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## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### GILLIAM-CORN.

Invitations Out for Approaching Marriage—Death from Pellagra—To Raise Funds for Orphanage—News of West Gastonia.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, June 15.—Mr. R. L. Caveny has purchased the chairs and supplies used by Mr. D. B. Brooks in the Loray barber shop and will continue the business at the same stand. He will also run a cleaning and pressing club in connection with the barber shop.

Mr. E. C. Herrin is able to be out again after being confined to his room for a week with rheumatism. Miss Lola Smith is spending several weeks with friends and relatives in Spartanburg, Darlington and Columbia, S. C.—Mr. Norman Morrow is in Asheville attending the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.—Mrs. A. C. Little was in Charlotte Friday for the 70th birthday of her father, Mr. C. B. Sykes.—Mrs. J. P. Wyatt, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks, is slowly improving.—Mr. J. D. Elliott, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott.—Miss Bertha Johnson spent last week with her parents near Dallas.—Miss Annie Newton entertained a number of her friends at a lawn party given at her home Saturday evening.

There will be an ice cream supper at West End Methodist church Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, the proceeds to go to the orphanage at Winston-Salem.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Conrad died early Monday morning.

Mr. W. O. Sturgis, of the Arlington Mill, died from pellagra last Friday.

Miss Lillie Hicks, of the Arlington spent last week with relatives at Bessemer City.—Mr. Parks Hoyle, of Charlotte, spent Sunday with Mrs. Baker at the Arlington.—Misses Pearl and Bertie Edwards spent last week at High Shoals.

Invitations reading as follows request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Eugenia to Mr. Willie P. Gilliam on Sunday morning, June the eighteenth. Nineteen hundred and eleven. At seven o'clock at home. Gastonia, North Carolina.

### Long Shoals Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LONG SHOALS, June 15.—Quite a hail storm passed through this section last Monday but very little damage was done.—Misses Mamie and Lella Friday, of Dallas, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Callie Kiser.—Mr. Clyde Anderson and sisters, Misses Sunie and Myrtle, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ella Kiser.—Mrs. J. F. Carpenter is spending a few days this week in Crouse.—Mrs. Pender Withers and daughter, Miss Lockie, spent Sunday in High Shoals.—Mr. Spargo Carpenter spent Saturday and Sunday in Dallas.—Mr. and Mrs. John Harrell spent Sunday at Mr. William Huffstetler's.—Miss Callie Kiser entertained a number of her friends last Saturday night in honor of her guests, the Misses Friday.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. S. Carpenter is very sick at this writing.

### Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNT HOLLY, June 15.—Miss Maybelle Graves spent the week in town on a visit to Miss Cora Joy. She has returned to her home in Winchester, Va.—A merry crowd of our young people enjoyed a delightful picnic Thursday afternoon at River View Park, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Covington.—Miss Ola Irwin, of Charlotte, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Spence the past week.—Mr. Thomas A. Walker, of Greensboro, spent Thursday in town, the guest at the home of Rev. J. A. Bowles.—Mrs. Ella Rozelle and son, Rev. Excell Rozelle, are at Montreat attending a convention for young college students. They will return by way of Hickory and take in the Epworth League conference.—Mr. and Mrs. Turner Johnson spent Thursday in Gastonia.—Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Cathey spent Wednesday at Paw Creek with Mr. Cathey's mother.—Miss Beas Grice has gone to McColl, S. C., on an extended visit to her brother, Mr. Geo. Shuford.—Miss Catherine Westebaker has finished her millinery work with Hutchinson & Davenport and returned to her home in Sallihville, Md.

### Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CROUSE, Route 1, June 15.—Last Saturday a crowd gathered at Beaver Dam Roller Mills and the proprietors, Messrs. W. L. Carpenter and

### NEWS NOTES.

Fourteen head of cattle, the property of Mr. H. Clay Grubb, were killed by lightning a few days ago in Davidson county.

Fire last night destroyed the Avalon Cotton Mill at Mayodan, Rockingham county, entailing a loss of probably \$250,000 or more.

