LIVE NEWS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF GASTON

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

BESESMER CITY, Feb. 18.—Mr. Dave Harmon was badly hurt the other day here in one of the mills. The elevator he was on broke loose and fell from the third story to the floor and the frame fell on Mr. Harmon. Dr. Matthews rushed him to the hospital at Gastonia. Just the seriousness of his condition is not known yet.

The fourth and last number of the lyceum course for this season was well attended here Thursday night. It is through the persistent efforts of Prof. Ballard that this vicinity has the privilege of attending these entertainments of such high standard.

The girls of the tenth and eleventh grades will give a George Washington's Birthday dinner to the boys of these grades on February 26.

The senior class of the school here has ordered their class rings.

Miss Rena Harrill, of the faculty of Queens College, of Charlotte, spent the week end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Harrill.

Olin Peeler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peeler, of the Methodist church here, won the declamation contest and will represent B. C. H. S. at Lenoir College, Hickory, on February 18.

Miss Carrie Harrelson spent the week end here with her sister, Miss Pearl Harrelson, of the graded school faculty.

Miss Margie Kirkman, of High Point, is visiting Miss Ruth Owens.

Members of the faculty here will present a play in the near future for the new piano fund.

Mr. C. C. Cornwell, of Dallas, was here Wednesday.

Mr. Bob Brown, of Cherryville, passed through here Thursday on his way to Gastonia.

We failed to give the names of Mesdames Belle Nicll and J. A. Payseur and Master Waldo, who were also guests of Mrs. T. R. E. Oates last Wednesday at her hospitable home out on route two.

Mr. John Dameron was in Gastonia Wednesday.

Mr. Charlie Cable, of Gastonia, was here Wednesday. Mr. Cable was cashier of the bank here for a number of years and has many friends here who are always glad to have him visit here.

Mr. C. C. Clark and Miss Alma Clark were Charlotte and Gastonia visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Rhyne and little daughter, Sarah White, motored to Charlotte Friday.

The Be Natural Club will go on a hike Friday afternoon.

CROUSE.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

CROUSE, Feb. 18.—A large crowd attended preaching at Landers Chapel Sunday afternoon. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. E. B. Houser.

Mr. C. Lee Gowan and Mr. Oliver visited Landers Chapel school Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Oliver made a very interesting talk to the school.

Mesdames Julius Alexander, F. R. Carpenter and Callie Withers, of Gastonia, spent Monday with Mesdames Clay and Francis Kiser.

The young people of this neighborhood enjoyed a valentine surprise party at the home of Miss Clyde Carpenter.

Miss Audrey Kiser spent Saturday with Miss Eula Carpenter.

There will be preaching at Landers Chapel Sunday afternoon, February 27, instead of Sunday morning, as the pastor, Rev. J. E. B. Houser, is going to attend quarterly conference at Crouse.

Miss Bertha Thornburg spent Saturday with homefolks near Dallas.

Mesdames Julius Alexander and Callie Withers spent Wednesday with Mrs. F. E. Carpenter.

Mrs. Francis Kiser spent Tuesday with her son, Mr. John Kiser.

YORK, TOO, HAS SOME SORT OF A "VARMINT"

The country is full of varmints, it seems. Every locality has a varmint all its own. York has the latest one, according to the Yorkville Enquirer:

If that Providence panther or coyote or bobcat or varmint or whatever you want to call it wasn't in Yorkville on the night of January 26, then Mr. J. O. Allison, carrier on York No. 2, and well known citizen of the town, is very much mistaken. Certainly there was something prowling around his premises that night and while he has heard nothing more from it in the past few days, Mr. Allison is not entirely certain that it is out of the country yet.

The varmint killed four poodle pups, the mother poodle and a hound pup for Mack Burris, colored man of Yorkville, before it left and it was after Mr. Allison's chickens when his attention was called to it and he emptied two chambers from his revolver at it.

