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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

REVIVAL AT BESSEMER.

Rev. G. D. Herman Conducted Successful Series of Services—Young Folks Home From College—Brief Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, June 5.—A very fine series of revival services was concluded at the Methodist church last night after having continued through the week beginning May 29th. The meeting as previously announced was in the hands of Rev. George D. Herman, of Main Street church, Gastonia. It was the first opportunity the Bessemer City people had had of hearing this popular pastor and your correspondent speaks only the truth when he declares that without reference to church affiliations they were greatly pleased and benefitted. In fact it is the opinion of many that not in a long while has there been preached in any church in town a series of stronger, clearer sermons. Mr. Herman ranks with the best preachers in this section.

As a result of these bold, plain, presentations of truth thirty-three persons gave their names for membership in the church and it is possible that the number may be increased to forty in the "follow-up" services.

Special services were held in the A. R. P. church the week preceding the above meeting. Pastor Armstrong, of the Methodist church, preaching on Thursday night and Pastor Hobbs of the Baptist church conducting the service on Friday night, the remaining services being conducted by Pastor Caldwell.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Anna Starr Hight, of Louisville, to Mr. Eli Earle Deter, of this place. The marriage will be celebrated in the Baptist church of Louisville Wednesday morning, the 14th instant. The bride-to-be for the past two years has taught in the Bessemer City graded schools and is regarded as a young woman of extraordinary gifts in the school room as well as possessing social charms. Mr. Deter is a popular pharmacist having been in business here for a number of years.

The many friends of Mr. Floyd Whitney, are congratulating him on his graduation from the State University last week and particularly because he won first honors of his class. Mr. Whitney is the talented and genial son of Attorney and Mrs. C. E. Whitney.

Miss Pearl Thornburg arrived here from Weaverville College, Asheville, last week where she graduated with a large class of young men and young women. Miss Thornburg was awarded a gold medal for having written the best thesis on the life of St. Paul.

Misses Zona Stroup and Myrtle Kiser, of route one, are at home from Davenport College, Lenoir, where the first-named graduated with honor. Mrs. Barbara Kiser and Miss Beulah Kiser visited Mr. J. J. Kincaid here Saturday and Sunday. Misses Beulah Collins and Aida Phifer are spending some days in Rock Hill attending the closing exercises of the college there and visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harrelson, of Cherryville, were here a short while Saturday on their way to McDenville to spend Sunday with their son, Rev. J. Frank Harrelson.

Mr. John Hastings, after spending some days here visiting homefolks, returned this morning to his work in Bennettsville, S. C.—James Ross, the little son of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Caldwell, is very ill at this writing.

The little child of Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Hobbs has been quite sick for several days but is growing somewhat better. Misses Annie and Edith Phifer spent Saturday night with the family of Mr. William Ransauer. Mrs. E. L. Fronberger was at Gastonia shopper last Friday. Mr. Platt Smith, of Gastonia, was here yesterday to the very great delight of his friends.—Franklin, Jr., the thirteen-months-old child of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Armstrong, was very sick yesterday but is better today.—Mrs. J. P. Chandler and children are spending the week at Belmont visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rankin.

Col. W. B. Rodman, of Charlotte, for the past seven years division counsel for the Southern Railway, having charge of all legal matters for the company in North Carolina, has resigned his position effective July 1st and will move to Norfolk, Va., to practice law.

Col. F. M. Locke, chairman of the Texas secession convention which deposed Gov. Sam Houston, died suddenly Sunday night at El Paso, Texas, aged 57. He fought through the Mexican war and was a colonel in the Confederate army.

President Taft yesterday created something of a sensation when he rebuked Col. Joseph Gerrard, commanding the cavalry post at Fort Myers, Va., for disapproving Private Frank Bloom's effort for promotion because of Bloom's Jewish parentage. Col. Gerrard's endorsement characterized Jews as "not desirable social associates." President Taft stamped the expressions as those of narrow race prejudice.

