

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

BESSEMER BUDGET.

Sunnyside School Closes—Dr. Garren Better—Easter Services—Personal Mention and Newsy Briefs.
Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, April 17.—The Sunnyside public school, three miles out the Cherryville road from here, closed last Friday with a ball game in the afternoon between the Sunnyside team and the Long Creek team, and a debate at night. The debate attracted the entire country-side and the young disciples of Demosthenes acquitted themselves admirably. The question discussed was Woman suffrage and the young men participating were Sample Hagar, Walter Hoyis, Walden Weaver and Grady Kiser. The school has been taught by Mr. R. C. Caldwell, of Cherryville; Miss Bessie McKeown and Miss Mary Hagar, of route two. The patrons of the school express themselves as greatly pleased with the character of work done.

Miss Zona Stroup, of route one, who is a senior student at Davenport College, Lenoir, came home Friday to spend Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stroup. Miss Zoe Ormand, a student in the Normal Institute at Asheville, came home to spend Easter. She will return this afternoon by way of Spartanburg. Dr. R. E. Garren returned Wednesday from the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, where he has been for two weeks recovering from an operation for appendicitis. His many friends here are delighted to learn that he is rapidly gaining strength and expects to be about his work within the next few days.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday school gave an Easter program Saturday night which was greatly enjoyed by a large congregation. A revival meeting began in this church yesterday to continue through this week. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Lay, is being assisted by Rev. W. H. Braswell.

Miss Lula Hornbuckle, of Kannapolis, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her brother, Mr. J. E. Hornbuckle. Mr. J. E. Settlemeyer, of Chester, S. C., spent the week-end here visiting relatives—Miss Nellie Hicklen, of Lowryville, S. C., has purchased from Mr. W. P. Bumgardner his home in the eastern part of town and has moved here to make this her home. Mr. C. F. Boyd, of Gastonia, route one, was here last Thursday on business. Dr. T. H. Royster and Mr. E. E. Dettler were Charlotte visitors last Thursday. Mr. Frank Frye was in Gastonia for a few hours Saturday.

The second quarterly conference for this pastoral charge will be held at Concord Methodist church next Saturday and Sunday by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, of Shelby. Dr. Turrentine will preach at Concord Saturday morning and Sunday morning and in the Bessemer City church Sunday night.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in the Methodist church here was attracted last night to witness the Easter exercises rendered by the Sunday school. A large number crowded the aisles and stood during the entire service while many others were unable to get into the house at all. It is putting it mildly to say that the occasion was a most enjoyable and helpful one. The music was a special feature.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, April 17.—The Red Men had an interesting time here Saturday night. They did work in the third degree and had the pleasure of entertaining the members of Gastonia Tribe No. 46. This order is entering its third year here and has in the neighborhood of sixty members.

his sick daughter, who has been in a hospital in Atlanta. He reports that she is getting along nicely, which will be good news to her many friends in Gastonia. Mr. J. C. Poole is visiting friends and relatives in Oklahoma and Texas. Dr. James A. Anderson was a Charlotte visitor last week. Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Shields spent Sunday in Lowell with their son, Mr. R. B. Shields, and wife.

Mr. R. R. Ray leaves tonight for Philadelphia and New York where he will spend several days on business. Mrs. A. M. Dixon, of Gastonia, spent some time here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray. Mr. H. L. Roberts, of Salisbury, was a McAdenville visitor last week. Mr. T. A. Stewart, of Bessemer City, was here Friday. Mr. Charles D. Phippen, of Greensboro, has moved his family here. He has a position with the McAden Mills. Mr. M. B. Albee spent Saturday and Sunday with his family in Charlotte. Mr. L. W. Jenkins spent Sunday in Greensboro with friends. Mrs. J. C. Walker visited relatives in Spartanburg, S. C., last week. Mr. John M. Branch, of Gastonia, spent Sunday here with his son, Mr. J. R. Branch. Mr. J. P. Brittain spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Lincoln. Mr. A. C. Kelly was a Charlotte visitor, Friday. Miss Blanche Armstrong and Miss Lettie Norman, of Charlotte, were McAdenville visitors Sunday.

Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CROUSE ROUTE 1, April 15.—The baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Carpenter has been right sick but is some better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carpenter were in Crouse shopping Thursday. Vernon, the little nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kiser, has been right sick but is resting well today. Little Miss Dovie Panther visited at Mr. Julius Alexander's Sunday. Mr. John A. Kiser and family spent Sunday at Mr. M. A. Carpenter's. Mr. W. R. Carpenter went to Mortimer Sunday to relieve the telegraph operator at that place for a few days. Messrs. F. B. Carpenter and J. M. Alexander attended court at Lincoln Wednesday. Messrs. J. M. Alexander and Benjamin Ross were in Gastonia Friday on business. Messrs. Christy Kiser, Clay Kiser, Charlie Carpenter, Lester Tritt, S. L. Carpenter and E. M. Quinn attended the county meeting of the Farmers Union at Gastonia Saturday.

Strange, But True.
Catawba County News.

Make an error in reporting a bit of news, and inside of ten minutes after the paper has been sent out, in comes the person whom it affects; write a column about him in praise, commendation, advertisement of his business, and "divvil a word" do you ever hear from him. That's part of a newspaper's experience.

April 12th a Legal Holiday.
Monroe Enquirer, 13th.

Yesterday, April 12th, was a legal holiday in North Carolina. On the 12th day of April, 1776, the people met at Halifax and passed resolutions of independence. If you will notice the State flag, which ought to float from every school house in the State, you will observe the date April 12, 1776. That date is a mark of honor to the passing of the Halifax resolutions. The Legislature of 1909 made April 12th a legal holiday, but it is not generally observed throughout the State. So far as legal holidays are concerned we have too many of them, anyhow.

Thirteen women will hold important municipal offices in Colorado as the result of last Tuesday's elections. Pueblo, the State's second largest city, elected a woman auditor and Leadville, Telluride, Idaho Springs, Greeley and Montrose elected women treasurers, as did the small towns of Fair Play and Ridgeway. There are four women members of the Colorado legislature and one of the commissioners of the county of Denver is a woman.

UNION NEWS NOTES.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

UNION, April 17.—Mr. Fred Riddle spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riddle. The children of the neighborhood enjoyed a lively egg-hunt at the school house Friday afternoon. Miss Mamie Henderson spent several days last week in New Hope with her sister, Miss Pearl Henderson, at Mrs. C. A. Womble's. Miss Edna Stroup has gone to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Poovey, at Weaverville. Miss Mabel Patrick spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Patrick. Miss Pearl Henderson's school at New Hope closed Friday afternoon and she is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sparrow spent last week at Olney attending Kings Mountain Presbytery. Mr. Robert Wilson attended the play at Belmont Friday night. Dr. G. R. Patrick and Miss Ruth Patrick attended Kings Mountain Presbytery last week. Misses Lena and Blanche Wilson were Gastonia shoppers Saturday.

Personals and Locals.

Mr. Will Wetzel, with the Abernethy-Shields Drug Company, is spending a few days at Rowland.

Mr. Sidney Winget left this morning for Winston-Salem and Greensboro on business.

Mrs. R. C. Warren is entertaining the Tuesday Afternoon Club at her home on South York street this afternoon.

The Gazette is requested to state that the Woman's Hospital Association will hold its regular meeting at the Gaston Hospital tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Clare Henderson is again with the Abernethy-Shields Drug Co. during the absence from the store of Mr. Charles Gray, who is recuperating from a recent illness.

Mayor and Mrs. T. L. Craig and Miss Lillian Watson returned this morning from Newbern after a visit to Mrs. Craig's father, Mr. W. M. Watson.

