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A SURPRISE WEDDING.

Mr. Robert Gardner and Miss Annie Moore, of West Gastonia, steal a march on their friends—Correction about Baseball Game—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, July 20.—The Ladies Aid Society of West End Methodist church, gave an ice cream supper Saturday evening, July 15th. Nothing remarkable about that for they have a good many over there anyway, you say. No, but the funny part of it is that a couple of young people stole a march on the balance of the crowd and had the pastor to do the matrimonial knotting act, while they were having a jolly time over their ice cream and soda water, blissfully ignorant of what was going on not more than twenty feet away. The contracting parties were Mr. Robert Gardner and Miss Annie Moore, two well-known and very popular young people of West Gastonia. They were married in the pastor's study by Rev. J. A. Peeler. It was to have been one of those secret affairs, but in some way the truth about the affair leaked out and they had to 'tear up.'

Messrs. William Moore, superintendent of the Arcadia Mills, and L. G. Potter, of Gaffney, S. C., were business visitors here yesterday.—Mrs. C. L. Chandler and daughter, Viola, have gone to spend the remainder of the summer with her father, Mr. J. G. Westmorland, near Woodruff, S. C.—Mr. R. L. Caveny has been sick with chills for the past few days.—Mr. and Mrs. N. Hullender, who have been residing in Greensboro for the past eight months, have returned to the Loray and will make their home here.—Miss Maggie Dalton is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton.—Miss Media Holcomb returned home this week after spending three weeks in Spencer as the guest of Miss Bedie Dalton.—Miss Lola Smith left Monday for Spartanburg, S. C., where she will learn to be a trained nurse at the Spartanburg hospital.—Miss Clara Lewis is spending a few days in Shelby visiting friends and acquaintances.—Messrs. Ernest Hull and Lee Cain spent Saturday and Sunday in Bessemer City.

We have been requested by the manager of the Loray baseball team to correct the report of Saturday's game which appeared in Tuesday's Gazette. Instead of the score being 9 and 5 in favor of Lowell it was tied in the last half of the ninth and stood 9 and 9. Loray had one man down and two men on bases when the Lowell bunch got mad at a decision of the umpire and refused to play the game out.

Loray will cross bats with the fast boys from Clover on the home grounds Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Some extra good playing is expected.

Rev. F. W. Bradley will leave today for Lincoln county where he expects to assist the pastors of Polkville and various other churches in revival meetings for several weeks.

One of these here three-legged motorettes came out our way yesterday. As far as durability and usefulness is concerned it may be all right, but judging it from a standpoint of beauty it failed to leave a very good impression on the folks up here.

Rev. J. D. Fankin of Statesville, is assisting Rev. J. A. Peeler in the revival meeting which is in progress at Franklin Avenue Methodist church. He is preaching some strong, forceful sermons and the prospects bid fair for a good revival.

Mr. L. P. Lewis has been promoted to the position of outside overseer and is moving into the house formerly occupied by Mr. J. L. Boyer.—Mr. W. D. Carver has accepted the position of house man to succeed Mr. L. P. Lewis.

Will Mean Much.

Charity and Children.

We hear that Wadesboro is to have the fine service of Rev. W. H. Reddish as its pastor. Such a pastor of such a church will mean much for the Kingdom.

In the case of E. L. Shuford, of Newton, against the Southern Railway, the jury refused to allow damages. Shuford boarded a train without getting his mileage pulled and sued because of treatment when Conductor Tom Murphy was about to put him off the train.

While returning to Richmond in a motor car Tuesday night, Mrs. H. C. Beattie, Jr. was shot and instantly killed by an unidentified white man who escaped. Bloodhounds are on the scene. Mr. Beattie was driving the car slowly down the road when the assailant accosted them in the middle of the road. Almost without warning the man raised a shot gun and shot the top of Mrs. Beattie's head off. Mr. Beattie sprang from the car and hit the assailant across the face with the butt of his gun, but he escaped. Both are prominent socially in Richmond.

DEATH OF YOUNG MATRON.

