A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

REPRESENTATIVE MEN GIVE IDEAS ON STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Diverse Opinions on Organization of State Chamber of Commerce Given at Recent Banquet, but All Agree as to Its Usefulness.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—At the big banquet given at Gastonia Tuesday, February 6 at which there were 350 guests, and the story of which has been printed before in these columns, expressions were solicited from the banqueters on "What a State Chamber of Commerce Should do For North Carolina." Here are many answers from many thoughtful men:

What a State Chamber of Commerce Should Do for North Carolina.

Joe S. Wray, Gastonia, N. C.: It should help North Carolina to organize to help herself and the Nation in meeting their needs.

H. Y. Scott, Monroe, N. C.: The best thing possible for the State. Let's get busy now.

G. Mark Goforth, Lenoir, N. C.: Bring to closer relation the business men of the city and the farmer. The time is now at hand and if this is not done our country will suffer.

W. P. Hope, Danbury, N. C.: To use its influence in assisting in any manner possible directors and other officials in charge. Enact in some legislature or other influence to so support extending work as to exterminate ignorant, degrading influence.

Miss Bessie Hill Hackney, High Point, N. C.: Institute State Home-Coming Week to bring some 400,000 people who have left the State. Get up exhibits to be shown in January and February in North and West. Send representatives to stay monthly in same section to do personal work. Let said representative do research work in the section where there is dissatisfaction, where farmers toil seven days and nights in the week, and then make a bare existence. Also in those sections where everything is frozen up for two, three and four months. The Southern Railway is sending such exhibits and men into the North and West; other roads are doing the same.

Alexis J. Coleman, Durham.: Recommend desirable legislation and keep close track of all measures introduced at every session of the Legislature. Promote publicity for North Carolina by advertising resources and advantages in newspapers of large Northern cities.

P. C. Whitlock, Charlotte, N. C.: What I think of a State Chamber of Commerce should do for North Carolina: Combine her efforts towards advertising her resources.

John W. Fox, Charlotte, N. C.: Boost the city's natural and devoloped resources.

Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Gastonia, N. C.: Go to it.

Chas. N. Evans, Baltimore, Md.: Emulate the most excellent example of Gastonia Chamber by exploiting the State's resources as you exploit those of your city.

S. S. Stable, Salisbury, N. C.: Get the farmers and commercial interests into closer co-operation. There should be a board of agriculture in every county in North Carolina.

H. H. Groves, Gastonia, N. C.: Would no doubt unite business interest in a State sense and make the State as a whole pull together which would be a great thing and mean better and more business for North Carolina.

Robert C. W. Ramspeck, New Bern, N. C.: Inaugurate North Carolina Products Day. Undertake State-wide profitable farming campaign, encourage growing food and feed at home. Before any thing is undertaken, the State Chamber of Commerce should be adequately financed, a definite plan mapped out and competent management secured.

A. C. Forester, Greensboro, N. C.: Study needs of the State and strive to supply them. There are so many things to do, details should be left to governing boards.

G. R. Horn, Rocky Mount, N. C.: Preach "Carolina Should Feed Itself," protect and encourage home industries.

William F. Brown, Charlotte: Protect and encourage textile industries, build good roads and streets. "A City Well Paved is a City Well Dressed."

S. W. Thompson, Gastonia, N. C.: Agitate the building of asphalt streets in the city, and asphalted concrete on permanent foundation in the country for county roads.

G. H. Marvin, Gastonia, N. C.: Act as a guardian for all the smaller towns.

G. H. Marvin, Gastonia, N. C.: It would make North Carolina the richest State in the South. It would provide a whole-time health officer for every county. Let's get together—there is power in union.

W. G. Yeager, Lexington, N. C.: Work towards a mutual understanding between agricultural and civic populations. Gastonia is on the map.

J. R. Sams, Marshall, N. C.; First, it should effect an organization of local boards. Second, it should co-ordinate and unify the aims and purposes of urbane and rural endeavor for the betterment of both.

E. D. Bowditch, Waynesville, N. C.: Aid, develop and boost the Old North State.

C. R. Hudson, Raleigh, N. C.: Endorse and help forward the following five F's: Farmers' need; Fertile soil; Food and Feed crops First.

