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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

FOUR DEATHS IN FEW DAYS.

The Grim Reaper Active at Bessemer City—Mr. J. A. WITHERSPON, injured in runaway—Graded school enrollment 400—Personal mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Sept. 18.—Four deaths in less than a week is an unusual toll for our town but this is the record for the past few days.

The 13-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houser died early in the week after a lingering illness and was buried at Smyrna church four miles west of here after funeral services by Rev. J. A. Lay, assisted by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, Thursday Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, an elderly woman, died suddenly and was interred here. Last night the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Woodien died. The funeral will take place today.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. W. L. Tate died very unexpectedly of tuberculosis. Mr. Tate was about 32 years old and leaves a wife and three young children and three brothers, as follows: E. L. Tate, of Colorado; B. F. Tate, of Roanoke, Va.; and C. L. Tate, of Charlotte. Mr. Tate was a native of Rutherford county and was an estimable young man. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and also of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. The body was carried to Forest City today and after funeral services there will be interred in the cemetery this afternoon.

Mr. John A. WITHERSPON, a prominent farmer living on the Bessemer and Cherryville road west of here, happened to a very serious accident yesterday while returning to his home from Concord church. The mule which Mr. WITHERSPON was driving is said to have become frightened by a passing automobile and in the runaway that followed Mr. WITHERSPON was thrown violently from the buggy, suffering a broken collarbone and other minor injuries.

Mrs. A. Mayo McKeown, of Cornwall, S. C., after spending some time here visiting at Mr. J. J. Gamble's and Mr. T. S. Royster's, left this morning for Glenn Springs to visit her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Smith, Jr., who is an aunt of Mrs. Royster. Miss Joy Grant, of Chesler, S. C., has been visiting a few days at Mr. T. S. Royster's. Tomorrow Miss Grant leaves for her home, accompanied as far as Charlotte by Mrs. Royster, who will visit her cousin, Mrs. L. S. Boyd. Miss Tessie Hastings, after a two-weeks visit to her brother, Mr. John Hastings, at Greenville, S. C., returned here Saturday.—Mr. Floyd Whitney was called to Chapel Hill last week on business.—Mrs. David McGehee, of McAdenville, spent Thursday and Friday here, the guest of Mrs. J. F. Armstrong.

Our graded school enrollment is now nearing the 400 mark and unusual enthusiasm is being manifested.

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Route 2, Sept. 20.—The Platonic Literary Society had a public debate last Saturday night. A large crowd was present to hear the speeches. The question was, "Resolved, That the United States should encourage foreign immigration." Milton Arrowood and Walter Hovis upheld the negative while Walden Weaver and Fred Arrowood upheld the affirmative. By the decision of the judges the decision was given in favor of the negative.

Miss Agnes Oates visited Miss Mary Hager and Mrs. T. S. Royster Saturday night and Sunday.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Route 1, Sept. 20.—Miss Hester Lineberger and brother, James, spent the week-end at the home of their sister, Mrs. W. C. Best.—Mrs. C. Rose Pasour was a guest Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Pasour.—Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ratchford spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Best.—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pasour were the guests Sunday at the home of their father, Mr. Jacob Pasour.—Miss Venia Thornburg is spending a few weeks at the home of her nephew, Mr. William Harmon.—Mrs. Albert Hendrix and Miss Ethel Service, of Bessemer City, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. G. E. C. Pasour.—Miss Hester Best gave a party Saturday night in honor of her birthday. About seventy-five of her young friends were present. All greatly enjoyed the occasion and went away wishing her many more happy birthdays.—Miss Florence Pasour spent Saturday night as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ratchford.

In Smithfield court last week Judge Peebles fined a Syrian merchant \$250 for selling cigarettes to a minor.

A DOUBLE-HEADER SATURDAY.

McAdenville and Concord Will Play Two Games of Baseball—One Game Already Played, McAdenville Winning.

Correspondence of The Gazette. McADENVILLE, Sept. 20.—There will be a double-header game at McAdenville Saturday, September 23rd, between McAdenville and Concord. These two teams played an exciting game Saturday, September 9th, McAdenville winning by a margin of only one run. The next two games will be more exciting as both teams have strengthened and as this is the final game of the season at McAdenville a large crowd is expected.

