familiar with the case state it is the same girl. Georgia went under the name of Crison here, but she has told her name was Crison."

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

### THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

**Personal Items About Gaston Folks and their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers Condensed for Their Convenience**

—Mrs. L. J. Howard is spending a few days in Charlotte as the guest of Mrs. H. W. Warner.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy left on No. 37 yesterday for Atlanta to spend a few days at the Bible Conference. They expect to return to Gastonia Thursday.

—Miss Virginia Haynes, of Cliffside, and Miss Elizabeth Susong, of Tennessee, are the guests of Mrs. Robert A. Love at her home on East Third avenue.

—Miss Mary Lewis has gone to Durham where she has entered the Watts Hospital for the purpose of completing her course in the nurse's training school.

—Mr. Lee Weathers, the hustling young editor of the Cleveland Star, at Shelby, was a visitor in Gastonia this morning and paid The Gazette office a pleasant call. Mr. Weathers is preparing to install a linotype machine in his office.

—A small tenant house on the farm of Col. R. N. Wilson several miles south of town was destroyed by fire about nine o'clock Sunday night. The loss was about one hundred dollars with \$25 insurance. The light of the fire could be seen in Gastonia.

—A new advertiser in The Gazette's columns to-day is the Howard Royal Selz Blue Shoe Store, of which Mr. L. J. Howard is the enterprising proprietor and manager. Mr. Howard will have something of interest to say to readers of The Gazette in his space every week.

—Pisgah school, of which Miss Mattie Carson is teacher, will close its session Friday of this week. There will be no formal exercises but the event will be celebrated with an old-time singing Friday night at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church to which everybody is cordially invited.

—Following an illness of several months from tuberculosis Mrs. Minnie E. Groner, aged 49, died in East Gastonia Thursday night. The body was buried in Hollywood cemetery Saturday morning with funeral services at the grave by Rev. J. E. Abernethy. Deceased is survived by her husband.

—The Piedmont News Company is the name of a new concern for Gastonia. Mr. G. H. Marvin, manager of the Gastonia Coca-Cola Bottling Co., is president of it. This concern will operate a business on the Interurban between Gastonia and Charlotte, having news butches on all the cars. They started out Saturday morning.

—Mr. William Wilson, of the Union section, was operated on for appendicitis Friday at the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. He has been in a precarious condition since though reports from his bedside today are to the effect that he is resting better today and the physicians have hopes for his recovery. His many friends in the county will await anxiously for news from him.

—Mr. J. B. Beard, the enterprising manager of the Theatro moving picture theatre, returned Friday night from a ten-days trip to Washington and Philadelphia. At the latter place he visited his daughter, Miss Mamie Beard, who is a student nurse at the Friend's Asylum. He spent three days in Washington, taking in the inauguration ceremonies. While away Mr. Beard saw quite a number of excellent picture shows and made arrangements to get several fine reels. Among those he saw was "Snow White" and it was such an excellent picture, in his judgment, that he made arrangements to get it right away and will show it at the Theatro Saturday, as announced elsewhere in the advertising columns of to-day's Gazette.

### Our Deficit.

Everybody knows of the State deficit. We are \$500,000 more in debt now than we were two years ago. This does not necessarily mean disgrace and ruin, as some seem to think. It may mean real progress. This money has been invested in necessary improvements which will save money by more economical and more efficient administration in the future.

But North Carolina faces an annual loss of double the treasury deficit. With calmness, yes, indifference, we see forest fires destroying \$500,000 worth of our property a year. We need this property on the tax lists. Our farmers need the timber, the fences, the soil; our manufacturers need the lumber and the cordwood, and we all need cheaper building material, furniture, and other everyday necessities made of wood.

Yet we refuse to spend a cent in an attempt to stop this tremendous drain on our resources. Is that economy? Is it not rather shortsightedness amounting almost to blindness? Five thousand dollars would inaugurate a State fire warden system which in a very few years would stop a large proportion of this waste. Would not that be money well spent?

## LATEST EVENTS IN GASTONIA'S SOCIAL CIRCLES

### RECORD OF LOCAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST

**D. A. R. WITH MRS. RAGAN.**  
The William Gaston Chapter, D. A. R., will meet Friday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock with Mrs. George W. Ragan at her home on West Franklin avenue.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB WITH MRS. J. S. WRAY.**  
The Tuesday afternoon Club is being entertained this afternoon by Mrs. Joe S. Wray at her home on Third avenue. The hour is three o'clock.

**MRS. FALLS GIVES COURSE DINNER.**  
At her home on York street last Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Falls gave a most delightful seven o'clock dinner for several friends. Covers were laid for eight and the guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyre, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grady Rankin and Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig.

