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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### A LITERARY MEETING.

Bessemer City Epworth League Entertains Delightfully—Fairview School Closes—Mrs. M. L. Sellers Dead—Other Briefs.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 28.—The monthly literary meeting of the Epworth League was held in the Methodist church Saturday night and was a most enjoyable occasion. Miss Wanda Froneberger, chairman of the department of literary work, with her committee, had charge of the meeting. Miss Froneberger's enthusiasm and untiring energy account very largely for the fine success which attended the effort. The subject was "The Wesley's and Methodism." Prof. D. C. Johnson speaking on "Early Methodism," Attorney S. J. Durham on "Modern Methodism," Miss Lizzie Kennedy on "Susanna Wesley" and Rev. J. F. Armstrong on "John Wesley." The music was a special feature. Misses Janie and Carrie Morris, of Gastonia, contributing very much to this part of the program. The literary meeting was followed by a delightful social hour when ice cream was served to the thirty-five young people present.

The closing of Fairview public school, on the Kings Mountain and Cherryville road, last Saturday attracted a very large crowd from the community and surrounding towns, notwithstanding the very cold raw day. Miss Fannie Brown, of Chester, S. C., for the past two years has taught this school and it is regarded as one of the best rural schools in the county. The exercises were opened in the morning by a short address from Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, of Bessemer City, and S. J. Durham, Esq., also of Bessemer City, had been engaged to make an educational address but the inclement weather and large crowd without access to the overflowing house made it necessary to cancel this to the very great disappointment of the people. But the school exercises consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues, were interesting throughout. Miss Brown deserves much credit for arranging and carrying out such an elaborate program.

Mrs. Margaret Lackey Sellers, of Kings Mountain, route one, was buried at Concord church Saturday afternoon. She was 65 years old and the widow of Eli Sellers. The services were in charge of Pastor Armstrong.

Miss Lizzie Kennedy and Miss Carrie Mauney left this week for a visit to relatives in and near Dallas, Texas. These young ladies will travel leisurely making several stops over the way. They will be gone about a month.—Misses Alda Phifer and Edith Fuller visited the Misses Pasour near Concord church Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. J. Y. Kincaid's family will move to Concord tomorrow.—Mr. J. A. Pinchback has gone to Texas. It is probable that he will spend most of his time hereafter in the Lone Star State.

Grady Kiser and Albert Sellers, both of route two from here, spent the week-end with their parents. They are students in Rutherford College.—Mrs. H. L. Garrison was a Kings Mountain visitor last Friday.—Mr. Roy Wolfe spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. M. R. Aker on route two.—Mr. Ben Bumgarner's little child is still dangerously ill though some hope for its recovery is entertained.—Mrs. Plato Durham, of Concord, is expected here today to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham.—Mrs. Edith Hoover, of Hickory, is spending some weeks with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Mauney.—Mrs. J. L. Kiser and two children are suffering from measles.—Mrs. J. M. Odell, of Concord, was here Saturday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham.—Miss Amelabel Crawford spent the week end with her parents at Belmont and Miss Maggie Hall visited in the home of Mr. Robert Ormand.

### New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
NEW HOPE, Feb. 24.—Mr. J. Logan Stowe and daughter, Miss Ethel, are right sick.—Mr. Hearl Horsley went to Charlotte Wednesday on business.—The children of Mr. Chalmers Elmore, who have had pneu-

monia, are improving.—Mr. Frank Harrison spent Saturday night and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. John Lewis.—Mr. John W. Lowry has been right sick, but is getting better.—Misses Eliza Lindsay, Beth Lowry, Bess and Janie Jackson were the guests of Misses Mamie Torrence and Zoe Stowe at Belmont Saturday night.—Mr. Frank Harrison attended the play given by the students of St. Mary's College at Belmont Monday night.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lowry Wednesday.—Mr. Lee Lewis was a business visitor in Charlotte Wednesday.—Mrs. W. A. and Miss Bess Jackson have been sick—Owing to the severity of the weather there were no services at New Hope last Sunday.—Miss Mamie Stowe spent Wednesday afternoon with her cousins, Misses Ethel and Emma Stowe.—Mr. Raymond Bradley, of Pleasant Ridge, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradley, Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Essie Lindsay, of Gastonia, is spending the week-end with her sister, Miss Eliza Lindsay, at Mr. Titman's.—Mr. Frank Stowe, of Belmont, visited his brother, Mr. Logan Stowe, Wednesday.

### Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
CHERRYVILLE, Feb. 26.—Rev. J. F. Harrelson and family, of Mayesworth, have returned home after spending several days with friends here.—Mr. D. P. Rhodes and family, of Lincolnton, visited at the home of Mr. D. S. Thornburg Sunday.—Attorney John G. Carpenter, of Dallas, was in town this week shaking hands with his friends. He's a candidate, you know.—Attorney L. E. Rudisill, of Lincolnton, was in town Friday on business.—Mr. T. B. Leonhardt has moved into his large new building on Mountain street and will enter into the hotel business on a larger scale.—The graded schools here observed Washington's birthday Tuesday.—Messrs. Stephen Stroup and Evon Houser were in Dallas Thursday on business.—Miss Alma Huss, of Kings Mountain, is visiting Miss Vera Howell this week.—The graded school here gave an entertainment Friday night.—Mr. Chesley McGinnis and wife, of Shelby, were among our visitors this week.—The school at Fairview closed Saturday with an old time exhibition. Quite a large crowd from here attended.—Mr. W. E. Gardner was in Charlotte Monday.—Mrs. T. H. Bess, of Ky., is visiting home-folks here this week.—Miss Florence Beam spent the week-end at High Shoals.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
LOWELL, Feb. 28.—Rev. R. A. Miller conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Sophia Elmore at New Hope Saturday.—Mrs. George Featherston and Miss Ethel Dilling attended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Ollie Jenkins, at Gastonia Friday.—Mr. Quinn Ford is at home for a few days.—Mr. William Featherston, of Gastonia, was here Friday.—Rev. Mr. Hix was a Belmont visitor Friday.—Mr. W. R. Rankin, of Belmont, was here Saturday.—Mr. S. J. Hand was a Belmont visitor Friday.—Mrs. D. P. Stowe, of Belmont, spent a few days with relatives last week.—Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, of Coolemeec, is visiting her son, Mr. Cicero Harris,

this week.—Misses Mary Knight and Essie Lindsay, of Gastonia, were the guests of Mrs. Watt Titman Thursday night and Friday.—Mrs. Haywood Johnston, of Belmont, was a business visitor here Friday.—Mr. T. P. Rankin was a Gastonia visitor Friday.—Mr. Coit Robinson, a student of Davidson, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Mr. Egbert Hutchinson, of Charlotte, was a business visitor here Thursday.—Mr. George Featherston was a business visitor to Gastonia Friday.—Mr. Robert Johnston and family spent the week-end with relatives in Gastonia.—Mr. Bert Lambert, of Gastonia, visited friends here Saturday night.—Dr. Al Stowe, a student of the medical college, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Jane Stowe.—Mr. Rob Price came home Saturday for a few days.—Messrs. P. W. Hand, Holland Hand, S. J. Gaston and William Wright attended the funeral of Mrs. Sophia Elmore at New Hope Saturday.—Misses Estella Rankin and Mamie Patrick were the guests of Miss Bessie Cox Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. James Leeper, of Belmont, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Saturday night.

### McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
MCADENVILLE, Feb. 28.—Rev. R. S. Howie's brother, of Mecklenburg county spent some time here last week with him.—Mr. James T. McAden spent several days last week in Charlotte on business.—Mr. J. T. Helderman moved to Lowell last week—where he recently accepted a position.—Mrs. J. T. Poag, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent some time here last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barber.—Mr. John Bowen and family of Huntersville, spent last week here with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bowen.—Mrs. T. M. Bynum returned to her home at Spartanburg, S. C., last week after spending several days here as the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. H. Mangum.—The many friends of Mrs. M. R. Barber will be pleased to learn that her condition is greatly improved. She has been confined to her room for several days. In addition to her being sick she suffered a very bad injury from a fall some few days ago.—Among the Gastonia visitors from here Saturday were Mrs. F. J. McCauley, Miss May Mauney, Miss Reatha Simmons, Mr. J. L. Webb, Mr. M. J. Ray and Mr. J. T. Ingram.—Miss Mamie Ray was a Charlotte visitor last week.—Mr. L. W. Jenkins was a Charlotte visitor Friday.—Miss Annie Ford, of Lowell, spent some time last week in Charlotte as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Cox.—Mrs. Butler and mother spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Bessemer City.—Mr. I. W. Shields was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.—Mr. P. J. Palmer, of Charlotte, was on the street here Saturday.—Mrs. I. F. Mabry and Mrs. H. D. Roberts were Gastonia visitors Saturday.—Mr. T. J. Hunt spent Sunday at Spartanburg with relatives.—Mr. A. C. Kelly spent Sunday at Monroe with friends.—McAdenville has a smaller representation at Dallas court this week than was ever known. This speaks well for our town.

