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FULL TEXT OF BILL FOR RECORDER'S COURT

JUDGE OF PROPOSED MUNICIPAL COURT IS TO BE ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL

Act Provides for Judge at Salary of Not More Than \$1,000, a Clerk at Salary of Not More Than \$600 and Prosecuting Attorney at Salary of Not More Than \$800—Court to Have Power to Impose Fine of \$200 or Sentence of Not More Than One Year on Roads—Gastonia to be Designated Hereafter as "City" Instead of "Town."

Below is published as information for the public the full text of the amendment to the charter of the town of Gastonia providing for the establishment of a recorder's court, as drawn up and sanctioned by the city council of Gastonia:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GASTONIA, AND TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF GASTONIA AND GASTONIA TOWNSHIP, IN GASTON COUNTY, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE JURISDICTION AND PROCEEDINGS OF SAID COURT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That chapter one thousand and forty-eight of the Private Laws of 1899 of North Carolina and all acts amendatory or supplementary thereof be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Town of Gastonia" wherever it occurs in said act or acts, and substituting therefor the words "City of Gastonia."

Sec. 2. That a special or recorder's court for the trial of misdemeanors and to be designated as "The Municipal Court of the City of Gastonia" is hereby created and established.

Sec. 3. The said court shall be a court of record and shall be presided over by a judge who shall be an elector of the City of Gastonia, of good moral character, and a licensed attorney-at-law.

Sec. 4. The judge of said court shall be elected by the board of aldermen of the City of Gastonia on or before the first Monday in February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, to hold office until the second Tuesday in May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, and his successor shall be elected by said board at its regular meeting in May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and every succeeding two years thereafter. He shall take and subscribe the oath required by judges of the Superior Courts, and shall receive salary not to exceed one thousand dollars per annum, to be fixed and determined by the board of aldermen and paid by the City of Gastonia, in equal monthly installments.

Sec. 5. The court shall hold daily sessions, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, at the City Hall in the City of Gastonia, or other place in said City to be designated by the board of aldermen, the first session to be held on the first Monday in February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

Sec. 6. Said court shall have final exclusive original jurisdiction of all misdemeanors occurring or committed within the corporate limits of the City of Gastonia and within the limits of Gastonia township as follows: Carrying concealed weapons, gaming, keeping gambling houses, keeping bawdy houses, larceny or receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, wherein the value of the article or articles stolen does not exceed twenty dollars, failure to list taxes, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, or when serious damage is done, fornication and adultery, abandonment, cruelty to animals, resisting officers, malicious injury to real or personal property, trespassing on lands after being forbidden, forcible trespass, enticing servants to leave masters, indecent exposure of person, retailing liquors without a license, selling or giving away spirituous liquors to a minor, selling or giving away cigarettes to a minor, obtaining advances by false pretense, bastardy, disposing of mortgaged property, and all other crimes against the public health, as contained in the Revised of one thousand nine hundred and five of North Carolina, inclusive of all misdemeanors as contained in chapter eighty-one of the Revised of one thousand nine hundred and five of North Carolina, and acts amendatory thereof, where the punishment does not exceed a fine of two hundred dollars and imprisonment for one year, and all crimes which under the common law are misdemeanors wherein the punishment is in the discretion of the court. All the foregoing offenses are hereby declared to be petit misdemeanors. Said municipal court shall also have final and exclusive original jurisdiction in the territory included in the City of Gastonia, and within Gastonia township as to criminal matters and proceedings arising under the laws of the State or ordinances of the City of Gastonia wherein the mayor or justices of the peace now or shall hereafter have jurisdiction.

Sec. 7. That in addition to the jurisdiction given in Section Six (6) of this act, said court is hereby given jurisdiction to hear and bind over

to the Superior Court all persons charged with any crime committed within the corporate limits of the City of Gastonia or within the limits of Gastonia township wherein preliminary investigation thereof is now conferred on justices of the peace of Gastonia township or the mayor of the City of Gastonia: PROVIDED, no defendant shall under this section be bound over to the Superior Court in any case of which this court has been given final jurisdiction.

Sec. 8. Warrants may be issued by the judge of this court, by the clerk of said court, or the substitute judge, for any person or persons charged with the violation of any of the criminal laws of this State, which warrant shall be made returnable before said judge within thirty days from the issuing thereof. Said judge, substitute judge or clerk may also issue subpoenas, orders, capias, and all other process applicable to said court. Any person convicted in said court shall have the right of appeal to the Superior Court of Gaston County as is now provided for appeals from justices of the peace, and upon such appeal the trial shall be de novo.

