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GASTON LOCALS NEWS OF THE COUNTY

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

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, Route 2, July 25.—The farmers are behind with their crops. Last year they got through laying by the first of July. This year it will be the first of August. The wheat crop is threshing out better than people thought it would.
The Fairview baseball team gave an ice cream supper Saturday night at Fairview school house. Quite a large crowd of young people were present.
Large numbers of people from this community are attending the tent meeting in progress at Bessemer City, conducted by Rev. W. W. Orr.
Mrs. Barbara Kiser spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. Y. Kincaid, at Bessemer City.
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kiser spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. C. C. Kiser.
Misses Juanita Payne and Beulah Kiser spent Saturday with their aunt, Mrs. J. Y. Kincaid, of Bessemer City.
Miss Zula Coon, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday with Miss Beulah Kiser.
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stroup and family spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. Y. Kincaid.

Mountain Island News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MOUNTAIN ISLAND, July 27.—We are glad to note that Mrs. A. L. D. Bumgarner and Mrs. George Lawing are improving; they have been quite sick from rheumatism.
Mrs. Walter Rhine, Mrs. V. McLeod and Miss Marion Harris went to the picnic at Stanley Thursday.
There is not much fishing going on now at Mountain Island Shoals, especially since two men were recently drowned while fishing. This has been a great place for fishermen from Gaston, Mecklenburg and Lincoln counties. Some folks have also caught hookworms and are now trying to get rid of them while Dr. Leonard is in the county conducting the free dispensary.
A terrible tragedy occurred about three miles northeast of here, across the river in Mecklenburg county, early Friday morning when Mrs. V. J. Hartsell shot and killed her husband as he was returning to the house from his cantaloupe patch. She shot him twice with a .38 calibre pistol and then crushed his head with an axe. She claimed that he had threatened to kill her. The murder seems to have been the result of domestic troubles. The story of the revolting conditions prevailing in this home have been recited in the daily papers and do not need to be repeated here. Mrs. Hartsell was arrested and placed in jail at Charlotte.

NEWS FROM ROUTE THREE.
Correspondence of The Gazette.
GASTONIA, Route 3, July 29.—Mr. R. B. Lineberger, it is said, has the best field of corn in the county, but the boys tell various tales about how Bob fertilized his corn.
Mr. O. S. Dickson reports a muskmelon that weighs twenty pounds and no worm hole in it.
Mr. J. L. Wood is very sick at his home at Pleasant Ridge.
Jake Boyd, a good old-time negro, died near Pleasant Ridge last night.
Messrs. Press McArver, Neal Hawkins, Harry Dickson and Leonard Hawkins have taken their teams and gone to Gastonia to work on the road grading.

—Rev. Edward Long, pastor of the Baptist church at Marion, is a visitor in Gastonia today.
—At Main Street Methodist church Sunday morning Rev. J. E. Abernethy preached a splendid sermon on "Methodism's Mission in the World." At night the presiding elder, Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine of Shelby, preached. He also held quarterly conference yesterday afternoon.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burgess, of Dallas, Texas, arrived last Thursday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spencer. Mr. Burgess was reared at the home of Mr. J. F. White, near Kings Mountain. Their many friends in this section of the county are glad to see them again.

Baby-bye, here's a fly.
Let us swat him, you and I.
Two things of which there is enough for all: Fresh Air and Sunshine. Get yours!
Don't buy any food from a dirty place. If flies "beat you to it," let them have it.
How doth the busy little fly.
Improve each shining minute,
And where he finds an apple pie
Plant micro-millions in it.
Investigation shows that as the temperature rises, the flies become more active, and intestinal diseases become more prevalent, with a corresponding increase in mortality. It is a mistake to think that these diseases are due to hot weather.

COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

To Be Held at Linwood College August 5-15—Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of Wake Forest College, in Charge, Assisted by Prof. Joe S. Wray.

The regular biennial institute for the public school teachers of Gaston county will be held this summer as usual at Linwood College. Next Monday, August 5, is the date of the opening of the institute which will continue for ten days. Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of the faculty of Wake Forest College, will be in charge of the work of the institute. The following circular letter sent to all the teachers of the county by Supt. F. P. Hall is explanatory:

Dear Teacher:
Once again I am asking you to meet me at Linwood in a county institute to spend two weeks in further preparation for our work. Prof. J. H. Highsmith, one of the ablest conductors in the state, will be in charge ably assisted by Prof. Wray and Miss Littlejohn of the Gastonia schools. Every effort will be put forth to make your stay both profitable and pleasant. The institute will be organized at 8 p. m. on Monday, August 5 and will continue two weeks. Both the institute and the county examinations will be held on the 15. The only expense is \$10.00 for board and lodging. Bring your own towels, sheets, pillow cases and school books with tablet and pen kit. It is needless, perhaps, to add that the law requires every teacher in the public schools to attend an institute once in two years or retire from the work.

