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## GASTON LOCALS NEWS OF THE COUNTY

News Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gastonia—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

### AT OLD FURNACE.

Annual Picnic Saturday, the 27th—Address by Mr. Stenwall J. Durham—Music and Baseball.

Old Furnace's annual picnic will be held this year on Saturday of this week, July 27th. For many years past a picnic has been held at this point at some time every summer and the people of that section of the county have come to look upon it as an established institution. They gather in large numbers to have a day of pleasure and the crowd is always considerably augmented by the presence of many from other sections of the county.

This year the principal feature of the day will be an address by Mr. Stenwall J. Durham, of Bessemer City, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Durham's ability as a speaker is so well known that he is guaranteed a good hearing beforehand.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Bessemer City Cornet Band. In the afternoon there will be a baseball game between two strong teams. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present and to bring well-filled baskets for the dinner which will be spread under the trees. Old Furnace is two miles west of Bessemer City.

### Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CROUSE, Route 1, July 22. —Mr. Lafayette Kiser and wife spent Saturday with Mrs. Kiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stroup.

Mr. T. B. Carpenter and family and Mrs. J. A. Stroup spent Sunday with Miss Ada Ramsey.

Misses Nellie and Lula Cloninger visit Misses Nellie and Sidney Abernethy Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Alex. Rash is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Willena Boring, daughter of Rev. W. M. Boring, has typhoid fever but is some better at this writing.

Mr. E. M. Abernethy and family spent Sunday with Mr. J. A. Abernethy, his brother.

The farmers of this section are busy fighting general green. They are behind with their work on account of so much rainy weather.

Mr. Burton Pasour, son of Mr. P. Pasour, is right sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. Clay Kiser and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Clay Kiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Clover, Texas, came in to visit Mr. Carpenter's brother, Mr. M. L. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter reports cotton and corn extra good in Texas this year.

### York and Yorkville.

Yorkville Enquirer, 23rd. Miss Georgia Russell, of Charlotte, is visiting relatives in Yorkville.

Mr. J. Withers Grist, of Yorkville, has taken a position with the Southern Railway at Kershaw.

A commission has been issued to the York County Fair Association of Rock Hill with a capital stock of \$10,000. The petitioners are T. O. Flowers, J. W. O'Neal, John T. Roddey, W. B. Wilson, Jr., Jas. S. White, Chester, July 22: The First Associate Reformed Presbytery will hold a Sabbath school and Young Peoples' Christian Union convention in the A. R. P. church of this city, July 30-31. W. E. Simpson, of Edgmoor, is chairman of the convention. A number of good speakers have been secured and an attractive program has been arranged.

A little daughter of Dr. W. M. White had the remarkable experience yesterday of being run over by the front wheel of a heavy ice wagon without sustaining any injury beyond some more or less painful bruises. While the ice wagon was stopping in the road near the doctor's house, the child undertook to climb in over a wheel. The mule started and the child was thrown under the wheel and run over.

Mr. William H. McConnell, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Yorkville, died at his home on College street last Friday evening at 9:30 o'clock, several hours after having been stricken with apoplexy. Although he had been passing through a noticeable decline through many years, Mr. McConnell appeared to be in his usual health on Friday when he went into his garden, where he has been in the habit of spending most of his time. On his failure to return to the house during a shower, a member of the family went out to look for him and found him lying unconscious, with a basket containing a few tomatoes, by his side. He was taken into the house at once and died some hours later. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. E. E. Gillespie, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by

Rev. J. L. Oates of the Associate Reformed church, and the interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

### Cleveland Cullings.

Cleveland Star, 23rd.

Prof. A. B. Peeler, of Cherryville, was here Saturday on business.

Miss Wilma Long, an attractive young lady of Gastonia, is visiting Miss Mary Anthony.

Miss Nell Dilling, of Kings Mountain, is the guest of Miss Madge Thompson.

Mrs. Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia, arrived Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Barnett.

Capt. F. Dilling, Mart Patterson and Rev. Mr. Graham came through Saturday en route from Kings Mountain, in their car to Rutherfordton, to the good roads meeting.

