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### COMMITTEES FOR YEAR ARE APPOINTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Personnel of Seven Standing Committees Is Named — Budget For Year Totals Nearly \$9,000 — Dr. Eaton To Address Membership February 17.

Standing appointments for the year made by the president were approved by the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce at a regular adjourned meeting held at the offices Thursday afternoon. During the year scores of other members will be used on special committees named from time to time to take care of matters coming up and not within departmental functions. The board also confirmed the action of the steering committee in arranging for an address to the membership February 17th by Dr. Charles A. Eaton. The budget for the year, totalling around \$9,000, was adopted as received from the steering committee.

Present at the meeting were President S. A. Robinson, Vice President Wade S. Baice, Directors W. T. Love, Dameron H. Williams, E. B. Brittain, G. C. Andrews and Ira B. Hayes and the executive secretary.

Department of Civic Affairs — P. W. Garland, director, R. N. Aycock, G. R. Spence, Dr. J. C. Hixson, J. L. Kendrick, Dr. O. G. Miller, W. A. Julian, Hugh E. White, E. T. Switzer, W. Hugh Gray, W. J. Grier, Dr. J. W. Campbell, J. Lean Adams, Rev. G. R. Gillespie.

Department of Mercantile Affairs — H. M. Van Sien, director, T. B. McNeely, Ed. C. Adams, W. Y. Warron, J. W. Culp, G. H. Marvin, H. Schneider, T. G. Hope, W. H. Poole, B. B. Gardner.

Department of Traffic and Transportation Affairs: G. C. Andrews, director, H. M. McKel, D. C. Dickerson, B. C. Simpson, D. T. Outz, Earl Wilson, Will Wetzel, G. G. Willis, C. C. Wagener, C. I. Loftin, J. B. Reeves, C. J. Hauss.

Department of Industrial Affairs — Ira R. Hayes, director, W. T. Rankin, R. Ray, H. Gilmer Winget, J. M. Holland, R. S. Dickson, Earl Groves, Charlton Torrence, J. D. Moore, S. Elmer Spencer, T. E. Leavitt, T. A. Henry, Spencer Love, M. B. Wales.

### TO EXTEND THE WORK OF B. Y. P. U. THROUGH- OUT THIS ENTIRE SECTION

President Thornburg Busy at Work on Plans to Institute Work of B. Y. P. U. into Every Baptist Church in the Association — Associational Meeting at Bessemer City and State Meeting at New Bern.

At a recent meeting of the Gaston Associational B. Y. P. U. Executive Committee plans were perfected to extend the work to every Baptist church in the Association. Several events of special importance are being planned by the Baptist young people. The first number on the schedule of activities will be the "Extension Work," February 5th to 12th, during which time every B. Y. P. U. in the County will endeavor to assist in the organization of a B. Y. P. U. in some Baptist church not having such an organization. The appeal to help in the work is being made to every Baptist church in the Gaston Association whether they have a Union or not. The Association is divided into four districts, with Vice-Presidents as follows, directly in charge of the work in their respective districts: Bessemer City district, Rev. W. W. Williams, Chrm; Dallas district, Mr. R. S. Lewis, Chrm; Belmont district, Rev. A. E. Teague, Chrm; Gastonia district, Mr. T. A. Graham, Chrm; Mr. M. O. Thornburg is Associational Director, Mr. C. M. Austin is Secretary, and Mrs. M. O. Thornburg is Associational Junior Leader.

The campaign for enlistment and extension work throughout the Association will be held in a county wide B. Y. P. U. Training School for B. Y. P. U. workers to be held in Gastonia in March, at which time the State Secretaries, Mr. Perry Morgan and Miss Emma Farlow of Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. work, respectively, together with other B. Y. P. U. experts will be present. The county wide training school, which will be followed by the Associational annual convention, which will meet April 7th with the Bessemer City Baptist church. An interesting program is being arranged for this convention of the Baptist young people, at which time reports will be made by every Union in the county.

Of the 29 organized Baptist churches in the Gaston Association, 22 have B. Y. P. U's. Eleven of the 22 churches having Senior Unions also have Junior Unions. Dr. L. P. Leavitt, Gen'l Sec'y, B. Y. P. U. Dept., of the Senior Baptist Convention says: "The B. Y. P. U. has reached the stage in its development when all thoughtful church leaders recognize its necessity."