McAdenville will use Bentley, Polie Jenkins and other league players while Concord will most likely pitch Swearingen, who has made an enviable record this year. McAdenville hopes to see a large crowd from its neighboring towns and promises two good games.

Mr. Ruben Jenkins, of Mt. Holly, will umpire the games, and playing will begin promptly at 2.30 o'clock. McAdenville defeated Tuckasee in a snappy game of ball on the McAdenville diamond Saturday afternoon, the 16th, by the score of 4 to 1, despite the fact that Tuckasee strengthened by using four of Belmont's players. The features of the game were the errorless fielding of the McAdenville team and the fielding of Groner and Willitt for the visitors. Batteries: Dagenhart and McAndrew; Huffstetler and Pete Abernethy; umpire, "Togo" Bentley.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette. STANLEY, Sept. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. James E. Loven entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening at a delightful party in honor of their guest, Miss Jane Hope, of Lowryville, S. C. Forty-two was played and punch and minis were served.

Mr. E. G. Mc Laird and Mr. T. E. Summerrow and Master Thomas Edward, Jr., of Gastonia, spent Sunday with relatives here.—Mr. Robert Peterson spent a few days of his vacation at home last week, returning to Charlotte Sunday. He expects to finish his vacation in October and take a trip to Washington, D. C.—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason and son spent Sunday here with relatives, returning to Charlotte Monday.—Mrs. R. H. Cline has had as her guests for the past week her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Kelly, of Wilmington, her sister, Mrs. Merritt and children, of Wilmington, also her niece, Miss Ester Hult, of Newton. Mrs. Merritt and children and Miss Hult left for the latter's home Monday.—Rev. R. H. Cline is attending the Lutheran conference at Shenandoah, Va. therefore there is no school for the high school department this week.

Mr. H. C. Whitener left yesterday for Princeton, N. J., to resume his studies at the seminary. This is his last year.—Miss Kate Whelan has gone to Cherryville to take up her duties as teacher in the graded school there.—Mr. Russell Cline left Wednesday for Newberry, S. C., to enter Newberry College.—Mrs. Frank Thompson, of China Grove, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rutledge, Mr. Thompson after spending several days returned home Monday.—Mr. Carl Carpenter is at home from Gastonia suffering from an attack of asthma, therefore is unable to be present at court.—Dr. M. C. Hunter, of Huntersville, is in town this week. He is contemplating moving his family back here in the near future.

The curfew law has recently gone into effect here requiring all under eighteen years of age to be off the streets by 9 p. m.—Mr. Polie Jenkins arrived from Bristol, Tenn.-Va., last Thursday where he had been playing baseball on the league team for the past six or seven weeks. He is now visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry Peterson, at Kings Mountain.—Mrs. Jacob Jenkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gaither Rabb, at Lenoir.—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carpenter are rejoicing over the birth of their first grand daughter, for Monday, the 18th, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Carpenter, at Florence, S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. George Shelton, of Matthews, spent Sunday with and were accompanied home by their mother, Mrs. J. P. Shelton.

News From Route Three.

Correspondence of The Gazette. GASTONIA, Route 3, Sept. 21.—Miss Gertrude Moton gave her young friends a party Saturday night. Those present had a most delightful time.—Misses Blanche and Jamie Costner, of Gastonia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Moton.—Mrs. W. A. Moton and son, Walter, have returned home after a two-weeks stay at Bessemer and Kings Mountain.—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Warren were Gastonia visitors Saturday.—Mrs. John Warren returned Monday from Yorkville where she spent a few days with her husband.

BELMONT SCHOOL OPENS.

Large Enrollment for First Day — Night School Well Patronized — Services at Presbyterian Church.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Sept. 19.—A series of services has begun at the Presbyterian church here. Beginning last Sunday morning and continuing throughout this week there will be preaching services both at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 8 in the evening. The pastor, Rev. W. S. Lacy, is being assisted in this meeting by Rev. Dr. William E. McIlwaine, of Charlotte, who was at one time pastor of the Gastonia and New Hope Presbyterian churches. From this pastorate there sprang the present Lowell and Belmont churches and several chapels throughout the eastern section of Gaston county.

Dr. McIlwaine is a powerful and earnest preacher, fluent and eloquent and the services are being attended by large crowds.