**MISS RANKIN GIVES DINNER.**  
At her home on South Broad street Saturday evening Miss Estelle Rankin was hostess to a number of her young friends at a most enjoyable course dinner. The centerpiece was a huge vase of jonquils and the place cards were hand-painted in the same flower. Miss Louisa Reid assisted in serving. The invited guests were Misses Eleanor Field, Bessie Pogram, Clara Sloan, Cora Hart and Maude Wilkins.

### S. & O. AND FRIENDLY MATRONS ENTERTAINED.

On last Wednesday afternoon the S. & O. Club and the Friendly Matrons were charmingly entertained by Mrs. S. R. Clinton at her home on South Oakland street. Jonquils were used in profusion in the decorations, which were especially pretty. Baskets of jonquils were suspended from the chandelier and the score cards were dainty hand-painted jonquils. A pleasant game of trail was played, there being thirty tables, after which a salad course with coffee was served. Besides the club members a number of invited guests were present. Punch was served by Mrs. Leon Adams. The affair was one of the most delightful of recent social events in local club circles.

### MISSION STUDY CLASS WITH MRS. ANDREWS.

The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church met with Mrs. G. C. Andrews on West Airline avenue yesterday afternoon. The study was led by Mrs. J. W. Atkins. At this meeting the study of "China's New Day" was completed and the class will next take up the study of "Mormonism: the Islam of America." At the conclusion of the program Mrs. B. T. Morris delighted the members with a solo "God Will Take Care of You." A salad course with coffee was served. The next meeting, two weeks hence, will be with Mrs. J. D. Moore, Jr., at her home on West Airline avenue.

### LADIES WILL GO TO CHARLOTTE.

Gastonia will be well represented at the celebration of "Reciprocity Day" by the women's clubs of Charlotte next Wednesday. Thirty or more members of the local Woman's Betterment Association and the U. C. Club will attend. Mrs. J. Y. Miller, president of the betterment association, asks The Gazette to state that a committee of Charlotte ladies is to meet the Gastonia delegation at the Interurban station in Charlotte at 11:44 a. m., Wednesday. The car arriving there at that time leaves Gastonia at 10:50 a. m., and it is desired that as many of the ladies as can possibly do so arrange to go on that car. Any who may go earlier in the day are asked to meet the others at the Interurban station in Charlotte at 11:44. Quite an elaborate program has been outlined for the entertainment of the visiting ladies who will be there from Gastonia, Wadesboro, Lincolnton, Davidson and perhaps one or two other places.

### The Advertiser and the Subscriber.

Every farmer who takes a paper that admits advertising to its columns, receives the equivalent of a cash contribution, for were it not for the advertising to help pay for the cost of publishing the paper, the subscription price would necessarily be two or three times as much. A paper whose subscription price is \$2 would at least be \$6 if it had no advertising patronage, hence every subscriber virtually get four dollars from the advertisers. It follows, then, that subscribers should have a kindly feeling for the advertisers in their paper, and give them the preference in the bestowal of their patronage, for the reason that one good turn deserves another.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, pastor of Central Methodist church at Asheville, has been quite ill at his home in the mountain city for several days.

### ERADICATION OF CATTLE TICKS.

Over 19,000 Square Miles in South Released from Quarantine as a Result of Recent Progress.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—By an order issued recently, to take effect March 1st, ex-Secretary Wilson released from quarantine 19,490 square miles in the Southern States as a result of the good progress that has been made during the past year in the eradication of the ticks which spread the disease of cattle known as Texas fever or tick fever. Additional areas amounting to 5,493 square miles have already been released since last spring, making a total of 24,983 square miles released during the past year. The total territory released from quarantine since the work of tick eradication was begun in 1906 now amounts to more than 187,000 square miles, being greater in size than the combined areas of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. This work is carried on by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with State and local authorities in the affected States.

The territory released by the Secretary's recent order is as follows: In Alabama, Madison county, 811 square miles. In California, the remainder of San Luis Obispo county, 1,824 square miles. In Georgia, 1,535 square miles, including the counties of Fannin, Hall, Banks, Clarke and Putnam. In Mississippi, 6,647 square miles, including the counties of Hinds, Coahoma and Issaquena, and parts of Neshubee, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison, Rankin, Chickasaw, Attala and Leake counties. In Missouri the remainder of McDonald, Newton and Oregon counties, amounting to 187 square miles. In North Carolina, Edgecombe county, 509 square miles. In Oklahoma, 1,554 square miles, being the remainder of Lincoln and Comanche counties and parts of Grady and Pottawatomie counties. In South Carolina, 1,615 square miles, including Darlington and Marlboro counties, and parts of Lancaster and Chester counties. In Tennessee, 1,061 square miles, including the remainder of Polk and Hamilton counties and parts of McNairy, Decatur, Hardeman and Wayne counties. In Texas, 3,729 square miles, including Stone wall and Reagan counties, the remainder of Howard County and parts of Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Haskell and Terrell counties.

