

Chamber To Take Steps To Help Farmers Save 1922 Cotton Crop

Farm Relations Committee to Help Secure Calcium Arsenate.

MEETING OF FARMERS

Arsenate and Molasses to Be Bought in Bulk for Use of the Farmers.

Immediate steps will be taken by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to save the 1922 cotton crop in Gaston county from the boll weevil menace, as a result of action taken by the board of directors Thursday afternoon, following a report submitted by Chairman W. T. Rankin of the Farm Relations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rankin interestingly told of the trip to Hartsville made by a party of farmers under the direction of his committee, with committees from Kiwanis, Rotary and Civitan co-operating.

Deeming the matter as presented by Mr. Rankin to be of vital importance to Gaston county and feeling that the time to act is now instead of waiting until one crop is lost, the board placed the organization on record as favoring doing all possible to stamp out the weevil as may be done. The Farm Relations Committee was given full power to act in the matter and was enlarged by the addition of F. J. Bess and Hugh Query to its personnel, the former for practical aid already rendered and the latter for aid given through publicity for the cause.

Steps have already been taken by the committee to locate supplies of cheapest molasses and calcium arsenate. It is proposed to secure these in quantity and then to retail them out at cost to the farmers. At present it is almost impossible for a farmer to secure these supplies himself, as they are scarce. They would also come more expensively to the individual but by the method proposed he will get the benefit of all possible saving.

An important meeting of the committee will be held at the chamber of commerce this evening for the formulation of further plans and for the taking up of other matters.

It is probable that a general meeting of cotton growers will be called by the committee at the chamber of commerce for Saturday morning, a week from tomorrow, or at some other time soon. The meeting will probably not be called until supplies have been located and prices secured so that the entire matter may be placed before the growers at the time.

WAY EMPLOYEES ASK FOR WAGE INCREASE

BOSTON, July 7. — Members of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, employed on the New York, New Haven & Hartford, Boston and Albany, and the Boston and Maine roads, have voted to send an ultimatum to the general officers of the organization in Detroit demanding an increase in wages by August 1. The alternative would be a strike.

The vote was taken at a mass meeting of maintenance of way men following the reading of a report that similar action was being taken by employees of all roads in the country affected by a wage cut ordered by the Railroad Labor Board.

HARDING EN ROUTE.

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BIVINS PUTS ON GOOD PROGRAM FOR ROTARY

Ravages From Perik Thompson—Mr. J. Lee Robinson Tells of Recent Trip.

Thursday's Rotary luncheon, the program of which was in charge of Clyde Bivins, was one of the most enjoyable yet held. There was no business to be transacted, and the members gave themselves wholly over to the enjoyment of the program, the feature of which was a story of the recent Western trip by J. Lee Robinson, of the First National Bank. Mr. Robinson gave a very interesting account of the trip taken by the party of Gastonia Shriners who spent a month on this trip. He concluded by saying that after all North Carolina was the best place in the United States, adding the significant statement that he was glad to live in a country where the Sabbath day was observed, stating that in some sections of the West there was no observance of the Sabbath.

The boll weevil also came in for a share of the discussion, Hugh Query, telling of the methods of control observed by him on a trip to the Coker farms in Hartsville, S. S. The calcium arsenate method with molasses is most generally used in that section.

Perik Thompson, an invited Kiwanis guest, got off one of his humorous skits about the boll weevil that was enjoyed thoroughly. The melody to the following was that of "That Bloody War," the tuneful ditty sometimes employed by the American Legion quartet. It was this:

Away down South in Dixie land
They have an awful time,
It's all about the Boll Weevil,
He seems to stand the climb,
He's got a home, he's got a home,
He's got a home, he's got a home.

The first time I ever saw him
I saw him on the square,
In a few days after that time
He had his family there.
He had a home, he had a home.

The farmer took the boll weevil
Buried him in the sand,
Boll weevil says to the farmer:
"Holler than this I'll stand,
I've got a home, I've got a home."

