

A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

COTTON DOWN TO 18 CENTS—ONE AND HALF CENTS

Drop in Gastonia—Doctor Anderson Says 90 Per Cent Disease Due to Environment. Ten to Heredity.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—In his address in Gastonia Friday night before the Woman's Betterment Association Dr. A. Anderson said:
"Roughly speaking, I should say that 10 per cent of all disease is due to heredity and 90 per cent due to environment therefore we can safely say that if 90 per cent is due to environment, 90 per cent of all disease is preventable. I mean that 90 per cent of all disease should never have happened, if we had lived under proper conditions. I am going to make the further bold stand that every disease is caused by the fault of somebody. That somebody may have lived generations ago. A woman once asked the ancient philosopher Socrates, who was also an eminent physician, when a mother should begin raising her child, and he very promptly answered, 'five hundred years before it is born.' You can readily see what the physician meant—that is if we are to have healthy, strong and robust posterity, we must see to it ourselves that we are living under such conditions that will guarantee to our children and their children the elements sufficient to make strong and vigorous men and women. I believe that if we had lived as we should have lived, disease among us would be an unknown quantity. Unfortunately, on account of sin and ignorance, superstition, carelessness, filthy and uncleanly habits, the sin of moral impurity and other degrading and degenerating influences, we have lapsed into a condition where we are an easy prey to the ravages of pathogenic bacteria."
"Providence Camp No. 382, W. O. V., elected these officers for the year 1917 of Gastonia: C. M. Boyd, commander; E. K. Whitener, adjutant; H. F. Rooker, secretary; W. L. Smith, clerk; C. E. Spencer, escort; Robert Spargo, watchman; W. M. Rockett, sentry; Dr. J. O. Dimmette, physician; R. D. Lewis, C. J. Storey and E. K. Whitener, managers. These officers will be installed at the first regular meeting of the camp in January. Since moving their new hall in the Glenn building the Woodmen now meet every Thursday night instead of only once a month as formerly. Cotton sold as low as 18 cents today in Gastonia—touching 18 1/2 cents once. This is 1-2 cents drop over yesterday's sales in Gastonia. B. P. Folk, who has been for the

MAYOR ARMSTRONG ON CITY GOVERNMENT

Thinks There Should Be a Municipal Manager in the Strictest Business Sense Chosen for Fitness Only.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Your correspondent this morning called to the attention of Mayor C. B. Armstrong the meeting of mayors, held yesterday in Raleigh, for the purpose of recommending municipal legislation. Mayor Armstrong said that while he was not a member of the League of Mayors so-called, yet, he was interested. "But," he continued, "I would not be disposed to submit any lengthy plan. In fact I have not studied as deeply as I should in view of many pressing matters. I will say this, however, that my opinion put in few words is this: I think a municipality should have a manager, in the same sense as a bank has a cashier, or a cotton mill a superintendent. All this calling of the council to gether every time an important matter comes up does not appeal to me. These things should be taken up by the manager, and submitted at the proper time to the proper municipal body. And the manager should not be selected because he is a good fellow or because of local reasons. He should be a thoroughly equipped business man. Come from where he may, and cost what he may. This would mean, in my judgment, economy and greater efficiency in the end."

past year in charge of the Pig Club work of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, has resigned that position to accept a position as superintendent of a large plantation in Louisiana. Mr. Folk was formerly county farm demonstration agent for Gastonia, having been the first man to hold that position in the county, and he has a large circle of friends here who will regret that he is to leave the State. In a letter to The Gazette Mr. Folk says: "I certainly hate to leave the Old North State, and I shall always remember dear old Gastonia and the people there." At the regular monthly meeting of the Gaston Medical Society held in the city hall these officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Dr. M. G. Anders; first vice president, Dr. T. C. Quicke; second vice president, Dr. H. M. Eddleman; secretary-treasurer, Dr. H. F. Glenn. The Hawaiian Singers and Players, who are coming to Gastonia Wednesday, December 13, as the second year attraction of the season, are without doubt on the features of the program. There are five members of the troupe, four men and one lady, and all the songs of Hawaii are sung in native tongue. The entire company will also appear in the native Hawaiian dress, adding much to the attraction. Tickets for this number will go on sale at Kennedy's Drug Store Tuesday morning, December 12.

GASTONIA BRANCH OF PAGE MOTOR CO.

