

# A PAGE OF GASTONIA HAPPENINGS

## 'HEART FEAST DAY' FOR ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

### Gastonia Young Ladies Realize \$276.50 for Fund From Sale of Hearts.

Special to The Observer.  
Gastonia, March 24.—Heart Feast Day, under the auspices of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association yesterday for the benefit of the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia, proved a splendid success, the amount being taken in being \$276.50. This is almost double that gotten in some of the larger cities of the State at a general tag day. Owing to its success, a county-wide campaign will be waged on next Saturday, when hearts will be sold in all the towns.

At 10 o'clock, the girls who had volunteered to sell the hearts gathered at the Armington Hotel, where they were met by their chaperons and from there went out on the streets where they waged a veritable war on the men. The two contesting clubs battled until late in the afternoon for the highest honors, which went to the Red Club.

An excellent seven-course luncheon was served at 1 o'clock at the Armington Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. Crown W. Wilson. Plates were placed for 25.

Prior to the hour for lunch, R. B. Babington introduced Rev. E. V. Lamb, an evangelist of the Baptist Church, who congratulated the young ladies and the members present on the worthy undertaking for the help of the cripples of the State. At his suggestion, a toast was drunk to R. B. Babington, father of the movement.

Immediately after luncheon, the crowd gathered in front of the Armington Hotel and a picture of the group was made, which will be placed in the book making the history of the Orthopedic Hospital.

Among those taking part in the work and aiding in it were Mr. R. B. Babington, Mr. and Mrs. Crown W. Wilson, and Miss Lena Rivers Smyth, besides the chaperons and young ladies who sold the hearts.

The Red Club was composed of Mrs. J. Mack Holland and Mrs. J. Holland Morrow, chaperons, and Misses Marie and Lois Torrence, Blanche and Myrtle Gray and friend, Anna Belle Dowd, of Charlotte, Catherine Mason, Lillian Watson, Nellie Rose Simpson, Lavina Hunter, Thelda Armstrong and Sadie Thompson.

The White Club consisted of Mrs. R. B. Babington and Miss Lillian Atkins, chaperons, and Mary Love Babington, Lillian McLean, Janet Davis, Max Brawley, Martha Morrow, Mary La Far, Nancy Rankin, Lula Rankin, Annie Clifford, and Burney Boyce.

The young ladies enthusiastically entered into a plan to make a county-wide campaign for another "heart feast" next Saturday. The young ladies, accompanied by a chaperon, will go to different towns of the county and give out hearts in the interest of the hospital. Among those who have offered to donate cars for that day are R. B. Babington, Col. C. B. Armstrong, Col. T. L. Craig, Mrs. Dr. C. E. Adams, and L. F. Groves.

## CASES DISPOSED OF BY COURT THIS WEEK

### Oscar Roberts, Colored, Acquitted of Charge of Killing Walter Thomas, Also Colored.

Special to The Observer.  
Gastonia, March 24.—Oscar Roberts, colored, charged with slaying Walter Thomas, colored, was found not guilty by a jury Friday afternoon. The defendant was represented by S. B. Dolley and J. W. Timberlake, of the Gaston County bar.

Following is a partial list of cases disposed of during the week:

Avery Tucker, seduction. Nol pros with leave.  
Lee Black, retailing. Nol pros with leave.

Jim Sanders, disposing of mortgaged property. Nol pros.  
G. H. Wilson, issuing fraudulent checks. Nol pros.

Chester Craig, gambling. Nol pros with leave.  
Sam Montgomery, assault. Nol pros with leave.

Harvey Puckett, Tom Harburg, Walter Tate, gambling. Nol pros with leave.

George Ross, carrying concealed weapons. Nol pros with leave.  
Lester Black, abandonment. Nol pros with leave.

Henry McKenzie, abandonment. Nol pros with leave.  
John Edwards, burglary. Nol pros with leave.

Bertha Jones, larceny. Nol pros with leave.  
Mrs. M. C. Wyneberger, slander. Nol pros with leave.

The Houser, carrying concealed weapons. Nol pros with leave.  
Evan Brown, affray. Acquitted.