Boll weevil says to P. W. Garland,
"It's me you cannot sue,
With all your legal tact,
Gaint me you'll find no clue,
You'll have no case, you'll have no case."

Boll weevil says to Ab Myers,
"You know what panic is,
For when I get located right,
I'll paralyze your biz,
You'll have no home, you'll have no home."

Boll weevil says to Will E. Haynes,
"You'll find when debts are due
That I have cut them out of crop
And out of credit, too,
They'll have no home, they'll have no home."

Boll weevil says to Lucius Glenn,
"Just throw away your pills,
For when I'm through with this country,
People can't pay their bills,
They'll have no home, they'll have no home."

Boll weevil says to Henderlite,
"Now, you won't stand a show,
You might as well close up your church
And pack your duds and go,
You'll have no home, you'll have no home."

BRIDGE OVER CATAWA IS NEARING COMPLETION

BRIDGE CONNECTING YORK AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES WILL OPEN UP NEW TERRITORY TO SOUTH OF GASTONIA.

YORK, S. C., July 6. — Contract was awarded the Stewart-Jones Construction company of Rock Hill today for the construction of one and a half miles of road to connect the \$100,000 bridge now being built by York and Mecklenburg counties with the highway system of Bethel township. The contract price for the job is \$3,670 and the time limit for its completion September 1.

The work to be done on this short stretch of roadway is quite heavy, consisting of clearing and grubbing one-half acre; necessary clearing and grubbing of the right of way; 8,962 cubic yards of common excavation; 3,000 cubic yards of concrete.

The new road, which begins at W. P. Boyd's residence, will link the river bridge with the roads of Bethel township and make it accessible from all parts of York county. At present it cannot be reached by automobile from the York side, there being no road leading to it. At the last session of the legislature \$3,000 was appropriated for building the short stretch of connecting road, but this amount will have to be supplemented as the contract price was in excess of this sum.

Work Progressing Nicely.

Latest word from the bridge is that construction work is progressing nicely and that some fine day a few months hence the job will be completed and traffic will begin pouring across from the York side and on to Charlotte. The bridge is an imposing structure, 1,300 feet in length and consisting of eleven spans. It rises above the Catawba's swirling flood of muddy water, here about 300 feet across. Massive and strong, for years the bridge will bid defiance to the river beneath and connect York and Mecklenburg with a link of steel.

The bridge is located at what is known as the "Buster" Boyd site, not far from what was formerly Wright's ferry. Years of litigation followed the inception of the project to bridge the river at or near this point, obstacles of various kinds being encountered. The exact location was one stumbling block and another was the proportion of the cost to be borne by the two counties interested—York and Mecklenburg. After long discussion all difficulties were smoothed out, the "Buster" Boyd site winning over rival locations, and one-third of the cost for York and two-thirds for Mecklenburg being agreed on as the proper proportionate expense to be borne by the counties joining hands in the project.

The bridge will reduce the distance between the town of York and Charlotte from 45 miles to only 30 miles. Its primary object is to give the people of northern York, particularly Bethel township, a direct route to Charlotte. The Queen City has all along been their logical trading point, but commercial relations with that place have been badly hampered by the lack of a bridge across the Catawba. With this obstacle out of the way, Charlotte's trade territory will be augmented by a large and prosperous area of northern York.

KENTUCKIAN HAS FASTED FOR FIFTY-THREE DAYS

SLADE, KY., July 6. — Today marked the 53rd day of voluntary fasting by William Rice, of Nade, this county.

Declaring that God, in a vision had told him to fast, to show his neighbors that they must make sacrifices if they expect to enter Heaven, Rice, while confined in jail on a charge of vagrancy, announced that he would not partake of any more food. Nine days later he was released and returned to his home.

Rice says that he received food from a "spiritual fountain" and declares that Satan tempts him constantly. His religious views and the fact that he has gone nearly two months without food are attracting widespread attention. He still is able to walk, but is gradually growing weaker.