Mr. John R. Branch Dies at McAdenville at Age of Twenty—Death of an Infant—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette. McADENVILLE, July 20.—Mrs. M. A. Cole is visiting in Mt. Gilead.—Mr. W. B. Brymer returned Monday from a visit to Cowpens.—Miss Meta McGhee has had as her guests for the past two weeks Miss Bess Ridenour, of Monroe, and Miss Hoover, of Lenoir.—Mrs. Jessie Reid and children, of Forest City, are spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reid.—Mr. Campbell Bradley, who has been with the Taylor Drug Company for the past two months, leaves next week for Texas to engage in railroad construction.—Misses Maud and Margaret Norris, of St. Louis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, of Lowell.—Prof. J. L. Webb is in Buford, Ga., teaching a singing school.—Mr. Frank Earnley is building an addition to his house.

Mrs. John R. Branch died at her home here on Wednesday, July 12, at the age of 19 years, 10 months and 4 days. She was before marriage, a Miss Fisher, daughter of Walter Fisher, and granddaughter of Mayor R. H. Fisher. She was a member of the Methodist church which she had joined early in life, and ever remained true to her profession and faith in Christ. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. F. Harrelson, Thursday afternoon, July 13th, in the home. Interment was made in the cemetery at Lowell. She leaves a husband, father, brothers and sisters and grandparents and numerous friends to mourn her death.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stirbro died Thursday night of last week from an attack of whooping cough and pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted in the home Friday afternoon by Rev. J. D. Moore. Interment taking place in the cemetery at Lowell.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette. STANLEY, July 20.—Little Misses Mary McKinzie and Francis Moore are the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Shelton, at Matthews.—Mr. E. G. McLeod, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with relatives here.—Mr. Geo. Rhyne stopped over Saturday and Sunday with relatives en route to Lincoln from attending a house party in Alabama.—Mrs. W. B. Peterson left Monday for a few days visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Deal, at Lexington.—Mrs. C. J. McCombs has as her guest her sister, Miss Beulah Hamilton, of Unionville.—Miss Ethel Pales was here for the party of her friends at a delightful party Monday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Bennie Hlatt, of Charlotte. Those invited to meet Miss Hlatt were Misses Bessie Morris, Edna Cannon, Ethel and Mayme Peterson, Kate Jenkins, Willie Summerow, Kate Carpenter, Bayne Rutledge, Lucile Moore, and Beulah Hamilton, of Unionville; Messrs. Leon Smith, Clyde Bass, Mervin and Charlie Clemmer, Carl Carpenter, Loyd Cannon, Russell and Harry Cline, Carl Smith, Fred Cloninger and Carl Finger.

Dallas, Route Two Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Route 2, July 20.—Are you coming? Of course you are, everybody is. "Where?" did you say? Why to the Farmers' Union picnic on the grounds of the Philadelphia Lutheran church north of Dallas. Prominent speakers will be on hand, music will be furnished by a brass band and Vestal's Branch String Band. Everybody come and bring your well-filled baskets and enjoy yourself throughout the day.

Miss Fannie Setzer, of Newton, is spending the week with Misses Vera and Nell Setzer.—Little Miss Mary White is spending some time in Charlotte with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. White.—Mrs. H. G. Rhyne was a Gastonia visitor Monday.—Misses Eupher and Ruth Grier spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. M. A. Lineberger.—Miss Susie White, of Gastonia, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. G. Rhyne.—Miss Ida Rhyne, of Dallas, was the guest Sunday of her brother, Mr. H. G. Rhyne.—Mrs. Sherman Robinson will leave Saturday for Lenoir where she will spend some time visiting relatives.—Misses Vera, Nell and Fannie Setzer were the guests Wednesday of Mrs. Will Little.

Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Route 1, July 20.—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rhyne, of Dallas, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holland.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Best and children visited at the home of Mr. Hart Spencer in the Beaver Dam section Sunday.—Mrs. William Thomas, of Gastonia, route four, came up Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour.—Miss Etta White was the guest Monday at the home of Miss Elvira Heron.—Miss Verna Pasour, of Dallas, visited relatives on route one a few days this week.—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pasour spent the week-end at the home of Mr. John Friday on Dallas, route two.—Mrs. Robert Holland was the guest of Mrs. C. R. Pasour Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White visited at the home of Mrs. Eliza White Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Crown Ratchford spent Sunday at the home of M. G. L. Best.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mauney and children visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White Sunday.—Mrs. Christie Jenkins is spending a few weeks at Dallas with her daughter, Mrs. W. N. Rhyne.—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. M. Pasour and children spent Monday at the home of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Pasour.—Little Miss Modell Carpenter, of High Shoals, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza White.—Miss Laura Pasour will leave Friday for Catawba county to spend a few weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. John J. Ratchford.—Mrs. Charles Gamble and children, of Bessemer City, spent last week at the home of Mr. Christie Jenkins.

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Route 2, The Sunnyside Platonic Literary Society met in regular session July 13th. In the absence of the president, Sample Hager, Vice President Grady Kiser, presided. The query discussed was "Resolved, That the United States should have a larger navy." Walter Hovis and Walden Weaver upheld the affirmative while the negative was upheld by Clyde Arrowood. After hearing the discussion the judges decided in favor of the affirmative. The society was delighted to have with them Mr. Thomas S. Royster who made them a speech which was greatly appreciated. As a mark of special honor the society unanimously elected Mr. Royster as an honorary member. The following query and speakers were appointed for the next regular meeting: "Resolved, That navigation has done more for America than the railroad." The speakers that were chosen to defend the respective sides were Sample Hager, Audie Kiser and Ralph Arrowood for the affirmative while the negative will be upheld by Marshall Payne, Grady Kiser and Fair Huffstetler.

Miss Edith Kinoid, of route one, was the guest Sunday at Miss Beulah Kiser's.—Mrs. Sallie Hovis and son, Mr. Sam Hovis, were guests Sunday at Mr. Moses Stroup's.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Route 1, July 19.—Miss Ferris Froneberger gave an ice cream supper at her home last Monday night in honor of her visiting guest, Miss Bryte Crawford. A goodly number was present and all spent a most delightful evening.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hager spent Sunday at Kings Mountain visiting Mrs. Hager's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Farris.—Misses Myrtle and Sunie Carpenter spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Misses Lizzie and Pearl Carpenter, of Long Shoals.—Miss Mary Jane Baldwin, of Bessemer City, is spending some time at the home of her father, Mr. John Baldwin.—Communion services were held Sunday at Bethel Lutheran church; also a singing that evening.—Mr. Clyde Carpenter spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Loy Carpenter, of Long Shoals.—Miss Bryte Crawford, of Gastonia, is spending a couple of weeks visiting Miss Lucy Bryte Pasour.—Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Hasten spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin.

Most everybody through this community have had their wheat threshed. Seems there was a good wheat crop throughout the county.—The farmers are all about through laying by their crops. There are very bright prospects for a good crop of both corn and cotton.

Miss Ida Rayfield is right sick at this writing.—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour were Gastonia shoppers last Wednesday.—A series of meetings will begin at Shady Grove Baptist church on Thursday night before the fifth Sunday. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Bangle, will be assisted in this meeting by Rev. Mr. Hocking, of Cherryville. We hope that much good will be accomplished during this meeting. Everybody is invited to attend.—Mr. David Froneberger was a business visitor to Gastonia Saturday.

BELMONT PICNIC A SUCCESS.

W. O. W.'s Hold Annual Event—Webb Unable to Come—Other Speakers Present—Good Baseball Game in the Afternoon.

A crowd variously estimated at from 1,000 to 1,200 thronged the picnic grounds yesterday at Belmont on the occasion of the annual picnic given by the Woodmen of the World of the Belmont Camp. The announcement that Congressman E. Y. Webb would be present and make the main address of the day, doubtless attracted the major portion of the crowd. Unfortunately, unforeseen congestion of work and certain unavoidable circumstances prevented the brilliant Representative from being present. However, owing to the vigilance of the picnic committee, Messrs. Clark, Crawford and Sanders, good speakers were on hand in the person of Mr. W. S. Charles and Rev. G. A. Page, of Charlotte, and Mr. D. P. Dellinger, of Gastonia.