Trusting that you will meet me at the appointed time and that our stay at Linwood may be an exceedingly profitable one, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
F. P. HALL.

GASTON COUNTY FLORAL FAIR.

After several requests from different ones, the Woman's Betterment Association has decided to allow any one in the county who desires to enter flowers and fancy work, to compete for the prizes that will be given at the annual fair at Gastonia.

RULES FOR ENTERING.
Each collection must contain at least ten varieties with three blooms of each variety.
Prizes awarded for three best blooms and for best single blooms cannot be bestowed on those blooms contained in collection.
All entries for three best blooms must be placed together.
All single blooms must be placed together.
All pot plants must be placed together and all ferns must be arranged according to their families.

THE PRIZES.
Prizes will be given for flowers as listed below. The list of prizes themselves will be published later:
First best collection.
Second best collection.
Third best collection.
Fourth best collection.
Three best cream blooms of one variety.
Three best white blooms of one variety.
Three best yellow blooms of one variety other than D. Appleton's.
Three best bronze blooms of one variety.
Three best red blooms of one variety.
Three best variegated blooms of one variety.
Three best lavender blooms of one variety.
Three best pink blooms of one variety.
Best single bloom of any variety.
Best single bloom of odd variety.
Best ostrich plume fern.
Best maiden hair fern.
Best baby-breath fern.
Best sprengeri fern.
Best plumosa fern.
Best pot plant of any variety.

MRS. GEO. W. WILSON,
MRS. J. K. DIXON,
MRS. J. F. THOMSON.

COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS.

Nearly Ten Thousand White Children of School Age in County—The Figures for County and City.
County Superintendent of Education F. P. Hall has finished the enumeration of the reports of the county school census as made by the township committees. The results are as follows:
Crowders Mountain township, 1,062 white and 204 colored.
Cherryville, 1,411 white and 194 colored.
Dallas, 1,191 white and 245 colored.
Gastonia, town and township, 3,146 white and 1,145 colored.
River Bend, 1,136 white and 453 colored.
South Point, 1,820 white and 709 colored.

The total enumeration is 9,766 white, of which 4,928 are male and 4,838 female; 2,970 colored, of which 1,444 are male and 1,526 female.
The school census for the town of Gastonia has been completed and the figures are as follows: Total number white children, 2,243, of which 1,115 are male and 1,128 female; total number colored children 521, of which 232 are male and 289 female.

S. AND O. CLUB.

The S. and O. Club will be entertained tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock by Mrs. E. W. Gilliam at the home of Mrs. J. Lean Adams on Oakland street.

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.

—Miss Wilma Long returned this morning after a visit to friends in Shelby.

—Miss Marie Brunson, of Florence, S. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John G. Carpenter.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Summerrow spent Sunday with relatives in Stanley.

—Miss Martha Riddle, of Clover, route two, was in town yesterday en route to Hickory.

—Miss Sallie Phillips returned yesterday to her home in Charlotte after a visit to Mrs. C. E. Adams.

—Miss Bertha Long has returned from Wrightsville Beach where she spent a week or more.

—Mr. E. G. McLeod spent Sunday at Hiddente with his sister, Miss Carrie McLeod.

—Miss Nellie May Alexander has returned to her home in Charlotte after a visit to the family of Mr. J. P. Reid.

—Mrs. Hattie Lee returned home Sunday night from a two-weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Lewis, of Republic, Ala.

—Miss Nell McLean has returned home after an extended visit to relatives and friends in Chester and Rock Hill, S. C.

—Misses Mammie Dalton and Claude Harris and Mr. F. C. Proctor spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Kings Mountain.

—Miss Craig Dixon, of the Pleasant Ridge section, underwent a successful operation at the Gaston Hospital last Saturday morning for the removal of adenoids and tonsils. She is getting along nicely at present.

—Miss Annie Clifford returned yesterday from a two-months visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakenship, at Columbus, Ga. Her father, Mr. W. J. Clifford, went down last Thursday and returned with her.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Summerrow of Erwin, Tenn., who are on a visit to Mr. Summerrow's relatives in Stanley, are spending today with Mr. T. E. Summerrow and family at their home on South street.

