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THRONG AT SUNNYSIDE.

Immense Crowd Gathered at Annual Joint Picnic of Farmers Union and Letter Carriers - Prof. Brooks Absent but Splendid Substitute Found in Person of Prof. J. A. Bivins Speech by Zeb Green-Typical Picnic Scene.

By P. T. & T. Phone to Gazette. SUNNYSIDE, July 4 .- The picnic given by the Gaston County Farmers Union and the Gaston County Rural Letter Carriers Association is a grand success. At this hour, 11 a. m., the grounds are filled with a moving, seething throng of humanity while in front of a platform gaily bedecked with flags and bunting sits another crowd listening intently to "Zeh" Green, of Marshville, State organizer of the Farmers Union and editor of The Carolina Union Farmer.

At an early hour this morning the Sunnyside school house grounds were crowded. People are here from all parts of the county, the majority of course being from the western sections, but familiar faces can be seen on every hand from Lowell, Belmont, McAdenville, Union, South Point, Dallas and many other places, including Gastonia. In fact the county seat is furnishing a larger part of the picnic crowd.

Leaving Gastonia at an early hour and joining the procession which grew larger at every cross roads were vehicles of all kinds and descriptions. As the picnic grounds were neared pedestrians by the score were added to the pleasure-bent throng. From Gastonia for a few miles out the dust from the recently torn-up and graded sand-clay roads was fearful, the sticky red particles of dust filtering through the air and settling on one's face and figure. But a light shower had fallen along the road a mile or so from Besseover the new stretch of macadam turnpike was delightful. Winding from the elevated rise on which the town of Bessemer City is situated, the road down to the Long Creek bridge describes curve after curve, resembling in many respects the real mountain turnpikes in their circuitous descents.

A typical scene greeted the eye on arrival at the Sunnyside grounds. The varied array of peoples, the blaring brass band, the cold drink stands dispensing iced sweets to the sweltering crowd, the sporting couples, etc., presents the same scene that one invariably encounters on the average all-day picnic.

At exactly 10 a. m. Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, of Bessemer City, opened the evercises of the 'ov prayer and a short introductory speech in which he put forth the praises of the best section of the est county in the best State in the Union. Mr. Charles Robinson, prominent Farmers Union man, then introduced Mr. Green who is speaking now on the general topic of 'Agriculture and the Farmers Un-He is being listened to with good attention.

An able and eloquent substitute in the place of Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, who was to have delivered an address but who was detained, is found in the person of Prof. J. A. Bivins, of Raleigh, State superintendent of teacher training and formerly of the graded schools at Charlotte and Monroe. He will deliver an educational address just after dinner which will be served on the grounds about 1 o'clock. H. A. QUERY.

UNION NEWS NOTES.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, July 3,—Miss
Helen Julian returned to her home
in Thomasville last week after being the guest of Miss Mamle Ray for several days .-- Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barber visited relatives at Rock Hill, S. C., last week .- Mr. James L. Webis spending several days Wrightsville Beach.—Miss Minnie Cracher, of Charlotte, visited at the home of Mr. R. R. Ray last week.— Mrs. M. L. Jackson returned to Sal-isbury last week after spending sev-eral days here with friends.—Mr. J. P. Brittain visited relatives at Lincoluton Saturday and Sunday .-- Mrs. R. R. Ray was a Gastonia shopper Wednesday.—Mrs. L. N. Glenn and sons, Master Robert Ray Glenn and Charles Glens, wisited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray, Saturday

and Sunday.

Mrs. R. F. Ezzell, of Charlotte,
was a McAdenville visitor last week. Adenville visitors Thursday.—Mr. E. S. Ivey, of Salisbury, is visiting friends here this week.—Mrs. W. J. friends here this week.—Mrs. W. J. Williams is spending the week in Lenotr with relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Funderburk are visiting rela-

Mrs. M. E. Cashion was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mitchell, of Gastonia.-Messrs. M. J. Ray and G. L. Vebb attended the meeting of the extile association at Greenville, S. , Saturday.—Prof. J. L. Webb, Mr. R. Blair, L. N. Lancaster and Mr.