Mr. Charles made the first speech of the day. He is a very prominent man in Woodmen circles throughout the State, being State organizer and lecturer and the recognized head of Woodcraft in North Carolina. His speech dealt with "Woodcraft" in particular, tracing the origin, growth and development of the fraternal order, substantiating his words with figures and statistics. He showed how the Woodmen of the World is one of the most popular of modern fraternal organizations, as well as one of the most beneficial.

Rev. Mr. Page's address was confined chiefly to an exposition of the benefits and advantages of fraternalism, Woodcraft in particular, while Mr. Dellinger, although being summoned rather extemporaneously made one of the best speeches of the day, dealt with the subject of "Fraternalism" in a general way, showing the many advantages and benefits accruing therefrom.

After the speeches the premier attraction of the day was a baseball game between two old rivals, Lowell and Belmont. Once before an eleven-inning contest had been fought out between these teams, victory going to Belmont by the score of 5 to 4. As it chanced yesterday's game was won by the same team and by the same score. Lowell made a desperate up-hill fight throughout the game, all but tying the score in the ninth inning. For Lowell, both Gastons did phenomenal work in the field and at the bat, Price's pitching being also of the stellar variety. For Belmont Costner and Bumgardner did good work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Gaston County Presbyterian Sunday School Workers Meet at Belmont July 27th—Two Days' Session—An Interesting Program.

The Sunday school convention of the Presbyterian churches in Gaston county will meet in the Presbyterian church at Belmont Thursday, July 27th, and will continue for two days. Rev. W. S. Lacy, the recently installed pastor of the Belmont church, will deliver the address of welcome. A program full of interest has been arranged. Several Gastonians have places as will be seen from the following program:

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1911.
10:00 a. m. Convention called to order by Willis Holland, Chairman.
Roll call of Churches for delegates.
Election of Officers.
Address of Welcome by Rev. W. S. Lacy.

11:00 a. m. Sermon—Bible Study—Rev. A. S. Anderson.
RECESS.

2:00 p. m. Song and Prayer Service.
2:30. Appointment of Committees.

2:45. Teacher Training—Prof. F. P. Hall and Rev. R. S. Burwell.
Discussion.

3:15. Hymn and Prayer.
3:30. The Best Methods for Training the Children in Singing—Rev. W. J. Sechrest and R. Q. Howe.
4:00. Question Box or Round Table Talk—Rev. S. L. Cathy.

RECESS.
8:15. Child Nature and Child Nurture—Rev. R. C. Anderson.
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9:30 a. m. Devotional Exercises—Dr. C. E. Adams.
9:45. Adult Bible Classes—Rev. W. S. Lacy.
Discussion.

10:10. Best Methods of Primary Work—Miss Clara Patrick.
Discussion by the Ladies.
10:45 a. m. Praise Service.
11:00 a. m. Best Methods of Securing Attendance.

11:00 a. m. Sabbath School Extension—Rev. G. A. Sparrow and Rev. R. A. Miller.
RECESS.

2:00 p. m. Song Service.
2:15 p. m. Report of Committee on Sabbath School Reports.
General Discussion.
2:45 p. m. Report of Treasurer and Committees.

3:00 p. m. General and Unfinished Business.
3:30 p. m. Election of Officers.
3:45 p. m. Farewell Service.

McAdenville Wins.

In a very exciting game of baseball on the McAdenville diamond last Saturday McAdenville defeated Bessemer City by a score of 6 to 3. Tomorrow on the McAdenville diamond McAdenville will play the Lowell club. A good game is promised and a good crowd is expected. Everybody interested in baseball is invited.

WANTS 1000 MEMBERS.

