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## MR. WRAY RE-ELECTED

### AGAIN HEADS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

School Board Re-Elects Prof. Joe S. Wray, Superintendent of Schools for Ensuing Year—Petitions Presented Against Him—Salary Same as Last Year—To Elect Teachers To-Night.

Prof. Joe S. Wray, superintendent of Gastonia's city schools since their establishment twelve years ago, was re-elected to that position by the board of school commissioners at its meeting Wednesday night. The salary remains the same as last year, \$1,600. There were no other applicants for the position.

Following the lead of the city council the board held open session until time came for going into the election of a superintendent and then went into executive session. When the chairman, Col. C. B. Armstrong, called the meeting to order the court room at the city hall was comfortably filled with interested spectators.

As soon as the board was ready for business Mr. J. M. Hoyle, on behalf of certain citizens of the town, presented a petition to the board asking that Supt. Wray be not re-elected, the petitioners setting forth that they believed the schools would be impaired by such action. Mr. Hoyle read the petition and made a short speech in its defense.

Following Mr. Hoyle, Mr. O. F. Mason, of the local bar, spoke in behalf of Supt. Wray. He called attention to the fact that the petition set forth no charges whatever against the superintendent. He said that under the superintendency of Prof. Wray there had been built up in Gastonia a system of city schools second to none in the State and one of which our people are justly proud. His defense was an able one and evidently struck a popular chord as he was roundly applauded. It was moved and carried that the petition be received as information and filed for further consideration. It contained 152 names, representing 271 children of school age.

A few citizens had arrived after the reading of the petition and asked to hear it read. A motion to reconsider was carried and the petition was read a second time. Following this Mr. R. A. Love, Mr. L. P. Wetzell and Prof. J. P. Reid made short talks against the petition, their contention being that the best interests of the schools would be greatly impaired should Prof. Wray not be re-elected. No other speeches were made in defense of the petition, notwithstanding the meeting was thrown open and everybody given an opportunity to express his views on the subject. At the close of the discussion the board went into executive session and, as above stated, re-elected Supt. Wray unanimously.

As showing the growth of the city schools since their establishment 12 years ago, Mr. Mason in his speech referred to the fact that during the past year there were enrolled in all of the city schools a total of 1,405 white pupils and 300 to 400 colored pupils, a grand total of nearly 1,800 as against an enrollment of perhaps 400 altogether the first year. The first year there were 299 enrolled in the Central school while last year there were 682. There were 11 teachers, now there are 52, with two principals, one for the Central school and one for the Toray school.

### TO ATLANTA PRISON.

J. E. Dickerson Goes to Serve Two Years for Wrecking Asheville Bank—Breese Making Last Effort to Escape Punishment.

A dispatch from Asheville to The Greensboro News dated the 14th and appearing in yesterday's issue states that a Deputy United States marshal left Asheville Wednesday night with J. E. Dickerson to place the latter in the Federal penitentiary to serve two years for his part in wrecking the old First National Bank of Asheville. By order of the court Dickerson appeared before Judge Boyd in Asheville Tuesday and was ordered into the custody of the deputy marshal to be taken to Atlanta. W. E. Breese, president of the defunct bank and under a similar sentence with Dickerson for the same offense, had been ordered to appear at the same time. He did not show up, however, and certificates were presented from his physicians stating that he was critically ill and that to remove him to Atlanta would probably mean his death. District Attorney Holton issued an instant capias for Breese and sent a deputy marshal to Breese's home near Brevard yesterday to execute it. What the outcome with reference to Breese has been since that time is not known.

This is the closing chapter in one of the hardest fought cases ever known in the State. The First National Bank of Asheville failed in 1897 and Breese and Dickerson have been fighting to save themselves ever since. The case went through the United States Supreme Court and both Presidents Taft and Wilson have been importuned to pardon them.

—Mrs. Earl Carpenter, of Worth, is quite ill at the City Hospital. Her condition, however, is reported as somewhat improved today.