A. G. Hendren, Wilkesboro, N. C.: It would make business men and farmers better acquainted. It would help the counties of the east to know more about the counties of the west.

J. J. Rogers, North Wilkesboro, N. C.: Bring our business men and farmers to know each other, to realize our interests are mutual and cause co-operation to take the place of competition.

G. R. Pugh, Elizabeth City, N. C.: Organize and maintain a North Carolina Agricultural Products Day and advertise. Get in touch with North Carolinians outside of the State, and enlist their aid in Chamber of Commerce work.

Rev. B. F. Hargett, Pineville, N. C.: Agricultural and industrial development.

Frank Parker, Washington, D. C.: Be a county bureau of information. A center for farmers—for advice and aid.

Horace F. Smith, Richmond, Va.: Co-ordinate all city and county organized activities into a scientized education and active influence for the benefit of all the people.

Ernest L. Perkins, Morganton, N. C.: I think a State Chamber of Commerce would be well.

D. B. Britton, Gastonia, N. C.: Promote especially agricultural and manufacturing interests of the whole State.

E. H. Anderson, Greensboro, N. C.: It should work to co-ordinate and direct in a general way the individual chambers over the State, and should seek to establish definite co-operation and unity of efforts on part of commercial secretaries and their organizations with extension workers to have development of city and county go hand-in-hand.

H. S. Sellers, Kings Mountain, N. C.: To promote social intercourse, build county and towns.

R. W. Stowe, Gastonia, N. C.: Promote education and manufacturing interests of the entire South.

CITY COMPLIMENTED ON EVENTS OF PAST WEEK

Fine C. of C. Is General Opinion Expressed by Prominent Men.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—This expression has come from many: "No other city or organization in the State could have brought the people together as did Gastonia." They are the words of many prominent men of the State. It seems to have been the belief of all that Gastonia is the only city in the State that could have brought so many prominent and busy men of the State together. "This is probably due to the way Gastonia is doing things," said one visitor. "I never knew of any city in my life to be making the progress that Gastonia seems to be making, and her Chamber of Commerce—it's a whale. Did you ever hear of an organization doing so much as that body is doing, and they are the most unselfish crowd I ever heard of. They are not only working for Gastonia, but are lending material assistance to Gaston County and even is on the lookout for the welfare and development of the State, and I am glad to see one organization in the State that is not working selfishly, but has the whole State at heart, when the State Chamber of Commerce is perfected which the Gastonia body has started, it is going to be the greatest thing that ever happened for North Carolina."

GASTONIA MEN VISIT ATLANTA

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—Messrs. R. B. Babington, general manager of Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company, and J. T. Sadler, assistant auditor, left Friday on Southern train No. 29 for Atlanta, Ga., where they will spend a day or two on business.

Miss Anna Belle Dowd, of Charlotte, spent several days the past week in Gastonia as the guest of Miss Myrtle Gray. She attended the Torrence concert.

BANQUET TO GASTONIA CO.; MANY WELCOME SPEECHES; A GENUINE LOVE-FEAST

Capt. Kent, U. S. A., Talked for Universal Service — Letter From Gen. Young and Talks by Capt. Bulwinkle and Lieut. Craig.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—It is hard to say whether the banquet that yesterday was tendered to Gastonia's Company B by the citizens of Gastonia was more gracious to the guests or to the hosts.

Either way one takes it, lovefeast, indeed, it was from start to finish.

The men were formed by Captain Bulwinkle at 2:30 in front of the armory and marched to the banquet room at the Armington.

They stepped out as fine as General Pershing could have asked. And what a difference. A bunch of lads when they went—come back as a compact perfectly moving company mass of men—hard—with the blood red in their cheeks, their hearts strong with the confidence of perfect manly courage and their legs nimble and whittled down for lasting a long time.