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GASTONIA WILL BE ONE OF THE NIGHT STOPS OF 1923 SHRINE CARAVAN

En Route to Washington for Imperial Council Shriners From West to Stop.

HAD FORMER VISIT HERE

Folks Who Visited Here Last Spring Instrumental In the Project.

Gastonia will be one of the night stops when the 1923 Shrine caravan from the West moves East next spring to the Imperial Council at Washington in June, according to advice received today from the Oakland, California Chamber of Commerce. The fact that Gastonia will be thus recognized is probably due to the excellent treatment accorded the advance party of the caravan from Washington which stopped here with Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Warren last spring.

A communication from the Oakland Chamber says:

"With organization of the National Shrine Touring Club effected, plans are now being made for the second trans-continental Shrine Caravan, which will leave this city on May 1, 1923, due to arrive in Washington, D. C., on June 4."

"When the first caravan reached San Francisco on June 12, last, members of the Imperial Council realized that those who made the first overland journey by auto had set in motion a move that will prove the greatest factor possible in developing a closer fraternal spirit between the Shrine temples of the nation and in developing a better system of permanent highways from coast to coast."

"The five Shrine Temples of California are expected to have at least 200 automobiles in the caravan when it begins its pilgrimage next year from Oakland. The Shrine cars will assemble here for the long journey."

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"More than 100 automobiles from Oakland went to Stockton, a distance of 84 miles and piloted the caravan into this city when it arrived from the East. More spirit has been shown by this city than any on the Pacific Coast in the movement and it is planned to have a fleet of snow white cars from this city in next year's caravan."

"In choosing the itinerary, members of the touring club under the auspices of which the caravan will move, were unanimous in selecting Gastonia as one of the points for a night stop. Detailed arrangements with local men and women were made later by Captain Bernard S. McMahon, director, and general manager."

"The caravan which had grown from two to 25 cars since leaving Gastonia, visited and spent three days at the Grand Canyon, which was described so fully to them and Gastonia people by Miss Marion Harvey at a high school entertainment."

"From Gastonia to the coast, members of the caravan sang the praises of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. (Bill) Warren, who piloted them from the city when they stopped over here in May."

"Gastonia's 97 cotton mills and 1,121,000 spindles were advertised far and wide by the Shriners who were entertained here and it is expected that the next caravan will remain in this city a visit period of time to allow of a visit to a modern cotton mill by westerners who have never seen a mill in operation."

GEORGIA PLANNING WORLD'S FAIR IN 1926

ATLANTA, GA., July 7. — Several hundred men and women prominent in the affairs of Georgia are here today to attend a meeting at which permanent plans will be adopted for holding a world's fair and maritime exposition in Georgia in 1926.

Plans in the making call for two sites of the exposition, one located at Savannah to be devoted to maritime features, and another at Atlanta featuring commercial and industrial developments. All towns and cities in the state would be asked to erect buildings to house whatever branch of the exposition allotted to each city.

Naming of a commission of fifty members to take charge of the project and devise plans for permanent organization was among the first matters to come before the gathering today.

NEBRASKA CONGRESSMAN DIED THURSDAY

WASHINGTON, July 6. — M. P. Kinkaid, member of the House of Representatives from the sixth Nebraska district, died here today. The death of the Nebraska Congressman occurred at Garfield hospital and resulted from a complication of diseases from which he had been ill since early in May. Funeral services will be held at O'Neil, Neb., his home.

FROM DAYTON TO CHICAGO.

DAYTON, O., July 7. — Lieutenants James H. Doolittle and Leland Andrews, flying in an army airplane in a round trip trans-continental tour, were to leave Dayton early today on the fourth leg of their flight which started last Monday at San Antonio, Tex. The aviators' next stop will be Chicago, from where they will hop off for Omaha.

Lieutenants Doolittle and Andrews arrived in Dayton last night after having flown from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, July 7. — Cotton futures closed steady; spots quiet, 20 points up.