A dispatch from North Wilkesboro says there seems to be a general dying of chestnut trees in the forests near there.

Mrs. Haines Shoe, of Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed Tuesday.

Miss Annie Bruce Carr, daughter of the late Elias Carr, of North Carolina, and Mr. Douglas Howard Starnett, of Washington, D. C., were married in Washington last Wednesday.

The North Carolina Retail Merchants Association will hold its annual convention at Hendersonville June 20-22. An elaborate program has been arranged for the entertainment of the delegates.

Governor Kitchin has ordered a special two-weeks term of Buncombe Superior Court which will be known as the "tiger court." This session is for the trial of the many blind tiger liquor cases on the Buncombe criminal docket.

Burrill Casey and Mrs. Leona Casey were placed in jail at Newbern Tuesday to answer to a charge of murder. They are suspected of poisoning Mrs. Casey's former husband, Joseph Whitty, in order that they might marry.

Among the 83 graduates at the United States Military Academy at West Point Tuesday were two North Carolina boys. They were Jackson Christian and Ira Wyche both of Charlotte. The former is a grandson of the late General Stonewall Jackson.

Tuesday President Taft as commander-in-chief of the navy paid tribute to six enlisted men in the service when he awarded medals of honor to that number of members of the North Dakota men for their heroic deeds when on September 8, 1910, they rescued many of their comrades from death as a result of an oil explosion on the ship.

Evidence that a huge scandal was about to be unearthed in the Post-office Department was brought out Tuesday in the examination of G. G. Morrison, superintendent of the rural routes. As showing how the Department was able to make the claim of reducing the deficit statistics were quoted as to the failure of the department to extend the rural free delivery service as authorized by Congress.

The trustees of the proposed North Carolina school for the feeble minded in session at Raleigh last Thursday, heard proposals from a number of towns for the location of the institution and took recess until June 22nd when they will meet again in Kinston. By June 21 all proposals must be in and the choice will be made at the Kinston meeting. In the meantime the trustees will personally inspect the sites tendered.

William Benton Miller, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, is on a four-months expedition in the Black Mountains of North Carolina in search of new bugs for the museum's collection. The expedition is financed by Samuel V. Hoffman, president of the New York Historical Society. Research in the Southern field was started by Mr. Hoffman's father, Rev. Dr. E. A. Hoffman, of the General Theological Seminary.

The sugar trust, otherwise the American Sugar Refining Company, is being investigated by a congressional committee. Wednesday Chas. R. Heike was on cross examination for five hours. Very little information of value was obtained from him, however. He had a very convenient memory. Heike held a position, at \$20,000 a year, as "stock transfer man, bookkeeper and letter writer" for Henry O. Havemyer, head of the trust.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association convened in Winston-Salem Tuesday with more than a hundred delegates representing nearly every section of the State. Some of the best known delegates are Dr. J. H. Pratt, Maj. W. A. Graham, Congressman J. H. Small and Editor H. B. Varner, of Lexington. The feature of the day was a fine address by Congressman Small who showed how good roads were a State's best assets both from an industrial and agricultural standpoint.

Promise that this year's wheat crop will be the greatest ever produced in this country is given in the June crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture. Estimates by the department's experts indicate that approximately 764,291,857 bushels of wheat will be harvested in this country this summer and autumn, an increase of about 68,848,857 bushels over that gathered last year. Of winter wheat the increased yield is almost 480,000 bushels and of spring wheat 284,600,000 bushels.

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### TRUCKING IN GASTON.

Gazette Man Visits Mr. C. S. Brown's Farm and Learns Some Interesting Things—Great Possibilities Along This Line Here—Drought Has Been Great Drawback This Season.

If present signs do not fall, Gaston county is to be reckoned with in the trucking and canning industry within three or four years, or even less time than that, if conditions should prove favorable. There is no reason why the people of this county, with its fertile soil, favorable climatic conditions and excellent shipping facilities, which last will be greatly improved when the Piedmont Traction Company completes its line, should not embark upon this new phase of intensive agriculture which of late years is yielding such handsome returns to the investor.