Sec. 9. In all cases heard by the judge of said court established by this act as consulting magistrate against any person or persons for any offense whereof the court herein established has not final jurisdiction, in which probable cause of guilt is found, such person or persons shall be bound in bond or recognizance, with sufficient surety, to be fixed by the judge of this court, to appear at the next succeeding term of the Superior Court for Gaston county for the trial of criminal cases, and in default of such bond or recognizance such person or persons shall be committed to the common jail of Gaston county to await trial as aforesaid: PROVIDED, in all capital offenses such person or persons shall be committed to the common jail of said county without bail.

Sec. 10. All costs incurred in issuing warrants and serving the same, in cases where the judge of said court has not final jurisdiction as aforesaid, and for the service of process arising in such cases, except as hereinafter provided, shall be paid to the City of Gastonia. Officers serving process issued from said court shall be allowed the same fees as are now allowed sheriffs in like cases, the same, when collected, to be paid over as herein provided.

Sec. 11. All persons pleading guilty or convicted in said court of any offense mentioned in this act shall be fined or imprisoned according to law, and any person entering said plea of guilty or who may be convicted of any offense shall pay the costs of the prosecution.

Sec. 12. When any person is convicted or pleads guilty to any offense of which said court has final jurisdiction, said judge may sentence said party to the common jail of Gaston county and assign him to work on the public roads of said county, or in the county workhouse, as provided by law. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that when any person is convicted or pleads guilty of any offense which is now or shall hereafter be within the final jurisdiction of the mayor of said City of Gastonia or justices of the peace, said judge may sentence said party to the common jail in Gaston county, and assign him to work on the public roads or streets of the City of Gastonia.

Sec. 13. The judge herein provided for shall preside over the said court and try and determine all actions coming before him, the jurisdiction of which is conferred by this act, and the proceedings of said court shall be the same as are now prescribed for courts of justices of the peace and of the Superior Court, so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of this act; and in case of appeal to the Superior Court, as herein provided, every defendant shall be required to give bond, with sufficient surety to be approved by the judge of this court, to insure his appearance at said court, and in default thereof the judge shall commit such defendant to the common jail of Gaston county until he shall give bond or be otherwise discharged according to law.

Sec. 14. The said court shall also have jurisdiction to try all actions for the recovery of penalties imposed by law or by any ordinance of the City of Gastonia for any act done within the corporate limits of said City or within one mile of the corporate limits, and said penalty shall be recovered in the name of the City of Gastonia, and in all cases where judgment may be entered against any person imposing a fine and costs, or the costs only, and the person against whom the same is adjudged fails or refuses to pay said judgment it shall be lawful for the judge of said court to order and require said person to be worked either on the public roads of Gaston county or in the county workhouse, or on the roads or streets of the City of Gastonia as herein provided until at a fair rate of wages such person shall have worked out the full amount of said fine and costs.

Sec. 15. Said court shall have a seal with the impression "The Municipal Court of the City of Gastonia" which seal shall be used in attestation of writs, warrants and other proceedings, acts, or judgments

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A BRILLIANT WEDDING

MISS BOYCE AND MR. RANKIN MARRIED

Marriage Wednesday Evening at Methodist Church of Miss Ruth Boyce and Mr. Rufus Grady Rankin One of the Most Brilliant and the Most Largely Attended Ever Witnessed in Gastonia—Bride and Groom to Cuba on Honeymoon Trip—Magnificent Display of Presents.

One of the most brilliant weddings and the most largely attended ever witnessed in Gastonia was that of Miss Ruth Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newman Boyce, and Mr. Rufus Grady Rankin, son of the late Mr. R. P. Rankin and Mrs. Zoe Hand Rankin, which was solemnized Wednesday evening at seven o'clock in the Main Street Methodist church. The marriage of these two prominent young society people was one of the chief events in Gastonia social circles this season. It was beautiful in all its appointments and the taking of the vows was one of the most impressive nuptial ceremonies ever witnessed here.

There has perhaps never been a wedding in Gastonia which was so largely attended as this one. Almost an hour before the time for the ceremony to be said, in fact almost as soon as the doors were opened, the main auditorium, Sunday school room, class rooms and gallery of the church were filled to overflowing while many scores were forced to stand outside during the entire ceremony. So anxious were they to see the ceremony that many secured ladders and placed them at the windows to the second-floor class-rooms. Altogether there were probably more than a thousand people present.