—The mid-summer outing, Oasts Temple Arab Patrol, will be held in Charlotte at Lakewood Park next Tuesday, August 6th. The invitation says: "Don't forget to bring your smile, a good appetite, your best girl and a glad hand." A number of Gastonia Shriners will be in attendance.

—Mr. W. S. Barfield, for the past six or eight years agent for the C. & N.-W. Railway Co. at Dallas, will be transferred August 1st to Chester, S. C., where he takes a responsible position with the same company. He will be succeeded at Dallas by Mr. Lindsay Caldwell, of Guthrieville, S. C. Mr. Barfield is succeeded as first lieutenant of Company B by Second Lieutenant Clyde C. Craig, who is in turn succeeded by First Sergeant John W. Deinhardt. Mr. Barfield's many friends both in Gastonia and Dallas regret to know that he is to leave.

Holland Family Reunion.

A family reunion will be held on Saturday, August 10th, at the home of Mrs. Franklin Holland, on route four, two and a half miles northwest of Gastonia, the day being in honor of her seventy-first birthday. All neighbors and friends are cordially invited to come and bring baskets for a picnic dinner.

Bible Society to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Gaston County Bible Society will be held at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church Saturday, August 3rd, at 11 a. m. No formal program has been arranged as yet. Reports will be heard and officers elected for the ensuing year. Everybody who is interested in this work is cordially invited to be present.

Singing School at Olney.

We are asked to announce that a singing school will be conducted at Olney Presbyterian church on Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd, by Prof. Dixon, of South Carolina. The exercises will begin at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Further announcement as to the continuation of the school will be made after the first day's session.

Death of Infant.

After a lingering illness of several weeks during which time all that tender hands and medical skill could do, was done to preserve life, little Margaret Boyden Holland, the seven-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holland, died Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. J. E. Abernethy officiating, assisted by Rev. M. J. Peters. The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. N. and L. C. Peggam, L. G. Jones and R. G. Rankin. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery. The young parents have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sore bereavement.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS MEET.

Legislative and County Ticket Named in Quiet and Orderly Meeting Held Here Last Saturday.

In a quiet and harmonious meeting held here last Saturday the Gaston county Republicans met and named a legislative and county ticket. No actup was taken as to the Taft-Roosevelt split. The following ticket was named:

Senate, J. M. Hoyle; House, O. P. Rhodes and J. O. Armstrong; sheriff, C. W. Boyd; register of deeds, J. C. Costner; treasurer, W. S. Carpenter; county commissioners, P. Dellinger, J. J. Ormand, J. A. Rhyne, J. W. Stewart and Dr. Frank Robinson; coroner, M. T. Sanders; surveyor, A. W. Hoffman.

CITY SCHOOL NOTES.

All children who expect to enter school for the first time this fall should get a vaccination certificate ready. Dr. Anders will vaccinate free of charge those who have not a good scar. Parents are urged to have this done at once.

It is now thought that Miss Littlejohn will be back in her place next fall, although she resigned some time ago on account of the illness of her father.

The writer is of the opinion that the papers did not give the school floats due consideration in the write up of the Fourth of July parade. The Lory float, the prize winner, should certainly have been described much more fully.

WHO MADE THE SCHOOL FLOATS POSSIBLE?

The mills of the city deserve the hearty thanks of the school authorities for the generous part they bore. The school board furnished the teams and the mills built and decorated the floats.

Mr. C. V. West, member of the board of education from ward four, deserves praise for the help and originality furnished. Miss Lula Whitesides and Miss Crawford in getting up the prize winner.

The following teachers deserve praise for their enthusiasm and work on the floats: Misses Jane Morris, Pearl Gallant, Carrie Potts, Ella Lewis, Carrie Morris, Lula Whitesides, Ella Bradley, Carrie Glenn, Mary Whitesides. There were a number of our friends who rendered valuable assistance. The service is much appreciated.

THE OPENING OF NEXT YEAR.

The superintendent is going to recommend that school begin about the middle of September. This date will come very speedily. The children should be given their trips and visits before that time so that the school will not be interrupted by such.

Gaston County's Teachers' Institute will be held at Linwood August 5-15. Gastonia's superintendent will have charge of the high school department there. Those who are going to take the high school work are requested to bring Collar and Dannel's First Year Latin, Wentworth's New School Algebra, DeGarmo's Essentials of Method, McMurry's How to Study, The Teacher and the School, Teaching Poetry in the Grades, and Brown's The American High School, Buehler's Grammar.

COUNTY COURSE OF STUDY.

Gaston county is to be a unique county in that she has a uniform course of study running through eleven years. Some time during the institute the county superintendent, the principals and superintendents of graded schools are to have a meeting to consider this course of study with a view to revising and perfecting it.