Frank Gilbert, larceny. Defendant having left the State is fined \$50.  
Sanders Hudson and Bill George, gambling. Fined \$5.

Lucius Ware, carrying concealed weapon. Nol pros with leave.  
W. H. Therrell, slander. Nol pros with leave.

Carl Wright and Berry Conard, assault. Nol pros.  
Lee Smith, trespassing. Suspended on payment of costs.

Boyette Dellinger, larceny. Released on payment of costs and pay prosecutor for property.  
Luther Archie, Oad Willis, John Puckett, Grady Fields, James C. Conard and Bob Hester. Archie fined \$7.50 and costs, the other defendants fined \$15 and costs.

Ephraim Reynolds and Jeff Reynolds, gambling. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.  
R. J. Pope and R. L. Rhodes, retailing. Nol pros.

Gus McNeal and Sam McConnell, larceny. Ninety days on roads.  
R. J. Pope, carrying concealed weapon. Fined \$40 and costs.  
A. J. Hansel, carrying concealed weapon. Fined \$25 and costs.

Allen Crosby, Nol pros.  
Frank Thornburg, John Bridges and Elisha Mull, gambling. Order for capias for Thornburg and Bridges. Nol pros as to Mull.  
Frank Blackwood, keeping whiskey for sale. Nol pros.

Ned Woods, keeping whiskey for sale. Nol pros with leave.  
B. B. Alonzo and Lewis Millen, gambling. Nol pros.

## FRENCH WIDOW WRITES LETTER OF THANKS

### For Money Raised by Gastonia Girl and Sent to France for Relief Work.

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## MODERN FACTORY TO BE ERECTED AT ETOWAH

Special to The Observer.  
Hendersonville, March 24.—The Calx Products Company, owned by G. N. Mohand, of Philadelphia, William M. Moore and Bruce Day-stable of Asheville, has purchased about 150 acres of land at Etowah, six miles from Hendersonville and will erect a modern factory building of three stories, equipped with modern machinery for the manufacture of plaster, cement and cement products from lime and peat which are found in great quantities at Etowah. A plant has been formerly operated at Etowah, which the glow company has purchased, and will move such machinery as can be used to the Etowah plant. Switches and track ordered will connect the plant with the Transylvania division of the Southern Railway.

## HUMAN ELEMENT IN ACCIDENTS

Man at Machine Usually Responsible for His Injury.  
(From The Omaha Bee)  
Close observers are not astounded by the statement made at a "safety" meeting that 10 per cent only of industrial accidents are due to machine failures, the remaining 90 per cent being wholly chargeable to "human failure." Students, however, will not be satisfied with the simple statement, but will want to know something more, especially as to conditions that contribute to these appallingly large percentage charged directly to man's share in the fault. It will not do to say that in each instance wanton carelessness is blamable. Psychologists are no longer content with that explanation, but are going deeper into the causation of accidents, seeking to determine just why the normal mental processes at times break and the interrupted co-ordination between brain and body ends in disaster. In the matter of interpreting railway signals, for example, it has been set up that registered impressions vary as to individuals, and that likewise individuals react in different ways to the impression given. Emergencies invariably arise in the operations of modern industry similar to those in the transportation service, and while the safety device may work with mechanical accuracy, the human factor cannot be depended upon.

## THE END OF GERMANY'S DREAM

(Wilbur C. Abbott, in The April Yale Review)  
The great adventure is over. The war may, despite the submarine, go on for a considerable time. It may last until Europe is bled white and exhaustion becomes the price of peace. But the glittering mirage of world domination to be won, as Silesia was won a century and three-quarters ago, by a generation of extraordinary preparation and one great and unexpected thrust, has faded before our eyes. The vision of Germany stretching from the English Channel to the Persian Gulf, and bound together by a "Bagdad-Bahn" which should run from a German Antwerp to a German Haasrah, is now as much a part of the world's great fiction as the travels of Sinbad the Sailor or the tale of the Second Calendar. Above all, the redemptive dream of a world whose destinies should hang upon the word of a Hohenzollern is at an end. For, whatever delusions may still be cherished by the authors of the great design, or the credulous souls who were lured into seconding this magnificent ambition, whatever the outcome of the war or the settlements devised by diplomats, one result of the past two years and a half has made the realization of this dazzling prospect impossible. It is the revelation of the Prussian mind. Such, after two years and a half of conflict, is the dominant note of anti-German literature.