Mrs. W. J. Clifford, who has been spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Hendrick, returned to her home at Gastonia Saturday. Mrs. Clifford is remembered as a most popular and competent teacher several years ago in the graded school.

### Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, July 25.—At least two hundred people from here went to Stanley today to enjoy the big annual picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhyne and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rhyne chaperoned a party of young folks over to Lake-wood Park Wednesday evening for a moonlight picnic. The picnic was given in honor of Miss Leonora Patterson, of Huntersville, who is visiting Miss Christine Rutledge.

Rev. J. A. Bowles is in Cherryville to attend the district conference of the Methodist church.

Rev. D. E. Vipperman and family are spending this week in Gastonia with relatives.

Misses Jean and Bain Henderson are in Charlotte visiting Mrs. Eugene Dewstoe.

Miss Ruby Kale, of High Shoals, is spending a few days here, the guest of her aunt, Miss Ida Kale.

Mr. Charlie Edwards, of Catawba, spent Tuesday in town with his sister, Mrs. Frank Stone.

### TENT IS CROWDED.

Evangelistic Services Being Conducted at Belmont by Rev. William Black Draw Large Crowds.

BELMONT, July 26.—The evangelistic services in progress at Belmont, conducted by Rev. William Black, of Charlotte, are growing in interest each day. A large choir, made up of the choirs of the town and led by Mr. Robert C. Freeman of Steele Creek, leads the congregational singing. The congregations are increasing, and at the evening services, now number between 500 and 600 people. The large tent is filled to its utmost capacity and scores are forced to sit outside the tent. There have already been many professions of faith. All the praise is given to God. Everybody within reach is cordially invited to attend these services.

### To Preach Here Sunday.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Sydenstricker, of West Point, Miss., will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church next Sunday at both the morning and evening services. Dr. Sydenstricker is one of the strongest ministers in the Southern Presbyterian church. He was a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian council which met in Liverpool several years ago. It is not often that the Presbyterians of Gastonia have the opportunity of hearing such strong and forceful preachers.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Annual Meeting of the Gaston County Presbyterian Sunday School Association Held Yesterday at Hepzibah Church.

The Gaston County Presbyterian Sunday School Convention convened at 10:15 o'clock yesterday morning at Hepzibah church. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. R. S. Burwell, after which Mr. J. H. Kennedy, of Gastonia, was elected chairman and Mr. J. A. Hunter, of Gastonia, secretary. An address of welcome by the pastor was responded to by Mr. J. H. Kennedy, and the enrollment of delegates was made. The sermon was preached by Rev. R. S. Burwell, after which a recess was taken to 2 o'clock.

At the afternoon session, in addition to the usual routine committee work, a number of interesting topics were discussed. "How to Get Children to Attend Sunday School," was discussed by Rev. R. S. Burwell, Rev. Mr. Sechrest and others: "Would it be well for Sunday Schools to elect Superintendents and Teachers," by Rev. R. S. Burwell.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: J. H. Kennedy, president; Rev. G. A. Sparrow, vice-president; A. M. Smyre, treasurer; executive committee, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, Rev. R. S. Burwell, A. M. Smyre, J. H. Kennedy and J. A. Hunter. The selection of the time and place for the next meeting was left to the executive committee. Several subjects which were on the program for Friday were taken up and the program was completed at the afternoon session yesterday, final adjournment being taken late in the afternoon instead of continuing the meeting through today.

## PEOPLE IN PRINT COMING AND GOING

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers. Condensed for Their Convenience.

—Mr. Frank Costner was over yesterday from Charlotte.

—Mr. Baxter Riddle, of Bowling Green, is in the city on business today.

—Rev. R. S. Burwell, pastor of New Hope Presbyterian church, is a Gastonia visitor today.

—Mr. J. A. Crawford and daughter, of route one, were among today's visitors in town.

—Attorney Fred M. Vanz spent yesterday in Bessemer City on professional business.

—Mr. Raymond Cabaniss has been spending several days here with his mother and sister.

