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## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
CROUSE, R. F. D. 1, April 25.—The farmers in this section are now planting corn and cotton.—Sunday school begins at Lander's Chapel the first Sunday in May. It is hoped that the older people will attend as well as the young folks.—Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Kiser and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carpenter Sunday.—Mr. Alex Kiser and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. W. R. Huffstetler.—Mr. and Mrs. Flay McGinnis spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carpenter.—Mr. C. E. G. Pasour and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. W. R. Huffstetler.—Mrs. Susan Huffstetler spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Carpenter.—Mrs. Essie Rash spent Sunday with her grandfather, Rev. M. L. Carpenter.  
We are glad to note that Mr. Luther Carpenter came home Sunday from the Lincoln Hospital, where he has been for nine weeks and has had several operations. We hope that he will soon get strong again.  
Mrs. Docia Cody and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Rev. M. L. Carpenter.—Mr. and Mrs. Pender Alexander spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Mr. Luther Costner's.

CROUSE, R. F. D. 1, April 24.—Mr. William Keever spent Sunday night with Mr. John A. Kiser.  
Misses Venia and Emma Lee Carpenter visited their cousin, Miss Ella Kiser, Saturday night.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carpenter spent Saturday night with Mr. B. F. Carpenter.—Misses Lochie and Mary Withers spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Julius Alexander.—Mr. and Mrs. Pender Alexander visited at the home of Mrs. Alexander's parents Saturday night.—Mrs. Francis Kiser returned home Sunday after a week's stay with her son, Mr. A. B. Kiser, at Bessemer City.—Mr. Chas. Eads spent Thursday night with Mr. Julius Alexander.—The little three-months-old twins of Mrs. Ollie Carpenter were buried at Webb's chapel last week.  
We would like to see something in the columns of The Gazette about the special school tax election, as some of our people do not seem to understand it.

### Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
DALLAS, Route 1, April 26.—Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Lutheran missionary to Japan, who is at home on a furlough, addressed an interested audience at Antioch Monday afternoon.—Mrs. Robert Littlejohn has been very sick during the past week.—Miss Etta Pasour visited Mrs. J. N. Moore Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ratchford were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. G. L. Best.—Miss Estelle Jones visited at the home of Mr. M. B. Willis Sunday.—Mrs. C. R. Pasour visited Mrs. J. L. Clemmer Friday.—Mrs. Jonas Rhyne and daughter, Miss Annie, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. C. Best.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holland visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert Littlejohn, Sunday.—Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour and children visited friends at Bessemer City Sunday.  
The little child of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thornburg has been quite sick during the past week.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Eliza White.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White spent Saturday and Sunday in North Gaston visiting at the home of Mr. Michael Kiser.—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pasour spent Sunday at the home of Mr. E. Cloninger.—Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ratchford and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. C. L. Thornburg.—Mrs. Rupert Clemmer and Miss Lila Clemmer visited Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour Friday.—Mr. Jasper Ratchford, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with home folks in this section.—Misses Hester and Bertha Best visited the Misses Pasour Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Jenkins visited at the home of Mr. Grier Jenkins Sunday.—Mr. George Ratchford, of Dallas, spent

Sunday in this section with homefolks.

