

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

AMATEUR PLAY.

"Golden Hair and the Three Bears" to Be Given by High School Pupils Friday Night—Successful Spelling Match.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Nov. 20.—The rest of this week will see the finishing touches applied to the operetta "Golden Hair and the Three Bears" to be presented by the students of the Belmont schools next Friday night, the 24th. As has been noted in this correspondence the play is to be given for the purpose of raising funds for the buying of seats for the auditorium. Practically all of the stage furnishings have been procured. Temporary seats have been installed for the play Friday night.

The whole town of Belmont is looking forward with much interest to this performance. Practically every family in town is represented in the cast of characters. Mrs. F. P. Hall has had entire charge of the work since the start. It goes without saying that the work of practice, rehearsals, music and drills has been done better than it would ever have been done by any other person. She has worked faithfully and to her must go the larger part of the credit.

The cast of characters is as follows: "Golden Hair," Elizabeth Lineberger; "Woodland Queen," Mrs. R. B. Suggs; "Fralty," Ella Armstrong; "Faithful," Grace Gullick; "Airy," Alice Hall; "Light-foot," Bertie Mellon; "Forest Warriors," Ruth Lineberger, Mary Gaston and Lida Rankin; attendants, Mary Willett, Mary Culp and Pearl Curry; "Big Bruin," Mack Tupper; "Mummy Muff," Frank West; "Tiny Cub," Davidson Hall. In addition to this, the main cast, there is a chorus of butterflies, 24 strong, from the girls of the primary grades, the forest children, 30 girls from the intermediate department, a bevy of high school girls forming the Maypole minuet and Perle Lewis and John Gaston constituting the role of bear trainers.

The adventures of "Golden Hair," now adopted by the queen, lost in the woods and found by the three bears in their hut constitute the story of the operetta which is told throughout in song. While not boasting of their histrionic prowess these youthful actors and actresses believe they can equal anything of like nature given by any amateurs in the country. It is hoped that a number of people can come from other towns as the play will be finished in ample time for any one to return home on either train No. 25 or 40 due here at 9:48 and 10:10.

The spelling match pulled off here last Friday night, in point of interest and excitement aroused both among school and towns people, was one of the best things that has ever been held in Belmont. In the first heat in which the words were given out by Prof. F. P. Hall, the school team was ingloriously vanquished, due no doubt to the fact that the juveniles were the more easily excited and unused to Prof. Hall's voice and into-

News From Route Three.

Correspondence of The Gazette. GASTONIA, R. F. D. 3, Nov. 20.—Miss Beattie Falls is teaching at the Crawford school house. This school is now occupying the new up-to-date school house, equipped with forty new desks from the Peabody School Furniture Co., of Manchester, Ind. These are quite an improvement on the old-style slab benches. Cards have been sent out announcing the marriage of Mr. Charles Hoffman and Miss Lella Dixon, which is to take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dixon, Wednesday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Wash Smith and Miss Sadie Ballard were married at the home of Rev. A. S. Anderson in West Gastonia on Sunday evening, November 19th.—Mr. Charles Dilling is making preparations to move to Moore county within the next few days.

The Topic says that Clarence Craig, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, of Lenoir, at the age of six years began saving money which he earned himself now has \$35 in the bank and \$10 loaned to an individual at interest. He is a pupil in Lenoir graded school and his evenings and Saturdays are spent in profitable labor, not loafing on the streets and smoking cigarettes. His mother also finds in him a faithful and efficient help to her in the numerous details of her household duties.

In the second heat having become a little more accustomed to their surroundings and with the familiar voice of their teacher, Mr. Query, giving out the words, the high school spellers came back good and strong defeating their older opponents with six spellers standing. In the third and crucial test in which Rev. W. S. Lacy propounded the "jaw-breakers" from the blue book the issue was fast and furious and in doubt till the last. When, however, Mr. A. J. Rankin went down on "saucy" and Postmaster J. W. Armstrong on "critterion," the school side breathed easier, for they had proven the bulwark of the town's defense. When finally the last of the town's side had gone down on "epiphany" and was correctly spelled by Annie Hall, the last one remaining on the school side, the joy and enthusiasm of the school children knew no bounds. Rushing en masse from the auditorium they crowded over the footlights and upon the stage where they celebrated in typical high school style.