School opened here yesterday with a remarkably good attendance for the first day. The total enrollment was 225. This is exclusive of the night school for the benefit of the mill operatives who work during the day. Already 50 or 60 have signified their willingness to attend this school which heretofore has attained to a marked degree of success.

Considering the fact that this is one of the busy seasons on the farm, from which the Belmont school draws a great deal of its patronage, this first day's showing is excellent. Both teachers and pupils are working under great disadvantages at the present, and will continue to be handicapped for a week or so. This is occasioned by the failure to occupy the new building which was expected to be ready for occupancy at the opening of school. Delays in the shipment of lumber and desks have been the cause of this incomplete condition. At present the cramped and inadequate old quarters are being utilized together with the Baptist church, the use of which was very kindly tendered by the church officials.

The teaching force is as follows: First grade, Miss Ethel Stowe; second grade, Miss Mary Hall; third and fourth grades, Miss Amelia Belle Crawford; fifth and sixth grades, Mr. A. A. Armstrong; seventh and eighth grades, Miss Lena Greene, of Monroe; ninth and tenth grades, Prof. H. A. Query. Mrs. H. B. Stowe has charge of the school at the Imperial Mill and Mrs. Norma Alexander Stowe the school at the Chronicle and the Majestic Mills.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Sept. 18.—Messrs. Stewart & Jones have about finished up their work here on the interurban. They have graded off a piece for the depot and are loading up their machinery and going "away down in Georgia, to commence work there. Work will soon begin on the depot near the cotton mill, which is to be a nice brick structure.

School opened here Monday. Prof. Ramsour is principal and Miss Denney, of Virginia, and Miss Nina Patrick as assistants. Miss Ruth Robinson is teaching the school near the mills.

Miss Kate Robinson left Wednesday for Charlotte to enter Presbyterian College.—Miss Charity Nipper has gone to Davenport College, at Lenoir, Miss Nellie Cashion to Claremont College, at Hickory, and Mr. Harley Gaston to Trinity College.—Miss Loretta Cox returned last Thursday from Matthews, where she visited Miss Lois Williams Shelton.—Prof. Ramsour went up to Bessemer City Friday and back Saturday.—Miss Nina Patrick made a short trip to Gastonia Saturday.—Rev. R. A. Miller and Mr. D. H. Cox attended Presbytery at Stanley last week, returning Friday.

Messrs. Earl and Banks McArver have bought Mr. John M. Kendrick's farm here and Mr. Kendrick will move back to his farm on the New Hope road.—Misses Mabel and Nellie Rhyne gave a "tacky" party at their home last Saturday night. The prize, a nice cake, was won by Mr. George Ford and Miss Emma Reid.

Dr. W. A. Graham, one of Durham's most prominent young physicians, committed suicide Tuesday at his home by shooting himself in the head. Despondency was the cause of the deed. He was a son of Maj. Jno. W. Graham and a grandson of Senator William A. Graham, one of the State's greatest statesmen.

Mount Etna, Sicily, has been in a state of eruption for a week or more past. A torrent of burning lava, four feet deep and 2,000 feet wide has been pouring down the side of the mountain. Violent earth shocks have occurred and the people in the vicinity of the mount have fled for their lives.

Italy now imports more than fifty million dollars' worth of cotton each year. Hence the government is carefully fostering all attempts to produce a native crop.

MANY MASONS WERE HERE

First Annual Meeting of Twenty-Third District a Great Success—Public Session Yesterday Afternoon Attended by Over 300—Excellent Program Rendered—Eastern Star Lodge to be Organized Later.

One of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings of any kind ever held in Gastonia was the first annual gathering of representatives of the twenty-one Masonic lodges in this, the twenty-third district, embracing Lincoln, Cleveland and Gaston counties, in Gastonia Wednesday and yesterday. There were 150 or more visiting Masons and the local entertainment committee spared no pains to make their stay in our city pleasant. Yesterday morning all the visiting Masons here were taken on an auto ride to Spencer Mountain, citizens of the town furnishing machines. The ride was a delightful one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. The visitors were given the liberties of the entire town and everyone of them felt thoroughly at home. That they carried away with them, when they left this morning, the most pleasant recollections of Gastonia and Gastonians is certain. It is useless to add that Gastonia enjoyed having them here for only so brief a time.

Yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock the Masons, their wives, daughters, sisters and lady friends were entertained by Gastonia Lodge No. 369 royally with a most excellent program at the conclusion of which delicious refreshments were served. The exercises were held in the Pythian hall and Mr. J. H. Separk was master of ceremonies. When he called the house to order a few minutes past 3 o'clock every seat was taken and some were standing. Rev. R. C. Anderson opened with prayer following which Mr. Arthur C. Jones, of the local bar, delivered an address of welcome which was brief and to the point, voicing the sentiments of the Gastonia Masons and of Gastonians generally. His feeling words of welcome to the visitors were heard with interest and pleasure.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, made the response to the address of welcome. Mr. Hoey is well and favorably known here as a young orator of talent and his address yesterday afternoon fully sustained his reputation. He spoke for only a few moments but was listened to with the very strictest attention.

Dr. S. H. Lyle, of Franklin, was the next speaker, his subject being "The Relation of the Order of the Eastern Star to the Masonic Order." The speaker gave a brief history of the Eastern Star and its relation to the Masonic order. His address was full of interesting information. At the conclusion of the program Mr. C. E. Whitney, district deputy grand master, announced that Dr. Lyle was the grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and was here to organize a lodge if there were enough applications for membership to justify it. It is understood that plans are being formulated for the organization of a lodge of this order in Gastonia at an early date.

Miss Eleanor Reid, of Gastonia, recited "We Meet Upon the Level and We Part Upon the Square." Miss Reid is a daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. P. Reid, is a graduate of Winthrop College and is a member of the city school faculty. She is a talented elocutionist and her rendition yesterday was highly appreciated by the large audience.

Grand Master R. N. Hackett, who was scheduled for an address on the subject "What Masonry is Doing and Its Needs of Today" was not able to be present.

Miss Myrtle Dodson, of Danville, Va., who is teaching music here this year, delighted the audience with a well-rendered vocal solo, her accompaniment being played by Miss Bertha Long.

Mr. Kemp B. Nixon, of Lincoln, was the next speaker on the program. He was very brief in his remarks but held the attention of the crowd while he was talking. It was his opinion that the Masons of this district should continue to have annual meetings and this opinion was evidently shared by all present.

Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City, was the next speaker and as is always the case when he makes an address to a fraternal order or any other gathering he held the close attention of the crowd. Mr. Durham addressed his remarks largely to members of the Masonic order but it was none the less interesting for that matter.

Rev. J. J. Beach offered the closing prayer and the presiding officer announced that refreshments would be served in the Masonic hall on the same floor.

Throughout the program music was rendered at intervals by Miss Atkins' orchestra.

Refreshments consisting of chicken salad, olives, pickles, pimiento sandwiches, crackers, coffee, ice cream and cake, were served to over 300 guests by a bevy of about 20 young ladies under the direction of Mesdames D. A. Garrison, P. R. Falls, J. Lean Adams, R. C. Warren, O. F. Mason, L. F. Wetzell, S. N. Borce, W. J. Clifford, A. A. McLean and J. K. Dixon, assisted by Miss Blanche McArver and Miss Bertha Long who had entire charge of this feature of the program. The refreshments were daintily served and the ladies are deserving of the heartfelt thanks of both visitors and homefolks for the manner in which they handled this important feature of the program. Miss Salehah Latham kept the register, everyone being required to register as they entered.

MONUMENT FUND IS GROWING.

Prominent Citizens Endorse Movement.

Gazette's Campaign to Raise \$5,000 With Which Daughters Will Erect Monument to Gaston's Confederate Veterans Has Endorsement of the People—\$865 of Amount Already Raised—Contributions of Five, Two and One Dollar Asked for—Campaign Just Beginning to Become Interesting—Every Gaston Countyman Should Have a Part in This Noble Work.

The Gazette's monument fund now stands at \$865. Several contributions have been made since the last issue. During the next few days they should come in at a more lively rate. We hope they will. The Gazette started in to raise \$3,000 for this purpose and we have no other expectation than the full amount will be raised within the prescribed time.

This is to be everybody's monument. Every Gaston countyman—men, women and children—should have some part in it. We do not ask for large contributions. As first announced the object is to raise the entire amount by popular subscription, by which is meant small contributions from a large number of people.