## OLD OFFICERS CHOSEN

### CITY FATHERS IN BUSINESS SESSION

Holding Open Session, as Pledged, City Council Transacts Much Business at First Regular Meeting—All Police Officers Re-elected; Also Head of Water and Light Department—Dr. Stovall is City Physician—Other Municipal Matters.

When Mayor C. B. Armstrong called the new city council to order for its first regular business session Tuesday night all of the aldermen were in their places and there was a goodly number of citizens present as spectators and they remained until the session was closed, the council carrying out its pledge to hold open sessions.

The first business taken up was the election of officers for the city for the ensuing two years. Alderman V. E. Long was elected mayor pro tem.

POLICE CHIEF CARROLL RE-ELECTED.

Chief of Police Wiley Carroll was unanimously re-elected, there being no other applicant for the position. His salary is to be the same as during the past term. In addition to his duties as chief of police Mr. Carroll has also been city tax collector. This duty was again assigned to him until such time as the council may make other provision for this work. Later on in the session Chief Carroll was called on for a speech and responded by thanking the council for re-electing him and pledging himself to see that the law is enforced.

Patrolmen Hord, Brimer, Adderholdt, Elliott and Conrad were all re-elected. T. N. Williams and C. T. Webb were applicants for positions on the police force but failed of election. The salaries of the patrolmen were fixed at the same figure as at present. Mr. B. W. Craig was re-elected sanitary policeman at the same salary, temporarily named \$60 per month with an allowance of \$10 for horse and buggy which to inspect the watershed. The permanent salary will be fixed after the sanitary committee reports. Among the other applicants for this position were F. H. Faulkner, J. D. Douglass and A. E. Beam.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Chairman J. P. Reid, at this point asked that the council receive the annual report of the Board of Associated Charities and the same was submitted by Mr. Eugene Brittain, the secretary. Along with the written report the secretary handed over to the mayor \$14.81 in cash, balance on hand at the close of the fiscal year, which was the signal for some witticisms which brought forth laughter from the audience. "If there are any other boards or committees with reports to make like this," said the mayor, "we will gladly hear them now." The report showed cash on hand at beginning of the year 25 cents, received from the city \$200, expended \$183.44, returned to city \$14.81. The work and needs of the board were briefly discussed, the consensus of opinion among the aldermen seeming to be that there is much charity work to be looked after and that the board ought to have more money. The Board of Associated Charities is composed of one member from each religious denomination in the city, recommended by the pastors of the several churches and appointed by the mayor. The members of the new board will be named by the mayor at a future meeting. Secretary Brittain asked that he be relieved of the duties of that position.

"A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT." Alderman Elliott, of the third ward, asked the council to grant permission to Dan Perkie to conduct a restaurant without paying the privilege tax, it being stated that he was afflicted and unable to do manual labor. Alderman Moore opposed the request on the ground that it was setting a dangerous precedent. On motion by Alderman Dilling the request was denied.

CITY CLERK RE-ELECTED.

Mr. John R. Rankin, city clerk and clerk of the municipal court, was re-elected to these positions at the present salary. There were no other applicants for this position. Mr. E. H. Rankin was re-elected deputy city clerk at a salary of \$2 per day when employed.

RECORDER JONES RE-ELECTED.

There were three applicants for the position of recorder, namely A. C. Jones, incumbent; J. W. Timberlake and F. M. Valz. Mr. Jones was re-elected, receiving five votes as against two for Mr. Timberlake. The salary is to be the same as at present, \$600 per year. A. L. Bulwinkle was re-elected prosecuting attorney at the present salary, \$300 per year, and the mayor re-appointed George B. Mason assistant prosecuting attorney.

A. G. Mangum was elected city attorney, receiving four votes as against three for P. W. Garland, the incumbent. The salary is the same as heretofore, \$150 per year.

MR. RUTTER RE-ELECTED.