### TOMLIN-GROVES.

Mrs. Mattie Bradley Groves Becomes Bride of Mr. C. A. Tomlin, of Iredell County—Pretty Ceremony Performed at Home of Bride's Father in West Gastonia.  
Correspondence of The Gazette.  
WEST GASTONIA, April 26.—A social event of much interest to West Gastonia was the marriage of Mrs. Mattie Bradley Groves, daughter of Rev. F. W. Bradley, to Mr. C. A. Tomlin, of Statesville, which took place at the handsome residence of the bride's father on West Franklin avenue this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The bride was beautifully attired in a navy blue traveling suit with hat to match and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses with a bridal wreath. Miss Della Nolen, the maid of honor, wore a king's blue serge suit with hat to match.  
The room was beautifully and tastily decorated with white roses and wild flowers; the prevailing color scheme of green and white was consistently carried out. The wedding procession entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Mrs. F. W. Bradley, the bride couple were preceded by Miss Nolen and Mr. R. L. Sloan, the groom's best man, who stood on each side of the altar during the impressive ceremony which made the happy couple man and wife.  
The ceremony was performed in the presence of a host of invited guests by Rev. F. W. Bradley, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. A. Peeler, the bride's pastor. The happy couple left on train No. 12 for their new home near Statesville carrying with them the congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of friends in Gastonia. The festivities will be continued in the form of a large reception given in honor of the bride and groom by the friends of Mr. Tomlin at Statesville. The popularity of the couple was attested by the large number of handsome presents of cut glass and silver presented by their friends.  
Mrs. Groves is one of Gastonia's most popular and attractive ladies and is widely known and admired by a large number of acquaintances. Mr. Tomlin is a wealthy and prosperous farmer of Iredell county and has one of the most handsome homes in that section. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin our best wishes and hope for them a most happy life in their new relation.

### WORTH NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
WORTH, April 26.—Communion services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran church Sunday. A large crowd was present.—Rev. M. L. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Pearl, visited Rev. J. M. Senter and family Saturday night.—Miss Lucy Hedgepeth entertained a number of her friends with a pound party Saturday night.—Miss Nettie Costner spent Sunday with Miss Belle Costner.—Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, a missionary to Japan, gave an interesting lecture at Resurrection church Sunday afternoon.

### BESSEMER ROUTE ONE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 1, April 24.—Wheat crops are looking fine in this section. The farmers are all glad to get to work again. There has been very little done on the farms this spring on account of the rains.  
Mr. Emmet Witherspoon, who has been in school at Wake Forest, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Witherspoon.—Mrs. Noah Stroup was a Cherryville visitor Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mary Mauney.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Witherspoon were in Cherryville Thursday shopping.—Mr. N. B. Kendrick and family, of Cherryville, were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. B. L. Mauney.—Mrs. Mary Mauney and Mrs. B. E. Mauney spent Thursday in Bessemer City with friends.—Mr. Iva Witherspoon, of Claremont, has

been spending some time with his uncle, Mr. John Witherspoon.—Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter, of Cherryville, spent a few days last week with friends in this community.—Mrs. S. E. Clemmer and daughter, Miss Ida, of Crowders Creek, spent several days of last week with Mrs. Clemmer's father, Mr. Columbus Stroup.—A good crowd was in attendance at the communion service which was conducted Sunday at Concord Methodist church by Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine.

### LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
WEST GASTONIA, April 27.—The Lutheran people of West Gastonia have organized a Sunday school with Mr. H. W. Counts as superintendent. The services are held in the Lindsay building on West Franklin avenue Sunday afternoons at 2:30 o'clock.—Mr. B. W. Boyd was called home from school at Catawba College last week to be with his brother, Mr. C. M. Boyd, who underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at the City Hospital.—Miss Leslie Bradley and Mrs. Mattie Groves spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Robert Groves and family in Lowell.—Mr. N. K. Reid, of Charlotte, came over Wednesday to attend the Tomlin-Groves Wedding.—Mrs. R. E. Lee, of the Arlington Mill, is spending the week with her grandmother at Crouse.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robinson spent last week with friends and relatives near Newton.—Miss Flora Harvel was taken to the City Hospital Wednesday where she will be treated for pella.—Miss Pearl Edwards has recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis.  
The young men of Franklin Avenue Methodist church have organized a Baraca class with Mr. L. G. Hooper as president. The class will meet on the last Friday evening of each month.—Mrs. G. S. Horton, of the Loray, who has been very sick for the past few days, is able to be out again.—Miss Bertha Callahan will entertain a number of friends at a fruit supper Friday evening.  
The Loray Tigers, not quite so ferocious as they once were, are getting ready for the coming season. They will only organize an amateur team, but expect to be able to handle any of the local teams. Saturday, April 29th, they will play the Spencer Mountain boys on their ground.  
Mr. B. P. Robinson has resigned his position as section hand in the spinning room to accept a position in the machine shop.—Miss Nell White, of Bessemer City has arrived to take charge of the millinery department of the H. W. Counts Co. Miss White is a very attractive young lady and comes highly recommended as a first-class milliner. We extend to her a most cordial welcome to our end of town.—Messrs. W. A. Boyter, C. T. Settlemeyer and Will Gilliam, with Misses Bertha Johnson, Fronie Wyatt and Eugenia Corn, attended services at St. Mary's College, Belmont, Sunday afternoon.—Mr. F. L. Hudson is visiting relatives in the country this week.—Mr. J. W. Kaylor had the misfortune of getting his arm pretty badly cut on a rip saw at the Loray Wednesday morning. The wound was dressed by Drs. Reid and Stovall and he is doing very nicely.—Mr. D. C. Elliott has purchased Mr. F. L. Hudson's line of barber tools, and will continue the business at the same old stand next door to S. Settlemeyer.—Mr. J. W. Sarvis has resigned his position as machinist with the Loray and will move his family to the Arlington Mill some time in the near future.—Mr. Joel Broom, of the Louise Mill, Charlotte, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at the Loray.—Mr. C. T. Shible, of Union, S. C., was a pleasant caller here Sunday.  
The handsome new residence that is being erected on West Franklin avenue by Mr. Mac Bradley will soon be completed. The building is a brick structure, and is being built by Mr. H. F. Oakley. When finished it will be one of the prettiest homes in West Gastonia, and will add considerably to the appearance of this end