July 22.67; October 22.68; December 22.46; January 22.16; March 22.02; May 21.79; Spots 22.90.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts..... 5 Bales
Price..... 22 Cents
(Strict to good middling.)

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair and slightly warmer tonight; Saturday unsettled, probably local thundershowers.

FIRST OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDER MARK THE CLOSING HOURS FIRST WEEK RAIL STRIKE

FIREMAN BEACH DIES OF INJURIES INFLICTED

Man Who Was Accidentally Struck By Auto Succumbs to Injury—Was Wounded in the World War.

Mr. John Sullivan Beach, member of the city fire department, who was injured about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night when struck by an automobile on West Franklin avenue, died Thursday night at seven o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted at the East Baptist church, of which Mr. Beach had been a member for the past seven years, at four o'clock this afternoon, followed by interment in Hollywood cemetery.

The accident in which Mr. Beach received injuries that caused his death was seemingly unavoidable. It is said that Mr. Beach stepped out of another car back towards Mr. Henry Rankin, driving a Ford coupe, was approaching him from the rear and saw him, but the glaring headlights of another car coming in the opposite direction confused him. He made an effort to avoid striking Mr. Beach, but the rear fender of the car struck him and knocked him to the pavement. It is said that the rear end of the car "whipped" around on the wet street when Mr. Rankin applied the brakes, and struck Mr. Beach in a way that was unavoidable. Had the street been dry and the car not skidded, it would have missed Mr. Beach. His head struck the car track. He was taken to the City Hospital and remained in an unconscious condition all of Tuesday night and a part of Wednesday.

John Sullivan Beach was born in the New Hope section of Gaston county September 6, 1894, and was therefore nearly 28 years of age. He is survived by two brothers, Beeler Beach, of Gastonia, and Carl Beach, of Clover, S. C., and two sisters, Mrs. W. Meek Parrish and Mrs. F. M. Francum, both of Gastonia. Mr. Beach was unmarried and made his home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish. He had lived in Gastonia for the past ten years. During the late war he was in the service for two years, serving one year overseas with the 115th Machine Gun Battalion, thirtieth division. He was wounded by a shell at the battle of Bellecour and was in the hospital for two months. For the past two years or more had been a popular and efficient member of the city fire department.

GASTONIA'S SEWAGE PLANT IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Many Are Interested in New Water and Sewage Disposal Plant of Gastonia—Visitors Here.

Gastonia is coming into favorable notice in many parts of the country because of its splendid and up-to-date water and sewage disposal plants. Through trade publications considerable publicity has been given these during the past few months. Especially is this true of the sewage disposal plant which is said to be one of the very finest in the United States.

Hardly a day passes that City Manager Alexander either does not have a visitor in the person of an official from some city who comes here to see these plants or at least receives a letter from some distant city asking for definite information regarding them.

A few days ago City Engineer J. C. McVe, of Houston, Texas, one of the flourishing and up-to-date cities of the Southwest, spent a day or two here, having come for the special purpose of investigating Gastonia's sewage disposal plant. Mr. McVe was very greatly impressed not only with the city's disposal plant and its water and light systems but also with our schools, paved streets and textile plants.

City Manager C. W. Keiner, of Pasadena, Cal., writes asking for information regarding the sewage disposal plant. That city, he says, is interested in installing an activated sludge system like the one in use here. He had read of Gastonia's plant and wanted to know more about it.

Prof. H. C. Dale, head of the department of economics and political science at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, has written to City Manager Alexander asking for a copy of the city's charter.

"So that stack of letters there," said the city manager to the reporter, pointing to a big pile of correspondence in his office. "Most of those are requests for information about Gastonia and the city's equipments of various kinds. They come from every section of the country and it is impossible for me to keep up with them. Many send regular questionnaires for us to fill out. We take them as we come to them and try to furnish all the information asked for. You see Gastonia is getting some splendid publicity over the entire United States."