Mr. H. Rutter was re-elected superintendent of the water and light systems, a position he has held since the establishment of these departments, about 15 years ago, at the

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## MOUNT HOLLY MOVING

### NEW CHARTER IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST.

Hustling Burg on the Catawba Keeping Pace With Other Live Gaston Towns—To Vote on Bonds for Street and Sidewalk Improvements—Municipal Election Coming—P. & N. Opening Up Park—To Name Postmaster by Primary.

The Gazette man spent a short while in Mount Holly Wednesday and found plenty of evidence that this hustling little town on the banks of the beautiful Catawba has recently become inoculated with the same germs of progressiveness which have caused Gastonia, Bessemer City, Belmont and Cherryville, other up-to-date Gaston towns, to join the procession of busy towns which are forging ahead with municipal improvements. Her people are awakening to the fact that, in the present day, a town cannot stand still; it must either go backward or forward.

A new charter for the town, secured from the recent General Assembly, becomes effective July 1st and immediately thereafter a municipal election will be held to choose a mayor and a board of aldermen. At the same time the voters will express their sentiments with reference to the issuing of bonds in the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks and fixing the streets in the central portion of the town. From what the reporter could learn there is no doubt about the outcome of the election; it will carry by a good majority, as it should. This, it is believed, will be only the beginning of permanent improvements which will mean great things for Mount Holly. According to the provisions of the new charter the owners of abutting property are to pay one-half the cost of constructing sidewalks, which means that \$10,000 will be spent for this purpose altogether.

The regular municipal election takes place early in July and the "boys" are already talking candidates to some extent. The present mayor is Mr. I. B. Covington and the aldermen are Messrs. J. W. Holland, Henry A. Rhyne, John D. Tucker and C. E. Hutchison.

When the new charter becomes effective July 1st the town will be almost doubled in area and considerably enlarged from a standpoint of population, the city limits being extended so as to take in the Woodlawn and Old Mount Holly Cotton Mills. The new \$250,000 subsidiary power plant of the Southern Power Company was not taken in, though the city limits approach that property very closely.

One of the things of which Mt. Hollyites are especially proud is their public school. It is one of the few county high schools in Gaston and is housed in a new, modern and commodious brick structure. The session of 1912-13 closed two weeks ago and the principal, Prof. Ray Funderburke, has been re-elected for next year along with all five of his lady assistants. Mt. Holly, together with some adjacent territory forms a special school tax district.

It was not intended that this should be anything like an extended write-up of Mount Holly, hence details with reference to the town's excellent churches, her thriving mills, her up-to-date stores and her loyal and progressive citizenship are deferred to some future time when the Gazette hopes to give its readers a full description of Mount Holly.

At the present time interest in Mount Holly centers around the postoffice. Postmaster Jenkins' term expired a year or more ago and there are six active applicants for his position. They are Messrs. W. L. Tucker, R. P. Garner, W. B. Rutledge, J. L. Miller, E. H. Davenport and J. A. Patterson. These gentlemen have agreed among themselves to submit their claims to their fellow citizens in a primary and Congressman Webb, who has the plum in his keeping, very readily acquiesced in the scheme. Saturday, May 24th, has been set as the day on which this primary is to be held and only qualified voters will be allowed to participate. It is useless to add that the candidates are busily engaged in presenting their respective claims on the position to the voters. The office pays \$1,200.

It is altogether probable that thousands of people will get acquainted with Mount Holly this summer who never before visited the town. The Piedmont & Northern is now opening up a park on the banks of the river which promises to be accepted as the one big popular playground for the people of Gaston and Mecklenburg counties during the hot weather. A large pavilion is now being constructed near the river bank, walks are being laid off and grass plats planted. Mr. Williamson, who owns the boat landing, has purchased a large number of gasoline boats and boat riding on the Catawba promises to be one of the big attractions of this park. The P. & N. round-trip rate from Gastonia or Charlotte at night will be 25 cents and this attractive low fare will induce great numbers of town folk to seek rest and cooling breezes by the river bank at Mount Holly during the summer months. This park will be opened about the middle of June.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MUSIC CLUB WITH MISS GALLANT.