### SEAWELL GETS JOB.

Carthage Man Succeeds Harry Skinner as District Attorney—Tar Heel Postmasters Appointed.

Friday quite a number of North Carolina appointments were made by the President and were transmitted to the Senate for confirmation. The one of most interest was that of Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage, to be United States district attorney to succeed Harry Skinner. The Observer's Washington correspondent says that this appointment came as a surprise in the face of the fact that Attorney General Wickersham and the President had said that Skinner would succeed himself.

Following is a list of the appointments:  
Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage, district attorney; Postmasters—Wallace W. Rollins, Asheville; Byron J. Luther, Biltmore; C. D. Wallace, Carthage; D. Luther Yount, Lincolnton; Mary W. Yarbrough, Louisburg; George W. Prescott, Ayden; Hayes S. Smith, Rowland; Lindsey M. Russell, Troy; Robert B. Colwell, Wallace; A. W. Davis, Walnut Cove; Albert Miller, LaGrange; Alvin S. Willis, Morehead City; Eliza N. Hill, Scotland Neck; Benjamin T. Person, Wilson.

### Mrs. W. H. Cornelius Dead.

Only Daughter of Mrs. Julia Courts Holland Dies at Statesville of Pneumonia—Burial at Dallas This Morning.

The many friends in Gaston and elsewhere of Mrs. Julia Courts Holland will learn with profound sorrow of the death of her only daughter, Mrs. W. H. Cornelius, which sad event occurred at the latter's residence in Statesville Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Death was caused by an attack of pneumonia and came after a brief illness.

Mrs. Cornelius was the only daughter of the late Dr. E. B. Holland and his wife, Julia Courts Holland, and was 42 years of age. She is survived by her husband, two little daughters, an aged mother and four brothers, of whom Mr. C. D. Holland, of Gastonia, is one, the others being Dr. George Holland and Attorney Lucius J. Holland, of Bluefield, W. Va., and Herbert.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church from girlhood. She was a noble woman, faithful in every relation of life. She had endeared herself to a large circle of friends to all of whom her death is the occasion of much sorrow.

Accompanied by the mother and other relatives the body was brought to Dallas via Newton yesterday afternoon and taken to the home of Mrs. Holla, from which the funeral was held this morning at 11 o'clock. The body was then laid to rest in the family plot in the Presbyterian cemetery at Dallas.

### Notices of New Ads.

Robinson Shoe Co.—Boyd and Howard and Foster shoes the best.

Lebovitz Department Store—The winning numbers in prize contest.

Opera House—The DeKoven Male Quartette Wednesday night.

The Love Co.—Seed Irish potatoes and garden seed.

Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.—Nyal's Laxative Fig Syrup.

H. Schneider—Great combination sale closes Saturday.

R. T. Padgett—Now is the time to get measured for your new spring clothes. Latest styles and fabrics; see me before you buy.

T. L. Craig, Mayor—To owners of land on Gastonia watershed.

Poole Grocery Co.—Buying groceries is a matter of business.

### Mr. Wetmore not in the Race.

Mr. L. B. Wetmore, of Lincolnton, has given out for publication a letter in which he says he has withdrawn from the solicitorship race. This leaves Mecklenburg with two candidates, and Gaston with two, with a possibility of Capt. Childs, of Lincolnton, entering. As the matter now stands Gaston has most excellent chances for naming the next solicitor for this district.