NEWS FROM ROUTE FOUR.

Correspondence of The Gazette. GASTONIA, Route 4, June 3.—Miss Ida Clemmer spent Thursday with Miss Fairy Puckett.—Garrison, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lewis, has been quite sick from whooping cough but is much improved.—Miss Annie Wright has been quite sick for the past few days.—Mr. Harry Bradley spent Sunday with Mr. Judson Shannon.—Mrs. W. R. Thomas spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Puckett.—Messrs. W. L. Howe and brother, Ralph, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Puckett.—Miss Ida Clemmer and brothers, Sloan and Ernest, spent Tuesday at Bessemer City with Mr. Lee Clemmer.—Master John Clemmer, of Bessemer City, spent Tuesday with Messrs Sloan and Ernest Clemmer.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hendrick spent Sunday in Bessemer City with their son, Mr. Bayard Hendrick.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 1, June 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Royster spent Sunday at Mrs. M. E. Hager's.—Mr. W. A. Dameron is all smiles this week. It is a girl.—Miss Mary Hager is still quite ill at this writing. One of Mr. Vick Payne's children is also sick.—Mrs. Etta Taylor, Mr. C. W. Clark and Miss Lucy Clark spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Sarah Deck and family.

Mrs. Alice Huffstetter and son, of Mobile, Ala., are spending some time with relatives and friends in this section.—Mr. John Metcalfe spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Hager and family.—Mrs. Sarah Deck, Misses Maggie and Louise Deck and Misses Pearl and Lida Huffstetter were in Cherryville shopping Thursday.—Mr. Rob Irwin and Mr. J. T. R. Dameron attended court in Gastonia last week.—Miss Myrtle Kiser has returned from Lenoir, where she has been a student in Davenport College during the past session.

If reports from various sources are correct it is a fact that wells in most if not all sections of the county are the next thing to dry. A gentleman from South Point township remarked a few days ago that his well, which usually had 20 feet of water in it, was down to eight and still falling. Many others had had to splice out their ropes and lengthen their chains. The rivers and creeks are also very low. Unless there is rain soon there is some danger of a water famine.

Mr. E. Lee Wilson, who recently purchased the livery business of Mr. W. C. Davis, tells The Gazette that during his first ten days of business here he has been highly pleased with the patronage he has received and also by the kind reception which Gastonians have extended to him. He expects to move here just as soon as he can secure a suitable residence. Mr. Wilson says it is his intention to run an up-to-date stable all the time and to merit the patronage of the public.

ADVERTISING NORTH CAROLINA IN THE BEST WAY.

It has been said that North Carolina is being held back by the ignorance of four million people; of course, they are not North Carolinians themselves, but citizens of other States who don't know the wonderful advantages of living in the "Old North State."

From time to time some muck-raking publication has worked up a yellow story on the Negro Question in the South or Moonshiners, or illiteracy among the whites. It is truly refreshing to have a publication like the National Magazine, which is a known disciple of the "Happy Habit," send its representatives here to describe the many wonderful things that North Carolina excels in.

In the National for June appears a travel sketch covering almost the entire State and vividly describing the many parts of the country in a way that is bound to hold the attention of the public for many a day. If the State had authorized a commission to prepare a book calculated to bring in desirable home-seekers and manufacturers, it could not have done the work better than the National Magazine people have worked it out.

Every citizen of the State ought to buy at least one copy to read himself and then send to a friend. Every business house and corporation ought to buy a hundred or more and see that every copy is mailed to a desirable family that may be induced to come and become citizens with us.

The work of the National is commendable and valuable, but let's follow it up as it should be followed up by every man and woman doing a citizen's duty. This is a "boosting" proposition—the way they do things out West. The time has come to wake up here in North Carolina and proclaim ourselves. It only costs fifteen cents to join the Boosters Club and get a copy of this big booster story. At newsdealers or of the National Magazine, Boston, Mass.

Personal Mention.