Prof. J. A. Livingston, of Brevard, has purchased an interest in The Progress Publishing Company and it is understood will arrive some time next month to assume active connection with the firm.

Word was received here this morning that Mr. William Crowood is very low at his home about one mile from Bessemer City. Mr. Arrowood is 95 years of age and there is little hope of his recovery. He is the father of Messrs. L. C. and D. M. Arrowood, of Bessemer City.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Gastonia, and Mr. Frank L. Jackson, manager of the Montreat properties at Black Mountain, spent yesterday in Asheville perfecting some details in the transfer of the Huyler holdings to the Mountain Retreat Association. Mr. Anderson is expected home tonight.

Boys, get in the corn club contest. There is time yet. Write Prof. F. P. Hall, of Belmont, to enter your name in the contest and then make up your mind to go in to win. There will be a number of handsome prizes to win, a list of which has been appearing from time to time in The Gazette. We expect to add to this list considerable in the near future.

Mr. Summey C. Cornwall, the civil engineer, was awarded the contract by the Treasury Department, to furnish surveys and blue prints of the site for the Gastonia federal building and is engaged today in making the survey. The specifications call for information down to the minutest detail. For instance he is required to give the number of trees on the site, the kind and size of each, the character of the soil, and a hundred and one other things. The survey he furnishes is preliminary to the drawing of the plans for the building itself. Gastonians are hoping and expecting that the contracts will be let and work commenced on this building some time during the coming summer.

A CANNING FACTORY.

Mr. C. S. Brown Making Arrangements to Begin Operation of New Industry in June—Has Large Possibilities.

Gastonia is to have a new industry in the shape of a canning factory. The Gazette learns from Mr. C. S. Brown of the firm of C. S. Brown & Co., proprietors of the Gaston Vegetable & Seed Farm, that he is now making arrangements looking to this end and expects to have his plant ready for operation. It will be located just south of Gastonia a short distance on land leased by this firm and which they are cultivating for the first time as a truck farm.

In talking to The Gazette man yesterday Mr. Brown said:

"Our plan will be either to purchase all surplus fruits and vegetables grown around Gastonia at a fair market price or do canning on shares at the option of the grower."

He added that he would be pleased to discuss the matter with all the growers of truck or fruit in this immediate territory in order that he might approximate the amount of fruit and vegetables that could be secured here for packing under favorable conditions. He further stated that, to secure the success of this enterprise, they need and will do everything possible to merit the patronage and co-operation of growers, merchants and consumers.

That there is room for such a plant here does not admit of argument. During the winter months thousands of cases of canned tomatoes, beans, peas, corn and other vegetables are purchased by the local merchants for the local trade. There is no reason why all of this could not be grown and packed right here at home.

Mr. Brown is very enthusiastic over the prospects for this canning plant and is sure that success awaits the venture if only the people here will co-operate with him.

Gastonia Defeated.

In the game of baseball between the teams of the Gastonia and Shelby High Schools, played at Shelby yesterday afternoon, Gastonia was defeated by a score of 10 to 6. Gastonia was in the lead until the sixth inning, when the score was tied. In the eighth Shelby made five runs and in the ninth the Gastonia boys were only able to score one. White's playing at third for Gastonia was especially good. Batteries: Gastonia, Pearson and McLean; Shelby, Moore and Anthony.

Alabama Abandons State-Wide Prohibition.

State-wide prohibition was abandoned in Alabama last week when both branches of the Legislature adopted the Smith liquor regulation bill. This provides that 45 per cent. of the voters of a county may petition for an election to determine whether liquor shall be sold in that county, either by saloons, dispensary or otherwise. Each county is thereby given full power to regulate its liquor traffic.

Rev. J. Frank Harrelson, of McAdenville, was here Saturday for the declaration contest.