The pastors of the Baptist churches throughout the county laud the advent of the Associational B. Y. P. U. in as much as it offers a field of unlimited service for B. Y. P. U. workers within the bounds of their own Association. The members of live unions go out to work and operate in a splendid way. The churches having unions are rejecting in the work being done by their young people and those who do not have unions are eagerly looking forward to the time of organization.

The leaders in the Gaston Association B. Y. P. U. are very enthusiastic over the possibilities of accomplishing their aim for the year, "A B. Y. P. U. in every church," and confidently expect to win the banner offered to Associational Unions for competitive work at the State B. Y. P. U. Convention at New Bern in June.

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### FORMER N. Y. PROHIBITION DIRECTOR LEAVING COURT



Harold L. Hart, former N. Y. State dry chief is charged by indictment with plotting to betray his trust to enrich bootleggers. Six feet tall, weighing more than 200 pounds Hart presented the appearance of a prosperous Wall Street broker.

### REPORTED DYING FROM SWALLOWING POISON

Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan in French Hospital — Was Divorced From Husband, Thomas Stewart Ryan.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan, better known as Miss Audrey Creighton, California violinist and prize winner at the American conservatory of music in Fontainebleau, is reported dying in the American hospital here, New York, from the results of swallowing three poison tablets.

Her husband, Thomas Stewart Ryan, who is attached to the Paris staff of The Chicago Tribune, was arrested on a charge of administering the tablets to her, under the threat to kill her with a knife unless she swallowed them. Later he is said to have stabbed himself, but not seriously.

According to the story told to the young woman's mother, Ryan returned to Paris unexpectedly on Wednesday and visited her and his wife. He told his wife that he was willing to facilitate a divorce, but wished her to go with him for a farewell dinner.

Mrs. Ryan accompanied her husband to his hotel after the dinner, when, according to a statement by the young woman to the authorities, her husband accused her of infidelity and forced her at the point of a knife to swallow the poison.

Ryan accompanied his wife to the Coghlin hospital, from which she was later removed to St. Louis. He had been wounded in the neck, the suturing several stitches to close, but the doctors reported it was not serious.

Ryan told his friends that his wife's statements to the authorities were untrue, and surrendered to the police when he found they were searching for him. Mrs. Ryan was reported as having intended to marry an American named MacCoy, after securing a divorce from Ryan.

Another version of the case was revealed by police commissioner Friday afternoon in reporting statements Mrs. Ryan had made to him at the Coghlin hospital. Her husband, the commissioner quoted her as saying, had told her he knew she had had an intrigue with a young man and proposed that she die together, whereupon Mrs. Ryan took the three tablets and Ryan cut his wrist and neck. Mrs. Ryan, however, losing courage, rushed out of the room and demanded to be taken to a hospital.

A letter from his wife was found in Ryan's possession when he was arrested. In this letter, which he had received while he was in India, she said she had decided to break with him entirely. There were also two letters in her hand, written during their interview at her hotel, one addressed to her mother and the other to the man whose name Ryan brought into the case. In these letters, the police stated, Mrs. Ryan said she regretted to die.

The police search of the room in the hotel revealed nothing beyond an empty wine bottle, two glasses and numerous cigarette stubs.

### DR. D. W. DANIELS CHARMS AUDIENCE AT BANQUET OF GRAY-SEAPARK CHAIN

Clemson College Professor Keeps Hearers in Uproar With Inexhaustible Supply of Stories and Jokes—Mr. L. L. Jenkins, a Former Gastonian, Brings Message of Optimism — Delightful Music Adds to Program — New York and Philadelphia Offices Represented.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the winter season was the annual organization banquet of the Gray-Seapark group of mills, held Thursday evening at the Country Club with Dr. D. W. Daniels, of Clemson College, South Carolina, that prince of story-tellers, as the chief speaker of the evening. Dr. Daniels is a frequent visitor to Gastonia. He has appeared here on several occasions. Only last year he was the speaker at a similar banquet given by the same group of mills. That he should have been invited to return is one of the greatest tributes to his process as a raconteur. From the minute he began talking he kept his hearers in a continual roar of laughter, interspersed now and then with serious, thought-provoking utterances. His subject, "How Shall We Face Our Task?" was not announced until he had spoken for 15 or 20 minutes in a humorous vein, one side-splitting joke after another following in such rapid succession and with such apt and forceful sequence and setting that his audience were kept busy wiping the tears from their eyes and holding their aching sides.