"It was about 2 o'clock in the morning, I guess," said Mr. Allison, in telling the reporter about it yesterday, "when my attention was directed to a commotion in the yard. I got up and got my pistol and fired. The thing had a chicken; but turned it loose. Then it started toward the home of Allen White, colored. Allen keeps several hounds and they started the most terrible barking imaginable.

"Then it went to the home of Burris and attacked his pups. There were four pretty little poodles and a hound. The beast ate the five little ones and attacked the mother when she tried to defend them. She was so badly bitten about the back that she died a few days later.

"That was the last I have heard of it; but the next morning tracks were everywhere. They were almost as big as the track of a mule and were of a very peculiar shape.

"I never did get to see the thing; but I am convinced that the marauder was an animal strange to these parts."

BUDGET OF LIVE NEWS ITEMS FROM BELMONT

By Mrs. Adelaide Smith Beard

Belmont Wins First Series.

In the first game of the championship series of western North Carolina played on the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. court Friday afternoon, Belmont won from the Concord high school 25 to 21. Both teams were on a neutral court, which insured absolutely no advantage to either contender.

Although somewhat unused to playing on an indoor court, the Belmont quint started in with a rush, which gave them a very good lead, netting 11 points to their opponents' 7 in the first half. Concord came back strong in the second half, but were never quite able to overcome Belmont's substantial lead. The floor work of Howe and Patrick was of a superior quality, while Groner had his accustomed eye for the basket, scoring 11 of the 25 points for this team. For Concord, Taggart at center and Captain Morrison at left guard, were the chief scoring factors. Twenty two teams entered the championship series in western North Carolina and after today's games, these will be reduced to half that number. In the second series one of the 11 teams must be odd and get in the third series without playing the second. From its geographical location it was decided that the winner of the Concord-Belmont game should be the odd team in the second round. By this time the number of teams competing in the western series will be reduced to 6 and representatives of each of these teams will meet in Greensboro soon to arrange for the next series. Belmont is now one of the six teams from which the winner of the Western Carolina championship will be decided. With a splendid record of basketball achievement behind them, the B. H. S. boys are out to win and the school and town are looking forward to their bringing home the championship. The lineup and box score was as follows:

BELMONT.		CONCORD
Groner (11)	Right Forward.	Sapendell
Patrick (6)	Left Forward.	Troutman
Howe (8)	Center.	Taggart (12)
Ellington	Right Guard.	Morrow (6)
Hand	Left Guard.	Cook

Referee—Howell, of Charlotte, Y. M. C. A. Umpire—Cuthbertson. Timekeeper—Leeper. Scorekeepers—West and Caldwell. Length of halves—15 minutes.

Under the efficient coaching of Prof. Walter Hall the B. H. S. boys are in fine shape. Prof. Hall made a splendid athletic record at Davidson, being captain of the college basketball team.

Camp Fire Girls Gave Play.

One of the prettiest and most pleasing plays given here in some time was the Loscha Camp Fire girls' operetta, "Pocahontas," which they gave Friday night at the Central School auditorium. Every one who attended the play was delighted and kept in mirth throughout the whole production. The costumes were appropriate and very picturesque and the acting exceptionally good. All the characters did their parts splendidly, and it would be hard to say which one did the best. Martha Linebarger made a beautiful Pocahontas, Frances Armstrong a very imposing Powhatan, Edith Hall was typical bold John Smith, Frances Linebarger a court'y John Rolfe, Martha Hall a splendid old nurse, Alice Elva Brown, and Laura Hall a fun-making Jacky, Mahogany. The chorus of braves was one of the most attractive features with their picturesque song and dances. Miss Annie Hall, Loscha guardian, and Misses Bonnie Howard and Geneva Morrison won much praise for the splendid training of the children.

Better Biscuit Contest.