H. P. Lynch attended the district meeting of the Red Men at Kings Mountain Saturday. — Mr. Will Thornburg, of Lexington, is visiting relatives here this week. — Mrs. Laura Hislop, of Charlotte, spent Sunday with relatives here. — Miss Worth Turner, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with friends .-- Mrs. S. H. Mangum is spending the week in Charlotte with her son, Mr. S. A. Mangum .- Mr. Sidney Winget and Miss Elizabeth Phillips, of Gastonia, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Mabry. Miss Phillips will remain over for the week as the guest of Mrs. Mabry.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. UNION, July 3 .- Miss Jennie Ewing, of Washington, D. C., is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. A. Sparrow .- Miss Grace Titman of Lowrysville, is expected this week to visit her cousin, Miss Mary Wilson.-Miss Helen Brandon is visit ing her cousin, Miss Erroll Henderson.- The young ladies of the Dorcas Society will have their annual moonlight picnic on the church lawn. Cream and cake will be served for

the benefit of the society. Miss Kathleen Thompson, of Rock Hill, S. C., is the guest of Miss Elsie Byrne. Miss Byrne is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Neely Craig.-Misses Sammonds and Patrick, from the City Hospital, Gastonia, were guests at Dr. Patricks Sunday .- Miss Minnie Sparrow is a Gastonia shopper today.—Mr. Evans Sparrow and Mr. Miles Henderson visited friends in Dallas Sunday .-Miss Lelia Wilson entertained a number of young people in honor of Misses Byrne and Thompson,-Mrs. Vernon Grier and children of Gastonia; Mrs. J. R. Renfrow and daughter, and Miss Ellie Hudson, of Matthews, are guests at Dr. G. R. Patrick's today.

IN SOCIETY.

MRS. LONG TO ENTERTAIN.

The following cards have been issued for tomorrow afternoon: Mrs. Vardry Edward Long

will receive Wednesday afternoon, the afth of

July five to six Mrs. Edgar Long Mrs. Lizzie Falls

MISS CARPENTER ENTERTAINS AT CHERRYVILLE.

Miss Florence Carpenter entertained delight ully Friday evening at a lawn party at her home in Cherryville. The affair was in the nature of a moonlight picnic, the guests dispersing themselves over the lawn, whiling the hours away with merry conversation. Japanese lanterns hung here and there over the lawn added much to the beauty of the scene. A bounteous supper, consisting of all the season's delicacies was spread under the trees, and enjoyed to the fullest by all. In addition to all of Cherryville's social set there were present many visiting girls from surrounding towns.

MRS. FINGER ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Gordon Finger was hostess at a thimble party yesterday afternoon in compliment to her husband's sister, Mrs. Robert C. Williams, of Gastonia. Many dainty bags filled with pretty handiwork, were brought, and for an hour or so, needles were plied with rapidity and skill, while the merriment of conversation kept heads as well as hands interested. Mrs. Finger received her guests in white lingerie and was, as always, a hostess of ready wit and assiduous courtesy. The sewing resolved it-self into a contest in which two prizes were offered for rapidity and skill. The winners were Mrs. E. M. Hannon and Miss Eugenia Rowe. Dainty ices were served .- Charlotte News, 1st.

-Let's have your slogan. -It's the Glorious Fourth but Gastonia's not celebrating.

-Let's take an early start next year and make the 4th a great day in Gastonia.

-In a note to The Gazette dated June 29th Mr. M. C. Lineberger, of Dallas, route two, sends us a cotton bloom picked by Mr. J. P. Horne from his field. He adds that cotton in that section is fairly good though

It is needing rain.

-Mr. W. L. Smith took his class of young folks from the First Baptist church Sunday school to Spencer Mountain this morning where they are spending the day picnicing. There are about 26 in the crowd and it goes without saying that they are tives at Huntersville this week. - having a good time.

DEATH OF DR. TORRENCE.

Former Gastonian Passes-Prominent Physician of Charleston -Many Relatives in This Section-Funeral Yesterday at Pendleton, S. C.

