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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

LORAY SCHOOL CLOSES.

Successful Session Comes to an End—Mr. and Mrs. Settlemyer to Make Extended Western Trip—Personal Mention and Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, May 12.—The Loray school closed Friday, May 5th, with a holiday and a very pleasant time for both teachers and students. The teachers had intended to take the children to the country and have a picnic dinner in the woods but the rain came and spoiled their plans, so they had to be content with spreading their dainty and delicious luncheon in the school building. A number of nice presents were awarded the students for good deportment, punctuality and advancement. This has been one of the most successful years in the history of the school and the patrons are highly pleased with the work that has been accomplished by Miss Gamble and her assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Settlemyer will leave Friday night for a four-weeks stay in the West. They will attend the Confederate reunion at Little Rock, Ark. From there they will visit their brother, Mr. Noah Settlemyer, who has a large farm and ranch at Neesho Falls, Kan. Two other brothers, Messrs. Frank and Monroe Settlemyer, will join them there. This will be a very pleasant visit indeed as Mr. Settlemyer has not seen his brother since he went to seek his fortune in the far West some forty-odd years ago. They will then go to Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend several days.

Mr. Sylvester Elliott and Miss Ada Elliott and Miss Lena Wright, of Fallston, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott last week.—Mr. A. C. Little returned from Huntersville yesterday where he attended the funeral of his mother.—Mr. G. R. Hooper, formerly of Gastonia but who is living at Lumberton, spent a few days in Greenville, S. C., last week and on his way home he stopped over in Gastonia to visit his mother.—Messrs. F. W. Bradley, A. B. Elliott, T. O. Plyler and E. L. Jenkins attended district conference at Shelby Wednesday.—Mr. Hoke Hughey has gone to Tucapau, S. C., to be with his father who is very ill.—Mrs. Julius Newton is visiting her father in Greenville, S. C., this week.—Mr. R. O. Hill and family of Dallas, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Selvey.—Miss Dollie Price, of Mayesworth, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mae Young.—Mr. Will Gowens and family have moved from Tucapau to the Loray.—Mr. B. O. Prince and family have moved here from Lenoir.—Mrs. E. S. Fletcher was taken to the City Hospital Monday where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis.—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton arrived Monday from Spencer.—Mr. Lee Quinn has succeeded Mr. J. A. Hill in the woodshop.—Mr. W. A. Allen, of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday here with his son, Mr. J. B. Allen.—Mr. Ed Harvell, of Lawndale, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Messrs. L. B. Wilson and M. L. Hull spent Sunday in Kings Mountain.—Mr. J. B. Allen's children are spending the week with their grandparents in Kings Mountain.—The members of the Loray Baptist church are putting a nice carpet on the floor this week.—Miss Dora Eaker, of the Arlington, is spending the week with her mother at Lincoln.—Mr. and Mrs. John Howe, of Belmont, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howe at the Arlington.—Mr. R. F. Littlejohn and family have moved to the Arlington.—Miss Janie Thomas will return to her home at Clinton, S. C., today.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baker, Messrs. D. C. Elliott and C. T. Settlemyer and Misses Nell Gans and Fronie Wyatt attended a singing at the home of Miss Nell White at Bessemer City Thursday evening.—Miss Bertha Johnson will entertain a number of friends at a lawn party Friday evening.—We know somebody what's to be married 'fore long, but we ain't a gonna tell.

MRS. CYNTHIA RHYNE DEAD.

Wife of Mr. Ambrose Rhyne Dies at Her Home on Dallas, Route One, at Age of 69—Buried at Antioch Church.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Route 1, May 15.—Mrs. Cynthia Rhyne, wife of Mr. Ambrose Rhyne, died at her home on route one last Thursday from a severe attack of pneumonia.

