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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Dallas, Route Two Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, R. F. D. Jan. 24.—Fifty or more of the relatives and friends of Mrs. Etta White gathered at her home on last Thursday in honor of her fiftieth birthday. A bountiful and delicious feast was spread at the noon hour of which the assembled guests partook heartily. The occasion was a most enjoyable one considering the inclement weather and one that will long be remembered by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pasour spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. J. C. Friday on Hoyle's creek.—Mrs. Joseph Holland returned home Friday from the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Whitesides, who is very ill at her home in North Gaston.—Miss Clara Patrick, of Dallas, was a guest Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moore.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jenkins and children spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Robert Holland.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Best and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pasour were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Pasour.—Mr. and Mrs. Quince Heavner and children spent Friday and Saturday at the home of W. R. Turner.—Little Miss Opel Clemmer, of Bessemer City, spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Etta White.—Miss Sudie White has been on the sick list for a week past.—Mrs. J. W. Clemmer and children, of Bessemer City, spent a few days this week on route one visiting relatives.—Misses Etta and Laura Pasour visited Mrs. J. N. Moore Monday.—Miss Etta White, accompanied by little Misses Leona and Tola White and little James White, spent Saturday and Sunday at High Shoals visiting relatives.—Mrs. Mattie Jenkins and daughter, Miss Ella, were guests at the home of Mr. S. L. M. Pasour Friday night.—Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Clemmer spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Eliza White.—Mrs. Joshua Jones has been right sick for some time.—Mrs. J. L. Clemmer visited Mrs. Beeler Lineberger Sunday.—Mrs. Boothe Lee and children, of Sylvania, Ga., returned to their home the first of this week after spending a few weeks on route one with homefolks.—Mrs. Elmina Pinner spent the greater part of last week in Bessemer City, visiting relatives.—Mrs. Beeler Lineberger and little child and Misses Laura and Florence Pasour were guests at the home of Mrs. Eliza White Tuesday afternoon.—Mrs. S. J. White visited her mother, Mrs. Barbara Dougan, Sunday.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette
IRON STATION, Jan. 23.—Miss Hattie Armstrong was shopping in Lincolnton last Saturday.—Miss Kate Dorsey, after spending a few weeks with her mother, returned to Texas last week.—Prof. C. C. Beam spent Saturday and Sunday near Crouse.—Mr. D. A. Troutman spent Saturday in Charlotte.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Dorus Bynum, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Fannie Long.—Mrs. Lawson Dellinger, who has been quite ill, is some better at this writing.—Mr. O. T. Hallman, of Charlotte, spent the week-end in town.—Misses Lella Helderman and Effie Harris, of Mount Holly, have been visiting homefolks.—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ballard gave a party last night to a number of their young friends. Those present were Misses Myrtle and Willie Stroup, Anna and Bertha Lineberger, Georgia Hallman, Flo Mullen and Edith Robinson, Messrs. Robert and Blair Hallman, Harold Abernethy, Ernest Robinson, Dorrie and Victor Rhyne, Luther Armstrong and Prof. Beam.—Mr. and Mrs. Plato Miller and daughter, Virginia, of Lincolnton, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goode.—Mr. Robert Bandy, of Spokane, Wash., is expected today to spend some time with his niece, Mrs. R. O. Robinson.—Mr. Dorrie Rhyne spent Sunday in the Hoyle's Creek section.—Miss Joe Rhyne, of Dallas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. P. Rudisill.—Mrs. John Hambrick visited in Lincolnton last week.

—Despite the unusually bad weather during January the force in charge of the dredge boat being operated on Crowders Creek by the Crowders Creek Drainage Commission has not, it is stated, lost a single day from work. About one mile has been cut already and the cutting of the channel is progressing at the rate of several hundred yards of dirt daily. At present the Linwood road crossing at the E. W. Carson place is impassable. The channel was changed at this point, being moved eastward several feet. A new bridge will have to be constructed here. The matter of constructing this bridge and others along the line of drainage work was presented to the board of county commissioners at their last meeting. It seems that the bill authorizing this work made no provision for bridges. It is presumed that the county will build them, however, as all that will be required will be inexpensive wooden structures.