### BIG CLASS OF TYROS.

Forty-one Crossed Hot Sands Here Tuesday Night—Ceremonial Conducted by Team from Suez Temple, Charlotte—Banquet in the Wee Sma' Hours—Many Visiting Dokies.

Gastonia was the scene Tuesday night of many strange doings, albeit the public saw not, though perhaps they heard strange sounds emanating from the fifth floor of the Realty building. While the Clara Concert Band made music at the square and while visiting Dokies hee-hawed, the tyros were marched up and down Main avenue tied together, some of them bearing around their necks placards of various styles and kinds. This was merely preliminary to the "real thing" which was given them later.

Forty-one candidates were in waiting when the degree team of Suez Temple No. 73, of Charlotte, having prepared the Knights of Pythias hall for the ceremonies, let it be known that they were ready for "fresh meat." Then the fun began and it continued to a late hour. It was about 1:30 when the ceremonies closed and the crowd repaired to the Craig & Wilson building to partake of a banquet which was prepared and served under the supervision of Mr. S. S. Morris of the Crown Cafe. There were 125 at the tables.

The degree team and a goodly number of Dokies, from Charlotte and other nearby towns reached Gastonia on No. 41 Tuesday afternoon at 5:35, coming in a special car. Later a good many others came in automobiles. There were about 100 visiting Dokies all told. They all enjoyed the occasion immensely and were fully repaid for their trouble in coming to Gastonia for the event. Most of the visitors returned to their homes on No. 44 early Wednesday morning, though not a few from Cherryville and other nearby points went through the country, leaving immediately after the banquet.

The officers of Suez Temple who were here were as follows, viz: Roy-aj vizer, L. L. Caudie; sheik, W. G. Lake; Mahedi, R. J. Cochran; grand ermo, J. L. DeLaney; satrap, J. H. McMurray, sahib, T. P. Ross; secretary, A. E. McCausland; treasurer, W. T. McCoy; Mokanna, J. G. Baird; Joe, David Owens; electrician, James Northey; attendants, W. T. Rowland, A. F. Hartzell; master of properties, E. W. Berryhill; assistant, J. F. Kelly.