Campaign on to Increase Usefulness of Gastonia Public Library—An Institution Which Deserves United Support of Entire Citizenship—Membership Fee is Nominal Sum.

"One thousand members" is the slogan of the Gastonia Public Library. To the accomplishment of this end a number of the leading spirits in the organization are now bending their united efforts and they do not expect to cease working until the desired end has been accomplished.

The present membership of the library is 250. The city of Charlotte, with less than four times the population of Gastonia, has 6,000 members of the Carnegie Library.

In view of the fact that the membership fee of the local library is merely a nominal sum there seems to be no reason why a thousand members cannot be secured within the next two or three months. The fee is \$1 for a year, 50 cents for six months, 25 cents for three months or ten cents per month if paid monthly.

One means being employed by the library management at this time in the campaign for new members is a plan to interest the children and young folks by offering to each one of them who takes up the work 25 per cent on each membership fee secured. The only condition imposed is that some member of the family from which the child comes shall hold a membership card in the library. So far 24 young people have taken up this work and the results are beginning to show.

Gastonia is peculiarly fortunate in the circumstances surrounding her public library. The building, which is centrally and conveniently located, is given to the library absolutely free of rent by the Y. M. C. A., which organization also pays the librarian, the insurance, repair and other necessary current expenses. This leaves all the membership fees to be spent for books and magazines.

In the Spring public spirited citizens of the town contributed \$400 or more to the library which sum was expended for new books and for subscriptions to magazines and other periodicals. On the reading table there are 24 of the best magazines. To have access to this literature is alone worth many times the cost of membership.

In recent months special attention has been devoted to the juvenile department and many new juvenile books, carefully selected, have been added to the already excellent collection. Miss Lottie Blake, the librarian, is always ready, willing and anxious to assist the young folks in the selection of books from the juvenile section. Once a month when some one who has some special talent or qualification for storytelling entertains the young folks with readings from the best story books. All the young folks are invited to these story hours.

Those in charge of the library are especially anxious to interest the young people and older ones too, around the various mills. The library is a "public" institution and is not maintained for any class. The cotton mill operative is as welcome to membership as the merchant or professional man. The desire is to make the library useful to the largest possible number of people.

Gastonia is indeed fortunate in having such an institution. The library has a good selection of books in all departments of literature and it is to be constantly enlarged by the addition of new books of fiction, biography, history, reference, juvenile, etc.

The library is open daily from 10 a. m. till 12 M., and from 3 to 8 p. m. The young men of the town, who are nearly all engaged in business pursuits until 6 p. m., are especially invited to take advantage of the library from then till the closing hour.

The Editor of To-Day.

The editor of today has to get his nose down to the grind stone and keep it there sixteen hours per day and 365 days in the year, or he falls by the wayside. There are men who quit work Saturday night and rest until Monday morning. They lay aside business cares at five or six o'clock every evening and do not resume them until seven or eight next morning. Not so your editor. He has no hours, no Sunday, no night. When he goes to party, or a church or on an alleged pleasure trip, it is all in the line of duty. Withal, your editor man is a cheerful, long-suffering soul, going about doing good in his humble way. He returns good for evil. He writes long puffs of church societies, and in return therefor, accepts a chunk of cake that would sink an ironclad. He notes the arrival of all the babies in his neighborhood and eternally peruses his soul in telling how pretty they are. He rejoices with the gay and mourns with those who are sad. He booms every enterprise which makes his community rich and goes about himself clothed in gunny sack coats and one suspender. He glories over the fortune of his neighbor, and meekly eats his own repast of boiled corn cobs and colored labels off tomato cans. He can write a sermon, an account of a prize fight, a political speech, an obituary notice, poetry, split wood, pitch hay, wash dishes, preside at a camp meeting, curry horses, quote law or gospel, or anything else at a moment's notice.

INCREASE ALMOST \$1,500,000.

Property Assessments Completed—Total Valuation \$10,545,937, not Including Corporation Excess—Substantial Gains.