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 2, Jan. 25.—The Young Men's Country Club had a public speaking last Friday night at Sunnyside school house. Mr. T. G. McCollister, one of the members and the organizer, made a very interesting speech. The subject that he spoke on was very interesting. He spoke of fraternity, brotherhood, love as sweet heart, love as marazer and love as husband and wife.

York and Yorkville.

The Enquirer, 23rd.
The Associate Reformed congregation on yesterday paid the purchase price of Mrs. E. A. Crawford's lot—about \$4,500. The present understanding is that work on the new church building is to be commenced in the spring.

Dr. Miles Walker, who has been lying at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Nisbet, at Van Wyck, for more than two months with a broken hip, arrived at home last Friday evening. He stood the trip very nicely and although still confined to his bed, hopes to be out on crutches shortly.

Mr. R. D. Dorsett has secured the services of Mr. A. S. Paysoux, of Gastonia, as manager of the Star theater. Mr. Paysoux is a professional show-man of long experience, and has been connected with some of the big attractions. He knows the moving picture business in all its details, and he is going to do his best to help Mr. Dorsett entertain his patrons in a manner that will be creditable all around.

Improved Night Service.

Miss Vida Brown, who has for quite a while been one of the day operators at the central office of the Piedmont Telegraph & Telephone Co., has been transferred and made chief night operator. Heretofore the two night operators have retired at 11 o'clock which usually caused a little delay in getting calls after that hour. Now, however, Miss Brown is at the board all during the night and all calls are answered just as promptly as in the day time. The second night operator is on duty till 11 o'clock. Miss Brown will be pleased to awaken any telephone subscriber at any hour in the night if requested to do so. This change gives a very decided improvement in the company's night service and is in line with its policy of giving its subscribers the very best service. Miss Brown is an expert operator and will handle your night calls with the utmost dispatch.

Basket-Ball Tomorrow.

On the high school grounds at Belmont tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Salisbury High School basket-ball team and the Belmont High School basket-ball team will play what promises to be one of the best and most interesting games of the season.

Thomas S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson, incumbents, were Wednesday formally elected by the legislature to represent Virginia in the United States Senate.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, Jan. 25.—At the home of Rev. R. A. Miller Wednesday night Mr. Alex Biggers and Miss Mary Mitchem were married. Mr. Biggers is a successful farmer of York county, South Carolina. Miss Mary Mitchem, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mitchem, is one of our most popular young ladies.

CLAREMONT COLLEGE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
HICKORY, Jan. 23.—The midterm examinations have just been held and the quarterly reports are being sent out. The school is now entering upon the third quarter and the different classes are manifesting considerable energy.

Three new students have entered the literary department since the holidays, while the art school and the department each have registered several new pupils.

At the mid-winter election of officers the Bible school has elected the following: President, Miss Alda Killian, of Hickory; secretary, Miss Elizabeth McDowell, of Morganton.

The literary societies have elected officers recently with the following results: Minervian, Miss Elizabeth McDowell, president; Miss Lillie Barringer, vice-president; Miss Olive Meador, secretary and treasurer.

Columbian—Miss Alda Killian, president; Miss Bayne Rutledge, of Gaston, vice-president; Miss Hattie Stowe, of Lowell, secretary and treasurer. The hour for the meeting of the societies has been changed and renewed interest is expected.

Some changes have been made in the teaching force by way of re-arranging the work. Miss Woodward will teach several classes in the literary department in connection with her work in domestic science.

The Minerian society will observe Washington's birthday by holding their anniversary exercises at that time.

The school is looking forward with interest to Valentine day when suitable arrangements for its observance will be made.

During the cold weather the girls enjoyed greatly a few nights spent on the hill coasting while the sunshine has induced them to attend a cross-the-country-walk.

Some valuable additions have been made to the library.

Miss Lena Peck, of Concord, who has been prevented from returning to school on account of the sickness in her family is expected to enter school soon, while Miss Mattie Brian, of South Carolina, is expected within the next few days. Miss Brian has been sick.