—Mr. S. P. Stowe, of Belmont, was a Saturday visitor to Gastonia.

—Mrs. John H. Williams and children, of Charlotte, are visiting her father, Capt. C. M. Nolan.

—Mr. Joseph H. Adams left this morning for Rock Hill, S. C., on a visit to his sister, Mrs. P. A. Neal.

—Mr. Arthur C. Jones left Saturday for Abingdon, Va., to visit his father.

—Miss Edna Jenkins, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in town with homefolks.

—Mrs. Lida Adams Cannon, accompanied by Miss Emily Adams, left yesterday for her home near Rock Hill, S. C.

—Mr. Carl Carpenter left yesterday for Fairfield, Hyde county, on a visit of several days to Mr. Spencer, a college-mate of Mr. Carpenter.

The members of the police force are wearing new summer uniforms and helmets. They were bought through the Swan-Statler Co.

—Mr. Amos Morris returned last Thursday from Durham where he was a student at Trinity Park School. During the summer he will be with the Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.

—Mrs. J. M. Barkley, of Statesville, and Mrs. R. K. Gregory, of Greensboro, mother and aunt of Mr. Barkley, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Barkley at their home on West Second avenue.

The Gastonia Chapter, Daughters of Liberty, will give an ice cream supper Thursday night in the lobby of Lumina Theatre. A part of the proceeds of the show will also go to the Daughters of Liberty.

Efford's advertises for Friday, Saturday and Monday a big shoe and Oxford sale. A feature of their advertising this week is a show window full of shoes and oxfords—looks like there might be a thousand pairs.

Depot Agent Abernethy requests The Gazette to state that during the remainder of the summer, beginning Saturday, the 10th, the freight warehouse will close every Saturday at 1 p. m. instead of 5 p. m. as heretofore.

Solicitor George W. Wilson is in Charlotte this week representing the State in Mecklenburg Superior Court, which convened in its June term yesterday morning. The docket is a light one. Judge Biggs is presiding.

—Mrs. W. F. Pearson left this morning on No. 39 for Asheville to spend several days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. H. Armstrong and other friends. On her way back she will stop for several days in Spartanburg to visit Mrs. Lou Wood.

—Mr. Ralph M. Stevenson, of Clover, passed through the city Saturday en route to Charlotte where he goes to join the baseball team of that city. Mr. Stevenson was last year in the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania.

—Mr. C. G. Hill, formerly money order clerk in the Columbia, S. C., postoffice, has arrived in the city and entered upon his duties as city mail carrier succeeding Mr. G. S. Kester, who left last week to exchange positions with Mr. Hill.

—Mr. M. C. D. Owen and family leave today for Hickory where they will reside in the future. Mr. Owen having accepted a position with the Singer Sewing Machine Company as manager of their Hickory branch. Their friends here regret to see them leave.

An automobile party, consisting of Messrs. Alex Sprunt, of Wilmington, J. O. Cobb, of Durham, Joe Moore, of McConnellville, Miss Lida Caldwell, of Charlotte, Miss Nell McLean and Mrs. and Miss Crosswell, of Greenville, S. C., passed through town Friday en route from commencement at Davidson to Greenville. Miss Nell McLean accompanied the party this far on their trip.

City Tax Lister John R. Rankin has a notice elsewhere in today's Gazette that should be read by every property owner or taxpayer. For the remainder of this week, up to Saturday, he will be at the several mills in town, the notice specifying the dates and places. After Friday he will be at the city hall every day during the month of June and everybody is asked to come promptly and give in their property and polls for taxation. The new arrangement brought about by the recently amended machinery act has probably misled some. Under its provisions Mr. W. N. Davis, list taker for the State and county in Gastonia, has been at work since the 1st of May and many people have already been to the city hall and given him their lists. These, however, will have to come again and list with Mr. Rankin for the city, as the time for city listing remains the same as heretofore, namely the month of June. If you have not seen Mr. Rankin as well as Mr. Davis you have yet to give in your property, etc., for the city. Mr. Davis will be at the city hall to list you for county and State taxes until June 15th.