When teachers go to the expense of going to the Institutes and Summer Schools and such sweltering weather as this that they may be the better prepared to serve their communities better, it should call for better support and service on the part of the community.

SOME QUOTATIONS.

"The free school is the most characteristic of our American institutions."

"The free school is the most precious heritage of the children of the Republic."

"A popular government without popular education is but the prelude of a farce or a tragedy—perhaps."—Colgrove's The Teacher and the School.

Should not such thoughts as these gleaned from Prof. Colgrove, President James Madison, and others make every thoughtful American take a serious interest in our public schools?
JOE S. WRAY.

—Attorney J. F. Flowers, of Charlotte, is here today.

—Miss Margaret Fain, of Dandridge, Tenn., who is visiting relatives in the Point section, will spend the latter part of the week in town with relatives and friends.

—Miss Lida Camp, of Hartsville, S. C., is spending this week in Gastonia, the guest of Miss Lillie Brown.

—Rev. E. G. Carson and family, of Charlotte, and Rev. J. W. Carson, of Newberry, S. C., arrived this morning and went to Pisgah to attend the Wood-Carson wedding tonight.

—Miss Fleda Steel expects to leave the last of the week for a visit to Gastonia and from there on to the mountains, where she will be joined by her mother, Mrs. Greene Steele. —Rock Hill Herald.

ANNUAL PICNIC BELMONT'S BIG DAY

Annual W. O. W. Picnic Held at Belmont Saturday—Feature of Day Was Address by Governor W. W. Kitchin Who Spoke on Fraternism—Baseball Game Among Attractions—Large Crowd in Attendance.

The annual picnic of the Belmont Camp, Woodmen of the World, was held last Saturday. With the exception of one or two Sunday school picnics this was the first picnic held in that section of the county this summer and an immense crowd was present, larger than has ever attended a similar occasion. Owing to the favorable weather of last week, the farmers of the community had practically finished the heaviest part of their work and a feature of the day was the presence of a large number of the farming class.

The feature of the day was the address by Governor W. W. Kitchin, who arrived by automobile from Charlotte, accompanied by Hon. F. R. McNeill, his State manager. Contrary to expectations the Governor did not deliver a political speech, but confined his remarks chiefly to an exposition of fraternism. The gist of his speech was that the principles and fundamental doctrines of all fraternal orders, viz: Brotherhood love, should exist in men at all times and everywhere and that one's connections with fraternal orders and such should only serve to intensify and make stronger these beliefs and doctrines. The Governor was listened to with rapt attention during the whole of his speech. At the conclusion he left immediately for Gastonia where he was billed for a speech in the court house. This speech was mainly along the lines of the attack on Senator Simmons and an account of it is given elsewhere in today's paper.

Another feature of the day was the dinner served in picnic style on the grounds of the graded school. That the good women of this section are well versed in the art culinary was thoroughly proven to the satisfaction of the inner man. The crowd is variously estimated at from 1,000 to 1,500 people, and came from all sections of the county. Many people were present from Mecklenburg and York counties.

In the afternoon a baseball game was played between the Lowell and Belmont teams of the Gaston county league, which was won by the former by the score of 7 to 5.



McAdenville vs. Mount Holly.

McAdenville defeated Mt. Holly in an uninteresting and one-sided game at Mt. Holly Saturday, as the score indicates: 11 errors are charged to the Mount Holly boys. Fisher for Mt. Holly pitched fine ball for three innings but "went up" in the fourth and was replaced by Dunn who in turn was succeeded by Mauney. J. Stafford, for McAdenville, as usual starred with the stick. Brittain was never in trouble except for the bunched hits in the sixth which netted Mt. Holly's only scores. The score and summary:

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| McAdenville | 15 | 9 | 1 |
| Mount Holly | 3 | 6 | 11 |
| Two-base hits: | Stafford, J., Funderburk, Dysart, Cloninger, Rankin, base on balls: off Fisher (2), Batteries: McAdenville, Brittain and Dysart; Mount Holly, Fisher, Dunn, Mauney and Lowe. | | |

Lowell Defeats Belmont.

In a game replete with features from beginning to end last Saturday Lowell defeated Belmont by the score of 7 to 5. The game was played on the Belmont grounds. The Gaston brothers and Price starred for Lowell while the Baumgardners and Stone did excellent work for Belmont. This game puts Lowell near the top of the percentage column. The batteries for Lowell were Price and Baumgardner; for Belmont Greener and Baumgardner.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

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| McAdenville | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Lowell | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| Belmont | 5 | 4 | .600 |
| Gastonia | 5 | 4 | .555 |
| Mt. Holly | 2 | 7 | .222 |
| Mtn. Island | 2 | 5 | .288 |

The above is the standing of the clubs according to The Gazette's best information. The result of the Gastonia-Mountain Island game Saturday has not been sent to this office. Hence the standing of those clubs remains as last week.