—Esquire I. F. Mabry, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Miss Mary Wilson returned home yesterday from Montreat where she spent several days with friends.

—Mr. Donald Boyden, of Knoxville, Tenn., spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Holland.

—Mrs. W. M. Council returned yesterday to her home at Hickory after spending a day or two with her niece, Mrs. J. M. Holland.

—The year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stroup, of the Flint Mill, died last night and will be buried this afternoon at Spencer Mountain.

—Messrs. R. A. Baker, C. L. Chandler and A. B. McAllister attended the picnic at Stanley yesterday, going over in Mr. Chandler's auto.

—Mr. J. Leake Carraway, of The Charlotte News staff, was in the city yesterday afternoon. He will leave with his family tomorrow for South Carolina on a vacation trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Loftin, of Gibsland, La., are expected to arrive in Gastonia tonight on a visit to their son, Mr. C. I. Loftin, and other relatives.

—A revival meeting will begin at Mt. Olivet M. E. Church tonight and continue through Sunday. The preaching will be done by the pastor, Rev. B. A. Culp.

—Little Margaret Boyden Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holland, who has been critically ill for some days, is considerably improved. Dr. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, is attending her.

—Mr. J. M. Wright and family, of Lowell, moved yesterday into a house on West Fourth avenue belonging to the Holland Realty & Insurance Co. Mr. Wright is section master on the Southern Railway.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Craig McLean, of Steele Creek, and son, Dr. Will McLean, of Panama, were the guests yesterday of Mrs. W. W. McLean at her home on East Main avenue.

—An ice cream supper will be given by the ladies of the West Gastonia M. E. Church tomorrow, Saturday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock on the lawn at the parsonage, No. 416 West Airline avenue.

## ANNUAL PICNIC STANLEY'S BIG DAY

Picnic and Old Soldiers' Reunion at Stanley Yesterday a Great Success—Col. Henry Blount the Orator of the Day—Free Dinner to Veterans—Base Ball Game—Enjoyable Dance.

Among the annual celebrations that are fast becoming a settled custom at various points in the county, Stanley's big picnic and reunion of Confederate veterans is always looked forward to as one of the most important and enjoyable. No community in the county has people who are more thoroughly hospitable and who know better how to give their visitors an exceedingly pleasant time. While the crowd yesterday was not quite so large as has gathered there on former occasions of the kind, there was a large concourse of people on hand to take part in the pleasures of the day, many coming from Gastonia, Lowell, Mt. Holly, Lincoln and other near-by towns, as well as from the entire section of surrounding country. The Confederate veterans of the county, to whom the annual reunion at Stanley is always especially attractive and enjoyable, were present in good numbers, there being probably upwards of a hundred at the dinner which was served free to the veterans by the ladies of the town in the grove adjoining the residence of Mr. C. F. Smith.

The formal exercises of the day were opened at 11:30 o'clock with a splendid lecture by Col. Henry Blount, of Wilson, N. C., himself a Confederate veteran, and a speaker with a State-wide reputation for eloquence. While Col. Blount was hoarse from the result of a cold, he delivered his lecture on Wit, Humor and Eloquence in a style which greatly pleased his audience. He spoke for about an hour, after which an excellent dinner was served on tables set in the grove to all the veterans who were present.

At 4:30 in the afternoon a baseball game was played between the Stanley team and a team from Lowell. The game was exceedingly slow, only five innings having been played when it became necessary to call the game for the Lowell players to get to their train. The score at the close of the fifth inning stood 6 to 8 in favor of Stanley. Spargo for Stanley pitched a splendid game, but good field work was impossible because of the rough condition of the grounds.

The festivities of the day were brought to a close last night with a most enjoyable dance, at which there was present a large number of young people from various parts of the county. Admission was strictly by card, the personnel of the party therefore being quite select. In spite of the heat, which was oppressive in the extreme, the occasion was very greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

—Rev. R. A. Miller, of Lowell, was taken suddenly ill Wednesday night with an attack of appendicitis and was taken to a hospital at Gaffney, S. C., where he underwent an operation yesterday morning. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he stood the operation well and that his condition today is considered quite satisfactory.