Dr. Daniels holds the chair of English at Clemson College. He ought to be on the lecture platform. His store of humorous stories and jokes is apparently unlimited. How he manages to tell them coherently and with any connection whatever is one of the mysteries of his art to his listeners.

Present at the banquet were the officers and directors of the seven mills in the Gray-Seapark chain, the most forceful superintendents, New York and Philadelphia staff, community nurses, etc., together with specially invited guests, including the Kiwanis quartet, Messrs. Glass, Williams, Adams and Thompson, and Mrs. D. H. Williams and Miss Marie Torrence, Mr. Z. C. Wagener and representatives of the local press, Messrs. J. W. Atkins, Hugh A. Query and Mrs. T. M. Brockman. Mr. J. H. Seapark, secretary and treasurer of the mills and head of the organization in Gaston county, presided as toastmaster and introduced the several speakers and artists. Mr. J. Lander Gray, general superintendent of manufacturing, spoke for the superintendent. It was this evening, he said, who have the biggest burdens. They were held directly responsible for all that happened on "the mill hill." All complaints came through the superintendents. They have to be on the job day and night, said Mr. Gray.

Following Mr. Gray, Miss Martha Mues, representing the office force, Miss Gretchen Pigeon, representing the nursing force and Mr. J. Lee Robinson, president of two of the mills, spoke briefly.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, president of the First National Bank and also head of two or three of the cotton mills in this group, a former Gastonian, brought to his audience the most hopeful message of the hour when he declared: "Before us is the greatest season of prosperity this country has ever known. The United States is now taking the lead in every good thing in all the different relations of life among all the nations of the world. We are the richest nation in all the world."

Mr. Jenkins' remarks coming from one who is living in Washington and who is so close a student of national politics and affairs, were heard with interest. His was a message of district optimism and encouragement.

Interspersed throughout the evening was music by the Carolina Sextet, a Charlotte orchestra, together with several selections by the local artists. Among the most popular were the quartet from Rigoletto by the mixed quartet and several humorous selections by the male quartet, prominent among which were "Roll Dem Bones," "The Steam Piano" and "That Blooming Like Home." "That Blooming Like Home" was a hit with the house.

### POINCARÉ TRYING TO FORM CABINET TO SUCCEED THAT OF BRIAND, RESIGNED

### STORY OF COSTLY NECKLACES IS RECALLED

Litigation Between New York and Paris Jewelers and European Art Dealer Arouses Interest in Costly Necklaces.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Costly necklaces that have aroused wonder through the world and the fascinating mystery attached to their history, were recalled today in the litigation between Cartier, Inc., New York, and Paris jewelers, and V. and L. Benguet, European art dealers and collectors, over the sale of another of these precious valuables containing 388 pearls.

The complaint in the suit filed by the Benguet brothers to recover \$37,000 alleges that the necklace was owned by them and by agreement with Cartier, a customer was to be found for it by that firm. Cartier agreed to pay \$500,000 for the necklace, \$500,000 on the date of the agreement and the balance when it was sold. In addition, Cartier was to pay the Benguet brothers half of whatever price above \$500,000 they were able to get, less any luxury tax, commissions or insurance they might have to pay.

The complaint further stated that Benguet Brothers received notice in November, 1920, that the necklace had been sold for \$255,000 which was claimed to be "frankly false" the price involved being more than \$1,500,000. The identity of the purchaser was not disclosed.

Records of former prices of jewelry figuring in international transactions show that in 1785, Cardinal Louis de Rohan, gave orders for about \$320,000 for a diamond necklace, for Marie Antoinette.

A string of 287 pearls for Lady Henry Gordon Lennox cost \$112,500.

Another string of 240 pearls, weighing 3,250 grains, was bought in Paris for \$265,000 in 1913.

In 1910, the Dudley pearl, belonging to the Earl of Dudley, brought \$200,000.

### EPISCOPAL BROTHERHOOD HELD SPLENDID MEETING

Mecklenburg, Lincoln and Gaston Counties in North Carolina Organize an Assembly.