TWO SERMONS AT ERSKINE.

Rev. E. K. Hardin Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon and Rev. S. W. Reid Preaches Sermon to Theological Students—Large Congregations Heard Both.

Sunday was a great day at Due West, the occasion being the baccalaureate sermon before the students of Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary by Rev. E. K. Hardin and the sermon before the theological students by Rev. S. W. Reid. Yesterday's Charlotte Observer carries under a Due West date line of Sunday a synopsis of both sermons and comments on them as follows:

Before the usual large crowd which always graces the occasion of the baccalaureate sermon, Rev. E. K. Hardin, of Spartanburg, today delivered a forceful and inspiring sermon in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, before the members of the graduating classes of the two colleges. The spacious church was filled to overflowing, the large audience being composed of the students of the two colleges, the people of the town and surrounding country and a host of visitors, who are attending the commencement exercises. In the pulpit with Mr. Hardin were Revs. J. S. Moffatt and R. L. Robinson, presidents respectively of Erskine and the Due West Woman's College. Both of these ministers took part in the devotional exercises.

By his able discourse on this occasion, Mr. Hardin fully sustained his reputation as a logical thinker, versatile writer and pleasant orator. Although only a young man, he is recognized as one of the leading ministers of the Methodist denomination. During his career many honors have been conferred upon him.

In 1903 he represented Wofford in the South Carolina intercollegiate oratorical contest and was awarded the first medal. After his graduation he pursued a course in theology and preached several years, until he was elected professor of Bible and psalmody which he at present holds.

Mr. Hardin's sermon on this occasion was simple and practical. Although it abounded in brilliant imagery and beautiful descriptions, it was free from the extravagance and pomp of most sermons. The subject of the discourse was "The Master and His Life Work." The speaker chose two passages for the basis of his remarks: Luke 2:49, "I must be about my Father's business," and John 17:4, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

This evening at 8 o'clock Rev. S. W. Reid, of Atlanta, Ga., delivered a sermon to the students of the Erskine Theological Seminary. Mr. Reid is pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in Atlanta and is recognized as one of the foremost ministers of his denomination. He was graduated from Erskine in 1891 and is also a graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary.

Mr. Reid's sermon was full of good, sound, practical advice to every one, and especially to young ministers. His subject was, "Fellow Laborers With God." He chose as his text I Corinthians 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God."

Both of these preachers are well-known in Gastonia. Mr. Hardin is a brother of our townsman, Mr. L. L. Hardin, and has been heard here with great pleasure on more than one occasion. Mr. Reid is a brother of Dr. R. M. Reid and Prof. J. P. Reid and has visited often here, where he has numerous friends.

Commencement is on in full swing at Due West and The Gazette will give it more extended notice in Friday's issue.

Crops Are Suffering.

Reports from over the county would indicate that the drought is really beginning to make things look alarming. Cotton and corn are both suffering greatly. On sandy lands the cotton has done fairly well, though even in these instances it is not overly good. On the red lands there is practically no stand at all. It has been so hot and dry ever since the seed was put in the ground that it has never come up. It is impossible to say just what the average percentage of condition of the cotton crop is at this time but there is no denying the fact that it is low and that every day the dry weather continues it becomes worse. Corn also has suffered, though perhaps not so much as cotton. From many sections comes the report that wheat and oats have been unusually fine this season in Gaston and also in adjoining counties, especially Lincoln and Mecklenburg. The Observer says that the cotton crop in Mecklenburg at this time does not promise more than 60 per cent of an average crop.

Loray Closed This Week.

The Loray Mills closed down Saturday on account of lack of power and will probably remain closed throughout the week. This is due to the fact that the Loray has what is called a secondary power contract with the Southern Power Company and the low water at the power station has required the Southern Power Company to temporarily cut off their secondary customers. The Loray water supply also being short it is necessary to make a connection with the Gastonia city water supply, which is now being done. When this is completed the Loray will start again under its own steam power. This will probably be ready by the latter part of this week or the first of next.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Routine Matters Disposed of—Bridge Question Up for Settlement.