Following is a list of the tyros who crossed the hot sands and became votaries of the order:

R. L. Adams, C. B. Armstrong, J. W. Atkins, R. B. Babington, W. D. Beam, J. F. Bess, R. J. Bingham, E. M. Craig, J. E. Falls, J. W. Falls, Chas Ford, D. A. Garrison, G. G. Glenn, P. N. Glenn, D. D. Grier, V. G. Grier, E. N. Hahn, L. L. Hardin, D. Lebovitz, G. H. Marvin, H. B. Moore, A. G. Myers, C. M. Nolen, S. A. Robinson, H. Schneider, J. M. Sloan, H. P. Stowe, H. M. VanSleen, W. Y. Warren, Willis Wilson, all of Gastonia; M. W. Belue, Blacksburg, S. C.; C. C. Goldberg, Charlotte; G. R. Grice, Dallas; W. H. Houser, Cherryville; Charles Kneble, Charlotte; R. A. McArver, Bessemer City; M. L. Mauney, Cherryville; James E. Page, Clover, S. C.; W. H. Rameur, Bessemer City; E. J. Rhyne, Dallas; L. C. Robertson, Charlotte; M. L. Witherspoon, Cherryville.

### The Dinner to Ex-Slaves.

In the item in Tuesday's Gazette with reference to the dinner which the Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will give on the afternoon of May 10th to ex-slaves of the county it was erroneously stated that all colored people in the county who were born in slavery would be eligible to partake of the dinner. We are requested to state that only those male slaves who either accompanied their masters to war or who, remaining at home, did some service for the Southern cause are eligible. All such can obtain tickets to the dinner by applying to Mayor T. L. Craig. They are requested to do so at once so the ladies may know how many to prepare for.

of town.

Troy, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lewis, who has been very ill with meningitis for the past two weeks, is slowly improving.—Mr. O. W. Mayfield and his brother have returned to the Loray.—Messrs. Tal-mage Wilson and Thomas Patton have gone to Danville, Va.

### TICKET IS NAMED.

Mass Meeting Nominates Old Board of Aldermen and School Commissioners—Last Night's Session Most Harmonious—Special School Tax Discussed.

No more harmonious mass meeting was ever held in Gastonia than the one of last night which was called for the purpose of naming a municipal ticket for the approaching election, which is to be held Monday, May 1st. There was not a discordant note throughout the entire session. The meeting was held in the city hall, which was comfortably filled when Dr. R. M. Reid, chairman of the Citizens Executive Committee, called the House to order shortly after 8 o'clock. The object of the meeting was stated and it was apparent, after a very few minutes, that it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the best thing for the town would be to keep the present officials in power for another two years. A motion was made and carried that nominations be by acclamation inasmuch as there were no opposing candidates.

The nomination of a mayor and members of the board of aldermen and board of school commissioners by wards was then taken up and nominations were made as follows, the nominee in each case being the incumbent:

Mayor—T. L. Craig.  
Aldermen:  
Ward No. 1—J. O. White.  
Ward No. 2—S. M. Morris.  
Ward No. 3—A. B. Elliott.  
Ward No. 4—C. L. Chandler.  
Ward No. 6—J. H. Separk.  
Ward No. 7—John O. Rankin.  
School Commissioners:  
Ward No. 1—B. F. S. Austin.  
Ward No. 2—A. M. Smyre.  
Ward No. 3—S. Settlemeyer.  
Ward No. 4—T. M. McIntire.  
Ward No. 5—S. N. Boyce.  
Ward No. 6—D. E. McConnell.  
Ward No. 7—J. P. Reid.

A committee composed of Mr. W. T. Rankin, Mr. J. O. White and Mr. B. T. Morris, was named to select the names of seven men, one from each ward, to present to the meeting as nominations for membership on the Citizens Executive Committee. The nominations made by this committee were accepted and the committee as elected for the ensuing two years is constituted as follows:

Ward No. 1—C. J. Huss.  
Ward No. 2—F. L. Smyre.  
Ward No. 3—James Stubbs.  
Ward No. 4—A. B. McAllister.  
Ward No. 5—A. E. Moore.  
Ward No. 6—S. A. Robinson.  
Ward No. 7—R. B. Babington.

While the committee was out selecting the names for the Citizens Executive Committee there was a general discussion of the matter of providing a primary for the nomination of municipal candidates in the future. It was almost the unanimous opinion of the meeting, however, that there was really no need of a primary. After some discussion a motion was made and carried to the effect that the committee have the power to order a primary in the future if they find that conditions are such as to render it advisable or necessary.