The county board of equalization completed the work of assessing the county property yesterday. It is believed that the total increase will amount to \$1,500,000 when everything is finally settled. The figures given below do not include the corporation excess or the public service corporations, the rates on which have also been raised considerably. The figures according to townships are as follows:

River Bend, polls, 467, white; 158 colored; real property, \$804,449; personal \$387,053.
Cherryville, polls, 614 whites, 59 colored; real property, \$823,611; personal, \$322,557.
Dallas, polls, 536 white, 111 colored; real property, \$789,866; personal, \$322,805.
South Point, polls, 707 white, 230 colored; real property, \$1,463,740; personal, \$538,154.
Crowders Mountain, polls, 469, white; 136 colored; real property, \$914,293; personal, \$222,147.
Gastonia, polls, 1,267 white; 400 colored; real property, \$2,910,940; personal property, \$1,132,636. This includes Gastonia, city proper and township.

The reports show that the total valuation in the whole county is \$10,545,937, an increase of \$1,332,174 over last year's valuation. There are 1,464 white polls in the county and 1,174 negro polls. Some figures from last year's books are:

Crowders Mountain, number of acres, 22,750; value, \$699,584.
Dallas, number acres, 36,510; value, \$626,354.
Gastonia, number acres, 38,293; value, \$1,935,303.
River Bend, number acres, 35,097; value, \$561,230.
South Point, number acres, 42,507; value, \$1,142,155.

MRS. LUCIUS JACKSON DEAD.

Estimable Lady Passes Away at Home in Crowders Creek—Leaves Infant Child—Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Lizzie Ferguson Jackson, wife of Mr. Lucius Jackson, died Wednesday night at 8:30 at her home in the Crowders Creek section south of Gastonia. The news of the death of this lady will come as a shock to her many friends in Gaston county. It will be remembered that about a year ago she was married to Mr. Jackson, eldest son of Mr. John Frank Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson was about 22 years old at the time of her death and in addition to her husband and an infant child is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ferguson, and by six brothers, Messrs. Boyce, Thomas, Robert, Samuel, Edward and Laban Ferguson, and one sister, Mrs. Leslie Crawford.

The funeral services and interment took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Crowders Creek A. R. P. church, of which the deceased was a devoted member, conducted by Dr. R. M. Stevenson, of Clover.

With Bank at Spencer.

Another Gaston boy is making good and the news of his success will be heard with pleasure by his many friends here. Reference is had to Mr. W. H. Shannon, son of Mr. J. R. Shannon, about whom the Salisbury Post of Wednesday has the following: "Mr. W. H. Shannon, a former Salisbury, but for more than a year assistant ticket agent for the Southern at Winston, has accepted a position with the Bank of Spencer, assuming his new duty Monday. Mr. Shannon is a young man of splendid habits and is a steady worker. He was for some time with the Rogers Clothing Co., as salesman. Giving this place up he worked for the Southern at its Spencer shops for a time when he was given an agency for the company in South Carolina. Later he was transferred to Winston where he was a faithful official. He will make good in any capacity and the bank at Spencer is to be congratulated upon securing his services."

Serious Accident Narrowly Averted.

What came near being a serious accident was narrowly averted last Tuesday afternoon when an automobile driven by Mr. Thompson, of Chester, S. C., struck Mr. T. M. Pearson and knocked him down. The incident happened near Mr. Pearson's home on West Airline street. Owing to the fact that Mr. Thompson was not driving more than 8 or 10 miles per hour and to his presence of mind in putting on brakes so quickly, Mr. Pearson was not run over. He was only slightly bruised and was able to be out of bed a short time afterwards.

Another Tragedy on the Catawba.

Wednesday afternoon Earl Rock, aged 18, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rock, of Charlotte, was drowned in the Catawba river at Rozelle's bridge while trying to learn to swim. The unfortunate young man was a member of a Lutheran Sunday school picnic party from Charlotte. Together with several others he was trying to learn to swim in shallow water when he stepped off into a deep hole. Members of the party made efforts to save him but these were futile. The body was recovered late Wednesday evening and taken to Charlotte for burial.