She is survived by a devoted husband; three daughters, Misses Mary and Nannie Rhyne and Mrs. S. L. M. Pasour; one brother and one sister, also hosts of relatives and friends. The funeral was held from Antioch Lutheran church, of which she was a faithful member, by her pastor, Rev. P. D. Risinger, Friday morning at 11 o'clock. One of the largest gatherings of people ever seen at a funeral in this section were present to pay their last respects to the dead body. After an appropriate sermon the body was laid to rest in the cemetery beneath a covering of beautiful and choice flowers.

Mrs. Rhyne was Miss Cynthia Shetley before her marriage and was born and lived all her life in this neighborhood. She was 69 years of age.

DALLAS, Route 1, May 15.—Mrs. Joseph Holland and children and Mrs. Margaret Whitesides were the guests Wednesday of Mrs. William Harmon.—Misses Edna Best and Annie Rhyne spent Saturday very pleasantly the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pasour.—Miss Etta Pasour returned home Sunday from a visit to relatives and friends in Lincoln county. While there she attended the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Lincoln last Thursday.—Mrs. J. N. Moore, who has been suffering from an attack of malaria for the past month, is slowly improving.—Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Best visited at the home of Mr. John Lineberger Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pasour spent Saturday and Sunday in the Hoyle's Creek section.

Mr. J. A. Hovis, of Shelby, spent the week-end in this neighborhood visiting relatives.—Mrs. Margaret Whitesides, of North Gaston, visited her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Holland, last week.—Mrs. Robert Littlejohn has been right sick during the past week.—Messdames Robert Holland and Arthur Jenkins visited friends in Gastonia several days last week.—Misses Maggie and Ethel Gamble visited Misses Belle and May Clemmer Sunday.—Miss Ferrie Jenkins, of Gastonia, was the guest of her brother, Mr. Arthur Jenkins, Sunday.—Mrs. L. C. Pasour and little daughter, Lottie, visited at the home of Mr. A. M. Pasour Wednesday.—Miss Rose Pasour, of Worth, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Pasour.—Miss Janie Brandon, who has been spending some time at the home of Mr. J. N. Moore, returned to her home in the Union neighborhood Sunday.—Miss Jennie Gamble, of Bessemer City, is spending several weeks with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christie Jenkins.

UNION NEWS NOTES.

Correspondence of The Gazette. UNION, May 15.—Misses Lena Wilson and Mary Nolen and Mr. D. F. Harrison left this morning for Little Rock and other points in Arkansas.—Misses Pearl Henderson and Fannie Kate Wilson will return Thursday from Red Springs where they have been attending school the past session.—Miss Ruth Patrick is attending commencement exercises at the Presbyterian College, Charlotte, this week.—Miss Mary White is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. J. N. Moore, at Dallas.—Miss Sarah Hoffman and Mr. John Puett, of Dallas, were guests at Dr. G. R. Patrick's Sunday.—Miss Janie Brandon has returned from a visit to friends near Dallas.—Mrs. W. M. Glenn is on the sick list this week.

TWO DEATHS AT STANLEY.

Mr. William Richards Succumbs After Long Illness—Was Native of England—Mr. John Thompson Dies After Brief Illness.

Correspondence of The Gazette. STANLEY, May 15.—Mr. William Richards died Thursday night at 9 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. M. Summerrow, with whom he had been living for the past four and a half years. For three and a half years of this time he had been confined to his bed from gangrene in his left foot, which within the past month also developed in the right foot and was the cause of his immediate death. Although the end was expected it came as a shock to his family and friends. All through his affliction the patience and endurance that he manifested was something wonderful.

The simple but impressive funeral service was conducted from the home Friday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. W. S. Hales, assisted by Rev. R. H. Cline and his remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery. Messrs. Jacob Jenkins, M. B. Peterson, R. Shook, S. J. Black, J. L. Shelton and W. B. Rutledge were the pall-bearers.

