# A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

## CHERRYVILLE'S NEW BANK OPENED LAST NIGH EQUIPMENT ALL

Four Stories of Steel and Brick and Marble-Rest Room for Women — Fine Reception—S. S. Mauney, President.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Jan. 13 .- The First National Bank of Cherryville last night opened their new bank building with a reception to the people of Cherryville and the surrounding territory The new home is of steel and brick and consists of four stories and base-ment. It is equipped with the latest bank equipment and marble. A ladies' rest room is provided in the building for all shoppers to the city.

The top floors of the new building

will be used for club purposes. S. S. Mauney is president of the bank, W A. Mauney, voe President, and M. L. Mauney, cashier.

### CHERRYVILLE'S BANNER NIGHT AND RECEPTION

Cherryville, Jan. 13.—The First National Bank gave a public reception last night which was attended by hundreds of our people from 7 to 11 o'clock, and this marks the opening of this bank in its new, four-story, \$30,000 building, just completed. The wives of the directors of the bank together with other ladies, servved punch, dishing out twenty-five gallons. The Lillian Atkins orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The officers and a number of stock-holders showed up the different floors and sections.

This institution is a great asset to Having begun business in 1904 with \$5,000 capital and growing and increasing to \$50,000 capital and about \$30,000 surplus and profit, till 1917, after having paid cash dividends, amounting to 110 per cent of its capital. Hon. S. S. Mauney, former member of the Legislature, is president, and his son, M. L. Mauney, cash-

The first floor of the building will be used for banking, farmers' room, and stockholders' and directors' rooms. The second for officers and the third and fourth for lodges and lodge receptions. There is no better more -complete structure in the

### ARLINGTON OFFICERS **ELECTED JANUARY 11**

President, L. L. Jenkins; vice president, J. Lee Robinson; secretary and treasurer, L. F. Groves. Directors, J. with these mills. Lee Robinson, H. M. Cleveland, D. R. In addition to the regular dividend It will be the greatest thing the State The body will be brought here and LaFar, L. L. Jenkins, L. F. Groves an extra dividend was paid by each of ever did to promote substantial pros-

SPECIAL DIVIDEND OF

Excellent Annual Showing by Col. Armstrong Elected Vice First National Bank-\$50,000 Added to Surplus Account. 10 Per Cent Dividend-Officers Elected.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the

First National Bank of this city was held Tuesday, January 9. All the reflected one of the most sucstitution from the point of earnings and increase in volume of business, the deposits having increased during the year about 100 per cent.
In addition to the regular 10 per

cent dividend paid the stockholders, a special cash dividend of 50 per cent vas paid during the year.

The sum of \$50,000 was added to the surplus account, increasing that fund to \$150,000 and leaving a balance in undivided profits of \$40,000. The capital stock of the institution is \$150,000 also.

Directors were elected as follows:
L. L. Jenkins, J. Lee Robinson, R. R.
Ray, T. L. Craig, J. O. White, J. K.
Dixon, O. F. Mason, S. N. Beyce, L. F. Groves, S. M. Aobinson, W. J. Clif-ford, B. H. Parker, S. A. Robinson, J. H. Separk, F. L. Smyre. The five last named were added to the board of directors for the first time Tuesday. The following officers were elected: President, L. L. Jenkins; acting vice president, J. Lee Robinson; vice president, R. R. Ray; cashier, S. N. Boyce: assistant cashier, M. T. Wilson; teller D. M. Robinson, T. L. Craig was elected chairman of the board of directors

### NORTH CAROLINA SETS PACE FOR OTHER STATES

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13.—Gastonia is putand on December 6 at Harrisburg, Pa., formed for the State of Pennsylvania. Another State organization that has proven worth while has been the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce. While there are other State organizations many have fallen by the way-

the wrong basis and for the promotion of the interest of a few people. GOOD RESULTS FROM ARMSTRONG PROPERTIES

these mills January 1.

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BANNER YEAR CITIZENS' 50 PER CENT IS PAID BANK—TWO NEW DIRECTORS

> President in Addition to A. G. Myers-Average Increase Deposits 40 to 50 Per Cent.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Jan. 13 .- The year just ended was the best experienced by the Citizens National Bank in its history, according to the reports of the officers to the stockholders and directors at 1,500 shares of stock were represented. the annual meeting held Tuesday. The report of the officers of the morning at 11 o'clock in the offices the annual meeting held Tuesday at the bank. In addition to paying cessful years in the history of the in- the regular dividend of five per cent semi-annually for the year the bank passed a handsome sum to the surplus account. The deposits have been largely in excess of those for any previous year. At times during the year the deposits have been as high as 100 per cent above previous high records and for the year the average increase has been between 40 and 50 per cent. The stockholders re-elected the old directors, namely: Andrew E. Moore, H. M. Cleveland, W. T. Rankin, J. M. Sloan and A. G. Myers and added to the board D. E. Rhyne of Lincolnton and C. B. Armstrong of Gastonia. Mr Rhyne is one of the principal stock-holders in the Avon Mills and a large property owner in the county. directors re-elected all of the old officers, namely: Andrew E. Moore, president; A. G. Myers, active vice president; W. H. Adams, cashier; John A.

