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## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### NEW A. R. P. PASTOR.

Rev. R. R. Caldwell, of Steele Creek, Accepts Call to Bessemer City—Mr. Ural Whitesides Dead—Mrs. T. S. Royster Seriously Ill—Personal Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 14.—The Associate Reformed Presbyterian church having been without a pastor since Rev. E. F. Griffith resigned several months ago to take work in Northern Mississippi, invited Rev. R. R. Caldwell, of the Steele Creek church, near Charlotte, to preach for them last Sunday. Arrangements have been made whereby Mr. Caldwell will become the pastor of this church in connection with his present pastorate. An effort will be made to have him move his family here in the near future.

Rev. M. L. Hobbs, pastor of the Baptist church, went to Blacksburg Sunday night to preach, having been invited with a view of calling him for part of his time.

Mr. Ural Whitesides, who for several years has made his home with his brother, Mr. Melvin Whitesides, two miles west of here, was stricken with paralysis Friday and died Saturday afternoon. He was buried Sunday in Long Creek cemetery. Rev. S. S. Oliver, of Kings Mountain, conducted the funeral. Mr. Whitesides was well known in this part of Gaston county. He had been in failing health for several years.

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### LINWOOD COLLEGE LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LINWOOD COLLEGE, Feb. 14.—Since our series of meetings closed we have been at a loss as to what to do, but having so much work that must be done and many plans to carry out by the first of June we have decided to begin now and have everything prepared so that this will be the most successful and enjoyable commencement ever held at Linwood.

Miss Mary Smith, a student of Linwood, spent from Saturday until Monday with her sister, Miss Ada, who was once a student of Linwood but is now teaching near Bessemer City.—Mr. J. C. Plonk, of Cherokee Falls, S. C., and Rev. C. K. Bell, the Lutheran minister of Kings Mountain, spent a couple of hours at Linwood the past week.—Misses Margie Hoard, Aida and Essie Deal, students of Linwood, spent Sabbath with their parents.—Miss Mamie Caskey was

the guest of Miss Hoard while at home.—Misses Suddie Brooks and Annie Wilson spent Saturday night in Gastonia with Misses Pearl and Lena Hanna.—Miss Mae McLaughie has gone home to spend a few days, but will return soon to resume her duties.—Mrs. J. F. Pursley, of Bowling Green, S. C., spent Monday at the college with her daughter, Miss Macie.

Mr. John Miller, of Yorkville, S. C., visited his sister, Miss Barnette, Monday.—Mrs. Margaret Plonk, of Kings Mountain, and her daughter, Miss Lillie, of Cherokee Falls, visited Misses Laura Plonk and Nora Allgood Monday.—Dr. W. E. Lindsay, who was called to Due West, S. C., on account of the illness of Mr. Harry Lindsay, who is a student at Erskine, took the patient to his home in Tennessee and stayed until improvements were made and returned to the college Monday night.

The Young Women's Christian Association is doing good work this year and on last Wednesday night officers were elected for the following year. Miss Fannie Quinn, of Kings Creek, was elected president. She is an enthusiastic worker in this cause and in all things that are for good and the association feels proud of her as their president; vice president, Miss Cora Suther, of Newells, a good Christian worker; secretary, Miss Macie Pursley, of Bowling Green, who has taken an early stand in such work and we feel sure she will do her duty; treasurer, Miss Sadie Smith, of Charlotte, who at all times does conscientious work.

On Monday evening the senior class gave a Valentine party and sold refreshments. Every one present seemed to enjoy themselves.

### CLEMMER-MAXWELL.

Mr. Robert Clemmer to Wed Miss Gertrude Maxwell—Mrs. Lomendi McAlwain Dies at Age of 82—Items of News from Dallas, Route Two.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, ROUTE 2, Feb. 16.—Miss Essie Hallman was the guest of Miss Nell Setzer Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. B. L. Smith and Mr. T. A. Setzer attended the Farmers Union meeting in Gastonia Saturday.—Mr. Pinder Withers and Miss Lochie Withers, of Crouse, were the guests of Mr. B. L. Smith and family last week.—Mr. Will White, of Gastonia, visited Mr. W. B. Smith Tuesday.

A most pleasant affair was the party given by Miss Lizzie Rhine Tuesday night. Different games were played after which a sumptuous feast was enjoyed by the large number present.