With Chairman John F. Leeper presiding and every member present, the board of county commissioners of Gaston county met in regular monthly session yesterday morning at 9:30. All day yesterday they heard complaints, petitions and requests, and at 4:30 o'clock adjourned to meet again today. One of the most important matters to come up today is the bridge question. It was at first decided to build the bridge and approach entirely of steel, the contract being awarded to the Roanoke Bridge Company. The Mecklenburg commissioners prefer a concrete bridge. Representatives of the Reuquarth Company, of Spartanburg, S. C., who are figuring on the concrete proposition, appear before the Gaston commissioners today.

While in session yesterday the commissioners transacted the following matters of business:

B. Y. Gibson was ordered exempt from poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

Julie Vance was excused from poll tax on account of physical infirmities. Esau Graham and Sophie Graham were declared paupers and consigned to the county home.

The petition of R. D. Ormand et al for the building of a public road from a point on the Kings Mountain-Bessemer road to a point near the Old Furnace picnic grounds was referred to Mr. T. L. Ware for examination and report.

Joe Moses was granted license to peddle.

John Jackson, colored, was declared a pauper and allowed to go to county home.

Green Harris was declared a pauper and allowed to go to county home.

Beverly Harmon was declared a pauper and allowed to go to the county home.

The board of commissioners of Gaston county were ordered to go to Mount Holly Monday, June 12, for the purpose of inspecting the Interurban crossing.

John L. Price was released from poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

O. G. Falls and J. F. McArver were appointed a committee to investigate the complaints from chain gang camp No. 2 as per the report of the grand jury.

R. L. Wilson was appointed coroner in lieu of C. L. Chandler who failed to qualify and ordered that he be given until the first Monday in July to file his bond.

It was ordered that the members of the board of commissioners be allowed the same pay for committee work as for regular work and that the chairman be allowed extra pay for committee work, not exceeding the requirement of the act of legislation.

H. P. Baumgardner was allowed to peddle without license, being a Confederate veteran.

Won Honor at Winthrop.

Miss Eleanor, the talented and charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reid, won yesterday one of the highest honors for which the students at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., contend annually, namely the oratorical contest. She was chosen in a preliminary contest to represent her literary society in competition with representatives from the other two societies for this honor. Her subject was "The Keystone of the Arch." The original productions of the contestants are passed on as to their literary merits by four judges, living at different places in South Carolina, and are then delivered before another set of judges who consider them from the point of delivery, etc. It is one of the most coveted honors of the college and is perhaps sought for more earnestly and diligently than any other prize awarded by the institution. Miss Reid is a member of the graduating class which numbers this year about 95. There are several hundred students at this college. Mrs. R. M. Reid and Miss Aline Reid went down to attend the commencement exercises which will be concluded today. They will return to Gastonia tomorrow, accompanied by Miss Reid.

To Attend Grand Lodge Meeting.

Several Gastonia Pythians will probably journey to Asheville next week to attend the Grand Lodge meeting and the D. O. K. K. ceremonial to be held in connection therewith. Gastonians will furnish some "fresh meat" in the person of Mr. A. R. Sherman, who will go to the Mountain City to cross the hot sands. Rev. W. H. Hardin is the representative to the Grand Lodge from Gastonia Lodge No. 53 and Mr. J. H. Kennedy is alternate, one of whom will be in attendance. Mr. S. A. Robinson is an officer of the Grand Lodge, being Grand Outer Guard. The date is June 13-14.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allison, of Dallas, Thursday, June 1st, 1911, a daughter. Monday, June 5, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Loftin, a son.

IN SOCIETY.

ENTERTAINED THE S. AND O. CLUB.