As noted elsewhere in this column The Gazette is simply asking 100 people to give \$5, 500 to give \$2 and 1,000 to give \$1 to this great and noble cause. Anybody can contribute in one of these three columns and we hope that your contribution will be sent in at once. All contributions are acknowledged in these columns and the money is turned over to the treasurer of the Gastonia Chapter U. D. C. There is no use to delay the matter. Send your contribution in at once.

The Gazette is sending out a circular letter asking the people what they think of this movement to honor our Confederate veterans. Several of these letters were mailed out yesterday and below are given some of the replies received this morning. Each issue we will print some of these endorsements. They show that our people are interested and

that they intend to see that this monument is built. If you have received one of our circular letters let us hear from you. Many are yet to be sent out.

T. L. CRAIG, Mayor of Gastonia: It gives me pleasure to state that I heartily endorse the plan of The Gazette to raise 3,000 from the citizens of Gaston county to erect a monument in honor of our Confederate veterans. I do this because I believe the heroic suffering of the brave men richly deserves a lasting expression of our memory and appreciation.

F. P. HALL, county superintendent of schools, Belmont: I heartily approve of the movement to erect a monument to the Confederates of Gaston. The heroism of the men who for four long years sustained a contest against four-fold numbers must not be forgotten. As their numbers grow less their deeds should be inscribed upon stone that future generations may know of their fame.

R. B. BABINGTON, Manager Piedmont T. & T. Co.: I heartily endorse the movement The Gazette has undertaken and feel sure there are more than enough patriotic citizens in Gaston county who will respond to this call to erect a creditable monument to our honored heroes who wore the gray.

J. O. WHITE, Supt. Modena Mills: I heartily endorse the movement to raise \$8,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument in honor of our Confederate veterans, and I sincerely trust that you will meet with success in raising the necessary funds for such a grand cause.

J. LEE ROBINSON, Vice-president First National Bank: I heartily endorse your movement and enclose herewith my check for \$5.00. If more is needed call on me again.

JOHN G. CARPENTER, Attorney-at-law: The Gazette's movement to erect a monument to the noble heroes who died in the service of the Confederate army is, I think, a noble one and should have the endorsement of every citizen of Gaston county. Our county by all means ought to have such a monument.

J. Y. MILLER, City: Other counties are erecting monuments to their Confederate veterans, why not Gaston? Let the good work go on.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT FUND

We Want 100 Gaston Countians to give \$5 each.
500 Gaston Countians to give \$2 each.
1,000 Gaston Countians to give \$1 each.
Please Send us Your Contribution To-Day.

IN SOCIETY.

T. A. CLUB HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Frost Torrence on York street last Friday when the following officers for the ensuing year were elected, namely: President, Mrs. R. C. Warren; vice president, Mrs. Fred L. Snyre; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Eddleman. The club decided to hold its meetings the first and third Tuesday afternoons of each month. The first regular meeting for the fall season will be held with Mrs. H. M. Eddleman Tuesday, October 3rd.

FRIENDLY MATRONS MEET.

The Friendly Matrons Club held a business meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. F. Wetzell for the purpose of electing officers and outlining plans for the coming winter. Officers for the ensuing two years were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. J. H. Separk; vice-president, Mrs. L. F. Wetzell; secretary, Mrs. H. Rutter. The first social meeting of the fall season will be held with Mrs. W. J. Clifford on the first Thursday in October.

ANDERS-SHIELDS WEDDING.

The following account of the Anders-Shields wedding is from The Charlotte Observer of yesterday morning: One of the prettiest of the early fall marriages which the Queen City

Mr. Chas Ford and Mr. Robert Adams met the guests as they arrived at the door and gave each a handsome aluminum souvenir in the shape of a trowel bearing the words "Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F. and A. M., Gastonia, N. C., Sept. 20-21, 1911."

There were more than 300 persons present at the afternoon exercises. Last night the third degree was conferred upon Mr. George Willis, of Gastonia, by the degree team of Gastonia Lodge No. 369. Following the conferring of the degree a smoker was enjoyed lasting till midnight. At this session there were present 150 visiting Masons and 100 or more local Masons. It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion as was also the meeting Wednesday night when the first and second degrees were conferred.

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