The regular monthly meeting of the Music Club will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Pearl Gallant at her residence, 101 East Franklin avenue.

D. A. R.'S WITH MRS. ROBINSON.

The William Gaston Chapter of D. A. R.'s met with Mrs. S. A. Robinson May the 8th. The program consisted of the relating of a short anecdote by each member of some woman of the Revolutionary period, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments.

COMPLIMENTARY TO T. A. CLUB AND MISS KELLY.

One of the largest and most beautiful parties of the season was that given by Mesdames J. Lee Robinson and F. L. Smyre complimentary to the Tuesday Afternoon Club and Miss Columbia Kelly. The spacious porch of the handsome Robinson home were most attractive with their summer furnishing with baskets and bowls of poppies, sweet peas and roses. Forty-two was the game played, the score being kept by Miss Columbia Kelly, Miss Flossie Robinson, Miss Hallie Torrence and Miss Sue Robinson. After the game a delicious salad course with tomatoes, sandwiches and tea was served. Sixty-five guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Smyre.

HORSLEY-NOLEN WEDDING LAST NIGHT.

In a quiet but pretty home wedding solemnized at 7:30 o'clock last night at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. M. Nolen, on Lowell, route one, Miss Laura Nolen became the bride of Mr. W. H. Horsley, of Belmont. The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of a few relatives and friends by Rev. Richard S. Burwell, pastor of New Hope Presbyterian church. Mr. Howard T. Horsley, of Gastonia, a brother of the groom, attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Horsley will make their home in Belmont, where the former holds a responsible position as salesman with the firm of W. H. and D. P. Stowe.

BIBLE CLASS HAS BANQUET.

Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, was host last evening at 8 o'clock to the members of the Convention Bible Class, of which he is teacher, at a banquet at the parsonage, No. 205 West Franklin avenue. This class is composed of 60 men and there were present that number last night. Refreshments were served in three courses and subjects of interest bearing upon the welfare of the class were discussed informally. The principal talk was made by Prof. J. S. Wray, superintendent of the First Baptist church Sunday school, who spoke of the excellent work being done by the class and the opportunities it has for doing still larger things. The evening was spent most delightfully and was a signal success in that it brought the members of this large class closer together in a social way and stimulated their interest in the work they have in hand.

JENKINS WEBNER ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED MONDAY.

The following from Tuesday's Charlotte News will be of especial interest to the many Gastonia friends of Miss Webner and Mr. Jenkins, the latter a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, of this city:

"At a charmingly appointed luncheon given yesterday by Mrs. George Gilbert, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. A. A. Gaston, on South Tryon street, the engagement of Miss Annie Webner, of this city, and Mr. Harry S. Jenkins, formerly of Gastonia, now of Salisbury, was announced, the marriage to take place in June. Mrs. Gilbert received her guests in a lovely lingerie gown, the material being of finest texture. Miss Webner was most attractive in pale green crepe de chine with Killarney roses. The announcement was made by little Miss Dorothy Ball, who carried a golden basket full of miniature bridal bouquets. To each bouquet was attached a ribbon and hand-painted card, on the latter being the initials of Miss Webner and Mr. Jenkins. Progressive hearts was played, after which ices and cakes were served.

"Miss Webner is attractive and popular. News of her approaching marriage will be heard with interest.

"Mr. Jenkins is a native of Gaston but is now living in Salisbury. He has a host of friends."

—Miss Margaret D. Hagler, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Albert F. McNeill, of Charlotte, came to Gastonia Wednesday night and having obtained the necessary license, were united in marriage in the Register's office at the court house by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, about ten o'clock. They returned to Charlotte on the last interurban car which leaves here at 10:55 p. m. The groom is a resident of Charlotte, while the bride has been visiting relatives there for some time.

Get one of The Gazette's dinner sets free. It's easy.