> elected one of the two vice presidents. EXTRA DIVIDEND BY

OZARK MILLS 5 PER CENT Special to The Observer.

Hunter, Jr., assistant cashler. In addition. C. B. Armstrong, also, was

Gastonia, Jan. 13 .- Nineteen sixteen was one of the best years in the history of the Trenton Cotton Mills of this city as it was with practically all of the mills in Gastonia and this sec-tion. This was shown by the reports ting the State of North Carolina in of the president and treasurer to the line with what other progressive stockholders and directors at their States are doing. The State of Alabama has just organized a State year the regular five per cent semi-chamber of Commerce with Gov. annual dividends were paid, these in-terest periods coming April 1 and Oc-State year the regular five per cent semi-In addition to these an extober 1. a State Chamber of Commerce was tra dividend was paid to stockholders January 1.

All of the officers were re-elected. They are: J. K. Dixon, president and treasurer; E. N. Pegram, secretary; L. L. Jenkins, vice president; A. M. Dixon, superintendent. Also all side, because they were organized on the directors were re-elected. They the wrong basis and for the promotion are L. L. Jenkins, H. F. Forbes, Frost Torrence, E. N. Lineberger and J. K.

"S. O. S." SENT OUT. Gastonia, Jan. 13.-In a letter reelected at its annual meeting held last Thursday in the offices of the Clara, of which Col C. T. Mills of Gastonia and the Monarch rah for Gastonia! I shall be present."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Meeting Friday Night to Get Together for Interesting Improvements for 1917-Rev. Mr. Jordan President.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13.-The officers and teachers of the Main Street M. E. Church, South, met at the home of J. H. Separk Friday night for a gettogether meeting. A permanent or-ganization known as the Officers and Teachers' Council was formed with Rev. H. H. Jordan, president, and J. M. Holland, secretary.

After the discussion of various subjects pertaining to the Sunday school work a delicious salad course was J. H. Separk is superintenserved. dent of the Sunday school and is planning for some interesting improvements for the year 1917. Beginning at once a Teachers' Training School will be started to train the young ladies and young men for teachers in the Sunday school.

### IMPORTANT MEETING TUESDAY BESSEMER CITY

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13.-President R. C.

Kennedy of the Bessemer City Chamber of Commerce today issued a call for a meeting of the Bessemer City Chamber of Commerce for 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, January 16, at the city hall. At this meeting some matter of importance to Bessemer City and the surrounding territory

will be taken up.

The Bessemer City Chamber of Commerce is a unit of the Greater Gaston County Association, and C. W. Roberts, secretary of the association, will attend the meeting.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MARTIN H. SHUFORD TODAY

The funeral services of the late Martin H. Shuford were conducted this afternoon from the Main Street Methodist Church. The officiating clergymen were H. H. Jordan and J. rgymen were H. H. Jordan and J. It will make fine combed Galloway, the latter of the A. R. J. L. Gray is superintendent. P. Church.

and relatives of this prominent and beloved citizen. These were the pall-bearers: J. P. Reid, W. L. C. Killian, Jno. O. Ran-kin, D. T. Morris, T. W. Wilson and J. W. Dixon.

CARRIES STORY OF DALLAS. Gastonia, Jan. 13.-Town Development, a magazine published in New York City, and received today, carries an article on the successful com-

nam, daughter of W. A. Jutnam a well-known merchant of this place, died at a hospital at Raleigh today. The body will be brought here and Sunday afternoon

G. A. GRAY ADDED TO GRAY LEAKE CARRAWAY ON COTTON MILL DIRECTORS

Regular and Extra Dividends. J. L. Gray, Superintendent. Report Indicates Prosperous Year-L. L. Jenkins, Presi-

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13.-Tuesday morn ng at 10 o'clock the stockholders and to Gastonia Friday, Leake Carraway, directors of the Gray Manufacturing director of publicity for the Southern Company held their annual meetings at the mill offices. Reports from the officers showed that the mill had experienced a prosperous year. The mill has paid its usual semi-annual dividends of five per cent during 1916 and an extra dividend January 1.

Directors were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: L. L. Jenkins, L. Craig, J. H. Separk, J. L. Gray, W. Hastings, J. Lee Robinson and G. A. Gray. The last-named is an addition to the board, the other members having been re-elected.

The directors elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: L. L. Jenkins, president; T. L. Craig and J. L. Gray, vice presidents; J. H. Separk, secretary and treasurer. J. L. Gray is superintendent.

