

# A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

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

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 basement. 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.

## 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, served punch, dishing out twenty-five gallons. The Lillian Atkins orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The officers and a number of stockholders showed up the different floors and sections.

## ARLINGTON OFFICERS ELECTED JANUARY 11

Gastonia, Jan. 13.—Officers and directors of the Arlington Mill were elected at its annual meeting held last Thursday in the offices of the company as follows:

## SPECIAL DIVIDEND OF 50 PER CENT IS PAID

Excellent Annual Showing by 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 1,500 shares of stock were represented. The report of the officers of the bank reflected one of the most successful years in the history of the institution 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 was 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.

## NORTH CAROLINA SETS PACE FOR OTHER STATES

**Special to The Observer.**  
Gastonia, Jan. 13.—Gastonia is putting the State of North Carolina in line with what other progressive States are doing. The State of Alabama has just organized a State Chamber of Commerce with Gov. Charles Henderson as its president, and on December 6 at Harrisburg, Pa., a State Chamber of Commerce was formed for the State of Pennsylvania. Another State organization that has proven worth while has been the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce.

## GOOD RESULTS FROM ARMSTRONG PROPERTIES

**Special to The Observer.**  
Gastonia, Jan. 13.—The fiscal year of the Clara, Dunn and Armstrong Mills of Gastonia and the Monarch Mill of Dallas, of which Col. C. B. Armstrong is the head, does not end till April 1. It is stated, however, that the year 1916 was a good one with these mills.

## BANNER YEAR CITIZENS' BANK—TWO NEW DIRECTORS

Col. Armstrong Elected Vice 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 the annual meeting held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the offices at the bank. In addition to paying 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.

## EXTRA DIVIDEND BY OZARK MILLS 5 PER CENT

**Special to The Observer.**  
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 section. This was shown by the reports of the president and treasurer to the stockholders and directors at their annual meeting Tuesday. During the year the regular five per cent semi-annual dividends were paid, these interest periods coming April 1 and October 1. In addition to these an extra 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 of the directors were re-elected. They are L. L. Jenkins, H. F. Forbes, Frost Torrence, E. N. Lineberger and J. K. Dixon.

## "S. O. S." SENT OUT

Gastonia, Jan. 13.—In a letter received by the Gastonia Chamber Saturday, C. H. Pugh, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, says: "A splendid stunt!" Hurrah for Gastonia! I shall be present. Another man writes that "Our Chamber of Commerce has been on the 'bum' for several years. I hope you can get the State organization started and then help the smaller towns out. It will be the greatest thing the State ever did to promote substantial prosperity."

## J. H. SEPAK TO START 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 get-together meeting. A permanent organization known as the Officers and Teachers' Council was formed with Rev. H. H. Jordan, president, and J. M. Holland, secretary.

## 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.

## 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. C. Galloway, the latter of the A. R. P. Church.

## 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 community progress meeting recently held in the Town of Dallas under the direction of the Greater Gaston County Association.

**CHERRYVILLE GIRL DIES.**  
Cherryville, Jan. 13.—Bonnie Putnam, daughter of A. J. Putnam, a well-known merchant of this place, died at a hospital at Raleigh today. The body will be brought here and the funeral will probably take place Sunday afternoon.

## G. A. GRAY ADDED TO GRAY COTTON MILL DIRECTORS

Regular and Extra Dividends. J. L. Gray, Superintendent. Report Indicates Prosperous Year—L. L. Jenkins, President.

**Special to The Observer.**  
Gastonia, Jan. 13.—Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the stockholders and directors of the Gray Manufacturing 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.

## PARKDALE MILLS PUT IN MOTION FOR FINE YARNS

**J. Lee Robinson, President—J. L. Gray, superintendent.**  
First Annual Stockholders Meeting Tuesday—New Plant Will be Taken Up.

## FLINT MANUFACTURING CO. ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

**Special to The Observer.**  
Gastonia, Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Flint Manufacturing Company was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. 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. Officers 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. It will make fine combed yarns. J. L. Gray is superintendent.

## 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. What did Bickett want to butt in for?

## LEAKE CARRAWAY ON GASTON'S ACTIVITIES

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 to Gastonia Friday, Leake Carraway, director of publicity for the Southern Public Utilities Company of Charlotte, had a clever word to say concerning the work of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.

## NEW BAPTIST MINISTER IN CHERRYVILLE CHARGE

**Special to The Observer.**  
Cherryville, Jan. 13.—Rev. D. F. Putnam of Roxboro has arrived and 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.

## MAYOR ARMSTRONG WILL 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 meeting in Gastonia. The invitation was accepted, Mayor Armstrong stated today to your correspondent, that he did not know yet just what the date 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.

## 800 TELEPHONES IN NEW CITY DIRECTOR

**Special to The Observer.**  
Gastonia, Jan. 13.—The Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Gastonia today issued a new telephone directory of 31 pages, listing something over eight hundred telephones.

## GASTONIA'S GAS PLANT MAY BE SOLD SOON UNDER COURT'S ORDER

Philadelphia Have Been Negotiating for Some Months for Purchase and Rehabilitation of Lighting and Cooking Facilities.


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

## 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; vice president, L. L. Jenkins; secretary, H. H. Groves. The directors named were Messrs. L. F. Groves, L. L. Jenkins and E. C. Marshall.

## 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 4 at which time W. 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 Carolina.



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J. Lee Robinson, Active Vice President  
M. T. Wilson, Assistant Cashier  
R. R. Ray, Vice President. D. M. Robinson, Teller

— Directors —

Thos. L. Craig, chairman; L. L. Jenkins, J. Lee Robinson, R. R. Ray, J. O. White, J. K. Dixon, O. F. Mason, S. N. Boyce, L. F. Groves, S. M. Robinson, W. J. Clifford, B. H. Parker, S. A. Robinson, J. H. Separk, F. L. Smyre.

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