The interest aroused was intense, so much so that a delegation of townspeople headed by Messrs. R. L. Stowe, A. J. Rankin, J. R. Gaston and A. K. Hembree have formally challenged the school authorities for another match to be held as soon as possible. Such contests are valuable in that they not only arouse interest in spelling in the schools but serve to bind together in a more harmonious working spirit.

MRS. WILLIAM DAVIS DEAD.

Mother of Mrs. S. T. Whitesides Passed Away Friday After Long Illness—Buried Saturday at Pisgah.

After a lingering illness of more than six months Mrs. William Davis died Friday afternoon about two o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Whitesides, near Linwood College, aged 72 years. Mrs. Davis had suffered for months with a cancer and went to Asheville for an operation about three months ago, but instead of improving had grown gradually worse until the end.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. L. M. Hobbs, pastor of the Bessemer City Baptist church, of which the deceased was a loyal and faithful member, and the body was laid to rest in Pisgah cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been making their home for the past four or five years with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Whitesides, having moved here from Rutherford county.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Mr. William Davis, who is now more than 80 years of age, and by four daughters, Mrs. S. T. Whitesides; Mrs. Wells, of Shelby; Mrs. Foster, of Cherokee county, S. C.; and Mrs. Littlejohn, of Union county, S. C. The bereaved husband and daughters have the deep sympathy of friends both in this county and elsewhere.

BUYS THREE ROADS.

Norfolk Southern Paves Way for Line to Charlotte—Raleigh & Southport, Durham & Charlotte and Aberdeen & Asheboro Railroads in New Merger—Interesting Railroad News.

Sunday's Charlotte Observer contained a very interesting story relative to some big railroad deals which may result in great things for the Piedmont section of the State. The following is an extract from The Observer's story:

With authoritative announcements confirming previous rumors of the absorption of three railroads by the Norfolk Southern and its almost certain entry into Charlotte as a result the mist-hung skies cleared yesterday.

Out of the maze of conflicting reports which have been on every tongue for weeks this vastly important set of facts emerges: The Norfolk Southern has bought the Raleigh & Southport, the Aberdeen & Asheboro, the Durham & Charlotte, and has an excellent start toward realizing the long desired dream of a direct road connecting Raleigh and Charlotte. The official announcement, however, states merely that the road is to be continued to Concord.

The definite admission was made yesterday by officials of the Aberdeen & Asheboro at Aberdeen that their lines had been sold to Mr. Jno. A. Mills, president of the Raleigh & Southport. In Raleigh also Mr. E. C. Duncan, representative of the Norfolk Southern, stated that that company had bought the Raleigh & Southport and had purchased also from Mr. Lenning and his associates the Durham & Charlotte road which has been in operation for years from Cunnock to Troy. The sale of the latter to an unknown purchaser was announced a few days ago at Raleigh.

In addition to acquiring the properties specified, the Norfolk Southern owns the charter granted by the last Legislature to the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway. It is the announced intention of the purchaser to proceed at once to extend the line to Concord and it is not to be supposed for a moment that it will be permitted to halt there without entering the confines of the Queen City. It is indeed not improbable that it will proceed even farther south, tapping the rich piedmont sections of both Carolinas.

Launch Dredge Boat To-Morrow.

At 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the dredge boat recently built by the Crowders Creek Drainage Commission will be launched at a point on Crowders Creek about a mile and a half south of the old Baker's mill pond and near Mr. John Gamble's place, on the late J. B. Carson estate. This is an important event in the history of the county for it marks the beginning of the dredging of this important stream. The men at the head of this work have been working industriously for months to get the boat constructed and everything in readiness for active work. This work will be watched with no little interest by the entire county.

Edgar Parker, a saw mill worker of Gross, Miss., Saturday morning fell on a rapidly revolving saw and sustained 170 cuts and gashes on his body. He was taken to a hospital at Columbia, Miss., where efforts are being made to save his life.