The township better biscuit contest was held at the Central school Friday. A large number of contestants entered, showing the interest taken by the girls in their domestic science work. All of the biscuits were very good. The winners and their score were: First, Georgia Hanks, Belmont, 97; second, Margaline Nichols, Belmont, 96; third, Cornell Proctor, Cramerton. The following schools were represented by local contestants: Belmont, 4; Piney Grove, 4; McAdenville, 4; Cramerton, 4. Miss Thompson, domestic science teacher of the Mt. Holly school, was the judge. The county contest will be held in Gastonia next Friday. Members of the faculty from a number of schools were present: McAdenville, Lowell, Cramerton, and Piney Grove. The Cramerton teachers spent the rest of the day observing in the Belmont classrooms.

Locals and Personals.

The Merchants Association held their meeting Friday night as scheduled, but owing to the inability of several of the members to be present little business was transacted and the meeting was turned into a get-together meeting, during which those present discussed their problems and helps with each other. Another meeting will be held Tuesday night at which all those expecting to join are urged to be present. It is expected the permanent officers will be elected at that time.

Mr. Howard Groner, who won the honor of representing Belmont High School in the debating contest at Hickory, left Friday to enter the contest, and all his friends are hoping he will win for B. H. S.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dixon, of Lowell, were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dixon, the former their son.

Mr. Grover Stewart will be a business visitor in Clover, S. C., on Saturday.

Miss Laura Grier, of Steele Creek, is spending the week-end at the Teacherage the guest of Miss Laura Price.

Master Robert Suggs is spending the week end in Mecklenburg with Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Hand.

Miss Eunice McGee, accompanied by Miss Florence Blanchard, is in Charlotte for the week-end at Miss McGee's home.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand at the Chronicle school Saturday night for the stock wedding which the gentlemen will pull off under the auspices of the Women's Club.

Miss Annie Hall's many friends are delighted to see her out at the Camp Fire play Friday night, after being confined to the house by illness for the past week. "Miss Anna" is an indispensable asset to the Central school, and everyone there is lost without her. Besides filling the post of domestic science teacher, she also manifests the dining room at the Teacherage and is guardian angel to the Camp Fire group.

Miss Felicia Taylor, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who has been the very charming guest of Miss Elizabeth Linberger since Sunday, leaves Saturday to join her father in Florida.

RHYNOLA SCECNE OF BRILLIANT VALENTINE PARTY.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Feb. 17.—Recently the spacious country home of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Rhyne was a scene of hospitality when Miss Edna Rhyne entertained at a Valentine party in honor of Mrs. G. K. Rhyne, a recent bride.

The entire lower floor was thrown open and Valentine colors predominated. In the reception hall and music room a flock of valhearts rested from the ceiling to the softly shaded lights. Palms and ferns formed the background in the living room. The dining room was a veritable center piece of lacy hearts and hearts.

The guests were welcomed by Miss Edna Rhyne dressed in brown, which represented home to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Rhyne, the latter wearing taupe silk, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Rhyne, the latter in brown satin with gold lace overdress, Miss Mary Sherwood, dressed in black velvet with real lace trimming, Miss Ethel Vanney in pink satin, Miss Esther Jordan in black satin with jet trimmings and Miss Iola Mitchell, wearing blue pussy willow taffeta with pearl trimmings.

Little Misses Betty Rose and Katherine Rhyne, in white dresses showered with valhearts, directed the guests to the cloak room.

An original Valentine Contest afforded much amusement, the prize going to Miss Grace Kohn.

Cards were then enjoyed by the guests, Mrs. T. A. Belk winning the prize, a box of candy. Refreshments carrying out the color scheme were served by Miss Margaret Rhyne and Mrs. T. A. Belk. Several delightful solos were rendered by Miss Grace Kohn in her usual charming manner.

Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Rhyne, Misses Carrie Stroupe, Clara Poston, Macon Thompson, Grace Kohn, Iola Mitchell, Ethel Vanney, Essie Jordan, Mary Sherwood, Mary W. Rankin, Lodie Rankin, Olive White, Annie Belk, Esther Davenport, Emma and Edna Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Belk, Louis Simpson, Hazel Crenshaw, Lee Lentz, L. A. Fonville, of Davidson; Gary Kendrick, Harry Rankin, Mr. Herman, Roy Early, Kelly Simmons, W. J. Rankin, Frank Rankin, Leon Rose and Mr. Lohr and Miss Simmons, of Lincolnton.