The dining room was well filled—say 150 in all—and the dandy dinner was enjoyed. Speeches were intermingled among the courses in order to get through with them all. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, the toastmaster, handled his end with great tact and brought out the best that was there from those who had something to say. Indeed, there were many who did have something to say. Here are the men who responded to the introductions of Mr. Henderlite: J. F. Mason, Mayor C. B. Armstrong, Rev. H. H. Jordan, S. N. Boyce, J. H. Separk, Rev. W. C. Barrett, A. G. Mangum, Col. T. L. Craig, Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle, Capt. W. A. Kent, U. S. A. (mustering out officer) St. C. C. Craig, (Second Lieutenant Reinhardt was kept away by sickness), A. N. Dixon, former Senator, last term from Gaston, Judge A. C. Jones, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, R. G. Craig, J. W. Timberlake, W. T. Rankin, A. N. Stroup, of Mount Holly, and T. R. Carver.

It is ticklish to pick out any of the speakers for special mention. One thing sure, A. N. Dixon made a hit, and Colonel Armstrong disclaiming any of the arts of the speaker, put the simplicity and strength and the sympathy of his big soul in his plea for the boys before him to be "men." "Men" were worth more than brick buildings. They were the builders of the State and Nation. His words were few but they went straight home and the boys took them all in.

A feature of the banquet were the remarks of Capt. W. A. Kent, U. S. A., the officer detailed by Washington to muster out the men. His main thought was the future of the Army and the National Guard. The Army believed in universal service, and it "does not make for militarism," emphatically declared Captain Kent. It is most democratic. His plan was to keep young men of 18 or 19 after their college period for one year's military training, during their least productive period. "You cannot make a soldier in three months," he exclaimed.

Judge Jones talked well, as always.

W. T. Rankin, without any airs, gave the men a short but impressive heart-to-heart talk. Mr. Separk, Mr. Mangum, Colonel Craig, Mr. Mason, specially, Captain Bulwinkle, Mr. Boyce and Lieutenant Craig. All the speeches were clever and to the point and colored with sincere feeling of gladness at the home-coming of the company in which Gastonia takes such added pride since their well-doing in every way during their seven months' absence.

The mustering out will come right away.

A letter was read from General Young to Captain Bulwinkle expressing his gratification at the fine behavior of Company B on the border.

Tonight from 7 to 9 the company held a reception at the court house to which the Gaston folks came in crowds to shake their hands in affectionate welcome.

MEMBERS GRATIFIED BY WORK OF CHAMBER

Chamber of Commerce Merits Support of Citizens of Gastonia.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—From what your correspondent could gather on the streets of Gastonia Saturday, it appears that the citizens are highly pleased with the way the meetings came off this week and at the large amount of publicity received. In fact, some of the members of the Gastonia chamber have been heard to say that they are willing to add considerable to their present contribution to the chamber, several men are known to have said they are willing to put in several hundred dollars a year to an organization doing the work which the organization is doing, so it is probable that in the near future, when the directors decide to increase the revenue of the chamber, that many new members will be secured and the present income doubled.

LOWELL MAN SEEKS NEW RESIDENCE

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—Esquire C. W. Nipper and family, of Lowell, left Friday for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they will make their home. Their many friends at Lowell regret to give them up, but wish for them much success in their new home.

PHILADELPHIA MAN TO SPEAK AT COZY THEATER

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—There will be a Salvation Army mass meeting at the Cozy Theater Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Adjutant William Croft, of Philadelphia, will speak. There will be special music and good singing. The public is cordially invited to attend and admission will be free.

ROSTER OF GASTONIA'S MILITARY COMPANY

Co. B Returns With Full War Strength Military Company. Names of Officers and Men.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—There were 75 enlisted men and three officers in Company B who returned home Wednesday night:

Captain, A. L. Bulwinkle; first lieutenant, C. C. Craig; second lieutenant, J. P. Reinhardt.

First Sergeant, W. L. Glover; supply sergeant, N. F. Kaylor; mess sergeants, T. L. Jenkins; sergeants E. E. Boyce, J. O. Durham, F. A. Gannt, G. A. Short, C. S. Short, J. Wilson McArver.

Corporals, J. H. McArver, J. H. Wells, W. L. Jenkins, J. H. Henry, R. J. Morris, J. H. Carroll, J. C. Fayssoux, Fred Bumgardner, A. H. Rodden, Pink Porch, L. W. O'Daniel.