Late Saturday night the distressing news came by telephone to Mr. Frost Torrence that his brother, Dr. Crown Torrence, of Charleston, | S. C., had died suddenly. His relatives here knew that he had been in failing health for some time, but were unaware of the serious nature of his Mness.

Dr. Torrence was about 35 years old and a son of the late Dr. W. J. Torrence, of the Crowders Creek section, south of Gastonia. Dr. Torrence left Gastonia some years ago, first locating at Union, S. C., and later removing to Charleston where his death occurred.

Dr. Torrence is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Sloan, of Pendleton, S. C., a brother, Mr. Frost Torrence, of Gastonia, and two sisters, Miss Spark Torrence, of Gastonia, and Mrs. V. M. Hanner, of Florence, S. C. The fuheral and inter-ment were at Pendleton, the home of the deceased's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence and Miss Spark Torrence attended the funeral yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Scott Dead.

Mr. J. B. Scott, night operator at the Southern depot, was called last Thursday to Pacolet, S. C., on account of the death of his father, Mr. J. D. Scott, which occurred Wednes-day previous at 10 a. m. The funeral and burial took place Thursday at Jonesville, S. C., the former home of the deceased. Mr. Scott's death was due to heart trouble. He had been in failing health for four or five months but had been confined to his bed for only four or five days. Deceased was a prominent citizen of Pacolet where he had been engaged in business for the past ten years. He was mayor of the town for three terms and was otherwise prominently identified with its business interests. For twenty years or more he was a member of the Methodist church. Surviving are his widow, three sons, Mr. J. B. Scott, of Gastonia; Mr. L. D. Scott, a traveling salesman, McMinnville, Tenn., and Mr. T. Scott, a traveling salesman, of Lithonia, Ga., and one brother, Mr. J. M. Scott, of Winnsboro, Ga. Mr. Scott has the sympathy of many Gastonia friends in his bereavement.

Presented With Gold Watch. At a called meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F and A. M. last Friday night, when the newly elected officers for the ensuing term were installed, Mr. W. Y. Warren, the capable secretary of the lodge, was presented with a handsome gold watch as a token of the high appreciation of his fellow members is laithful services to the lodge. The case was handsomely engraved on the back with the initials "W Y W." The presentation speech was made by Mr. P. W. Garland, Jr. The officers installed were as follows: W. L. Thompson, w. m.; Marshall Dilling, s. w.; Chas Ford, j. w.; P. W. Garland, s. d.; J. W. Culp, j. d.; E. G. McLurd, treasurer; W. Y. Warren, secretary; F. R. Anders and George Smith, stewards; M. A.

To Visit Old Grave.

Grigg, tyler.

Mr. R. D. Alexander, of Birmingham, Ala., accompanied by his sister, Mrs. I. Y. Sage, of Atlanta, Ga. and niece, Miss Margarett Alexanander, of Mount Pleasant, Tenn. were interesting visitors in towa Friday. They came for the purpose of visiting the grave of Zechariah Spencer at the foot of Spencer Mountain on the Solomon Hoffman plantation. Zechariah Spencer was an old Revolutionary character, the man from whom Spencer Mountain was named. He is the great-greatgrandfather of Mrs. Sage. They were driven out to the old grave by Mr. E. L. Wilson, spending the day there. They returned home the the same afternoon.

Mr. Bess Manager.

Mr. J. Flay Bess was yesterday appointed manager of the Gastonia branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, succeeding Mr. R. M. Stevenson who was moved to the Charlotte plant about four months ago.
Mr. Bess has been acting manager since that time. He has been with the company for the past two years in the capacity of bookkeeper and this promotion to a position of greater responsibility is a deserved recognition of his business ability. recognition of his business ability. Mr. Bess is a young business man of excellent qualities and his numerous friends congratulate him on his advancement.

President Taft's family went the latter part of last week to Beverly. Mass., their summer home. The president left Sunday for Marion and Indianapolis, Ind., where yesterday and today he delivered speeches.

MOUNT HOLLY CITIZENS HERE.

Strong Delegation Before Commissioners Present Strong Petition for Bridge Across Catawba Several From Other Towns Argue in Its Favor.