CHERRYVILLE CHAT.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, Feb. 18.—Mrs. J. M. Parker has gone to Mount Holly for some time with her son, Mr. Walter Linebarger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rudisill and Miss Ina and Mr. Julie Hall visited Mooresville Wednesday for the Carpenter-Rankin stock wedding. They returned to Cherryville Wednesday night.

Mr. Prentiss George, who is attending the Carolina Military and Naval Academy at Hendersonville, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. George.

Dr. J. E. Holt spent several days this week in Burlington with his parents.

Mrs. J. E. Holt and little son James returned from Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Claude Moser, a Trinity College student, spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Moser.

The Eagles.

The many friends of Squire W. O. Harrelson of Gastonia will be sorry to learn that he is very feeble and confined to his bed most of the time. Mr. Harrelson will be 91 years old in the coming May.

Surveyor Andrew Elliott of Cleveland spent Monday and Tuesday in town surveying out the boundary for the extension of the corporate limits of the town of Cherryville. The corporate limits after the extension will extend three-quarters of a mile east, west, north and south from the railroad crossing on Mountain St., taking in one-fourth of a mile of new territory.

Mr. J. T. Erwin, a prominent farmer of the St. Paul section, Cleveland county, was a business visitor in town Tuesday. Mr. Erwin has an old time relic in the form of a mirror which his step-father gave him about the close of the Civil War. His grandfather bought the mirror at an auction sale during the war and it was old looking at that time. Mr. Erwin does not know how old the glass is but he knows he has had it about 56 years.

An implement has been patented which enables a person to arrange curtains on a pole while standing on a floor and then to raise the pole to its place.

KINGS MOUNTAIN ITEMS.

The Herald.

An interesting feature of the morning service at the A. R. Presbyterian church last Sabbath was the presentation of a Bible to Mr. Boyce Falls as an expression of appreciation for his long and faithful service as clerk of the session. Mr. Falls began serving in this capacity [illegible] and has served continuously the most of the time since, a period of thirty years and six months, the exact date being [illegible]. The gift was made by the pastor, Rev. [illegible], who made the presentation address, [illegible] Falls responded in a few appropriate words. [illegible] Falls is a member of the Kings Mountain Band, a member of the Kings Mountain Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and a member of the Woodmen of the World. He is also a member of the Kings Mountain Mill Village Baseball team, which he has managed for several years.

[illegible] 2,000 tons of [illegible] under construction [illegible] on September 30 [illegible] the same time [illegible].

THEATERS CONTRIBUTE TO EUROPEAN RELIEF FUND

According to a press bulletin sent to motion picture theaters of North Carolina by Mr. Will H. Hays, [illegible] for the European Relief Fund, [illegible] the Near East Relief. The bulletin reads as follows: [illegible] Hudson, Winston-Salem.

PEASANT WOMEN MEMBERS OF POLAND'S DIET.

Upper, Madame Sofia Moracreuska, wife of Poland's first premier. 2 Miss Marya Wilzckowa, who was sent to work for better schools in that part of Poland formerly German. 3 Miss Irene Kosmowska, a radical member.

"MADHOUSE OF CRUELTY AND DESPAIR" AMERICAN OFFICER CALLS ARMENIA

Captain Paxton Hibben Tells Touching Story of Homeless, Starving People Succored by Near East Relief.

Top—"They lived where they lay at night, without shelter or privacy."
Bottom—"110,000 children are being fed by the Americans."
Insert—Captain Paxton Hibben

"Emaciated little girls with pinched and unreal faces, their clothing a mere piece of torn sacking held together with thorns for pins, paraded listlessly along the side of the train with uplifted scrawny arms and cupped hands, without a scarcely audible prayer for food. Their great dark eyes looked out from under tumbled hair, uncombed for months, perhaps years, seeming neither the traits for it. God knows what they saw, those girls born in a girlhood that had never been, and knows what they had seen in the years of wandering from place to place, unprotected, unloved, uncared for."