A fine group of men of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew from Charlotte, Lincoln, Bessemer City and High Shoals, assembled with the Brotherhood men of St. Mark's church Thursday afternoon and evening. The meetings were held both in the church and the parish house and every moment was of the keenest interest to those who were present, the first meeting being devotional, was begun with the fine hymn of St. Andrew, "Jesus Calls Us," and was followed by prayer and a devotional address by the Rev. S. R. Guignard, rector of St. Luke's church, Lincoln, who dwelt upon the glory of the Brotherhood was the strength of its message when calling men to Christ and his church. It was a summons to the service and worship of the Son of God.

A welcome to the gathering was given by the rector of St. Mark's church, Gastonia. An earnest response, dwelling upon the importance of this growing action of the State for the highest efforts the men of the church can give in consecrated lives for the Master's work, was made by Mr. S. O. Clarkson of St. Peter's church, Charlotte.

At the supper, at which time Mr. W. L. Balthis was toastmaster, reports were made of the work done by the several churches represented, and from the National Council represented by Mr. Balthis. This was followed by the most interesting feature of the evening, a conference or round table discussion led by Mr. B. A. Southerland of Charlotte.

Following the supper an organization of a local assembly was effected with the following officers: Mr. C. L. Lindgren, President; Mr. A. G. Magnus, First Vice President; Mr. Harry Page, of Lincoln, Second Vice President; Mr. S. O. Clarkson, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, Chaplain.

The closing address in the church were given by Mr. H. S. Cowell, Director of St. Martin's Chapter, Charlotte, and Mr. Lewis R. Anschutz, St. Peter's Chapter, Charlotte, on "Cooperation From the Brotherhood Viewpoint" as the clearing house force for effective spiritual work throughout the parish, and on "Brotherhood Influences in the Church's Life."

Mr. Anschutz is lay-assistant at St. Peter's, Charlotte, and has illustrations of persons and services for Christ cheered the hearts of those who had given themselves for the message of Christ to others.

The gathering of nearly fifty men went away inspired by the fellowship and the strengthening of their endeavors resulting from the conference, looking forward with great interest to the call for the next quarterly meeting.

### NEWBERRY CASE HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY

Senate by Vote of 46 to 41 Indicates Its Confidence in Michigan Senator's Election.

### D. H. WILLIAMS HEADS THE AMERICAN LEGION

W. D. Crawford, of Belmont, Elected Vice Post Commander — To Hold Public Meeting Soon.

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Plans were also discussed for the holding of a public meeting soon at which ladies will be present. A membership drive will soon be inaugurated by the local post. Of the 2,600 or more former service men in the county there are not 200 belonging to the Legion.

### BILLION DOLLAR DECREASE IN U. S. TRADE BALANCE.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A decrease of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in the favorable trade balance of the United States during 1920 was indicated in the foreign trade statistics for December, issued today by the Commerce Department.

Exports decreased in value in 1920 by \$3,745,000,000 and imports by \$2,777,000,000, the report said, attributing much of the reduction to the material decline last year in prices of commodities which made up the bulk of the country's foreign trade.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton Seed	45c
Strict to Good Middling	17 1/2c

### CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Cotton futures closed firm.
January 17-25; March 17-25; May 17-24; July 17-20; October 16-45; Spots 18-22.

### GOVERNOR NEFF INVOKES MARTIAL LAW IN MEXIA

Lawless Conditions in Oil Boom City Make Such Action Desirable — Many of Worst Characters Leave City.

MEXIA, Texas, Jan. 13.—Martial law, invoked by Governor Pat M. Neff in Mexia and the oil country surrounding it because of the alleged prevalence of flagrant law violation, today had resulted in an exodus of undesirable from the territory under military control, according to the national guard officers who notified the police departments of several cities to prepare for the arrival of suspicious characters found here.

Fourteen Texas Rangers, who were carrying out the terms of the Governor's proclamation were reinforced today by 40 men of the headquarters troops, 56th cavalry brigade, Texas National Guard, placed in command of the situation by Governor Neff, said the troops would be used to guard prisoners while the search for alleged law violators was conducted by the Rangers.

General Walters said municipal officers were co-operating with the military and that conditions here were normal. The present form of martial law is mild and orders issued by the military emphasize that legitimate business shall continue without interruption, but that there may be no carrying of weapons or ammunition or killing.

### THE WEATHER

North Carolina, cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight, probably light snow in mountains; Saturday fair; fresh south and southwest winds.