### Our Honor Roll.

The Gazette's subscription list is experiencing a most satisfactory growth. Without any special solicitation or canvassing we are adding a good large number of new subscribers to our list each week. Since our last roll was published two weeks ago today the following persons have made payments on subscription, a large proportion of them being new subscribers: R. C. Ratchford, J. Alonzo Rhyne, Gilbert Broom, R. C. Glenn, T. A. Wagstaff, F. C. White, S. S. Mauney, Cherryville Hardware Co., Dr. W. H. Houser, A. H. Huss, Ed C. Stroup, W. B. Lewis, T. W. Rankin, R. O. Clinton, John T. Pearson, G. H. Sherer, H. C. Johnson, W. C. Abernethy, R. L. Garrison, H. M. Stephenson, G. W. Howe, W. P. McAteer, C. G. Lynch, J. N. Neely, F. A. Costner, J. S. Whitfield, W. G. Rhyne, Robert Moten, J. T. Oates, G. B. Stowe, Caleb A. Spencer, W. E. Todd, S. E. Foy, Mrs. W. W. McLean, Mrs. G. T. Gamble, Mrs. V. M. Hanner, W. L. Pegram, T. P. Lewis, A. L. Falls, A. T. Lindsay, J. P. Allen, Thomas Sparrow, Miss Annie Holland, W. T. Ford, G. C. Caldwell, M. J. Shetley, M. P. Shetley, D. C. Bess, S. L. Parham, Miss Nannie E. Rhyne, A. M. Millen, H. S. Sellers, W. A. Leeper, Sr., Mrs. W. N. Craig, Oscar Johnson, V. P. Rankin, C. M. Faires, T. T. Sanford, R. A. McArver, R. B. Riddle, Bennie T. Nolen, Rev. L. M. Nolen.

—Mr. R. B. Riddle, of the Bethel section, is a business visitor in Gastonia today.

### TO ORGANIZE LAYMEN.

Main Street Methodist Church Joins Great Movement for Foreign Missions—Enthusiastic Reports from Delegates Who Attended Dallas Convention.

At a meeting of the men of Main Street Methodist church to be held in the main auditorium Thursday night it is proposed to effect an organization composed of every male member of the congregation fifteen years of age and upwards to carry on the local work of this denomination in connection with the great laymen's missionary movement. Every member of this church is cordially invited and expected to be present.

Sunday morning's service at this church was devoted to hearing a report from one of the delegates sent to the laymen's convention at Dallas, Texas, February 19-22, this being Mr. J. H. Separk. In a most entertaining and instructive talk Mr. Separk told of some of the things he heard and saw at the Dallas conference.

He spoke of the many thrilling addresses heard there, messages alive with the missionary spirit right from the lips of men who are sacrificing their lives to carry the gospel to heathen nations. At this conference there were present from 1500 to 2000 delegates from all sections of the Southern States and the program contained addresses by a large number of men in the forefront of the missionary work in Methodism and other denominations as well. In the brief time allotted to him Mr. Separk was unable to give more than a running account of the convention but he was heard with much interest. He will be present Thursday night at which time he will probably tell the gathering more about the great meeting.

Wednesday evening at the mid-week prayer service Mr. J. L. Beal, Main Street's other delegate, will make a report, giving his impressions of the conference.

At the Sunday night service an open discussion was had relative to this missionary movement, with special reference to the part of the local church in it.

### GASTON COURT CONVENES.

Judge Jones Delivers Strong Charge to the Grand Jury—No Capital Cases on the Docket—Large Crowd in Attendance.

Gaston Superior Court convened at Dallas yesterday morning. Judge E. B. Jones of Winston-Salem presiding. This is Judge Jones' first court in Gaston and the first impression made by him on Gaston countians is most flattering to his honor. The present term will consist of a week's criminal section followed by a week devoted to the trial of civil cases. The criminal docket is a pretty large one, though it contains no capital cases.

The forenoon session yesterday was taken up largely with the judges charge to the grand jury, in which he defined the law, touching at length on a number of crimes, and the punishment provided therefor. He pleaded earnestly and eloquently for an impartial administration of justice and decried the prevailing sentiment in the country today which punishes the small offender and lets the big fry go scot free. The man who deals in cotton futures, he said, was just as much a violator of the law as the little nigger who shoots craps in a back alley, and is just as deserving of punishment. He deplored the almost universal custom of pistol "toting," stating that during his seven years on the bench he had never presided at a term of court where the docket did not contain the concealed weapon case. He touched particularly on a number of other gross crimes in the catalogue of law-breaking.