Thus Captain Paxton Hibben describes the journey of the United States Near East relief worker who accompanied Major General James G. Harbord to Armenia in an article "Salvaging a People," in Hollfield's Magazine, Dallas, Texas. Captain Hibben is a well known writer and war correspondent, author of Constantine I and the Greek People, who was with the Historical Section, General Staff, A. E. F., during the war.

People Lack Everything

"These desperate, destitute people who have no land to cultivate, no food to eat and no clothes to wear, and have been in that condition for five years now," he calls the more than half a million Armenian refugees wandering from place to place seeking food and shelter that does not exist. "Under the old Turkish system the peasants plowed with a charred stick plow, drawn by three to six span of oxen. Now the oxen are dead—they were killed for food long ago. There are no horses to goad—no plows, no implements, no farmers, no leaders. Nothing is left in this country of misfortune," Captain Hibben declares. "Not a pair of shoes, not even a broken pane of window glass, nothing but the flotsam and the jetsam of war and destruction."

Captain Hibben describes the arrival of the American Near East Relief workers at Erivan, the capital of the unhappy Armenian Republic, with its war-torn railway station crowded with hundreds of homeless refugees.

Hundreds of Homeless

"All about on the ground, close to the walls for shelter from winds, under freight cars, in the meager covering of dusty ledges, in the opens everywhere, little groups lay on the dry earth, hundreds and hundreds, almost all women, with a few children. Near them pitiful bundles of rags that constituted the whole of their worldly possessions, three stones and a bit of rusted tin made the stove upon which what cooking there was to do—little enough was done. They lived where they lay at night without shelter or privacy of anything they could call their own. Sometimes seemingly for no reason, a little group would pack up the handful of rags that served as cover to sleep under, and move off. They climbed on freight cars and went somewhere else, only to find things the same or worse. Again they settled down in abject, patient, incurious misery, to await God knows what!

"Along the road from the station to the town more groups of refugees were camped, in squalling misery. To the right of the road was a great barren field, where huge holes had been dug and filled in again. Where they were new mounds of earth marked them, where they are old they had sunk into hollows. I pointed them out to my companion.

"'This is where they bury those that cannot stick it out. Those who are picked up every morning, still living on the ground where they died during the night. There are a good many of them every day. A cart makes the rounds of the streets and the parks each morning and picks them up and brings them here. The dead, who could not wait, that is not so bad as it was. Nothing like.'"

Armenians Oldest Christians

"You have to remember always," Captain Hibben says, "that Armenia was an organized nation and the Armenians a conscious people a thousand years before there was a single organized nation in Europe, save Greece and Rome. For twelve hundred of their twenty-five hundred years of existence as a people, they were independent and self-governing. They were a Christian people in the year 33 A. D. The Armenian kingdom was the first state in the world to adopt Christianity as the national church, in the year 301. They invented their own alphabets—such as it is—at the same time. They have a literature older than the English or the French or the German or the Spanish, and ages older than the Slavonic literature. They have an art and an architecture and a music of their own. They were bankers and traders and artisans when the inhabitants of the British Isles were painted blue and the people of France and Germany went about clothed in skins."

But now all is changed, the American officer writes. With all of their proud tradition the Armenians, victims of an incredible history of persecution by the Turks and betrayed by the other Christian nations of the world are wholly dependent upon the generosity of the people of the United States.

Near East Relief Work

"There are thirty-three Near East Relief orphanages, large and small, in Erivan—and about 7,000 kiddies that the Americans are looking after. Through the Near East Relief, over fifty millions of dollars have gone to help the Armenians in the past three years. Over five hundred American women and men are working in the Near East, unobtrusively but effectively, to keep a strange and alien people from starvation and destruction. One hundred ten thousand little children are being fed by the Americans; sixty-three hospitals are kept running, with 6,552 beds, always full. And when an appeal is made to the great heart of the American people to keep this work going—the money is always there.