An event which will be of interest to the entire community is the approaching marriage of Miss Gertrude Maxwell to Mr. Robert Clemmer. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mr. T. J. Maxwell and has numerous friends who wish her happiness. The groom is a son of Mr. Henry Clemmer. He has just returned from the standing army and will make his home here in the future.

The friends of Mrs. Lomendi McAlwain were very much surprised and grieved to hear of her death Tuesday. She was paralyzed about five years ago and since that time has been confined to her bed. She was 82 years old. She was before her marriage to Mr. John McAlwain, Miss Margaret Lomendi Jenkins. She was buried at Long Creek Baptist church. She leaves a son and daughter besides her grandchildren to mourn her loss. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

### FLINT MILL NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. FLINT MILL, Feb. 15.—Messrs. J. R. Withers, E. O. Sherrill and J. L. Price went to Florida the 11th on business.—Mr. Kincaid, of Shelby, has moved to the Flint.—Mrs. Chas. Smith was taken to the City Hospital for an operation Tuesday.—Mrs. Plato Ritchie, of Belmont, visited friends here this week.—Perhaps the many friends of Miss Lizzie Propat and Mr. Durham Weaver will be surprised to learn of their ap-

proaching marriage on Thursday evening, the 16th. This popular young couple will have the best wishes of their friends.

### MR. T. G. MATTHEWS DEAD.

Highly Esteemed Citizen of Clover Passes—Was Rural Mail Carrier for Nine Years.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CLOVER, S. C., Feb. 16.—Tillman Gaines Matthews died at his home on South Main street Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after an illness beginning June of last year. Matthews was one of Clover's most highly esteemed Christian citizens, living close to his profession. He was one of the main pillars of Clover Baptist church and in his death the church loses one of its main members whose place will be hard to fill.

Mr. Matthews has been carrier on rural route No. 1 since the service was instituted here nine years ago. He was always found faithful to his trust, endeavoring at all times to perform his duties as laid down in the law.

Mr. Matthews married Miss Bulah Doster, of Fort Mill township, ten years ago last Sunday. Their life together was a most lovable one, both being of the same faith and striving at all times to set before their fellowmen exemplary lives. Mr. Matthews is survived by his widow and two children, also by four brothers and one sister, namely: Messrs. W. M., D. A., R. A., J. L., and Miss Lizzie Matthews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Clover Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Lowe, assisted by Dr. R. M. Stevenson at 11 o'clock yesterday, after which all that was mortal of our friend was laid to rest in Woodside cemetery, there to await the final call of his Master.

### Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Feb. 16.—Messrs. Lawrence and Robert Beaty, Charlotte, spent the Sabbath in town.—Mr. Robert Dunn, our clever R. F. D. carrier on route two, drives in a little earlier these days. A brand new boy greets him.—Miss Margaret Kendrick, of Kings Mountain, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. L. Ware.—Mr. Robert F. Rankin, who has been in Sampson county for ten days, has returned.—Mrs. M. E. Duestoe, of Birmingham, Ala., is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Duestoe.—Miss Emma Henderson, an estimable aged maiden lady, is reported quite sick.—Capt. Wash Holland spent last Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Violet Dettler.

The betterment society will give a book reception on the 22nd for the benefit of the school library. Each guest will be expected to bring a book, or its equivalent in cash.—Miss Bertha Jenkins spent last Saturday and Sunday in Stanley with friends.—Miss Mary Hutchinson, student of Presbyterian College, Charlotte, is spending a few days at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson.—Mrs. Turner Johnson and Mrs. Tom McCoy went to Charlotte shopping Thursday.

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### SOCIAL.

A social event of large interest in Gastonia, as it has proven for the past four years, was the annual reception, the fifth, of the Commercial Club which was given Tuesday night from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock in the club rooms. Secretary and Treasurer J. K. Dixon and the banquet and entertainment committees of the club had labored diligently in preparing for this event and their efforts were rewarded with large success.

As the guests entered the club rooms they were presented to the receiving line which was constituted as follows: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Hop, and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby; Mr. J. K. Dixon and Miss Adelaide Erwin, of Morganton; Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilkins, Mr. Ed Pogram and Miss Mary Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Craig, of Statesville; Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Smyre, Mayor and Mrs. T. L. Craig, Mr. Lamar C. Pogram and Miss Mattie Caldwell, of Clover, S. C.