At the conclusion of the routine business Mr. S. N. Boyce, who is a member of the county board of education and also of the city school board, made a brief talk on the special school tax election. He said there was much misunderstanding among the people generally over the county in regard to the provisions of the bill. Those who are opposed to it are trying to scare the people with the cry of increased taxes. Mr. Boyce explained the provisions of the bill and showed the audience that, with a new assessment of property this year under a new method and with the addition to the school levy over the State of two cents on the \$100 worth of property as provided for by the last General Assembly, there would in reality probably be no need of the levying of the 12 cents additional tax which this special election, if it carries, will give the school board the right to levy. There will, at the most, be stated, be the necessity of levying only a small part of the 12 cents, if any of it is needed. The bill, in reality, is for the purpose of giving the school board the means to raise additional funds if it should become necessary. If property is re-assessed next month as the law requires that it shall be assessed there will in all probability be sufficient funds to meet all the expenses of the schools without taking advantage of the

### TAX ASSESSORS MEET.

County Assessor A. C. Stroup and Assistants Hold Conference—Work of Listing Property Will Commence Next Monday.

Mr. A. C. Stroup, tax assessor for Gaston county, and the seven assistant assessors representing the six townships and Gastonia, met in the court house this morning at 10 o'clock for a conference. They are to begin their work of assessing property next Monday, the 1st day of May, and this meeting was for the purpose of discussing the provisions of the machinery act and formulating a plan of procedure.

A member of the Corporation Commission will be in Gastonia in about ten days to instruct the assessors and to discuss with them freely and fully the plans they are expected to follow in assessing property.

Following is a list of the assistant tax assessors who were appointed by the board of county commissioners the first of April:

Crowders Mtn. township: John T. Oates.  
Cherryville township: Jacob Kiser.  
Dallas township: John F. Puett.  
Gastonia, city: R. M. Johnston.  
Gastonia township, outside: W. A. Falls, Jr.  
River Bend township: W. B. Rutledge.  
South Point township: S. E. Rankin.

### To Go to Mexico.

Captain A. L. Bulwinkle, commandant of Company "B," North Carolina National Guard, known as the "Gaston Guards" was yesterday designated as one of four North Carolina officers to go to the Mexican border for training with the regular army. The other three officers designated are Capt. C. L. Freeman, of Burlington; Capt. J. M. Pearce, of Wilson, and Lieut. Col. A. H. Taylor, of Washington, N. C. This is the third group to go and they are to report at San Antonio on May 11th.

The Gazette is requested to state that Rev. B. L. Stroup, of Newton, will preach at the Gastonia Lutheran church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and that Rev. R. L. Patterson, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, Charlotte, will preach at 7:45 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. John Hall, is attending the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod which is in session at Monroe. He will preach Sunday morning and night at St. Mark's Lutheran church, Charlotte.

powers given by this bill. Mr. Boyce told briefly of the great handicap under which our city schools are now being operated. The board is conducting the schools within the income but in order to do so forced to maintain an inadequate number of teachers and to skimp at many places thus putting a damper on the work.

Mr. O. F. Mason made a ringing speech in favor of the special tax election and what he said made a strong impression on the audience. It is the duty of every citizen, he said, to assist in providing for the children the best educational opportunities possible. It is not a matter of generosity or of charity but a plain duty that we cannot afford to shirk. Gaston county, he said, stands in rank with the most progressive and prosperous counties in the State. To hold this position we must push forward. There's no standing still. This is an age of keen competition. The equipment for life that the men of the present generation have will not suffice for the coming generation. They must be better educated because they must meet a keener competition from all quarters. He compared conditions in Gaston county today with those obtaining a generation or more ago and attributed our marvelous progress to our advancement in things educational. Mr. Mason's plea for this special tax was indeed a strong one and cannot fail to produce results.

Short speeches were heard also from Messrs. A. G. Mangum, D. E. McConnell, W. T. Rankin, C. L. Chandler, L. L. Hardin, R. B. Babington and others. The mass meeting seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the idea that it is all important that this election carry. Mr. Boyce urged every friend of the schools to see that he was registered for the election. It is an entirely new registration and every citizen who expects to vote should register at once.