The above remarks are occasioned by the visit a few days ago of a Gazette man to the farm of Mr. C. S. Brown a short distance south of Gaston on York street extension. Mr. Brown is a successful truck farmer who came here last winter from Florence county, South Carolina, in close proximity to Marlboro county, that Utopia of fertile lands and magic prices. Bringing with him some of that characteristic South Carolina aggressiveness, Mr. Brown has established himself upon 43 acres of land near Gastonia with the intention of furnishing Gastonia and nearby towns with early vegetables and garden truck.

The sight that first met the newspaper man's eyes was a disc harrow, drawn by two fine mules, thoroughly pulverizing and putting into excellent shape a piece of fertile sandy loam. This had been plowed and fertilized and harrowed until it was in fine shape for a second crop of Irish potatoes. A little further along a negro with a "bull-tongue" was plowing in a likely looking field of tomatoes, loosening the earth on each side of the row. Across the hill a field of waving corn, early "roast ears," greeted the eye. Along a hillside gently sloping to the bottom lands along a small branch, were patches of early cabbage, beets, onions, beans and other vegetables. A little further up the slope we came to a house used for packing and shipping inside of which were piles of potatoes, onions and cabbage with boxes and crates for packing.

Here we met the proprietor, Mr. Brown, and engaged him in conversation. Being a practical farmer, but not of such recent experience, the Gazette man ventured the opinion that his crops were looking fine.

"Why, sir," he exclaimed, "if any rain had fallen within the past six weeks my yield would have been double, and in most cases, three times what you see. There are about 60 bushels of potatoes in that house when there ought to be between 150 and 230. The drought just killed my potato crop, and has virtually ruined the early crop of beans, cabbage and tomatoes. This particular spot where I have them planted is not suited to withstand a dry spell, and consequently they did not grow off as they should. Another serious drawback to me was the long, cold spring that we had. Thinking that the weather would moderate, I set out tomatoes, cabbage and planted early corn, beans and potatoes, but they were so long in coming up on account of the cold, damp condition of the soil that they would not grow. Again, being a stranger to your town and unfamiliar with what produce I had, although naturally discouraged with such a beginning, I am not out of the game yet, and am putting in, as you see, a second crop of everything for fall use. I am hoping for better success. If conditions are favorable next year, I am thinking of installing a canning outfit with a capacity of 4000 to 6000 cans a day, and shall be prepared to preserve all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Then I also plan to establish a hinery with about 100 hens to start with. Yes, although discouraged with the showing so far, I hope to be in better shape next year. However, as it is, I have sold some produce in Gastonia and have also shipped some to Charlotte."

Such a spirit as this is commendable and should be noted by all Gaston farmers.

It is to be hoped that a few more of the progressive agriculturists of old Gaston will follow Mr. Brown in the trail he has blazed, for with the right kind of pluck and energy it is bound to succeed.

**Aged Lady Dies.**  
Mrs. Minerva Ford, an aged and highly respected lady of Lowell died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of her nephew, Mr. W. T. Ford, with whom she made her home. Mrs. Ford was 77 years old, and had been in failing health for some time. Death resulted from the infirmities brought on by old age.

Mrs. John Hanra, of Gastonia, is a sister, Mr. Charles H. Ford a nephew and Mr. W. T. Rankin a son-in-law of Mrs. Ford. The funeral services and interment were held at New Hope Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock by Revs. R. A. Miller and R. S. Burwell, pastors of the Lowell and New Hope churches, respectively.

The North Carolina State Nurses Association has been holding its annual meeting in Greensboro this week, the final session being held this morning.

### IN SOCIETY.

#### THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Howell-Riddle Wedding at Bowling Green—Miss Gray Entertains for Her Guests—S. and O. Club With Mrs. W. C. Davis—Other Social News.

#### BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE AT BOWLING GREEN.

As pretty a church wedding as was ever seen in York county was solemnized in the Bowling Green Presbyterian church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Myrtle Riddle, of Bowling Green, S. C., and Mr. Fred M. Howell, of Gastonia, plighted their troth.