MR. L. H. LONG DEAD

Pioneer Business Man of Kings Mountain Passes After Brief Illness at Advanced Age—Father of Messrs. V. E., L. H. and R. E. Long, of Gastonia—Funeral and Burial Yesterday.

Following an illness of only a few weeks Mr. L. H. Long, father of Messrs. V. E., L. H. and R. E. Long, of Gastonia, and one of Kings Mountain's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home in that town Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. He had been confined to his room for five weeks but was able to be up and down and sat up some Saturday night. He became unconscious Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and never rallied, growing rapidly weaker until the end that afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon at three o'clock conducted by Rev. M. B. Clegg, pastor of the Kings Mountain Methodist church, and interment followed in the Kings Mountain cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Lawson Henderson Long was born in Cleveland county January 22, 1831, and was hence 80 years, nine months and 27 days of age. He lived for a number of years in Jones county, farming on the old Jones farm north of Kings Mountain, known as the Jones tin mine place. About 1874 he moved to Kings Mountain, at that time but a straggling village, and went into the stove and tinware business. He continued in that business until about 15 years ago when, on account of advancing years, he retired.

Mr. Long's first wife died about 18 years ago. To them were born nine children, eight of whom are living. Mr. N. R. Long died last August at Knoxville, Tenn. The living children are A. J. Long, Kings Mountain; Mrs. Kate Falls, Kings Mountain; Mr. F. P. Long, Lincolnton; Mrs. Sue Rudisill, Kings Mountain; L. H. Long, Mrs. Amanda Price, V. E. Long, L. H. Long and R. E. Long, all of Gastonia. His second wife, who was Miss Nannie Bowers, also survives. Deceased was the last member of his immediate family.

Mr. Long was, until recently stricken with paralysis, a vigorous man. He was for nearly 40 years prominently identified with the growth of his town and has a wide circle of friends over the county. He was a frequent visitor to Gastonia, where he visited his children. His numerous friends here were grieved to learn of his death.

FIVE MORE COUNTIES.

In November That Number of Counties Provide for Five Hookworm Dispensaries—A Total of Twenty-Four Counties Lend Aid to Fight the Hookworm.

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—Five counties have provided the funds necessary to have free dispensaries for the free examination for and treatment of hookworm disease since November 1st. These are the counties of Wake, Vance, Beaufort, Bertie and Edgecombe. Prior to November 1st, nineteen counties had made provision for them, making a total now of twenty-four counties. The work has been finished in ten counties and is now in progress in Pitt, Brunswick, Pender, Harnett and Hertford.

HOW THE WORK IS CONDUCTED.

Five widely separated points in a county are selected. At each point an available building, usually a public school house, is secured for the dispensary. On advertised days of the week the Field Physician and his laboratory man spend about six hours at each dispensary. On corresponding days of the five to six subsequent weeks that the county work continues the dispensaries are similarly opened. Thus people in every section of the county are afforded an opportunity weekly for free examination and treatment until the successive treatments needed to effect cures have been received. The people are cured, and the educational work goes on by actual demonstration.

Thirty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Friends in Gastonia have received invitations reading as follows: 1876 1911 Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander Carraway 1204 West Thirty-third Street will receive their friends on Thursday evening, December Twenty-first from Eight-thirty to Eleven-thirty Little Rock, Ark. Nannie E. Leak Wm. A. Carraway Mr. and Mrs. Carraway are the parents of Mr. J. Leak Carraway, formerly of Gastonia, now managing editor of The Arkansas Democrat at Little Rock, who married a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Glenn, of Gastonia.

Alleging that her hair was turned gray, her complexion ruined and her general health greatly impaired as a result of injuries received in a wreck at Limrock, Ala., last July, Mrs. Helen D. Roseboom has entered suit at Atlanta, Ga., against the Southern Railway Company for \$20,000 damages.

Mr. Chas. C. Clark, a prominent citizen of New Bern, died a few days ago, aged 83. He had practiced law from 1850 up to a few years ago. He was elected to Congress in reconstruction days but was not allowed to take his seat. He was a member of the State Senate of 1889.