## LINK UP ROADS TWO PETITIONS OUT

Citizens of Gastonia Will Ask Commissioners to Connect Up County Highways Through Town Before Winter—Want to Avoid Deplorable Conditions Which Prevailed Last Winter—One Petition Asks That Franklin Avenue be Used to Link Up New Hope Road With Bessemer City and Linwood Roads.

When the board of commissioners of Gaston county convene in regular monthly session here on Monday August 5th, they will have presented to them two very largely signed petitions with reference to the linking up of county highways through the town of Gastonia. These petitions, each of which has several hundred signatures, are reproduced below:

No question is of more vital importance just now to Gastonia in particular and to all the people of the county in general than this one. One has but to recall the deplorable conditions which prevailed on all the roads leading out from town during last winter to realize the force of the above statement. For many weeks, in fact during the larger part of the entire winter season, these roads were, in many instances, impassable. As a result of it Gastonia merchants lost perhaps \$100,000 worth of business that rightly belonged to them and hundreds of farmers lost both time and money because they could not get into town to dispose of their cotton, wood and other products nor to purchase the things that they were obliged to have. They could come within a stone's throw of the corporate limits of the town on the good roads but were compelled to leave their vehicles outside and tramp from one to three miles to get to the business part of the town. Then, of course, they could neither bring in nor take out any articles of bulk or weight.

There are macadam roads leading up to or almost to the city limits from Union, New Hope, Lowell, Bessemer City and Linwood. None of these have been connected up through town as yet and the object of the present petitions is to get the commissioners to have these missing links built between now and the winter season.

In the case of Lowell, Belmont, Mount Holly, Bessemer City and possibly other towns in the county the macadam roads have been built right on through the towns thus affording good highways right into the business sections of all of them. In the case of Gastonia this is not true, not a single macadam road having as yet been built through the town.

### THE PETITIONS.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Gaston County: We, the undersigned citizens of the town of Gastonia and property owners and residents on Franklin avenue in said town and residents and property owners on the road leading from New Hope church in the eastern section of Gaston county to Franklin avenue in the town of Gastonia, do hereby respectfully petition this honorable board that, where as said road has been macadamized from the residence of Madison Kendrick eastward, that you extend said macadam road from the said residence of Madison Kendrick on to Gastonia and through Franklin avenue and connecting with the macadam road leading from the Bessemer City section in the western section of the town.

The other petition reads as follows:

We, the undersigned citizens of Gaston county, would respectfully submit to your honorable board that there are two macadam roads, or more, leading into the town of Gastonia, viz: A road leading from New Hope church to the incorporate limits of the town of Gastonia and another road leading from Cherryville and Bessemer City to the incorporate limits which road also connects with the road leading from All Healing Springs toward the town of Gastonia; that during last winter it was almost impossible for persons coming from either of these directions to reach the town of Gastonia owing to the conditions of the roads in the eastern and western limits of the said town of Gastonia; that it is now the middle of the summer, and we therefore petition and urge you to connect said New Hope road with the roads leading from Cherryville to Gastonia and from All Healing Springs to Gastonia; that this connection be made with a graded macadam road.

### Gets \$1,000 Per Day for Expert Advice.

Atlanta, July 10.—It is something of an international compliment, and a tribute to Georgia and the south as well, that W. T. Gentry, president of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, has been called on by the British postmaster general to give him expert assistance in a suit now pending against the British national telephone organization, a branch of the government. The British company is paying Mr. Gentry \$1,000 per day for his advice, but he has told them that he will be unable to remain later than July 16.

—Governor Kitchin speaks at the court house tomorrow night.

## SOCIAL CIRCLES IN WOMAN'S REALM

S. AND O. CLUB. At her home on North Marietta street Wednesday afternoon from five to seven o'clock Mrs. D. A. Page entertained the S. and O. Club and a few invited guests. Progressive trail was played and an ice course was served. The out-of-town guests present were: Mesdames J. L. Rhodes and C. W. Hopkins, of New Orleans.