The Secretary's order continues the quarantine against the removal of cattle except under certain conditions from the territory which has not yet been freed of ticks, as follows: All of Florida and Louisiana, the greater portions of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas, less than half of North Carolina, a few counties in Virginia, one county (San Diego) in California, and a small area in Ripley county, Mo. Cattle from this quarantined territory may be removed to non-quarantined territory only under certain conditions which are prescribed in the regulations. They may be shipped in quarantine to certain large Northern slaughtering centers for immediate slaughter, but they may be moved for other purposes only under official certificate after they either once or twice, according to circumstances, in a prescribed arsenical solution.

Copies of the new regulations, which are designated as Order 134 and Amendment 7 to Order 147, may be obtained on application to the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A map showing the quarantined territory and indicating the areas that have been released has been prepared and copies will be furnished to interested persons on application.

—Mr. E. L. Froneberger, of the Bessemer City Mercantile Company, was a business visitor in Gastonia this morning.

—Gastonia Chapter No. 56 Royal Arch Masons will hold regular communication tonight and will elect officers for the ensuing term. A full attendance of members is desired.

—In an interesting game of basketball at Kings Mountain Saturday afternoon the Lowell team under Miss Ora Lee Brown defeated Miss Plunk's team by a score of 25 to 21.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham, Mrs. D. A. Garrison and Mrs. Stella Srofield went to Bessemer City Saturday night to attend the play given by the Bessemer City Dramatic Club.

—The district meeting of the Odd Fellows of the Twelfth district will be held next Wednesday and Thursday in Concord. Messrs. G. H. Marvin and E. D. Atkins have been elected delegates to represent Gastonia. Lodge No. 188 with Messrs. R. T. Padgett and J. E. McAllister alternates.

—Mrs. Kerr Foy, of the Pisgah neighborhood, had quite a narrow escape Sunday afternoon when the mule she was driving became frightened at an automobile and jumped down an embankment. The buggy was overturned and the occupant thrown out, but fortunately she was not seriously injured.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

### LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

**Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.**

### An Auto Accident.

A two-seated automobile, carrying five or six passengers and driven by its owner, Mr. C. L. Bumgardner, superintendent of the Imperial Mill at Belmont, turned turtle down an embankment on the Spencer Mountain road near Ranlo Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock and scattered the occupants considerably. The accident was due to a punctured tire. All of them were slightly injured, their wounds consisting however of bruises and scratches. Mr. Lawrence Stone, brother-in-law of Mr. Bumgardner, and his bride, who was Miss Baldwin, were in the car and the groom was more severely injured than any of the others. They were married earlier in the afternoon at Belmont and were out for a joy-ride. Mr. Bumgardner's machine was damaged to the extent of \$75 or \$100.

### Mrs. C. L. Clemmer Dead.

Mrs. Clemmer, wife of Mr. C. L. Clemmer, died Sunday morning early at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. W. E. Clemmer, west of Gastonia, following an illness of nearly a year from tuberculosis. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Rev. R. R. Caldwell, of Bessemer City, and Rev. J. A. Satterfield, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church, performing the services. Interment was in the Pisgah Cemetery. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mrs. Lizzie Carson, who died recently, and is survived by five brothers and one sister, namely Messrs. Lagree, Tom, John Cyrus and Walter Carson and Miss Inez Carson, her husband and three children. She was about 28 years of age. Deceased was a young woman of striking character and was a loyal and consistent member of the Loray Presbyterian church. She will be sadly missed in the home and her death brought sorrow to many friends. The bereaved husband, children and other relatives have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

### Not Available for Ten Years

Rock Hill Record.  
Mr. W. J. Roddey returned Saturday morning from Chester, where he attended a meeting Friday night of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Erskine College, held to consider some matters pertaining to the interests of that institution. This college has lately become the beneficiary to the extent of \$20,000 in the will of the late J. S. Archer, of Steubenville, Ohio, and the executive committee was called together to inspect the document. Mr. Archer willed about \$85,000 of his estate to various colleges and in addition to the bequest given Erskine, the Woman's College of Due West also received \$5,000. It is stipulated in the testament, however, that the money will not be available for about ten years. It consists of large landed interests in West Virginia, just across the line from Ohio.

### RECORDER'S COURT.

#### Monday Morning Session Was Largely Attended—Three Defendants This Morning.

When Judge A. C. Jones convened the recorder's court yesterday morning the room was crowded to its capacity as was the case on the first sitting the Monday morning previous.

The following cases were disposed of:

Zark Melton, white, affray, fined \$5 and costs.