A wise man compliments a woman before asking a favor of her.
Much of man's interest in woman is due to his inability to understand her.

KITCHIN SPOKE.

Governor Addressed Crowd Saturday Night in Interest of His Candidacy for Senatorship—Renewed His Attacks on Simmons.

Governor W. W. Kitchin spoke in the court house here Saturday night in the interest of his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Senator F. M. Simmons, who is a candidate to succeed himself. It is a three-cornered fight, Judge Walter Clark being the other candidate. There was a good crowd to hear him, the court room being comfortably filled and some seats in the gallery being taken. In the audience there were perhaps fifty ladies. The Clara Concert Band furnished music for the occasion.

Saturday afternoon the Governor delivered an address at the Woodmen's picnic at Belmont, his theme being "Fraternism;" an account of this appears elsewhere in today's Gazette. Following his speech at Belmont Mr. Kitchin came to Gastonia and spent the afternoon mixing and mingling with Gastonians. While here he was the guest of Col. C. B. Armstrong, of his staff, and family.

As has been his custom wherever he has spoken in the State during this campaign Mr. Kitchin devoted his time almost entirely to attacking Senator Simmons' record in the Senate. In addition to this he devoted a little time to lambasting the interests and recounting his achievements as congressman and Governor. He charged that Mr. Simmons was out of harmony with the Democratic platform and the party and made 13 charges against him, in each case proving his assertions to his satisfaction usually quoting offhand from some letter, speech or other document. In 2 or 3 instances he read snatches from documents of one kind and another. He repeatedly, during the course of his address, stated that he had never made a personal attack on Mr. Simmons of any kind and challenged any one to make the charge that he had. He strongly insinuated, by reading of detached sentences from an editorial in the North-western Lumber Journal and by his remarks about the appearance on the cover thereof of a cut of Mr. Simmons that the latter was a tool of the lumber trust. Any sixteen-year-old school boy, he said, could have seen the evidence against Lorimer in his first trial before the Senate. His criticism of Simmons' vote on the Lorimer question consisted altogether of ridicule.

Amid the recent published communication of Capt. S. A. Ashe in which that gentleman answered Governor Kitchin's charges against Mr. Simmons' nineteen tariff votes—this article appeared in last Friday's Gazette and was widely read—Mr. Kitchin passed it up with very gentle handling, his star retort consisting of ridicule of Ashe for having several years ago, while engaged on a Raleigh newspaper, criticized Simmons whom he is now defending. He did not fail to tell his hearers that Capt. Ashe is Mr. Simmons' secretary, the inference being that some effort was being made to conceal that fact.

Mr. Kitchin defied Senator Simmons to deny any of the charges made against him and repeated his challenge to the Senator to meet him any where for a joint debate.

The Governor predicted the election of Woodrow Wilson by an overwhelming majority and praised Locke Craig, the Democratic nominee for the governorship.

Despite the oppressive heat the crowd heard Mr. Kitchin with close attention throughout his speech. The Kitchin supporters were loud in their applause.

IMPROVEMENT OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 27.—Few departments of science have shown greater development and attracted wider public attention in recent years than the breeding of plants and animals. The American Breeders' Association is composed of scientists and practical breeders who are working along these lines, for the improvement of plant and animal life. This association will hold its annual meeting at Columbia, January 24, 25 and 27, 1913, in connection with the Fifth National Corn Exposition.

The National Corn Exposition has assigned a booth to the American Breeders' Association for its exhibits and literature relating to the subjects of plant breeding, animal breeding and eugenics.

Since the organization of the Breeders' Association the president has been Hon. James Wilson, the famous Secretary of Agriculture. The secretary is Prof. W. M. Hays, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Prof. Hays is taking a great deal of interest in the preparation of the program, to which he is giving his personal attention. Among the prominent members active in the association is Dr. H. J. Webber, who developed the celebrated Webber cotton. He is in charge of the plant breeding department of the association.

—Mrs. E. D. Atkins and two sons, Masters James Murray and Ennis, will return tonight from a six-weeks visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray, at Lewisburg, Tenn. Mr. Atkins went to Asheville this morning to meet them. They will be accompanied by Miss Carrie Murray, Mrs. Atkins' sister and Miss Leith, who will spend several weeks here.

—Many an aspirant occupies the political grave he dug for the other fellow.