Mr. Richards was born in Cornwall, England, in 1827 and came to America in 1846 and in 1851 married Miss Mary Ann Smith, of this place, who died twenty years ago. From this union three daughters and three sons, twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive, two daughters, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren having died in infancy.

Mr. John F. Thompson, a successful young farmer, died at 1:30 Saturday morning at the home of his brother, Mr. H. F. Thompson, after an illness of about two weeks from fever. The funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. W. S. Hales Saturday afternoon at 3:30 and interment was made in the city cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. G. Rutledge, A. J. Shelton, J. M. Reinhardt, O. B. Carpenter and J. K. Moore.

He is survived by a wife and two children besides a grand father and grand mother, father and mother, three sisters and three brothers who have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement. He was only 22 years, two months and a few days old, and was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Thompson with whom his wife and children will make their home in the future.

Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CROUSE, Route 1, May 13.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alexander visited at Mr. John F. Carpenter's Saturday.—Mr. Pender Withers was the guest Sunday of Mr. M. M. Alexander.—Quite a large crowd of our people in this section attended the old soldiers' reunion and the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Lincoln Memorial Day.—Mr. John Kiser and family visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Kiser's father, Mr. John Huss, in Lincoln county.—Mr. LaFayette Carpenter and family spent Sunday with his grandfather, Mr. M. L. Carpenter.—Mrs. Frances Carpenter was a guest Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Huss.—Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kiser visited Sunday at the home of her father, Mr. Julius Alexander.—Mrs. Noah Carpenter spent Sunday with her father, Rev. M. L. Carpenter.—Mr. F. B. Carpenter and family spent Thursday at Kings Mountain with Mr. Carpenter's brother, Mr. Walter Carpenter.—Mr. H. B. Kiser and family, of Bessemer City, were the guests Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Kiser's father, Mr. P. S. Carpenter.

—Misses Georgia Connelly and May Durham and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Corwell spent the week-end at Connelly Springs and Rutherford College, returning yesterday.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Interesting and Well Attended Session of Shelby District Conference Closed Friday.

Correspondence of The Gazette. SHELBY, May 12.—The district conference of the Shelby district, comprising the counties of Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties, met in annual session in Central Methodist church here Tuesday night. The first service of the conference was a sermon that night by Rev. N. M. Modlin, pastor of the South Fork circuit. He used as his subject "Religion as Treated by James" and divided his subject into three topics as follows, viz: Theoretical or head religion, heart religion and external religion. His discourse was a very fine effort and his argument on this vital subject was forceful.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the conference proper met with Rev. S. B. Turrentine in the chair. Rev. J. Frank Armstrong was elected secretary, a place which he has filled for a number of years. A number of committees were appointed and conference adjourned at 10:50 to attend the Memorial Day services held in the court house.

The conference met at 2:30 p. m. and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. L. Smith, a local preacher, after which Rev. W. S. Hales, secretary of the committee on committees announced the various committees.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins and Rev. C. J. Woodson, of the Baptist church, were introduced to the conference. The larger part of the afternoon session was taken up with hearing reports from the pastors. Before adjournment Rev. C. F. Sherrill, of Matthews station, Charlotte district, was introduced, after which the conference adjourned.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock Rev. W. S. Hales, of Stanley, preached to a large congregation from Acts 1:8, his subject being "Power."

Thursday morning conference met at 9 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Lucas, a local preacher, after which Revs. L. E. Stacy and J. B. Carpenter, of Rutherfordton, were introduced to the conference. Reports and discussions were entered into, after which Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, of Greensboro, presented the claims of the church paper. The presence of Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of Broad Street Methodist church, Charlotte, was noted. Reports were continued and home mission interests discussed. Rev. Dr. Daniel, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Memphis, Tenn., and Rev. James Thomas, pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian church, were introduced to the conference.