Will Weaver, white, affray, not guilty.

Bert Weaver, white, affray, fined \$5 and costs.

Hester Mullinax, white, drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Lon Bridges, white, conducting house of ill fame, not guilty.

Lon Bridges, white, vagrancy, 30 days in jail to be released on payment of \$25 fine and costs. Casias to issue Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Eva Roddey, white, conversing with man on streets and using abusive language, thirty days in jail to be released on payment of \$25 fine and costs. Casias to issue Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Len Halsey, colored, abduction, not pros.

The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Earl Carpenter, white, reckless driving of automobile, fined \$5 and costs.

Earl Carpenter, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$25 and costs.

Frank Thornburg, white, drunk and staggering, fined \$2.50 and costs.

Will Glenn, colored, larceny, not pros.

## AT REST IN OAKWOOD

### BODY OF ARTHUR BARRINGER BURIED

Remains of Young Gastonian Who Was Killed in the Philippines Arrived Yesterday and Were Laid to Rest in Family Plot in Oakwood Cemetery This Morning Following Brief Service—Had Been Member of Hospital Corps in Army for Six Years.

Following a brief prayer by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, the body of the late Arthur J. Barringer, the young Gastonian who was killed in Manila, Philippine Islands, January 23rd, was laid to rest in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The regular funeral services under military supervision were held in Manila before the body was shipped, hence formal services were dispensed with here. A large number of former friends of the young man together with relatives and friends of the family accompanied the remains from the residence on West Airline avenue to the cemetery and witnessed the interment. There were numerous floral tributes from friends.

The body, which was shipped from San Francisco Tuesday, reached Gastonia on No. 36 yesterday morning and was taken to the Ford Undertaking Company's establishment. Later in the day the casket was removed to the residence of Mrs. Barringer and during the day and this morning, prior to the hour of departure for the cemetery, 10:30 o'clock, many friends called to view the remains. The body was in an excellent state of preservation, the corpse being very natural.

Arthur Barringer was 23 years old and had been in the army for a little more than five years. His second enlistment of three years would have expired December 18th, 1913. It was his expressed intention, when he had completed his enlistment, to take the prescribed two-year course for the completion of instruction in the hospital service. He was a sergeant of Ambulance Company No. 4, United States Hospital Corps, stationed at Manila. The certificate on the box stated that he died as the result of hemorrhages from a stab wound in the heart inflicted in the yard at No. 1442 Calle Laveriza, Malate, Manila. Beyond this fact the family has no information as to the manner in which his death came about. He had not been home since he enlisted a little more than five years ago.

Surviving deceased are his mother, Mrs. Della J. Barringer, and three sisters, Mrs. L. I. Timmons, of Charlotte, and Misses Irene and Willie D. Barringer, of Gastonia. Many Gastonians remember Arthur Barringer as an excellent young man, attractive in his personality and full of life and energy. He was only seventeen years of age when he left here and for a year or more before his enlistment was away from Gastonia much of the time, being in the employ of the Steff Piano Company, of Charlotte. His death has brought sorrow to a large number of friends whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved loved ones.

### Two Thousand Lives Saved.

North Carolina moved up a peg last year. She reduced her death rate from 18.3 per 1,000 population in 1911 to 17.3 per 1,000 in 1912. "Well," you say, "that doesn't look like much." But let's see what it means. Those figures are based on the deaths reported in all towns of the State having a population of 1,000 or more. Our total population living in such towns last year was only about 386,000, or one-sixth of the population of the State. This decrease in the death rate means that there were some 386 fewer funerals in these towns last year than the year before. But, since our present limited vital statistics law covers only about one-sixth of the State, and since health work has been combating preventable diseases all over the State, it is safe to assume that the actual saving in lives has been six times 386, or, in round numbers, 2,000 or over. Now, let us carry this just a bit further and see what the State saved last year in dollars and cents by fighting preventable diseases. We will take \$1,700, the lowest estimate we can find as to the value of the average human life (few of us would take that for ours, but let it go at that), and multiply that by the 2,000 lives saved and we have \$3,400,000. That is a right snug little sum to save by public health work which cost the State only a little over \$100,000. In other words, does it not look like a pretty good business that will save \$3,400,000 by expending \$100,000? That is 34 to 1, but it was done right here in this State last year.

### Play at Bessemer.

A large and appreciative audience witnessed the play "Tempest and Sunshine" given in the opera house at Bessemer City Saturday night for the benefit of the Methodist church by the Bessemer City Dramatic Club. The play was well acted throughout, all the actors rendering their parts most creditably. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Atkins Orchestra, of Gastonia. Mr. Kemner Glass, a member of the orchestra, rendered two enjoyable vocal solos. About \$70 was realized from the sale of seats.