Fire Tuesday destroyed a dormitory, the auditorium and the laundry building at the Roman Catholic orphanage at Nazareth, near Raleigh. The loss was about \$12,000.

DR. FRAZER PREACHES

Large Congregation Heard Anderson S. C., Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Last Night—Minister Called Back Home by Death in His Congregation.

At the First Presbyterian church last night a large congregation was present to hear Rev. W. H. Frazer, D. D., pastor of the First church at Anderson, S. C., who came to Gastonia in response to an invitation from the pulpit-committee. Dr. Frazer arrived in the afternoon with the intention of spending two or three days in the city but soon after his arrival received a telegram calling him back to Anderson to conduct the funeral of one of his members who had died after he left his home town. Consequently it was necessary for him to return on a late train last night.

Dr. Frazer took for a text Luke 10:41-42. "And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." In an eloquent and inspiring discourse the minister emphasized the importance, in this busy day in which we live, of choosing the good part instead of spending our brief lives in a wild chase after the evanescent baubles that burst and disappear, leaving everything at the end a blank. He described the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus as perhaps the most favored home the world has ever had. Jesus delighted to go there and was often a guest in the home. Martha worried very much about the material and temporal things connected with his visits and at the end, when he had departed, she had nothing left to show for it except perhaps confusion of household articles. Mary, however, sat at the feet of Jesus and learned from him the great lessons of life that remained with her for good. The speaker made a practical application of the story of this home and its visits from the Master to our present day life and gave his hearers much splendid food for reflection which cannot but prove beneficial to them.

Dr. Frazer is a man of most pleasing address, of magnificent physique and engaging personality and made a splendid impression on Gastonia people. There was much regret that it was necessary for him to hurry back to Anderson.

Mr. Frazer was introduced to the congregation by Rev. A. S. Anderson, the popular pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church.

Town and County.

—Mr. T. A. Henry spent yesterday in Hickory on business.

—Mrs. R. W. White spent yesterday with friends in Dallas.

—Dr. W. E. Lindsay, of Linwood College, is a business visitor to Charlotte today.

—Mr. J. A. M. Glenn, of the Bethel section, is among today's business visitors in Gastonia.

—Mr. C. H. Ferguson, of the firm of Ford, Barnett & Co., Yorkville, route six, is a business visitor in Gastonia today.

—Mrs. Julia Pasour, of Bessemer City, route one, returned home yesterday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Quinn.

—Mrs. W. M. Wilson went to Charlotte Wednesday to spend several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wylie, Sr.

—Mr. C. W. Fuller, of Bessemer City, is a business visitor in Gastonia today. He says the town is "comin' to" again and everybody is optimistic.

—An entertainment will be given at the Central school auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight by Hannibal Williams, the well-known reader and impersonator.

—The piano and violin pupils of Miss Lillian Atkins will give a recital in the Central school auditorium next Friday night, February 2nd. A full program will be published in next Tuesday's Gazette.

—Someone entered the smoke house on Mr. Lank Dixon's farm, south of town on the New Hope road, last night and got away with a quantity of hams and other meat. Bloodhounds were put on the trail this morning but no report has been received here as yet to the result of the effort to catch the guilty party or parties.

—Telephone connection can now be had with the county court house. Yesterday the Piedmont Telegraph & Telephone Co. installed in the lobby of the court house a long distance booth which was especially built for this purpose. The booth itself is large and of a character in keeping with the other furnishings of the building. Any subscriber can talk to anyone at the court house free of charge. All messages sent from the court house, however, are to be paid for, the booth being equipped with a slot machine. The toll for anywhere in town is five cents. Heretofore there has been no phone connection whatever with the court house and this new convenience will be greatly appreciated by the public.

—Speaker Clark and ex-Gov. Folk, both of Missouri and both candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, have agreed to let the Democratic State convention of Missouri, to be held in March, decide between them. Whichever has a majority in convention will get the delegation from Missouri.



—Mrs. E. L. Wilson, of Dallas, was among yesterday's shoppers in Gastonia.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Harrelson, of Bessemer City, were in Gastonia yesterday.

—Southern train No. 36 was an hour late yesterday and nearly three hours late this morning.