Thursday afternoon the sum of \$100 was subscribed for the support of a ministerial student to be selected by a committee of the conference. At 8 o'clock Thursday night the conference enjoyed a splendid sermon by Rev. G. D. Herman, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, Gastonia, from Rev. 1:5-6. The discourse was a powerful presentation of the great love of God.

Friday morning the devotional service was conducted by R. B. Miller, of Shelby, who is quite an active layman. Reports from the local preachers of the district were then heard, their characters passed and licenses renewed. An interesting session of the laymen of the district was presided over by Mr. J. S. Martin, of Shelby, lay leader for the district. Reports were read from the Women's Missionary societies of the district.

At the afternoon session Friday reports of committees were read and adopted and the following delegates to the annual conference elected: George A. Hoyle, A. J. Rankin, W. L. C. Killian, G. T. Hefner; alternates, J. H. Separk, N. A. McIntosh, J. A. Anthony, L. L. Smith. Trustees for the district parsonage were elected as follows: Geo. A. Hoyle and W. D. Lackey. Cherryville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Whose Brother is the Other?

Hickory Democrat. Since Rev. A. C. Dixon, of the Moody church, Chicago, has been called to the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, which, we believe, is Spurgeon's old church, all the papers are saying that he is "Tom Dixon's brother." No, Tom is A. C.'s brother, and the preacher is just as famous and much greater than Tom. He never rocked the boat like Tom.

DIES AT ADVANCED AGE.

Mr. Abram B. Titman Succumbs to Infirmities of Old Age—Was in His Ninetieth Year—A Confederate Veteran.

At the home of his son, Mr. A. W. Titman, near Lowell, Friday night about 9 o'clock Mr. Abram B. Titman died at the advanced age of 89 years, seven months and 16 days. Death was due to the infirmities of old age coupled with the rupture of a blood-vessel which occurred several days previous while he was on a visit to another son, Mr. Robert Titman.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at New Hope Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a member, by the pastor, Rev. R. S. Burwell, and Revs. R. A. Miller, of Lowell, and J. J. Kennedy, of Gastonia. Interment was in the New Hope cemetery.

Mr. Titman was born in this county, or as it was then, Lincoln county, September 26, 1821, and had spent all of his life in this immediate section. He was a Confederate veteran, having served in the Thirty-Fourth North Carolina Regiment, Scales' Brigade. His wife who was, before her marriage Miss Elizabeth Matthews, a sister of Misses Maggie and Rebecca Matthews, of New Hope neighborhood, preceded him to the grave thirty years. Surviving are three sons and two daughters, viz: Mr. Matthew Titman, of Lowryville, S. C.; Mr. Robert Titman, of Lowell, and Mr. A. W. Titman, at the old home place; Mrs. W. C. Wilson, of Gastonia, route three, and Mrs. John W. Lowry, of Lowell.

Mr. Titman was a most excellent citizen and lived an exemplary life. He had many friends all of whom heard with regret of his death. His mind was clear to the last and his friends found great pleasure in his company. His bereaved children and other relatives have the sympathy of many in their bereavement.

Story Hour at Library.

The library will be open Wednesday morning, May 17th, from 10 to 11 o'clock for children only. The children from five to twelve years of age are cordially invited to come and hear readings from "Uncle Remus."

A Small Fire.

A fire which broke out about 9 o'clock Saturday night partially destroyed the waste house at the Holland Manufacturing Company's plant in the northern edge of town. The city fire department responded quickly to the alarm and did splendid work. The loss is between \$500 and \$800, partially covered by insurance. It is not known how the blaze originated. The house was locked at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Goes to Trinity.

It will be a matter of interest to his many friends in this section to know that Prof. Irving B. McKay, an old Kings Mountain boy who has for the past seven or eight years been connected with Rutherford College, has resigned to accept a tutorship at Trinity College. His resignation is to take effect at the end of the present session. Prof. Crenshaw, of the faculty, will succeed Prof. McKay as president of the college, a position which he has held for three or four years past. In connection with his duties as tutor Prof. McKay will pursue advanced studies at Trinity. During the summer vacation he will travel in the interest of Trinity College and Trinity Park School.