New Car Rooms Opened Saturday, With A. F. Anderson in Charge—Facilities Complete.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Another new plant has just been added to Gastonia in the opening here today of a branch house of the Page Motor Company of Charlotte. This company, controlling the Maxwell car in this territory, has fitted out a commodious and central storehouse where their care of all classes are on exhibition and sale. Their car-rooms are in charge of A. F. Anderson, who came from Chester, S. C., where he was for four years a representative of this company. Mr. Anderson is a young man in the machine shop, and has spent ten years in the automobile business. All parts for this car are kept in stock, and the service of an expert mechanic is always available. Also auto accessories are among the specialties. The rooms front 25 feet on Main street and go back 80 feet to the railroad tracks whence cars are unloaded straight from the freight car. This new concern is one of the many evidences of the meeting of the demands of growing Gastonia.

SONG OF THE CHILDREN AT DALLAS GATHERING

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Here is the song sung by the school children at the Dallas gathering last night:
"Ho! For Dallas."
Down near dear old Dallas grows the forest pine,
And her fields and woodlands grow into their prime;
There are humming mills, too, spinning 'mid the flow'rs,
Oh, there is no town on earth like this good town of ours!
Chorus:
Come to dear old Dallas just at any time,
Or when luscious fruits are ripening on the vine,
Hear the children singing in their school-day hours,
Oh, there is no town on earth like this good town of ours.
All her people helping in their work or play,
Charming in their manners all the live long day,
And they warm your hearts, too, through the wintry hours,
Oh, there is no town on earth like this good town of ours.
Ho, for dear old Dallas, that's the town for you,
For within her borders live the kind and true;
And her sons and daughters—none can better be,
Oh, it is the town of hope and opportunity.
Words by G. G. L. Sawyer. Tune—"Ho, for Carolina."

DALLAS SCORES BIG SUCCESS FRIDAY NIGHT

About 350 Were Present From Many Points in Gaston County—Song by School Children. Hospitable Repast.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Dallas did herself honor Friday night at the meeting of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. The occasion was known as the Dallas community progress meeting, to which the school children and their parents were invited. There were about 350 present and an excellent program including singing by the Dallas High School and the County Farm Life School. One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the Dallas song, "Ho! For Dallas," words by Prof. G. G. L. Sawyer, sung to the tune of America.
Some time ago the Dallas Chamber offered a cash prize to the person who would submit the best slogan for Dallas, hundreds were sent in and the one chosen was, "Dallas is the Right Place."
That the Chamber of Commerce of Dallas is doing a good work, no one doubts. The public spirit that has been created since the organization of the Dallas Chamber, is nothing short of wonderful, and the same spirit has developed in every community in the county since the organization of the Greater Gaston County Association, which is the mother of all the Chambers in the Gaston County towns. The Dallas meeting is the first of a number of meetings to be held in every town and school district in the county, and the purposes of these meetings are to interest the people more in their community and things that will help their community; also to get the children to study the opportunities at home.
A number of Gastonia business men attended the Dallas meeting and had a most enjoyable time, with refreshments, which were prepared and served by the senior class of the Farm Life School.
A souvenir in the form of the Dallas song with a neat hand-painted cover was presented to the visitors. Programs were printed and distributed throughout Dallas and the rural section, and there were some hundred or more farmers and their families in for the meeting.
The address of welcome was made by Prof. J. B. Henson, and response by Col. C. B. Armstrong. A number of talks were made by citizens of Dallas and visitors from Gastonia. Several speakers said that the greatest thing Gaston County ever did was to organize the Greater Gaston County Association.

GASTON FARMERS ASKED TO LIST THEIR FARMS

Secretary Roberts Is Unable to Answer Many Inquiries Coming From North Carolina and Elsewhere.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—The Greater Gaston County Association has issued a farm listing blank to be filled in by the people who have any farming lands or any other properties for sale. Secretary Roberts states that he is receiving a number of inquiries for Gaston County farms from people in N. C. and in foreign States, and that more farms for sale listing are needed. Right now he has an urgent inquiry for a farm of from 40 to 60 acres near a good school. Those who have farm lands for sale are requested to get in touch with the general office of the association at Gastonia at once.