## SAFE BLOWER CAUGHT

### "IRISH JIMMY" IN TOILS OF THE LAW

William Dunn, Alias "Irish Jimmy", Wanted Here for Blowing McAden Mills Safe in 1905, Captured in New York, to be Brought Back for Trial—Hughes, Who Blew McAdenville Postoffice Safe, Also in Toils.

If Governor Sulzer, of New York, honors a requisition made on him by Governor Craig, of North Carolina, as he will in all probability do, Jailer G. R. Rhyne and Mr. M. A. Carpenter will return in a day or two from New York city bringing with them William Dunn, alias "Irish Jimmy", a noted yeggman wanted here for participating in robbing the safe of the McAden Mills at McAdenville eight years ago. Messrs. Rhyne and Carpenter left Gastonia Wednesday night armed with the requisition papers and anticipated no trouble in securing their man from the New York authorities. If they get back with Dunn within the next two or three days he will probably be placed on trial at the May term of Gaston Superior Court which convenes Monday morning here.

Dunn was captured in New York State by a special agent of the Postoffice Department, he being wanted for blowing postoffice safes in different sections of the country.

THE CRIME

On Saturday night, March 4, 1905, the safe in the office of the McAden Mills, located then in the tower of the old mill building, was broken open and \$1,800 in currency and a lot of valuable papers taken. Mill checks worth \$1,200 were left untouched. The crime was not discovered until Monday morning, March 6th, when Mr. R. H. Merritt, the bookkeeper, opened the office to find the safe standing open and papers scattered over the floor. Many months afterward some of the valuable papers, the property of Mr. R. R. Ray, were found under an old house in McAdenville. It was believed that the safe was opened by repeatedly hammering the handle with a monkey wrench, which was found on the floor, or by working the combination. It was not blown open. The same night the depot was broken into at Lowell, a mail sack ripped open and lifted and other articles taken. Detectives were put on the job at once and have now succeeded in landing one of the men after a lapse of eight years. At the time of the robbery the McAden Mills offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of the perpetrators.

"GEORGIA MACK" SENTENCED.

At the September, 1909, term of Gaston Superior Court John C. McMurphy, alias Charles Euten, alias "Georgia Mac," plead guilty to a charge of being one of the robbers and was sentenced to two years in the Federal prison in Atlanta. He later escaped, it is said. According to his story, told at the trial, the crime was committed by five men, himself, "Pelzer" Eddy, "Irish Jimmy", Jimmy Cooper and a man named Young. Eddy was a witness at this trial, being then in the Federal prison serving a long term for robbing the postoffice at Dunn. "Irish Jimmy" is now to be brought to justice. Jimmy Cooper and Young, it is presumed, are still at large.

It is useless to add that, if Messrs. Rhyne and Carpenter bring Dunn back with them there will be a big crowd on hand at the trial next week to hear the testimony and see this noted criminal.

In connection with the arrest of Dunn the following special sent out from Salisbury Wednesday is of interest:

"By a specially good piece of trailing by Sheriff McKenzie and his force, including Deputy T. D. Kennerly, who actually made the arrest, R. R. Hughes was retaken today and held for Federal officers. Hughes is the prisoner who jumped from a moving train near Spencer Monday night and escaped from two deputy marshals who were bringing him from Spokane, Wash., to Greensboro. He was arrested on the charge of blowing up a postoffice safe at McAdenville.

Range Demonstration.

Tomorrow will be the last day of the big Majestic range demonstration at the Standard Hardware Co.'s store which began Monday morning. Mr. Dowdy, a factory representative of the Majestic Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis, makers of the famous Majestic range, is in charge of the demonstration. Hot coffee and biscuits are served free daily. The Majestic is sold exclusively here by the Standard Hardware Company and this firm finds that it is growing in favor all the time with Gaston people. If you want to know something about a good range visit this store this afternoon or tomorrow and take a look at the Majestic. Tomorrow is the last day on which they give a handsome \$8 set of utensils with every range sold.