Commissioners Back Down.

Maxton Scottish Chief. The election appointed on the farm life school proposition to take place Tuesday was called off on Monday by the county commissioners who met in special session at the request of some of the leaders of the movement. They believed the farmers for whom the bill was passed were about to vote it down and therefore asked the commissioners to call it off and save further expense the county.

—Mr. Kenney Harmon and Miss Georgia Wright were married yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Magistrate Thomas H. White at the home of the groom's father, Mr. John Harmon, at the Old Mill. The bride's home is at Gaffney, S. C., though she has been working here for some time at the Old Mill.

SLOAN'S FERRY BRIDGE.

Gaston and Mecklenburg Commissioners at Joint Meeting Adopt Specifications—Another Meeting May 31st to Receive Bids.

On last Tuesday afternoon, May 9th, an adjourned meeting of the board of commissioners of Gaston county was held at the court house and Messrs. Long, McKee and Felix Beatty, of the Mecklenburg board, attended the meeting as representatives of the Mecklenburg commissioners.

Following are specifications for the Sloan's Ferry bridge. The roadway is to be 18 feet wide in the clear, floor 15 feet above high water, which is 46 feet above low water mark, if earth fills are used for approaches, and 3 feet lower than this mark if steel approaches are used. Bids will be asked for on two main plans, with some variations of details.

Bids will first be asked for on an 800 foot bridge with cylinder piers at either bank and concrete pier in center; with concrete piers throughout, and steel approaches from one or both sides of the river.

The second plan calls for bids on a bridge 1053 feet in length with earth fills for approaches, these fills to be made by the two counties with convict labor. Bids will be received for both concrete and steel construction, and the commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. A conservative estimate of the cost of the bridge is from \$40,000 to \$45,000 according to the plan finally adopted. Another joint meeting will be held in Charlotte on Wednesday, May 31, to open and consider bids.

MR. WEBB PLEASED.

Tells Washington Correspondent of His Visit to Gastonia—Many Commended Him for His Vote on Reciprocity.

Washington Cor. Charlotte Chronicle, 13th.

Representative E. Yates Webb, of the ninth North Carolina district, returned to Washington today from Gastonia, where he delivered the address at the Confederate Memorial Day exercises.

Mr. Webb was enthusiastic over the reception tendered him by the people of Gastonia. He said that there was assembled the largest crowd he had ever seen in the town and hundreds of them commended him on his vote on reciprocity.

A feature of the day's program was the dinner given to about a hundred former slave negroes. Several hundred of these faithful old negroes were given a dinner such as they have not had since slavery days. After the dinner was all over the negroes joined in singing "The Old Time Religion."

Giving a dinner to former slaves on Memorial Day, as it is said, an innovation. The dinner at Gastonia Wednesday is probably the first of its kind ever given, but it is needless to say that it will not be the last.

TO BEGIN AT ONCE.

Work of Dredging Big Long Creek to Commence Right Away—Much Land Will be Reclaimed and Health Conditions Bettered.

The following from The Dallas Advocate of the 12th will be of interest to many of our readers:

The land-owners living along Big Long creek met here Saturday and decided to begin dredging that creek at once. There were a few present who did not think it advisable to begin the work so soon, but a large majority thought the opportune time had arrived. It will cost a large amount of money to do this work but if the land lying along the creek can be reclaimed and placed in a cultivating condition the money used will be properly expended.

The creek is causing quite a good deal of sickness throughout the community and we believe it nothing but right that persons living near the creek should contribute liberally to help pay the expense of dredging. It will not only benefit the land-owners but the health of our community will be greatly improved. We hope the committee will consider the above and do all in their power to raise a handsome sum from persons living off the creek.

—Miss Zoe Latham will entertain the S and O Club tomorrow afternoon.