Headed by Messrs. J. A. Costner and J. W. Holland, a strong, determined delegation of Mount Holly citizens came to Gastonia, yesterday, about 25 or 30 strong. They came for the purpose of petitioning the board of county commissioners in regular monthly meeting to help in the construction of an independent bridge across the Catawba in the place of the one washed away some years ago.

It was about two o'clock when Chairman John F. Leeper announced that the commissioners were ready for the Mount Holly contingent. Mr. J. A. Costner then put before the board in a strong, forceful way their reasons for coming, re-inforcing his speech with strong argument and logic. The substance of his talk was that there was no question of the need of a bridge at that point, an admitted fact, that the Mecklenburg commissioners had intimated a willingness to help, and as a climax to his speech he said that the York Bridge Company, of York, Pa., had submitted plans and specifications that would call for an outlay of only \$13,500, a very moderate cost as compared with the other two bridges across the Catawba above and below Mount Holly.

Mr. Costner then called on several other men to make arguments in favor of the bridge. The following men made forceful, logical arguments: Messrs. C. E. Hutchison, A. P. Rhyne, A. A. Farrar, A. M. Henderson, A. U. Stroup and J. B. Henson, from Mount Holly. From Lowell, Messrs. John C. Rankin and S. Robinson; from Gastonia, Messrs. W. T. Rankin, C. B. Armstrong and S. N. Boyce; from Dallas, Mr. J. C. Puett; from Kings Mountain Capt? F. Dilling, argued in favor of the bridge. The principal arguments used by practically every man were the necessity of a bridge and the cheapness of the cost of construction. The men then retired and the commissioner's proceeded to deliberate the matter. The following citizens were present from Mount Holly: Messrs. A. P. Rhyne, C. E. Hutchison, J. M. Hoover, J. W. Holland, Luther Nims, Lester Knowles, J. A. Costner, J. B. Henson, W. J. Boger, R. G. Rhyne, J. D. Tucker, R. Torrence, J. M. Springs, W. B. Rutledge, A. M. Henderson, A. Stroup, A. A. Farrar, P. E. Lentz, J. S. Hoffman, Alex West and T. L. Ware.

MATTERS EDUCATIONAL.

County Board of Education Holds Regular Meeting - Five New School Houses to be Built-Others to be Repaired-Apportionments Made and Committeemen Appointed.

Important matters pertaining to the county's educational interests were discussed and disposed of at the regular meeting of the board of school commissioners of Gaston county at the court house yesterday. The board is composed of County Superintendent F. P. Hall, chairman, and Messrs. S. N. Boyce, J. H. Rudisill and H. A. Rhyne. All were present except Mr. Rhyne.

New school houses were ordered built in Districts Nos. 12 and 13. Gastonia township; No. 11 Cherryville township, and No. 10, River Bend township. Additions to the present school houses were ordered built at Belmont, Lucia, Mount Holly (colored) and South Point No. 2 (colored).

Applications for loans from the State were approved as follows, viz: Belmont \$600, Gastonia Nos. 12 and 13 Lucia and No. 11 Cherryville

New committeemen were appointed for the entire county and the regular semi-annual apportionment of school funds for the county was made. These will be given in an early issue of The Gazette. Lack of space renders it impossible to carry them today.

The board recommended that the eleventh grade be added to the course of study in all the public high schools of the county, thus making a full four-years course. It was ordered that the Loray public school property be transferred to the town of Gastonia. This proper-

ty consists of a commodious and comfortable building and a lot 130 x 200 feet. Supt. Hall will hold examinations for entrance to the State Agricul-

tural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, at the court house on Saturday, July the 15th, Any Gaston county boys who expect to enter this institution this fall should take the entrance examination at that time. Regular examinations for public chool teachers for the county will

be held as follows: For colored teachers Thursday, July 13th; for white teachers Friday and Saturday, July 14th and 15th. They will be held in Supt. Hall's office at the court house here.

Lawn Party.