The guests then passed into the main club room where refreshments were served and where music was dispensed by Miss Lillian Atkins' Orchestra. In one corner, under a canopy of hearts and other valentine-like devices, was the punch bowl which was presided over by Mrs. Minnie Holland Curry and Mrs. D. M. Jones, who were assisted by Misses Lois Torrence, Lillian Watson and Myrtle Gray. The salad table was presided over by Mesdames C. K. Marshall, D. E. McConnell, and T. W. Wilson. At the ice cream and cake table were Mesdames S. N. Boyce, P. R. Falls, J. D. Moore and J. Lee Robinson, while Misses Ruth Boyce and Marie Hardin presided by Misses Lavinia Hunter and Nellie Rose Sloan dispensed coffee.

In decorating the club rooms the valentine idea was carried out in almost every detail, hearts prevailing everywhere. Palms, ferns and other potted plants lent beauty and attractiveness to the decorations. There were present a large number of Gastonians and quite a good many out-of-town people. The event was a most delightful one in every respect and all those who were present are indebted to the club for an evening of great pleasure.

The valentine party given by the Junior Auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal church Monday evening proved a most delightful affair. The rectory was a scene of beauty with its softly shaded lights, which intensified the attractiveness of the decorations, which were potted plants and bowers of white lilies. In the living room the mantel was banked with these stately flowers, impressing upon the guests the approach of spring.

The guests were met at the door by Miss Blossom Fayssoux, who presented them to the receiving line, which consisted of the following young ladies in appropriate costumes: Miss Lewis Fry as Queen of Hearts, Miss Mary Gordon Fry as Psyche, followed by little Miss Elizabeth Marshall, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Marshall, as Cupid. Miss Pauline Fayssoux as Venus, Miss Jennie Belle Brown the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Ellen Blair Harvie as Night, Miss Marie Hardin ushered the guests into the punch room where delightful punch was served by Misses Banks and Hampton.

The dining room was aglow with the soft lights of many candles, showing forth the decorations, which were festoons of hearts from the chandelier to each corner of the room. Delicious refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and heart-shaped mints were served. This artistically decorated room was presided over by Mesdames Stovall and Marshall, assisted by the following young ladies, Misses Janie and Janette Fayssoux, Lillian Stovall and Marlon Hampton.

A daintily decorated table holding the silver offering was in charge of another Cupid, Miss Elizabeth Love, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Love.

Mrs. H. B. Moore was hostess to the members of the Friendly Matrons Club last Thursday afternoon from three to six o'clock at her home on West Airline avenue. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After the guests had spent some time in social intercourse the hostess invited them into the dining room, which was very attractive with its decorations of ferns and flowers. Here the fourteen guests were seated around the table, made attractive

### MR. S. WITKOWSKY DEAD.

Expired Suddenly Tuesday in His Office—Prominent Building and Loan Developer.

Charlotte Observer, Wednesday.

Mr. Samuel Wittkowsky died in his office at the corner of North Tryon and West Fifth streets yesterday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock with shocking suddenness, death resulting, in the estimation of the physicians, from a stroke of apoplexy.

During the earlier part of the day Mr. Wittkowsky was in normal health and was busying himself about his affairs in the office and elsewhere.

Mr. Wittkowsky achieved a fortune since he came to Charlotte shortly after the war to engage in the mercantile business.

Mr. Wittkowsky was born May 29, 1835, in the eastern part of Prussia. He received only a free school education and at one time his parents were very wealthy. Through numerous afflictions and improper investments the resources of the family became scant and the deceased was thrown upon the world to make his own way.

A distant relative of the father of the deceased sent \$50 to the family which enabled Mr. Wittkowsky to come to America. When he reached the shores of this country he found that he possessed only three dollars in gold and bare clothing. A fellow-passenger from the far-away country was standing on the deck of the ship upon which Mr. Wittkowsky came to America and with tears in his eyes was pleading for enough money to enable him to land ashore. The deceased gave him the necessary amount out of his pittance and landed himself with just one dollar, this amount having at that time been demanded before a passenger could leave a ship.

Mr. Wittkowsky was one of the most prominent men in building and loan association circles in the United States. He was the father of the building and loan movement in Charlotte and had done much toward developing the idea all over the State. He had been prominently identified with the national organization of building and loan associations.

with cluny and carnations. The place cards were hand-painted in carnations. A most elegant course luncheon was served and the matrons spent a very delightful afternoon.