Friends of the young couple had been busy the day before and the church was beautifully decorated. Around the chancel an alcove had been built of ferns and potted plants, intertwined with ivy, while to the rear of the officiating minister rose a huge bank of palms and ferns surmounted by floral decorations of the fragrant cape jessamine.

Long before the hour the church was crowded to its utmost seating capacity with friends of the young couple, attesting to the popularity of both and to the pleasure of the approaching event.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" beautifully rendered by Miss Clara Patrick, the bridal party entered the church. First, down the right and left aisles came the ushers, Messrs. Willis Wilson and Ray Riddle. These were followed by two of the bride's maids, Miss Mamie Patrick, of Gastonia, and Miss Elliott Quinn, of Bethel. Next came Mr. J. Leslie McGill, of Bethany, and Mr. E. N. Pegram, of Gastonia, and last Miss Iva Pursley and Miss Lena Howell, a sister of the groom. These crossing at the altar formed a semi-circle around the alcove. The bride entered on the arm of her sister and maid of honor, Miss Margaret Riddle, while the groom entered with the best man, Mr. W. H. Adams, of Gastonia. They met at the altar and took their places in front of Rev. Mr. Mills, of Clover, who spoke the beautiful words which made them husband and wife. During the ceremony Schubert's serenade was skillfully rendered by Miss Patrick.

The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of white messaline trimmed in pearls and real lace. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and lilies of the valley while her veil was caught with a spray of orange blossoms. The bride's maids were becomingly fitted in pretty lingerie white dresses, each carrying a bouquet of dainty pink carnations and asparagus fern. To the music of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus" the party left the church.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party with a few intimate friends were driven to the home of the groom's parents in the Bethany section where an elaborate reception was tendered them. Many handsome and costly presents of china cut glass and silver attested to the popularity of this couple.

After June 21, Mr. and Mrs. Howell will be at home in Gastonia.

**MISS GRAY ENTERTAINS.**  
At her beautiful home on South street Tuesday evening, Miss Blanche Gray was the charming hostess to about fifty of her friends at a garden fete. The guests were entertained on the spacious lawn, which beautiful at all times, was strikingly so, on this occasion, in the glow of numbers of incandescent lights which had been hung from tree to tree over the yard. Rugs, divans and rustic seats, placed at random over the lawn added much to the pleasure and comfort of the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barkley were receiving at the door and showed the guests to the receiving line, which was constituted as follows: Misses Ruth Watson, Alma McKnight and Helen Prior, the honorees, Miss Blanche Gray, the hostess and Messrs. George and Charlie Gray. The guests were then ushered to the lawn where, beneath an umbrella tree, lighted by colored electric bulbs, interwoven among the branches, refreshing punch was poured by Misses Lois Torrence, Maud and Myrtle Gray. After this a delicious ice course was served from tables placed on the lawn.

During the evening several violin and piano selections were rendered by Mr. Boyce and Miss Gray. Left to their own devices the guests dispersed themselves over the lawn, all enjoying to the fullest the brilliancy of the scene around them, rendered so much more delightful by the cooling breeze, the playing fountain and the subtle evening fragrance from flower and shrub.

**GASTONIA GIRLS AT GAFFNEY HOUSE PARTY.**  
These two items from today's Gaffney Ledger are of interest: "Misses Lucy and Ruth Boyce, of Gastonia, will arrive in the city today to attend Miss Freeman Garrett's house party."

"Announcements have been received in this city of a house party which Miss Irene Wheat will tender to her guests from June 20th to the 27th. During this time Miss Wheat will have as her guests, Miss Sadie Royster, of Greensboro, N. C.; Miss Marie Torrence, of Gastonia, N. C.; Miss Lena Collins, of Spartanburg; Miss Lottie Klutz, of Chester, and Miss Hallie Torrence, of Gastonia, N. C. The event will probably be one of the most enjoyable of the year in Gaffney."