JEWELL CONCILIATORY BUT DECLINES FIRST MOVE TOWARD PEACE

Federal Injunctions Restraining Strikes Are Issued at East St. Louis.

CHICAGO, July 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—With B. M. Jewell, head of the striking railway shop crafts, still maintaining the conciliatory attitude he assumed after the strike was under way, but declining to make the first move towards negotiations for peace, an increasing number of outbreaks and disorders marked the closing hours of the first week since shopmen throughout the country walked out last Saturday.

Federal injunctions restraining strikers from interfering with railroad operations, molesting workers, and unlawfully picketing shops, were issued at East St. Louis, Ill., and Shreveport, La.

Mobilization of state troops was ordered by Adjutant General Black of Illinois, following disturbances in the Washburn yards at Decatur. The governors of Alabama, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa were asked to send troops to scenes of disorders and where peace was threatened in their states.

Chicago in the past 24 hours experienced its first outbreaks of violence in connection with the strike. A mob of strikers and sympathizers, who included many women, attacked and attempted to burn the homes of two Illinois Central employes at Buraside, who refused to join the walkout. Police dispersed the mob after Mrs. Julia Gabel, 59, wife of one of the Illinois Central men, held the attackers at bay with a revolver when they attempted to storm her home.

Picketing of railroad shops continued in numerous parts of the country and several arrests were made in connection with picketing and disorders.

Despite numerous outbreaks by strikers there was a general impression in railroad circles that the trend of the strike was toward peace and hope was expressed that Mr. Jewell would be brought together with the United States Labor Board's two diplomats in conference—Chairman Ben W. Hooper and W. L. McMenimen, one of the three labor members. Railroads, meanwhile, continued to employ new men to take the jobs left by strikers, and the ultimatum to return to work next week or forfeit all seniority and pension rights stood effective in shops throughout the country.

Although some short run trains, particularly on the Chicago & Northwestern and the Salt Lake line of the Union Pacific, were annulled, the railroads generally reported slight interruption of transportation as a result of the shopmen's strike.

Strikers were reported at various points to be straggling back to the old jobs in uncertain numbers, but these reports reflected no weakness in statements from union headquarters where Mr. Jewell reiterated his announcement that the strike was virtually 100 per cent effective.

Mr. Jewell exhibited telegrams from women's auxiliaries of shop crafts organizations expressing support of the strike. He announced also the first sympathetic walkout by exhibiting messages informing him that 2,500 moulders employed on railroads had joined the ranks of the strikers.

The temporary injunction order issued by Federal Judge English at East St. Louis, was directed towards strikers on the Illinois Central at Mounds, Centralia, Mattoon, East St. Louis and other points in the Southern Illinois district.

Judge Jack at Shreveport, La., granted a similar injunction to the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Railway.

Mayor Coak, of Parsons, Kas., under threat of ouster by Governor Allen, discharged 61 strikers who had been appointed as special police.

At Wichita, Kas., 50 stationary firemen and others joined the strike.

A small number of shopmen employed by the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad at Alton, Ill., returned to work. Striking shopmen of the Dakota division of the Great Northern offered to volunteer their services without pay in cases where loss of life by wrecks or property by fire is threatened.

Announcements by the Union Pacific, Burlington and Northwestern systems that pensions and seniority rights would be forfeited unless they were returned to work immediately were greeted by jeers from strikers at their meetings.

In Illinois, state troops at Springfield, Urbana, Decatur, Champaign, Danville, and DeWitt, were ordered to hold themselves in readiness for strike duty.

Additional wage adjustment cases not included in those ordered by recent decisions were set for hearing by the National Labor Board today.

MINGUS CATCHES CATFISH WEIGHING 6 1-2 POUNDS

Belmont Officer Thinks He Has Record Catfish—Fourth of July Celebrants Give Trouble—Liquor the Cause. Members Hear of Boll Weevil

The police were called to the Climax Mill village Tuesday afternoon to arrest several men who were drunk and creating a disturbance. They found the men in an automobile and arrested them, without trouble however as one of them, John Yount gave the officers quite a tussle before they landed him at the city hall.