At her home on East Third avenue Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock Mrs. E. D. Atkins entertained the S. and O. Club and several invited guests. An hour was pleasantly spent playing trail, after which an ice course was served. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Miss Lillian Atkins. Besides the club members the invited guests present were Misses Mildred and Mary Lineberger, Salenah Latham and Clara Patrick and Messdames W. M. Morris and Chess Abernathy.

HOWELL-RIDDLE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Invitations reading as follows were received by Gastonia friends Saturday:

Mr. William B. Riddle requests the pleasure of your presence at the marriage of his daughter Myrtle

to Mr. Fred Marshal Howell on Wednesday evening the fourteenth of June at eight o'clock

Bowling Green Presbyterian Church Bowling Green, South Carolina.

The groom-elect is connected with the Robinson Shoe Company and has been a resident of Gastonia for the past several years. He is an able and popular young business man and counts his friends by the circle of his acquaintance. The bride-to-be is a charming and popular young lady of Bowling Green and also has many friends here who will welcome her to Gastonia's social circles.

MISS TORRENCE ENTERTAINS.

At her home on York street Friday evening Miss Marie Torrence was at home to a number of her friends in honor of her sister, Miss Hallie Torrence, who has just recently returned from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., Miss Mary Baskin, of Meridian, Miss. and Miss Julia Branson, of Greenville, Tenn., two classmates, who accompanied Miss Torrence home from Spartanburg.

Mrs. Torrence received at the door and showed the guests to the punch-bowl where punch was served by Misses Myrtle Gray and Lois Torrence.

On the porch and over the lawn the couples dispersed themselves, engaged in merry conversation while several piano and vocal selections by Misses Gray and Torrence were very much enjoyed.

Those present from out-of-town were, in addition to the two charming honorees, Miss Nell Johnson, of McComb City, Miss.; Miss Jenn Coltrane, of Concord, and Miss Jenn Howe, of Carrollton, Ky.

A dispatch from Albany, N. Y., yesterday says that a bill is being drafted for introduction in the Legislature of that State which provides for the return to the Southern States of the Confederate battle flags captured by New York troops during the civil war and now exhibited in the capitol building at Albany.

—Mr. John Faysoux returned Sunday from Durham where he has been attending Trinity College. Next Monday he and Mrs. O. W. Davis will leave for a month's visit to relatives in Texas. They will visit Mrs. E. L. Egger at Dallas and Mr. W. H. Harmon, Mrs. Davis' brother, at Paris.

—Miss Clara Armstrong, Mr. Ralph Armstrong and Mr. Harry Jenkins accompanied Mr. Clyde C. Armstrong Saturday to Cunningham to be present at the Armstrong-Bass wedding today. They went to Charlotte in an auto and went from there on No. 38 Saturday night.

Satisfactory Adjustment.

Mr. Land, of Greensboro, representing the Continental Fire Insurance Company was in the city last Friday in conference with Mr. W. H. Adams whose house was partly consumed by fire. The adjustment of the damages, so Mr. Adams stated to The Gazette man Saturday, was very satisfactory to himself. All of his dealings with Mr. Land were marked with the utmost courtesy. Mr. Adams expects to rebuild shortly.

Concert Next Week.

At the Central school auditorium next Tuesday night an entertainment will be given by the children of the Betterment Association. The program will include a play, followed by a Gypsy festival. An evening of fun and pleasure is promised all who attend. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to go towards completing the payment for the stage furniture.

May Move to Gastonia.

His many friends in Gastonia will be interested in the following item from last week's Dallas Advocate: "We have been informed that Clerk of the Court C. C. Cornwell is seriously considering moving to Gastonia, where he will make his future home. The Advocate will be glad to see Mr. Cornwell move his good family from us, but no matter where he casts his lot we wish him success. We sincerely hope he will reconsider and remain a Dallasian." Mr. Cornwell and his family would receive a hearty welcome to Gastonia should they definitely decide to take up their residence here, which we hope is the case.