## FRANK CARPENTER MAY COME TO GASTONIA SOON

Special to The Observer.  
Gastonia, March 24.—Frank G. Carpenter, the famous writer of travel stories, who has been at Birmingham, Ala., has been invited to visit Gastonia before he leaves the South. Mr. Carpenter's articles have covered every Nation and have a large circulation. Secretary Roberts invited Mr. Carpenter to Gastonia because he believes that he will be interested in Gastonia.

## HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE NEAR GASTONIA

Special to The Observer.  
Gastonia, March 24.—Fire completely destroyed a dwelling on the Rankin farm, five miles west of the city on the Bessemer City road, Tuesday afternoon shortly past 1 o'clock. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000. R. N. Adams, who occupied the house, was in Gastonia when the blaze began but reached home in time to assist in saving the household effects. R. G. Rankin had recently sold the property to J. V. Harper.

## MANY BURGLARIES IN CHERRYVILLE

Special to The Observer.  
Cherryville, March 24.—Many burglaries have recently taken place here. John Helms' store was broken open Saturday night and a number of articles stolen.

## MORE RECRUITS SECURED FROM GASTON COUNTY

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Gastonia, March 24.—Sergeant Henry Ingram of the United States recruiting station in this city, has secured several more recruits recently for the United States Army. Among recent enlistments are: L. R. Cable, W. V. Brackett, W. H. Holly, D. S. Frady, H. Moore and C. B. Patton.

## CUSTOMERS' SHOES COVERED

No Street Dirt Is Tracked Through Tokyo's Biggest Store.  
(From The Christian Herald)  
Across from the fish market, and approached by the piscatorial scent which pervades it, rises the modern building of the Mitsukoshi department store. The big sight of the store to me is the spotless matting that covers every floor. The floor is never trodden by the filthy shoe of outsiders. The Japanese put on light slippers and remove their geta or clogs, and the foreigners have foot covers put on their shoes just as though they were visiting the mosque of Omar or Saladin's tomb. From the roof one can see the great city spread out on all sides and a constant stream of visitors use the rapid elevators that carry them to the sixth floor. In the roof garden, where a fountain plays and an orchestra tries to where there is an Inari shrine and an American soda fountain, one can sit and listen to the band and eat ice cream that is fairly good or drink soda water that reminds you of Socrates, Cleopatra and Lucretia Borgia. A conservatory attracts many who buy the seeds and potted plants, and there is a ceremonial tea room, where notable guests are entertained. You can have a good photograph taken in the sky-high gallery and get the pictures an hour later, when you have finished the tour of the store. Like the raw materials in a modern factory, they were lifted to the top by an elevator and descended by gravity.

## DR. RAY'S ILLNESS

Gastonia, March 24.—Dr. Ralph Ray, on account of his illness, will not be at his office for another week.

## PRESIDENT SEPARK ILL

Gastonia, March 24.—J. H. Separk, president of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, is ill at his home with appendicitis.

## THE LITTLE FRENCH ORPHAN

thing from a penny up for the poor little French girls whose dads have been killed in battle. This is one of them.  
Suzanne lives on \$26 a year through an arrangement with Life, of New York. The letter below from Suzanne's mother to Life, which was forwarded to Martha Moore who collected the money for the poor child is this:

This is the translation:  
Mornay on the Allier River,  
February 13, 1917.  
Director of "Life":  
I subscribed, widow Chassin (her husband had been killed Cherboung) have the honor of sending to you my sincere thanks and profound acknowledgments not only for the 45 francs (\$9) which I have received in the name of my little girl but also for the touching sympathy that your gen-

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erous Nation has vouchsafed to the poor orphans of this afflicted land. Keep well, my kind sir, you and the kind helpers for the encouragement that you have brought to the poor little French girls.  
Here is the photograph of my little girl, Marie Suzanne Chassin, born August 19, 1912.  
Kindly accept, sir, the homage of my profound respect and of my sincere acknowledgments.  
This about tells this story.

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