A DISTANT INQUIRER QUOTES OBSERVER

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Secretary Roberts of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, reading in part from the Northwest, in part from the constant activity of the thriving Town of Gastonia in The Charlotte Observer and write to obtain some further specific information. "Many other inquiries," said Mr. Roberts, "have also come to the Gastonia Chamber as a result of the activities of that body and the reports of the conditions which regularly appear in The Charlotte Observer."

WILL PLAN PUBLICITY FOR JANUARY MEETING

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Chairman S. A. Robinson of the advertising committee of the Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting of that committee for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The members of this committee are S. A. Robinson, J. W. Atkins, W. A. Klutz, R. S. Shelby, Carl Carpenter, W. Hugh Wray and C. I. Loftin. This committee wishes to plan some attractive matter for the big State convention to be held in Gastonia in January.

GAFFNEY WILL ADOPT GASTONIA'S PLAN

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Following an address of Secretary Roberts before the Gaffney Chamber of Commerce a few days ago, the Chamber there has decided to organize Cherokee County similar to the way the Greater Gaston County Association has been organized.

GASTONIA MULE RENEWS YOUTH ON GASOLINE

Old Darkey Driver, Drops a Word in His Ear and Jerry Sits Up and Takes Notice.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—About 1:30 this afternoon at an uptown crossing on West Main street an old negro man, gray with the frosts of possibly 80 winters, was driving slowly, a long, lank mule hitched to an aged top buggy.
The mule carelessly passed over many fascinating sights of the city until he found himself in front of the Blackwood garage; then happening on a stray whiff of gasoline he forgot his stupor of a second before and bolted straight ahead with the consequence that all his feet as suddenly bolted from under him and left him lying flat on his back. The harness, tied with many stings, came to pieces, and the old driver slowly deposited himself on the sidewalk and watched his mule and studied the new situation. Seeing that the mule had no idea of getting up by himself, the old man went over to him and pulling on the bit, addressed him, thus: "Now don't you know dat jus' sich Tom-foolishness as dat is de thing what's a'us got yo de reputation dat you is got." And after much advice and much more trying of ropes the mule and his old partner picked up and made a slow start home.

GASTON CORN CLUBS MAKE STAR RECORD

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of the North Carolina University, has furnished the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce with some interesting information regarding the economic and social status of Gaston County. This report shows that Gastonia County stands eighth in Boys Corn Club enrollment in 1915, reporting 32. The average per acre production in Gaston County was 44.1 bushels, or more than three times the average, for the county at large. At this rate the grown-ups might have produced enough for home consumption and 50,000 bushels to sell.

GASTONIA GIVES EQUAL CHANCE TO EACH MAN

Over 10 years ago there came a man to Gastonia and took root from struggling beginnings in a small shop. Today, foreigner though he was, he is one of the prosperous citizens of Gastonia—owning his immense department building called the Lebowitz stores. Gastonia gives all the same chance, if they will take it.

GASTONIA HAS GIFTED SONGSTRESS IN BIG NEW YORK

Miss Marie Torrence's Voice Pronounced a Greater Soprano Than Yaw's—Music and Art School Honor Her.

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Miss Marie Torrence of Gastonia is now a pupil at the New York School of Music and Art, and friends here have been advised that the principal of the school pronounces her voice capable of higher and rarer flights than the voice of even Evelyn Bush Yaw, who is recognized as America's most gifted soprano in the flight of her high notes.
Letters come to the parents, also, of this young woman, Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence, of Gastonia, that she has been selected as soloist of the Bronx Forum, One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street and Boston Road, New York City.
Next Sunday, she will sing there, accompanied by Clarence De Houx Royer, master of the violin department of the New York School of Music and Art.
February next, Miss Torrence will give a recital in New York, using in her repertoire French, German, Italian and English, be equally at ease in her renditions with either language. Then she will be awarded an "artist" diploma.
It is hoped by her parents that Miss Torrence will be returning to Gastonia during February. Then, not only Gastonia but also other friends of North Carolina may realize the rich good luck of having among them and as among their own a singer artist of the first class.

IMPORTANT MEETING GASTONIA CHAMBER

Special to The Observer.
Gastonia, Dec. 9.—The board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce will hold an important meeting this week to take up some matters of vital interest to Gastonia. There are two committees who will make reports and recommendations at this meeting on matters which must be acted on at once, both of which mean much to Gastonia. There will only be about one more meeting of the board of directors before the annual election of the officers of the Chamber of Commerce which will be held in January.

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