Miss Gerolene Barnwell, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Barnwell, won the handsome pair of white rabbits given away Saturday night by the Torrence-Morris Company, jewelers. Miss Lucy Wilson, the winsome daughter of Dr. Frank Wilson, won the second prize, a half-dozen Easter eggs. When the drawing of names commenced at 8 o'clock the store was crowded to its capacity, there being a hundred or more children and others present. Mr. James Leach was blindfolded and drew the names from a box. The event was one of the features of Easter-tide to the young folks of the town.

Mr. J. M. Parker, a Gaston county man residing in North Charlotte, died last Wednesday at the home of his son, Mr. A. B. Parker, at that place, aged 76 years. He had been in failing health for some time. He was a native of Virginia but was living in Gaston county at the outbreak of the civil war. He enlisted in Company H, Fifty-Second Regiment North Carolina State Troops and served the South valiantly. He lost his left leg at the battle of Petersburg. At the close of the war Mr. Parker returned to Gaston and made his home here until he went to Charlotte two years ago. He lived in Stanley. A wife and several children survive.

GASTONIA BOY WINS.

Mr. Miles O. Thornburg Awarded Declaimers Medal in Saturday's Contest—Nine Young Men Speak for It—All Acquitted Themselves Well—Two More Medals Next Year.

Mr. Miles O. Thornburg, of the Gastonia high school, won the S. N. Boyce gold declaimer's medal in the contest held Saturday afternoon at the county court house, in which there were nine representatives from various schools in the county. His subject was "The Popular Election of United States Senators" and he demonstrated the fact that he has talent in this line. Mr. Thornburg is from the El Bethel section, near Kings Mountain. He is a nephew of Mrs. O. W. Davis, of Gastonia, with whom he makes his home.

All of the young men acquitted themselves well, two or three besides the winner exhibiting special talent for speaking in public and acquitting themselves with special credit. Following is a list of the speakers and their subjects as they came on the program, viz:

Fred M. Arrowood, Bessemer City, "The Black Horse and His Rider."

Clyde Bass, Stanley, "Americanism."

William Black, Cherryville, "The New South."

Fred Farris, "Our Flag."

Edgar McLean, Gastonia, "Belshazzar's Feast."

Clarence Rhyne, Dallas, "The Province of History."

Ralph Stowe, Dallas, "Abraham Lincoln."

Vernal Summitt, Cherryville, "Rome and Carthage."

Despite the very inclement weather there was a good crowd present and it showed its appreciation of the contest and the contestants.

County Superintendent of Education F. P. Hall presided and made a brief statement before the program was taken up. He laid stress on the great value to young men of being able to stand before an audience and speak. Inability to address a crowd, he told his hearers, was a great drawback to men. It is usually the man who can face the people and give voice to his ideas that carries the day. Another man may have sounder judgment and better ideas but, unless he has the ability to place his ideas before the public in speech, he can accomplish but little.

It was a realization of the importance of cultivating the speaking habit in our public schools and a desire to encourage the young men in this line of endeavor that induced Mr. S. N. Boyce, cashier of the First National Bank of Gastonia, to offer a gold medal to be given annually to the young man in the county who is adjudged to be the best declaimer. The contest is open to every one of the sixty white school districts in the county and each district is limited to two contestants. This was the first contest held. It is probable that next year the number of contestants will be much larger.

The judges for the contest Saturday were Recorder D. B. Smith, of Charlotte; Prof. J. B. Henson, of Mt. Holly, and Prof. J. Y. Erwin, of Kings Mountain. They were out in the audience and the speakers were unaware of their identity until the contest had closed. In awarding the medal Recorder Smith made a most appropriate speech.

Supt. Hall announced that next year there would be two other gold medals offered in county contests. One, given by Mr. David P. Dellinger, of the local bar, will be given to the young lady of the county who best delivers a recitation. The other will be given by Messrs. Long Brothers, of Gastonia, to the best debater among the young men of the county. This probably means that there will be three contests.