All the banks of the city will be closed next Tuesday, which is a legal holiday in North Carolina, being the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

On pages six and seven of today's issue will be found the regular quarterly statement of Treasurer John O. Rankin of the city of Gastonia for the quarter beginning February 1st and ending May 6th.

## 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.

—Mr. J. L. Matthews, of Clover, was in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Lester Timmons, of Charlotte, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. D. Barringer.

—Watch out for the "Who Is Who" puzzle page in next Tuesday's Gazette.

—Attorney C. E. Whitney, of Bessemer City, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. M. L. Cornwell, cashier of the Bank of Dallas, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Local showers are predicted for today for this section by the Charlotte weather bureau.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, were the guests yesterday of their daughter, Mrs. L. N. Glenn.

—Dr. C. E. McLean, of the Point, was in the city yesterday, being the guest of his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean.

—Lincoln County News: Rev. W. R. Minter will preach in the Presbyterian church at Iron Station on Sunday, May 18th, at 3:30 p. m.

—Messrs. John Page and "Goat" Williams, of Clover, were in the city yesterday in Mr. Williams' handsome new Buick touring car.

—Gaston County Superior Court will convene next Monday. The first few days will be devoted to the trial of criminal cases, this to be followed by a week's civil term.

—The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Home Building & Loan Association will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in its offices in the Realty building.

—Mayor C. B. Armstrong left Wednesday night for Raleigh to attend the meeting today of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association.

—Rock Hill Herald, 13th: Mrs. M. L. Smith, of Clover, is visiting at the home of her brother, Rev. E. K. Hardin. —Mr. J. H. Rudisill spent Sunday at his home in Dallas, N. C.

—Charlotte Chronicle, 14th: Mrs. B. T. McAden and daughter, Mrs. Albert Potter, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent yesterday in the city en route to McAdenville, where they will spend some time with Mrs. McAden's son, Mr. J. T. McAden.

—Miss Mamie Spencer left this morning for Cowpens, S. C., to spend a month. She will be joined later by her mother, Mrs. John Spencer, and they will go to Little Rock, Ark., on a visit.

—Mrs. Walter Rameur and children left this morning for Shelby, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Rameur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Eskridge.

—Revel services are in progress this week at the East Baptist church, of which Rev. J. J. Beach is pastor. The preaching is being done by Evangelist Fred N. Day, of Winston-Salem, and much interest is being manifested in the services.

—Mr. C. C. Craig, the popular superintendent of the county home, returned yesterday from Rochester, Minn., where he has spent several weeks undergoing treatment at the Mayo sanatorium. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is now in sound health again.

—Miss Florence Moore, of Yorkville, S. C., and Dr. Acker, of Anderson, S. C., were united in marriage Wednesday at Dallas, where the bride was visiting her sister, Mrs. Caldwell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. McCully, of York county, S. C., who accompanied the groom to Dallas.

—Rev. W. N. Boring, of Crouse, will preach for the pastor, Rev. N. C. Williams at Franklin Avenue, Sunday morning, West End in the afternoon, and the Ozark at night. A union meeting begins at West End at the regular services Sunday afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. D. A. Williams, of Rockingham, spent Sunday night here as the guest of his brother, Rev. N. C. Williams, and accompanied the latter on Monday to Rutherford College, where both attended the annual commencement. Rev. N. C. Williams returned to Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. H. P. Stowe, of the Stowe Clothing & Shoe Company, is preparing to build a handsome eight-room residence on the lot he purchased recently on South York street between the residences of Mr. J. W. Culp and Dr. J. H. Jenkins. Mr. H. P. Oakley has the contract and work will be commenced within a few days. When completed it will be occupied by Mr. Stowe.

—Esquire S. Wilkinson, of Catawba county, and Miss Mattie Broadway were united in marriage on Wednesday of last week, May 7th, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. William Broadway, in River Bend township. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. J. W. Strider, pastor of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have gone to the groom's home in Catawba.