Musicians, J. H. Taylor and G. J. Harris. Cooks, A. P. Williams and G. W. Glover. Artificer, L. M. Glover.

Privates: Dores Allen, W. L. Burns, Hall Britton, T. L. Crow, E. L. Carson, Mack Dilling, Harris Fields, B. B Griggs, L. L. Harwell, C. A. Henly, Hoke J. Hanna, Sidney L. Perkins, A. L. Justice, Oscar L. Lewis, George W. Glover, W. A. Putman, C. H. Painter, R. L. Rhyne, R. D. Whisnant, Lawrence Bess, R. B. Beach, S. G. Britton, R. L. Brown, M. T. Brown, J. F. Brown, B. E. Baker, E. M. Bonds, C. C. Clark, J. H. Farris, Hugh Fields, Luther Hasting, Robert Holding, Dean Holland, Russell Hasting, A. B. Harrelson, P. L. Jordan, L. R. Mosley, P. R. Stroup, Samuel Lowrance, R. V. Martin, Arthur Perry, Oliver Parker, Stowe Petty, Samuel Rodden, T. L. Stowe, Frank Stockton, Boyce Stevenson, T. E. Terry, F. D. Terry, George Moore, W. A. Haney.

CARNIVAL MANAGER CONFERS WITH SECRETARY

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—K. G. Barkoot, manager of the famous Barkoot Carnival Company, which is wintering at Spartanburg, S. C., was in the city Thursday to confer with Secretary Holland of the Gaston County Fair Association with reference to the 1917 fair. Mr. Barkoot told The Gazette reporter that he thought Gastonia was the best town of its size anywere in the country.

WEEKLY MEETINGS OF MISSION STUDY CLASSES

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—The Mission Study classes of the First Presbyterian Church will hold their regular meetings next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The western division will meet with Mrs. W. T. Rankin on West Main avenue and the eastern division with Mrs. R. M. Reid on Franklin avenue.

The Linwood College girls basketball team played the girls' team of the Lowell High School at Lowell Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BRILLIANT CONCERT BY TALENTED ARTISTS AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Miss Torrence and Signor Sorrentino Entertain Enthusiastic Audience—Former to Continue in Concert Work.

Gastonia, Feb. 10.—A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Miss Marie Torrence and Signor Umberto Sorrentino at the Central School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, when they appeared in concert under the auspices of the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The audience was a thoroughly representative one, the leading musicians and music lovers filling the large auditorium. Miss Torrence's first appearance brought forth a most flattering outburst of applause. She was charming to look at and her opening numbers, "Spring's Awakening" and the difficult "Staccato Polka" by Mulder were given with splendid effect. Miss Torrence possesses a high, clear soprano voice which is under perfect control at all times. In her group of German songs (sung in English) and the Aria from "Louise," some beautiful legato singing was enjoyed while in" Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark" by Bishop her command of coloratura work amazed her many admirers. In all her work Miss Torrence was the finished artist and one of her greatest charms is her unaffected simplicity and her evident pleasure in her work. The duet from "LaBoheme" and the always welcome "Oh That We Two Were Maying" by Nevin with Signor Sorrentino were sung exquisitely.

Signor Sorrentino was given a hearty welcome on this his second appearance in Gastonia and once again this popular young tenor sang his way into the hearts of his hearers. His beautiful voice rang clear and true in every number and it is hard to say which pleased the most, his Aria from "Pagliacci" or the group of Neapolitan folk songs. He was enthusiastically applauded after each number and was obliged to respond with encores. His group of English songs delighted the audience and "Love's Majesty" by W. H. Prutting was one of the gems of his portion of the program.

George Roberts, a gifted young pianist, played the accompaniments for Miss Torrence and Signor Sorrentino magnificently and was an inspiration to the singers. His solo numbers by Brahms, Schumann and Chopin were played in a decidedly artistic manner. Mr. Roberts plays with marked individuality, singing tone, excellent technique, and his performance on this occasion was resplendent with the many attributes of a very excellent pianist. It is hoped that these three young artists will appear here again in the not too distant future.

Miss Torrence will continue in concert work.

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