—Old Aunt Lottie Froneberger, colored, died here yesterday. She was 87 years old and was known to many of the older residents. At one time she was an inmate of the county home. She was buried at the expense of the city.

—The telephone booth formerly located in the Torrence drug store has been moved by the Piedmont Telephone Company into the Rockett & Adams' barber shop in the Glenn building and has been made a regular pay station.

—Wednesday and yesterday, for the first time in many days, a few wagons loaded with cotton were seen on the streets. It has just been too muddy and bad to haul the staple to town and then the price hasn't been especially attractive either.

—Marriage licenses have been issued this week to the following white couples: Alex Biggers, of York county, and Mary Mitchem, of Lowell; Robert W. Helms and Lucy Day, of Mayesworth; Walter Leroy McArver and Mary Pauline Pearson, of Gastonia.

—The Rex Theatre will, after this week, be under the management of Mr. Fred W. Kennedy, of Chicago, who has purchased it from Mr. Foster, who recently took charge. Mr. Kennedy has had many years experience in conducting motion picture shows. He promises to give the public a first-class vaudeville and moving picture show.

—Col. C. B. Armstrong expects to begin work about the 15th of February on his new residence which will occupy the site where his present residence now stands on South York street. The old house will be torn down and replaced by a handsome ten-room structure. While the work is being done Col. Armstrong's family will occupy one of Mr. T. L. Craig's houses on West Airline avenue.

—Mr. T. C. Smith, rural mail carrier on route one, is also a weather prophet as well as a farmer. He says that, according to his almanac, the moon will shine all night next Friday night, which is groundhog "day" and that, as a consequence, we will have six weeks more of bad weather for he is sure that the little animal will, at some time during the "day," see his shadow by the light of the silvery moon.

—Bessemer City has two new business firms, namely, Guffey & Farnsworth, dealers in hardware and groceries, and Kiser & Rollins, meat dealers. The first named firm is composed of Mr. Guffey, of Rutherfordton, and Mr. W. E. Farnsworth, who has been merchandising a short distance out from Cherryville for several years. The latter firm is composed of Mr. Caleb Kiser and Mr. Rufus Rollins. Their stand is in the old postoffice building.

—A few days ago a young lady lost a gold cuff button which she was very anxious to recover. Her neighbor just across the way found a gold cuff button. He had no idea whose it was. She had no idea where it was. A little ten-cent penny ad in The Gazette brought them together and the young lady is now happy in the possession of her piece of jewelry which was so near and yet so far. A Gazette ad solved the problem. They are little wonders; ever try one? If not why not?

—The leading article in this week's North Carolina Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is from the pen of Rev. Geo. D. Herman, formerly pastor of Main Street church here and now pastor of the church at Wadesboro. The subject is "The New Old Bible" and the article is not only a very valuable one for its strong argument and logical presentation of facts to prove the divine origin of the Holy Book but is absorbingly interesting, being written in a most engaging style. Mr. Herman's articles have appeared before in The North Carolina Christian Advocate and have called forth favorable comment from many quarters.

—A gentleman from Bessemer City who was in town yesterday states that that town is a busier place now than it has been for two or three years. All of the factories are running and at least one, the Atlas Mill, is operating both day and night. This mill makes a specialty of manufacturing and stamping sacks for cement and other purposes. New machinery for turning out this class of work was recently installed, including a printing press which will stamp fifteen or twenty thousand sacks per day. As a result of the renewed activity in mill circles business in all lines is looking up and Bessemer City is again taking on her old-time air of hustle and bustle. This is gratifying news. We hope our neighbor town will keep moving ahead.

OLD BUILDING BURNED

Flames Partially Destroy Old Frame Store Building on Main Avenue—Was One of the Landmarks and an Eyesore—Blaze Witnessed by Hundreds of Ladies Who Were Out Shopping.

Fire which originated probably from a defective flue in the second story of the old frame store house at the corner of West Main avenue and Marietta street yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, destroyed the roof and badly damaged the interior of the second story. The fire department responded and extinguished the flames without any serious trouble. None of the adjoining frame buildings caught. The upstairs of the burned building was occupied by a pressing club and the ground floor by Mr. John Heath's restaurant.