All the men were thoroughly searched before they were locked up, and a pistol taken off of Hoyte Wells. Wells however had a knife which the police did not find and which they think he had concealed in heavy leather leggings that he wore. Shortly after being placed in the jail the men began quarreling and when Chief Mingus arrived, he found Tom Burch painfully cut. Dr. J. M. Pressley attended the man and it was necessary to take 40 stitches in his wounds, which however proved to be not very deep and Burch is getting along nicely.

The men were tried Wednesday morning. Yount, through his attorney, H. B. Gaston, submitted to the charge of being drunk and using profane language on the public streets and was fined \$25 and costs and required to give bond for \$250 for operating a car while drunk on the public streets and \$250 bond for resisting arrest. The hearing on the last was waived and he was bound over to Superior court. Wells, through attorney Gaston, also submitted to being drunk and using profane language, and the hearing waived on the charge of carrying pistol and assault with a deadly weapon. Mayor Crawford has not as yet rendered his decision in this case. Tom Burch and H. M. Sheran, the other member of the party are out on bond, their trial to come up later.

Chief Mingus Has Champion Catfish on Exhibition At City Hall.

Chief R. H. Mingus, of the Belmont police force, claims to have the champion catfish of this section. He was caught in the Catawba River and weighs 6 1/2 pounds. Mr. Mingus has the fish, which is alive in a large tub at the City Hall, and it is attracting quite a bit of attention.

Personals.

Mr. Marcus Reese Patrick has gone to Washington to spend the summer. While there he will be with his sister, Mrs. George Nolen and Mr. Nolen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hall, Master Billy and Miss Mary Howe, are leaving Saturday morning for Bowling Rock to spend the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sloan and children, Sarah Bess, and Little C. H., Jr., have gone to Pembroke to visit Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hall, the former a brother of Mrs. Sloan.

Miss Lottie Hand spent Thursday

MANY WENT TO BON CLARKEN JULY 4TH

A number of Gastonians spent Tuesday, July 4 in Bon Clarken, the A. R. P. assembly ground, near Hendersonville. A total of 35 went from here. There were 50 from Due West—present. Mrs. Brownlee, who is in charge of the hotel, served a fine dinner to all the guests.

The possibilities of Bon Clarken as an assembly ground are unbounded. A program of conferences and lectures is being arranged for this summer. Rev. W. B. Lindsay, formerly of Charlotte, will be in charge. Efforts are being made to secure William Jennings Bryan for a lecture.

SAYS "WETS" WILL CONTROL THE NEXT CONGRESS

RICHMOND, Va., July 7.—In a circular letter signed by David Hepburn, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Virginia, made public here today, appealing for \$10,000 "needed to organize the dry forces in the state and to give the records of the wet and dry candidates to their constituents," the declaration is made that "the wets are determined to control the next Congress."

The letter which declares that "financial assistance is needed before the state primary August 1," says in part:

"The organizations opposed to prohibition have served notice that they will carry the fight into every congressional district where it is possible to elect men in favor of four per cent beer and 12 per cent wine. This would bring back about 92 per cent of the old liquor traffic."

"The two men who are most responsible for the recent lawlessness in the state of Virginia are both candidates for high office. Their records should be in the hands of every voter in the state."

The letter does not give the names of the candidates.

Royal Princesses Want Young Wealthy and Handsome Husbands

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 7. — "Two royal princesses, sixteen years of age, 23 and 26, desire friendship, and eventually marriage, after mutual tests, with English or American gentlemen, who must be young, wealthy and handsome, especially not upstarts or newly rich," reads an advertisement in an Innsbruck newspaper.

"The princesses, who belong to the old royalty, are accomplished, but very poor. The gentlemen must give full details and references. A meeting could be arranged for August."

It may be recalled that an Austrian archduchess advertised in a similar manner about a year ago, and it is believed found a suitable husband.