E. E. LOCKMAN KILLED

Sunday Tragedy at Bessemer City—Chief of Police Hager Shoots E. E. Lockman, While Latter Was Attempting to Prevent Arrest of Another Man—Lockman Was Drinking—Died in Charlotte Hospital Last Night.

As the result of a bullet wound which he sustained Sunday afternoon at the hands of Chief of Police Christy S. Hager, of Bessemer City, Earl E. Lockman, weave room boss at the Harborough Manufacturing Company's mill at that place, died last night about 7 o'clock in the Charlotte Sanatorium, to which institution he was taken on No. 12 Sunday afternoon shortly after the shooting.

The body was taken to Bessemer City on No. 35 last night and will be taken to Kings Mountain this afternoon for burial at 3 o'clock.

Chief of Police Hager gave a preliminary hearing before a Justice of the peace at Bessemer City yesterday and was held for the grand jury under bond of \$1,000 which he promptly gave. He is in Gastonia today, the case having been sent this morning to the grand jury now in session here.

Lockman's death was due to the fact that he was drunk. When the shooting occurred the unfortunate man was attempting to prevent the officer from arresting a man named Whittaker, who was wanted for being drunk and disorderly. As nearly as can be learned the facts are these: Whittaker appeared on the streets early in the day Sunday in an intoxicated condition. Policeman Hager sent him to his boarding house, a Mrs. Dickson's. Later in the day, the boarding house keeper sent word to the police asking that they come and arrest Whittaker as he was making things very disagreeable. Responding to the request Mr. Hager had gone to arrest Whittaker when he was interrupted by Lockman, who was very much intoxicated. Lockman, who seems to have been a friend of Whittaker, did not want the latter arrested. So he pulled out his knife and made at Hager. He cut the officer's clothes in several places before the officer drew his pistol. Hager warned him not to advance on him again. As Hager drew his pistol from his pocket Lockman knocked it out of his hand. The officer stooped to pick it up and as he did so Lockman cut him on the shoulder. It was then the officer fired one shot, which struck his assailant in the abdomen.

Lockman was assisted to his feet by the officer and was taken at once to the drug store where he was given medical attendance. He was taken on No. 12 to Charlotte and was operated on at the Charlotte Sanatorium by Drs. R. L. Gibbon and G. W. Pressley.

A wife and two children survive deceased; also a brother with whom he was connected in the conduct of a livery stable at Bessemer City. Lockman originally came from Spartanburg, S. C., and had lived in and around Bessemer City and Kings Mountain for the past ten or twelve years. When sober he is said to have been a very peaceable, quiet man but when drinking he was considered a dangerous citizen.

So far as public sentiment goes Chief Hager is held blameless in the matter. It is the general opinion of the Bessemer people that he did the only thing he could have done under the circumstances. Had he not shot Lockman the latter would in all probability have cut him to death.

The tragedy is a very deplorable one. The family of the unfortunate man has the sympathy of the entire community.

Fuller-Paylor.

A wedding of especial interest to the many friends of the contracting parties was solemnized Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian manse when Miss Madge Paylor became the bride of Mr. J. P. Fuller, of Bessemer City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway and the bride and groom were attended by Mr. Payne and Miss Fuller, of Bessemer City. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Frank A. Paylor, of Greensboro, and a sister of Mrs. Murphey Mauney, of this city, and has been making her home here for the past year while conducting a millinery business with Miss Mauney at Bessemer City. The groom is a son of Mr. C. W. Fuller, of Bessemer City. Both have many friends whose best wishes go out to them upon the occasion of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller will reside at Bessemer City.

Born

On Thursday, November 2, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Padgett, a son.

Winston and Salem are taking steps to consolidate the two cities under one municipal government. They have been trying to do this for years and this time they hope to succeed. Nothing but a street divides them.

Mr. J. T. Spencer, whose critical illness was mentioned in Friday's Gazette is in a very precarious condition still and the physicians hold out no hope for his recovery.

Gastonia booster envelopes, beauties, 1,000 for \$3.50; 2,000 for \$6.50; 3,000 for \$9. Ask for samples. Help advertise your town and county.

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN

Ladies Plan to Raise Confederate Monument Fund by a Whirlwind Campaign Lasting One Hour Thursday—Committee of Business Men to Canvass Town—Gazette's Campaign closed To-Day.