### PARKDALE MILLS PUT IN MOTION FOR FINE YARNS

J. Lee Robinson, President-J. L. Gray, superintendent. Meeting Tuesday-New Plant

Gastonia, Jan. 13.-Tuesday at noon the first annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Parkdale Mills, Inc., was held. Directors were chosen as follows: J. Lee Robinson, J. H. Separk, J. L. Gray, F. D. Barkley, L. L. Jenkins, J. H. Mayes and T. L. Craig. Offi-cers chosen were as follows: J. Lee cers chosen were as follows: J. Lee Robinson, president; J. L. Gray, vice president; J. H. Separk, secretary and treasurer. This is a new mill and the machinery is being put into operation this week for the first time.

### The church was filled with friends FLINT MANUFACTURING CQ. ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Special to The Observer. Gastonia. Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the MAYOR ARMSTRONG WILL Flint Manufacturing Company was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock Directors were named as follows L. L. Jenkins, H. M. Cleveland, L. F Groves, S. N. Boyce and J. R. Withers. Following the selection of the directors officers were elected. They were: President, L. L. Jenkins; vice president, S. N. Boyce; treasurer, L. F. Groves; secretary, H. H. Groves.

TIME WILL TELL. Gastonia, Jan. 13.-An officeholder in the receiving line at Raleigh, said to a prominent Gastonian: "I do hope we will meet under the same auspices four years from now," and he was sincere about it, and looked it.
did Bickett want to butt in for?

Importance of Co-Operation Between People of Cities and Rural Districts-Publicity Director Optimistic-Gastonia Chamber Model.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13 .- During his visit Public Utilities Company of Charlotte,

had a clever word to say concerning the work of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. "The work of Secretary Roberts."

said Mr. Carraway, "looking to the proper co-ordination of the activities of the people of the rural sections of Gaston County and of Gastonia is in the right direction and it is going to mean as much for one as for the oth-The sooner the people of the cities learn to co-operate with the gas plant.

people of the rural districts the sooner will the best interests of all be conserved. And when the outlying population learns that it is to their interest to co-operate with the urban Most of the prospective purchasers population they will enter heartily into are Northern men and it is undermovement which looks to the growth of the cities.

"This Greater Gaston movement is in the right direction and the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce is being held up as a model to similar organizations throughout the country. The publicity which has already come to Gastonia by this means and through First Annual Stockholders year's ordinary work of the ordinary commercial organization."

### NEW BAPTIST MINISTER IN CHERRYVILLE CHARGE

Special to The Observer.

Cherryville, Jan. 13 .- Rev. D. F. entered upon the pastorate of the Baptist Church here. Mr. Putnam served this Church for a number of years in the past and is welcomed back in our midst. It is expected that he will shortly

launch a movement to build a new church, and he has already received proposition from one firm to furnish all the brick on condition that a now is that the offer will be accepted and that the move will materialize before long.

## **ENTERTAIN MAYORS**

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 13.—While Colonel Armstrong, mayor of Gastonia, was at the Governor's inauguration in Raleigh, he invited the mayors of the State to have their next annual meet-ing in Gastonia. The invitation was accepted, Mayor Armstrong stated today, to your correspondent, that he did not know yet just what the date What ment is now an active one and the

## GASTON'S ACTIVITIES GASTONIA'S GAS PLAN MAY BE SOLD SOOI UNDER COURT'S ORDER

Philadelphians Have Been Negotiating for Some Months for Purchase and Rehabilitation of Lighting and Cooking Fa-

About a week ago outside Northern parties made a visit to Gastonia for the purpose of prosecuting inquiries that have oven somewhat active for a year past in connection with the acquisition of the Gastonia

This corporation having been in the hands of a receiver and under court order of sale, the proper parties have simply been getting together, stood that the gas facilities for both cooking and lighting purposes will be rehabilitated. Mr. Timberlake has been conversant with the negotiations but advised your correspondent today that there would be no immediate that there would be no immediate conclusion of the negotiations.

Some of the men interested are Walter Whetstine, G. C. Allen, John McCu'ley and J. B. Shattuck, all of Philadelphia. The new facilities will be specially grateful, it is believed, to the cotton mill operatives.

### NEW GROVES MILLS START: PRESIDENT L. L. GROVES

Special to The Observer Gastonia, Jan. 13.—On Tuesday, January 9, officers of the new Groves Mill were elected as follows: President, L. F. Groves; wice president, L. Jenkins; secretary, H. H. Groves. The directors named were Messr.s L. F. Groves, L. L. Jenkins and E. C.

### CAROLINA SECRETARY COMING TO BIG MEETING

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Jan. 13.—John W. Lillard, president of the Columbia, S. C., Chamber of Commerce, writes Secretary Roberts that he expects to attend the meeting to be held in Gastonia February 6, at which time W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, will make an address, and when the secretaries and business men of the State will discuss commercial organization work and the needs of the Carolinas.

### 800 TELEPHONES IN NEW CITY DIRECTOR

would be, but he thought the meeting should be productive of interchanges of views that would result in good. The question of city government is now an active one and the mayors are giving their attention to it.

Special to The Observes.

Gastonia, Jan. 13.—The Pictmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Gastonia today issued a new telephone directory of 28 pages, listing something over eight hundred telephones.



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