Saturday afternoon the U. C. Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Annie Latimer at her home on Franklin avenue. After a very interesting program, delicious refreshments were served.

The Study Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. A. Garrison. Besides members of the club, Mrs. Stella Schofield, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Miss Elva Wray, of Shelby, were present as invited guests. The subject for the meeting was "The Pilgrims" and early New England history and the following papers and readings were given: "The Spirit of the Puritans," by Mrs. W. H. Reddish; "Selections from the Courtship of Miles Standish," by Mrs. J. M. Sloan; two character sketches, "Roger Williams" and "Cotton Mother," by Mrs. Frank L. Wilson; reading, "The Landing of the Pilgrims," by Mrs. T. W. Wilson. Light refreshments were served at small tables, the centerpiece on each table being a bowl of violets. The place cards bore hand-painted violets on one side and appropriate quotations on the reverse. Comic valentines were passed, each guest being allowed to select her own.

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### A NEW TOWN?

Bill Introduced in Legislature to Incorporate Loray Mills—Gastonians Entirely Ignorant of Movement—Looks Like a Bad Move for Gastonia—Turn on the Light—Let Us Know What it Means.

"Stroup: Incorporate Loray Mills, Gaston County."

This little item in the list of new bills introduced in the House of Representatives Monday brought the first intimation most Gastonians had that the Loray Mills is seeking to effect a municipal incorporation. The provisions of the bill are not known yet to the public. Mr. Andrew E. Moore, assistant treasurer and general manager of the Loray Mills, is in New York, hence no information from first hand can be secured by The Gazette today. This paper has sent a request to Mr. Stroup for a copy of the bill and we expect to have it in time to give the details to our readers in Tuesday's issue.

Just why the Loray wants a separate municipal corporation, when the Loray community, physically speaking and to all intents and purposes is a part of the town of Gastonia, is not clear at this stage. In the absence from the city of Mr. Moore, The Gazette is unable to present the mill's side of the matter.

It is reported that the territory proposed to be incorporated is half a mile square and immediately joins the Gastonia corporate limits on the western edge.

Those business men whom The Gazette has asked for an opinion are unanimous in saying that, as they look at it, this is a bad move for Gastonia. It seems to be the general opinion that the Loray section of town rightly belongs within the corporate limits of Gastonia and, if it is incorporated at all at this time, it should be made part and parcel of the town of Gastonia. It is a fact recalled by most all Gastonians that previous movements looking to the annexation of this territory by the town of Gastonia have met with strong opposition on the part of the mill management.

Lack of space forbids going into details on this question today. One strong objection to the passage of this bill, however, may be mentioned now. That is that it would forever bar Gastonia from growing westward. If the town should make any rapid strides of growth it would, in less than ten years, grow all around the Loray and we would have a municipality within a municipality. Such a situation would be a most perplexing one.

This is a matter of vital importance to the town of Gastonia. It will certainly bear close inspection from every side. If it is a good thing for Gastonia, if there are strong and legitimate arguments in its behalf, then its promoters should not object to coming out and making a strong open fight for it. Let us have more light on this matter. Let the city council institute a thorough investigation and ascertain whether, as a municipality, we want to let this measure go through without a fight.

### DEATH OF YOUNG MATRON.

Mrs. Minnie Waldrop Died at Loray Tuesday Night—Funeral and Burial Wednesday.

After a brief illness Mrs. Nannie Waldrop, wife of Mr. J. J. Waldrop, died at her home at the Loray Mills Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, aged 28 years. Mrs. Waldrop was before her marriage Miss Nannie Hill, of Rutherford county, and is survived by her husband and two children, one an infant only a few days old. There also survive four brothers, Messrs. Charles Hill, of Gastonia; R. O. Hill, of Charlotte, and Alex and Barney Hill, of Rutherfordton, all of whom were present at the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted at the Loray Baptist church, of which the deceased was a faithful and loyal member, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Robinson, followed by interment in Hollywood cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. L. A. Barbee, Elbert Hardin, G. W. Nanca, Calbert, Geo. Harrell and Jake Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrop had been living at the Loray for about six years, or nearly ever since their marriage, and had many friends here whose tenderest sympathies go out to the stricken husband and the motherless little ones in their deep bereavement.