Thursday will be a busy day in Gastonia, at least one hour of that day, from 11 to 12 o'clock, will be busy. During that brief period a whirlwind campaign will be carried on for the purpose of raising the balance of the fund necessary for the erection of a monument to the Confederate dead by the Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy. A committee of fifteen leading business men has been selected by the ladies to do this work and it is their purpose to start at 11 a. m. and complete their work by noon. The amount to be raised is \$1,930.50. The Gazette having raised up to this time for this purpose \$1,069.50 of a total of \$3,000. The Gazette's campaign closed at noon today.

The committee of business men is constituted as follows: S. A. Robinson, J. H. Kennedy, A. G. Myers, J. H. Separk, S. S. Shuford, A. E. Moore, C. B. Armstrong, J. Lee Robinson, W. T. Rankin, John Hall, W. Y. Warren, Arthur M. Dixon, R. B. Babington and E. H. Tuttle.

In order to make it possible to cover the entire town in the brief space of time allotted the city has been partitioned off into districts one of the committee being assigned to each district.

Mr. R. W. Dodgen, president of the Southern Marble & Granite Works, of Spartanburg, S. C., which firm has the contract to erect this monument, will be on the ground with several assistants to aid in the work.

Mrs. D. A. Garrison, president of the chapter, requests The Gazette to state that every member of the chapter is urged to be in the chapter hall at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, half an hour prior to the commencement of the campaign.

That Gaston county should erect this monument is conceded by every one. That it is going to be built The Gazette doesn't the least doubt because the women composing the Gastonia chapter are not the kind to let anything they undertake fall short of actual accomplishment. They want every man in Gastonia and, for that matter, every man in Gaston county to have some part, however small, in this monument. Let every citizen of the town be ready Thursday at 11 o'clock, prepared when the committee reaches you to make a liberal contribution. It will require fast work to get through in the allotted time and the ladies hope our people will be prepared.

IN SOCIETY.

CONCERT BY MUSIC CLUB.

The Music Club will give a concert, free of charge, on Monday night of next week, November 27th, at the Central school auditorium at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to be present. This is the regular November meeting of the club and is being given as a concert to the public and a large attendance is desired. The subjects are the popular operas "Carmen" and "Faust." An especially good program has been arranged, one of the features being music by the Atkins Orchestra. Those who attend will be fully repaid for there will be an abundance of good things in store for them.

The following program will be rendered:

- Opening chorus, "The Snow," by Elgar, Mesdames H. B. Moore, B. T. Morris, L. L. Hardin, H. Rutter, W. T. Rankin, F. Torrence, F. D. Barkley and Misses Marie Torrence, Lowry Shuford, Mary Whitesides and Jane Morris. Piano, Miss Eva Moore; violins, Miss Atkins, Mr. Erskine Boyce.
- Hungarian Dance, Halsehe, violin solo—Miss Lillian Atkins.
- "Carmen and Bizet"—Miss Pearl Gallant.
- "Habenera" from "Carmen," vocal—Miss Marie Torrence.
- "Toreador Song" from "Carmen"—Atkins Orchestra.
- Faust and Gounod, by Mrs. Arthur C. Jones.
- Trilo, "Waltz from Faust"—Mrs. Harry Rutter, Mrs. L. L. Hardin, Miss Marie Torrence.
- "Flower Song" (Faust) vocal—Miss Myrtle Dodson.
- "Jewel Song" (Faust) vocal—Mrs. H. B. Moore.
- "Soldiers' Chorus (Faust)—Atkins Orchestra.

Court in Session.

Gaston County Superior Court convened for the November term yesterday morning, Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, presiding. This is only a one-week term and the trial of criminal cases will probably consume practically all of it. If there is any time left after the criminal docket has been disposed of some civil cases will be tried, though no calendar has been made out. There is not a single case of importance on the criminal docket. A large number of the defendants are charged with retailing. The number of jail cases is not large. There was a pretty good crowd here yesterday, the first day, though not so many today.

—Mr. R. B. Babington went this morning to Caroleen on business.

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