The court house was packed to its utmost capacity, while many scores unable to get in, took refuge in the court yard and jockey lot. Despite the very bad weather the attendance the first day was unusually large. There were candidates galore on hand and two or three street fakirs were able to gather around them good sized crowds of the curious.

It is expected that the criminal docket will be disposed of by Wednesday night and that the civil docket will be taken up Thursday morning. A fuller report of the proceedings will appear in Friday's Gazette.

### Personals and Locals.

—Mr. Carl Finger, of Stanley, candidate for county treasurer, was in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mr. W. A. Leeper, of Belmont, was in Gastonia this morning en route to Dallas to attend court.

—Mr. Warren McGill, of Kings Mountain, was a Gastonia visitor Sunday.

—Mr. M. Kiser, of Bessemer City, route two, was a business visitor in Gastonia Friday.

—Mr. W. H. Adams spent Sunday in Raleigh with his brother, Mr. Harry Adams.

—Mr. Rufus Pasour, formerly county treasurer, who lives near Dallas, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. L. L. Jenkins arrived from New York Friday night and attended the funeral of the late John H. Craig Saturday afternoon.

—The winning ticket at H. Schneider's sale was number 49, but it has not yet been brought in. A nice prize is waiting for the holder.

—Rev. J. R. Scroggs, presiding elder of the Shelby District, will preach next Sunday morning at Main Street Methodist church.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemp Doughton, of Raleigh, returned yesterday to their home after spending a few days in Gastonia as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore.

—Messrs. T. B. Brown, of the J. M. Belk Company, and J. W. Kirkpatrick, of the Kirkpatrick-Belk Co., of Yorkville, left last night for the Northern markets to buy Spring goods.

—Rev. A. T. Lindsay and Dr. Lindsay, of Linwood College, left Friday night for Fayetteville, Tenn., in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of their father, Mr. John Lindsay.

—Mr. H. M. Lineberger returned Saturday night from a business trip of several days to Rock Hill, S. C.

—Miss Annie Detwiler, of Asheville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Beal.

—Messrs. John F. Leeper and A. R. Anders, as a committee appointed for that purpose by the board of county commissioners, have let to the York Bridge Co., of York, Pa., the contract for extensive repairs to the McAdenville and Armstrong Ford bridges across the South Fork.

—Mr. M. C. Fayssoix, yardmaster for the Southern at Greenville, S. C., spent several days last week here with his brother, Mr. J. R. Fayssoix who, his many friends will be glad to learn, is somewhat better, though still confined to his home. Mr. Fayssoix is an old Gastonian and his many friends were glad to see him here again.

—Mrs. G. E. Moore is still confined to her home at Pleasant Ridge as a result of an accident which occurred a week ago Saturday. Mrs. Moore was getting off a train when the train started suddenly, throwing her rather violently against the railing of the car steps. She suffered no serious injury but was painfully bruised by the fall.

—Mr. Bishop J. Currence and Mrs. P. R. Currence went to Charlotte Saturday to take Mr. V. C. Currence's little one-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, to the Presbyterian Hospital for treatment. A very delicate operation was performed on the child's skull, from which it seems to be recovering in a satisfactory manner.

—Mr. H. C. Williams, of Charlotte, father of Mr. John H. Williams, of Gastonia, is one of four stockholders in and promoters of a company recently organized to manufacture and put on the market a new patented extension car step for use on railway coaches. Mr. B. F. Massey is the inventor and the list of stockholders includes himself, Mr. Williams, Mr. A. M. Beattie and Mr. John S. Blake, all of Charlotte. This car step is made to take the place of the stool which the conductor or flagman now carries from the car platform and places on the ground at every station. It is simply an extension step worked either by a lever from the platform or automatically. The North Carolina Corporation Commission has examined the invention and in a recent letter to Mr. Williams the clerk of that body states that it appears to the commission to be a good thing and that it will submit it to the railroads doing business in this State.