The fire, the first in the business part of town in a long time, was witnessed by a large number of people, including hundreds of ladies who were taking advantage of the beautiful weather to attend the January sales at the department stores.

This building was one of the oldest frame buildings on Main street. It was erected about 1882 by the late Rev. J. C. Anders, who lived in the upstairs and conducted a general merchandise store below. It belongs to Mayor T. L. Craig, who purchased it a year or so ago, together with some adjoining property, from Mr. L. L. Jenkins. This particular building, as well as two or three shacks adjoining, have long been an eyesore and the people of the town have long hoped to see some modern business houses erected on the site they occupy. As the building is in the fire limits it is presumed that, in its dilapidated condition, no effort will be made to repair it but instead that it will be torn down.

IN SOCIETY.

MRS. WINGET TO ENTERTAIN.

On next Tuesday Mrs. H. Gilmer Winget will entertain a number of friends at a dinner at her home on West Airline avenue in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyce Wilson.

MARVER-PEARSON WEDDING LAST NIGHT.

A quiet but beautiful home wedding was solemnized at 7:30 o'clock last night in the presence of a large number of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pearson in the Pisgah neighborhood when their daughter, Miss Pauline, became the bride of Mr. Walter L. McArver, of Gastonia.

The bride and groom entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Carlier, of Linwood College, and took their place before a bank of ferns, where the solemn words uniting their lives were most impressively pronounced by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College and pastor of Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. The bride was handsomely gowned in a blue serge suit with black hat.

Quite a large company of friends was present to witness the ceremony and to offer their congratulations upon the happy occasion. There was on display a large number of beautiful and costly presents in cut glass, silver, etc., tokens of the high esteem in which these popular young people are held by their many friends. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom drove to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McArver, in Gastonia, where they will be at home for the present and where a dinner was given in their honor today.

Honor Roll.

Since our last report, a week ago, the following persons have made payments on subscription, either new or renewal: W. H. Rhyne, A. C. Lineberger, Rev. Fred L. Lineberger, J. H. Holland, J. E. Rhyne, W. E. Rhyne, Dr. P. R. Falls, R. R. Gamble, E. H. Lineberger, John P. Mason, Gus Herndon, J. H. Huffstetler, H. C. Huffstetler, T. E. Summervest, C. M. Crowder, Meek C. Huffstetler, R. P. Parker, W. M. Long, P. P. Huffstetler, Mrs. John Loftin, E. J. Williams, M. L. Mauney, R. L. Moore, J. L. Henderson, W. H. Poole, L. J. Holland, Charles C. Johnson, Mrs. Minerva Puett, J. M. McKeown, R. H. Alexander, Mecklenburg Marble & Granite Co., W. T. Ford, J. E. Dameron, Ernest M. Rhyne, R. C. Kennedy, S. J. Jones, A. A. Rhyne, M. H. Rhyne, W. G. Rhyne, E. P. Lewis, Mrs. J. Robert Rhyne, J. R. Dellinger, G. K. Millen, Mrs. J. A. B. L. Hurley, Miss Lela Lutz, Miss Lou Rhyne, C. L. Litton, Mrs. J. P. Ladd, W. L. Smith, Mrs. M. C. Beach, T. N. Kendrick, J. M. Hanna, H. A. Costner, C. W. Higgins, J. Alonzo Rhyne, E. S. Robinson, J. L. Whitesides, Mrs. Frost Torrence, Mrs. Lemmie Stowe, D. H. Cobb, S. W. Grayson, Ida Sloan, Jacob Kiser, M. H. Shuford, C. A. Farrar.

—Esquire Jacob Kiser, of Bessemer City, route two, is a visitor in Gastonia today. He came as a witness in a land case, Thornburg vs. Lingerfelt, which was heard here today before Mr. R. L. Ryburn, of Shelby, as referee. Esquire Kiser has just returned from Lincoln county where he went to do some surveying and says he has a call to go to York county on a similar mission. The squire is one of the youngest old men in Gaston and goes ahead with his surveying regardless of the foul January weather. He is up near 80 but you'd never think it to see him getting around.