MAYOR CRAIG ENTERTAINS. Mayor T. L. Craig entertained the city hall force at an elegant eight-course dinner last evening at his home on West Main avenue. The dining room was attractively decorated with nasturtiums. Mayor Craig's guests were Chief of Police J. W. Carroll, Policemen T. N. Williams, A. B. Hoard, S. B. Brymer, W. B. Conard, O. F. Adderholt, B. W. Craig and John D. Lindsay, City Clerk John R. Rankin and Mr. Ned Hayes, in charge of the fire department. The dinner was an elegant affair and the Mayor proved himself a delightful and entertaining host.

### MISS HAMRICK'S HOUSE PARTY.

The following is from the social column of Tuesday's Gaffney S. C. Ledger:

"Miss Ethel Hamrick is entertaining a house party at her attractive home on Limestone street which includes Miss Mary Ratcliff, of Birmingham, Ala., Miss Margaret Temple, of Danville, Va., Miss Marie Cross, of Chester, Miss Edith Elliott, of Dillon, and Miss Hallie Torrence, of Gastonia, N. C. They were classmates of Miss C. Hamrick at Converse College and are receiving much social attention from her friends. Miss Hamrick entertained last evening in their honor."

### MISS HUSSEY TO WED LOUISIANA MAN.

Invitations reading as follows have been received in Gastonia: Mrs. William Baker Hussey requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Eleanore Felicia,

to Mr. George Peterkin Meade on the evening of Wednesday, the seventh of August, at eight o'clock, at Christ Church, Nashville, Tennessee. At Home after the twenty-fifth of September, Gramercy, Louisiana.

Miss Hussey is pleasantly remembered here as a member of the Central school faculty during the sessions of 1904-05 and 1905-06. She is a young lady of many personal charms and during her two-years residence here made many friends who will be interested in this announcement. They will be delighted to know that Mr. and Mrs. Meade will spend a portion of their honeymoon in Gastonia. While here they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Love. On their honeymoon trip they will visit a number of points in Western North Carolina.

### DAVIS-JENKINS WEDDING.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at nine o'clock when Miss Zoe Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins, became the bride of Mr. Hoke Davis, of Shelby.

The guests were met on the porch by Miss Nellie Mauney and Mr. Otis Lineberger, who kept the register. They were then met in the front hall by Misses Gertrude Smith and Lole Long. From there they were shown into the sitting room by Mesdames L. H. Long and S. M. Morris, where the presents from the many friends were displayed.

While Miss Carrie Morris played a selection on the piano, the guests were ushered into the parlor by Miss Zaida Long. Then Miss Jane Morris sweetly sang, "If You Are There," and Rev. J. E. Abernethy, who was to join these two lives, took his place under the arch which was beautifully decorated in green and white. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, Miss Myrtle Jenkins, sister of the bride, dressed in white marquisette over yellow satin and carrying a bouquet of yellow dahlias and maidenhair fern, entered the parlor with Mr. Arthur Spencer. Next came the bride and groom and took their stand before the minister who impressively spoke the words that made them husband and wife, while "Love's Old Sweet Song" was softly played in the room across the hall. The bride was dressed in a tan going-away suit and carried an armful of bride's roses tied with white mauline.

After the congratulations the guests were shown to a cozy corner of the porch where punch was served by Misses Gertrude Ware, of Kings Mountain, and Itara Wilson, assisted by Misses Lena Lineberger, Mary Wilson, Mary Ellen and Minerva Jenkins.

The happy couple left on No. 35 for Shelby, followed by the good wishes of their many friends.

The out-of-town guests were Mesdames W. T. Gamble, Worth Falls, Lizzie Falls and Miss Gertrude Ware, of Kings Mountain; Mrs. H. A. Johnson, of Charlotte, and Mrs. W. E. Haynes, of Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Jenkins, of Kings Mountain.



GOVERNOR W. W. KITCHIN.

He Will address the Democratic voters of the county in the court house tomorrow night.