Band Concert To-Night.

Beginning at 8:15 o'clock tonight an open-air concert will be given on the public square by the Clara Concert Band. Provided these concerts are well attended and prove popular, they will probably be given at regular intervals throughout the summer.

The Georgia prison commission has recommended to Governor Brown that he grant an unconditional pardon to Thomas Edgar Stripling, the former police chief of Danville, Va., who killed a man in that State 14 years ago and escaped while being taken to the penitentiary. His fate now rests with the governor.

DIES AT ADVANCED AGE.

Mr. J. T. McMackin, Grandfather of Mr. Fred M. Howell, Passes at Eighty-Seven—Was a Confederate Veteran—Funeral and Burial at Bethany Yesterday.

Mr. Fred M. Howell, of Gastonia, was called Sunday morning to Bethany, York county, on account of the critical illness of his maternal grandfather, Mr. J. Thaddeus McMackin. Death came at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon following a serious illness of six weeks. Death was due to paralysis together with a complication of diseases. Prior to the stroke which resulted in death Mr. McMackin had been in the enjoyment of good health. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. R. M. Stevenson, the pastor, officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Bethany cemetery.

Deceased was born in the same community in which he died February 7, 1824, being thus in his 88th year. He married a Miss Quinn who preceded him to the grave thirty years or more. Surviving are three sons and one daughter, viz: T. E. and Robert G. McMackin, of Bethany; Horace McMackin, of Chitota, Texas, and Mrs. N. A. Howell, of Bethany.

Mr. McMackin was a Confederate veteran, having served throughout the civil war in one of the South Carolina regiments. He served the Southland valiantly during that long and bitter struggle. He was a splendid citizen and enjoyed the highest esteem of all who knew him.

MEETS ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Mr. John S. Hoover, of Mecklenburg, Brother of Mr. Andy Hoover, of This County, Victim of Peculiar Accident.

The following item from yesterday's Charlotte Chronicle will be of interest to many Gazette readers inasmuch as Mr. Hoover was known to many people in Gaston county:

"One of the most peculiar and distressing accidents which has ever occurred in this community, in some time, happened near Matthews Saturday morning, when Mr. John Scott Hoover, a prominent farmer of the Morning Star section, stumbled in alighting from his buggy in such a manner as to throw his weight on the back of his neck, which was broken by the force of the fall.

"This accident occurred in the vicinity of Matthews and caused much excitement and universal regret in the neighborhood in which the deceased lived. It seems that Mr. Hoover, who was quite an elderly man, in some unknown manner, either stumbled or caught his foot, while alighting from his conveyance and received the fall which caused his death. The spinal cord was snapped by the impact of his fall and he died in a few moments afterward.

"Mr. Hoover is survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. M. Shaw and Mrs. W. C. Neal, of this city, and by two brothers, Messrs. Andy Hoover, of Gaston county, and Jim Hoover, a resident of the eastern part of the State."

DROWNED IN CATAWBA.

Rev. McNeely DuBose, Prominent Episcopal Minister, Loses Life in Sad Tragedy, Near Morganton—Body Not Yet Found.

Rev. McNeely DuBose, one of the most prominent Episcopal ministers in the State and until recently rector of Grace church, Morganton, lost his life early Saturday morning in a very tragic manner. Together with his two young sons he had gone out several miles from Morganton to hunt ducks on the Catawba river, which was partly swollen by the recent heavy rains. In attempting to wade the river to secure a duck which he had shot and which fell on the opposite side of the stream, he was drawn into a swift current and drowned. Searching parties have been dragging the river for his body but so far it has not been found.

Dr. DuBose was for 19 years rector of Trinity church at Asheville and was for several years at the head of St. Mary's College, Raleigh. Some months ago he resigned his pastorate at Morganton because of ill health and had been spending the winter in Florida. He was widely known and greatly beloved by hosts of people in all sections of the State.

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