The Gazette is requested to state that Miss Mabel Palis' class of young men and Miss Bettie Gam-ble's class of young ladies of the Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church Sunday school will give a lawn party and ice cream sup-per on the lawn at the Pisgah parsonage Tuesday night, July 11th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Transact Much Business - Many Claims Paid-Mount Holly Bridge Proposition Disposed Of-County Will Aid to Extent of \$6,000.

The board of commissioners Gaston county met in regular monthly session yesterday with Chairman J. F. Leeper presiding and every member present. The following claims were ordered paid:

Jacob Kiser, 54 days' service as assistant assessor for Cherryville township, \$162. J. F. Puett, for 50 days, service

as assistant assessor in Dallas township, \$150. W. N. Davis, for 54 days' service

as tax assessor, \$162. R. L. Fite, hardware for court house and balance for building fence at county jail, \$18.36, Q. Holland, salary for June \$100.

Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co., labor at jail, cleaning out sewer, L. E. Rankin, for services as as-

sessor in South Point township, \$159. W. A. Jackson, repairs to bridge in South Point township, \$2. J. T. Oates, 50 days' service as assessor, \$150. W. B. Rutledge, 56 days' service

as assessor, River Bend township, Craig & Wilson, fertilizer for

county home farm, \$138.89. S. T. Stowe, services as engineer in locating road, \$112.50. C. C. Craig, salary and expenses county home, \$233.56. L. F. Ewing, 60 yards stone for

New Hope road, \$30. W. A. Falls, services as assessor Gastonia township, outside, \$115.50. J. D. B. McLean, expense con-

veying George Torrence to hospital at Goldsboro, \$23. T. L. Ware, work on roads, Cherryville township, \$13.85.

T. L. Ware, work on roads, Dallas township, \$65.19. T. L. Ware, work on roads, Gastonia township, \$17.

T. L. Ware, work on roads, River Bend township, \$4.18. G. R. Rhyne, jail fees, etc., i for June, \$122.35.

T. L. Ware, expensees chaingang camp No. 1, \$672.24. T. L. Ware, expenses chaingang

camp No. 2, \$752.84. T. L. Ware, stone for New Hope Ware, stone for Linwood road, \$10. L. Ware, stone for Stanley

road, \$16.67. L. Ware, expenses for Todd's grading force, \$1,099.24. Rankin-Armstrong Furniture Co., supplies to camp No. 2, \$3.

Gastonia Livery Co., team for conveying committee of grand jury. B: F. Carpenter, one days' service on pension board, \$2. Moses Stroup, one days' service

on pension board, \$2. T. L. Ware, salary and ex. int., \$103. J. H. Kennedy & Co., supplies for

chaingang, \$2.60. W. M. Nolen, salary and expenses for help as janitor, \$33.20. L. N. Glenn, salary and expenses

of conveying lunatic to Morganton, \$47.67. The following were ordered ex-

empt from poll taxes on account of physical infirmities: L. N. Jenkins, John Stamey, W. L. Smith, C. A. Rumfelt, M. W. Saunders. J. F. Leeper, J. F. McArver and

T. L. Ware were appointed a committee to investigate and adjust damages done by Stewart & Jones to Gastonia-Lowell road. Zimri Evan was declared a pau-

per and allowed to go to the county Esau Graham and Sophie Graham

were reinstated as outside paupers. The sheriff was authorized to issue peddler's license to John Antoine.

The allowance to W. A. Lawing was increased to \$10. The exemption to Miles Currence, col., South Point township, was revoked.

It was ordered that the final arrangements concerning the Sloan's ferry bridge be completed, the contract being awarded to C. W. Requarth Co., for \$57,500 as per original contract, and the company to file a construction bond in the sum of 50 per cent of construction price and maintenance bond for a period of 12 months in the sum of 100 per cent of the price of the concrete

Will Day was declared a pauper for one quarter only, at \$12 per quarter, J. R. Lewis, agent.

Isaac Rhodes was declared a pauper and allowed \$4.50 per quarter; Sam Wyley, agent.

It was ordered that T. L. Ware's report as county superintendent of roads concerning the road leading from Long Creek church to a point the Kings Mountain-Bessemer City road be accepted as a public

It was ordered that the register of 10th, upon payment of 25 cents fees. | a promissory note to the said cos

It was ordered that the commis- cured by proper indorsement.