"For the idealism that was roused in those in every land whose people went forth to fight for what they believed to be right and true, is there still. The formalists at Versailles forgot it; they dealt not in human realities, but in the artifical palpable theories of boundaries, governments, spheres of influence, secret agreements and zones of exploitation.

"But an American girl sitting on the mud sidewalk of Erivan, with a dead woman's head in her lap, discovered in a moment what those pitiful old men at Versailles will never know—that the world is a human place, and its people are all kin."

Captain Hibben appeals for the continuation of the work of mercy being done by the Near East Relief, through subscription to Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer of that organization, 1 Madison Avenue, New York.

WOMAN SKI CHAMPION DOING ONE OF HER STUNTS: Miss Sigfrid Holmquist, Swiss woman ski champion, doing one of her difficult stunts at the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, Adirondack Mountain, N. Y.

Mrs. Margaret A. Moore Mother of Mrs. T. G. Hope

To the [illegible] and the [illegible] of Mrs. Margaret A. Moore may come with a sense of comfort and consolation that it was because to be [illegible] of the Father, [illegible] and [illegible] her troubles [illegible] trusting [illegible] her life and [illegible] the power and the [illegible] of Christ, who tempted to their utmost and were [illegible] forgo. Her unfaltering [illegible] in the grace, love and faithfulness of God enabled her to bear her lot with an ever increasing strength of character and character and she [illegible] there her heart an infinite consciousness of the power and blessedness.

Mrs. Moore was the daughter of William and Susan Robbins. Mr. Robbins was a veteran of the War with Mexico and a brave and fearless soldier in the struggle between the States. Amidst the stress and storm of the Sixties little Margaret was born. Her childhood days were filled with the deprivations, sufferings and anxieties characteristic of that period. In a school of adversity Providence was teaching her those lessons of faith and courage and endurance which were to mean so much to her in after years.

At the age of twenty-three, on November [illegible], 1885, Margaret Robbins became the bride of Rev. Lafayette A. Moore, [illegible] the first for devotions, struggle and prayers were assiduously [illegible] in making of her home. As the years came and went, they came as heirs to the greatest of all good fortunes; a home sanctified with Christian holiness and allowed by a God's Mother's love.

Just seven years after the marriage the husband and father died. Mrs. Moore was left with her twelve of seven children in that sorrowful condition which only those mothers who have experienced it can understand. The lone responsibility, the anxiety, the fears, must have been staggering. But whatever the future might hold, nothing could intimidate the mother heart while her little ones looked to her for provision and life. The courage and fortitude of no soldier however illustrious the conflict, are worthy to be compared with the bravery and heroism of such a mother. With a faith and cheerfulness which not even the contributions of music and poetry could exalt, she transmuted her bleeding heart into an Alabaster Box broken by Providence to anoint her children with its otherwise hidden treasurers. Never were the beautiful and redeeming graces of Christian Motherhood more splendidly portrayed than throughout the sixteen years of her life as the sole guardian and [illegible] spirit of her home.

For a number of years Mrs. Moore resided in Rock Hill, South Carolina, that her children might have the best possible educational advantages. In [illegible] 1920 she moved to Spartanburg where she died at her home on North Church Street January 14, 1921.

It would have been impossible for a [illegible] as hers to have had aught but a [illegible] and lovely, a joyful and triumph [illegible]. For several months before her death, Mrs. Moore suffered a lingering illness, but to her those months were [illegible] the last step and blessed part of the journey home. Never at any time did she show the slightest sign of impatience, dissatisfaction or fear. She had learned the deep, sweet secret of restful trust in the Father. As she journeyed toward the West her countenance shone more and more beautifully with an unconscious glory, and in the last moment, peacefully and with a smile, she responded to Christ's beckoning hand, to be presented faultless before His Father's Throne, a worthy addition to Heaven's Royalty.

Written in grateful and affectionate remembrance by,

Her Pastor,

J. POWELL TUCKER.

Jan. 21, 1921.