**COMPLIMENTARY TO CHERRYVILLE YOUNG LADY.**  
Says today's Gaffney Ledger: "Quite a delightful informal reception was tendered by Miss Bertie Phillips to about 60 of her friends on Monday evening in honor of her two charming guests, Miss Vida Mauney, of Cherryville, N. C., and Miss Julia Herndon, of Chase City, Va. This home always hospitable, was doubly so on this occasion and of the many enjoyable receptions which have been given in Gaffney in the past, none have surpassed this. Wit and humor, good cheer and laughter, were heard during all the evening and the guests made merry throughout. Both Miss Phillips' guests are charming and attractive young ladies and this occasion was one that will long be remembered."

**MARRIAGE AT GROVER.**  
At Grover yesterday there was solemnized a pretty marriage when Miss Ovelia Keeter became the wife of Mr. Marvin Turner, cashier of the Bank of Grover. The couple passed through Gastonia yesterday afternoon en route to Washington, Niagara Falls and other Northern points. The bride is a talented musician, having been educated at the Presbyterian College, Charlotte, and Meredith College, Raleigh. Last year she taught at Thomasville. Mrs. Turner is a kinswoman of Messrs. Z. B. Harry and J. R. Baber, of Gastonia.

**ENTERTAINS S. AND O. CLUB.**  
At her home, 313 South Broad street, Mrs. W. C. Davis was the charming hostess Wednesday afternoon to the S. and O. Club, together with several invited guests. The honorees of the meeting were Mrs. P. N. Bailey and Miss Eva Teague, of Winston-Salem. Forty-two was played, and at the conclusion of the games, delicious ices in two courses were served. The hostess was assisted by Misses Virgie Davis and Louisa Reid.

### PICNIC JULY FOURTH.

Farmers Union and Rural Letter Carriers Association Will Hold Joint Picnic at Sunnyside School House—Everybody Invited—Addresses by Prominent Speakers—Big Time Promised.

A committee from the Gaston County Rural Letter Carriers Association and a committee from the Gaston County Farmers Union met at Bessemer City Wednesday, the 14th, and decided to hold the annual grand joint rally for the union and the letter carriers association at Sunnyside school house on the new macadam road between Bessemer City and Cherryville, near the old Hovis store, Tuesday, July 4th.

Mr. J. Z. Green, State lecturer and organizer for the Farmers Union, has accepted an invitation to be present and make an address. No farmer or union man in the county should miss hearing him.

The letter carriers have invited several able men to be present and make addresses but at present are not sure which ones will accept. They assure the people, however, that there will be an address by an able speaker. They cordially invite every farmer and patron of the rural mail service in Gaston county to be present, in fact they want everybody to come. They assure the people that the members of Carolina Local No. 92 and the people of the Sunnyside neighborhood will leave no stone unturned to give everybody who comes a hearty welcome and a good time. Dinner will be served in the old picnic style. Everybody is asked to bring well filled baskets.

Arrangements are being made for music by one of the best bands in the county.

This is the only picnic scheduled in the county for July 4th, so far as we know, and as such is the case there should be several thousand people present.

#### MR. A. M. CARPENTER DEAD.

**Well-Known Gastonian Succumbs to Severe Illness of Several Weeks—Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.**  
Mr. A. M. Carpenter, who has been in a critical condition for some time, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at his home, 312 North Oakland street. To those who were acquainted with the serious nature of his illness, his death was not unexpected and came as a relief to his suffering. Through his long siege he bore his pain with fortitude and patience, never a murmur escaping his lips.

The deceased, had he lived until July 25th, would have been 59 years of age. He was a native of Lincoln county, moving to Gaston some years ago. By trade he was a carpenter and was for many years an employee of the Page Lumber Company.

Mr. Carpenter married Miss Beulah Garrison, who survives with two boys, aged three and five, respectively. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to this grief-stricken, fatherless family.

The funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 5:30 by Rev. G. D. Herman, of Main Street Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, the interment being in Oakwood cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. H. Plyler, M. E. McKnight, James Neal, S. A. Gillfillen, W. B. Land and O. O. Craig.

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