SPINNING MILLS CLOSE.

Thirty Yarn Factories in Gaston Will be Idle for Ten Days and Possibly Longer-Poor Market Conditions Giyen as Cause.

Information obtained Saturday from a reliable source is to the effeet that thirty or perhaps more of the spinning mills in Gaston county are now idle, having closed Saturday to remain closed till July 10th. A prominent and well-posted spinner is sponsor for the statement that, in all likelihood, a large per cent of these factories will remain idle throughout the entire month of July. The number of spindles represented in this shut-down is about 75 per cent. of the entire spindlage of the county. As a result of this move several thousand operatives will be idle until the wheels begin to whir again.

Those mills which manufacture yarns for their own use in making cloths of various kinds will, so it is stated, continue to operate.

Poor market conditions for yarns is given as the cause of this shubdown which is by no means confined to this immediate section. Many mills in South Carolina and in other sections of the Southern manufacturing field are curtailing also. In the matter of cloths the market is not so bad as it is in yarns.

BURNED BY GASOLINE.

Sam Kenley, Machinist at Iron Works, Suffers Severe Injury -Taken to Gaston Hospital-Threw Gasoline on Fire.

Sam Kenley, aged 22, a machinist at the plant of the Gaston Iron Works, Inc., was so badly burned, about 1:40 o'clock this afternoon as the result of a gasoline explosion that his condition is considered very grave. He was rushed to the Gaston Hospital for medical attention.

From the best information obtainable before going to press it seems that Kenley threw some gasoline on a fire in the foundry, probably by mistake, and the explosion which followed set fire to his clothing.

Mr. Kenley has been with the firm for a year or more as a machinist and his unfortunate injury is greatly regretted by his fellow workers and friends, all of whom trust that he will recover.

-Attend the mass meeting at the city hall tonight if you are inte ed in the interurban and street grades.

-His many friends will be glad to know that Mr. B. F. S. Austin, superintendent of the Ozark Mills who has been confined to the City Heapital for some days as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident, is able to be down on the streets some. He is still at the hompital and has to use crutches to get about but hopes to be able to return to his home within the next few

-Mr. J. E. Cloninger, of route one, Mount Holly, was among yes terday's visitors in Gastonia. He says the crop prospects in his section. are the poorest since the dry sum-mer of 1881. That year he says he made two bales of cotton off of about eight acres of land and 75 bushels of corn from 18 or 20 acres. Present prospects, he says, are for a repetition of the 1881 conditions this sum

sioners of Gaston county join with Mecklenburg county in the erection of a bridge across the Catawba, provided Gaston's part does not ceed \$6,000, to be built during 1912. It was ordered that the report et J. Q. Holland be accepted, approved and recorded in record of public of

It was ordered that the reports of J. F. McArver and O. G. Falls, the committee to investigate the charges against chaingang camp be accept approved, and recorded in the min-

It was ordered that Prince Me-Dowell be declared a pauper and al lowed \$4.50 per quarter, John Cloninger, agent.

It was ordered that the report of the county physician be accepted. approved and filed.

Whereas, on the first Monday in January, 1911, a resolution was accepted, providing for the execution of a deed for the county property known as the "Court House Square" and jail lot situated in the town of Dallas, to certain parties mentions in said resolutions, and whereas since the tender of said deed to the said parties, grantees named in said res olution by A. J. Smith, Register . Deeds, which deed was not accepted by said grantees mentioned 'n same for reasons bereinafter named reasons hereinafter named to-That said grantees mentioned therein, intended to organize a corporation to whom said granteen desired the deed to be executed and whereas such corporation has be chartered. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the board of county commissioners execute and ten through A. J. Smith a fee slm deed without warranty to the corporation, to-wit, the Gaston Land and Manufacturing Co., and delive said deed upon the payment of \$7. deeds be authorized and directed to | 900 to the said Smith, as agent for record tax returns till Monday, July said county, or upon the execution of WILL HELP BUILD BRIDGE. | for the said sum of \$7,000, fully