Main Street Methodist church had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, the colors used being white and green. The chancel and choir loft were entirely hidden with decorations of these colors while a large arch stood over the altar where the vows were taken. There were arches also over each of the aisles, all in white and green. A most pleasing effect was obtained by the suspension of numerous electric lights from the choir loft arch, entwined with ivy and terminating in large white chrysanthemums, embedded in which were the light bulbs. The approaches to the altar from all sides, as well as the section immediately in front of the altar, was covered with white.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party an excellent musical program was rendered. Mr. E. D. Atkins presided at the pipe organ and played Schumann's "Traumerlied" as a voluntary. Following this Miss Mary Boyce, of Due West, S. C., a cousin of the bride, sang sweetly "O, Perfect Love." The next number was a violin duet by Miss Lillian Atkins and Mr. Erskine Boyce, brother of the bride. "The Story of Ruth" was the next number, being sung in a most pleasing manner by Miss Mary Boyce.

As the strains of the well-known Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed forth the bridal party entered the church as follows: First the ribbon girls, Misses Mary LaFar and Burney Boyce in white lingerie dresses. These were followed by the ushers, Messrs. Ed C. Adams, Charles C. Moore and H. M. Boshamer down the right aisle and Messrs. Will Wetzel, Harry Shuford and George Gray down the left. Next came the groomsmen and bridesmaids as follows: Mr. Stacy Boyce and Mr. H. B. Wadsworth, of Charlotte, down the right aisle with Mr. James W. Holland and Mr. George Mason down the left; Misses Mary Durham and Violet Rankin down the right aisle with Misses Freeman Garrett, of Gaffney, and Miss Sarah Cansler, of Charlotte, down the right aisle; Mr. Charles Misenheimer and Mr. J. E. Hughes down the right aisle with Mr. Floyd Whitney and Mr. W. H. Adams down the left; Miss Katherine Mason and Miss Anna Forbes Liddell, of Charlotte, down the right aisle with Miss Susie Hutchison, of Charlotte, and Miss Margaret Wharton, of Greensboro, down the left. Next came the sister of honor, Mrs. P. W. Garland, sister of the bride, down the right aisle, with the maid of honor, Miss Lucy Boyce, also a sister of the bride, down the left. Next came the ring-bearer, Master John Rankin Falls, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Falls and cousin of the bride, and the flower girl, little Miss Estelle Garland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Woods Garland and niece of the bride. Last came the groom and his best man, Mr. Colt M. Robinson, of Lowell, down the right aisle with the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. S. N. Boyce, down the left aisle. They were met at the altar by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, who officiated, and Rev. J. E. Abernethy,

pastor of Main Street Methodist church, who assisted. The beautiful ring ceremony was used and Dr. Galloway, in words as beautiful as they were solemn and impressive, joined the lives of these two young people. Mr. Abernethy offered the closing prayer and benediction upon the couple. During the ceremony Miss Atkins played as a violin solo "O, Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star" from Tannhauser, being accompanied by Mr. Atkins on the organ. The bridal march from Lohengrin was used as a recessional.

The bride, who is noted for her rare Southern beauty and her many lovely charms of person and character, appeared even more beautiful than ever in her crown of white chrysanthemums, trimmed with chiffon overdress with pearl trimming which was over panels of tulle. Her hair was of chiffon with pearl and maribean trimmings. She wore a veil caught up with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of bride's roses showered with lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids wore yellow chrysanthemum dresses with trains. The dame of honor wore her wedding dress of white satin with pearl trimmings. The maid of honor wore pink chrysanthemum with waist and pearl trimmings. The ring-bearer wore a white suit while the little flower girl, little Estelle Garland, just two and a half years old, was captivately sweet in a white lingerie dress. The ribbon girls wore white lingerie over pink. The bridesmaids, maid of honor and dame of honor carried bouquets of pink carnations with asparagus ferns.

Immediately after the wedding, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock, a reception was tendered complimentary to the bride and groom at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. Woods Garland, on South York street. The guests were greeted at the front door by Mrs. E. C. Wilson and Mrs. D. M. Jones and were presented to the receiving line by Mrs. J. W. Timberlake and Mrs. J. D. Moore. The receiving line was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Garland, the bride and groom and the bridesmaids and groomsmen.

Mrs. S. A. Wilkins, of Dallas, presided at the register in the front hall. The guests were shown into the dining room by Mrs. L. N. Glenn and Mrs. D. A. Garrison. Here coffee was poured by Mrs. J. K. Dixon and Mrs. A. A. McLean, they being assisted in serving coffee and sandwiches by Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Mrs. W. M. Boyce, Mrs. J. P. Pressley, Mrs. W. S. Dilling, Miss Belle Crawford, Mrs. E. P. Rankin and Mrs. J. Y. Miller. From the dining room the guests were ushered into the rear hall by Mrs. A. M. Dixon and were then shown into the punch room by Mrs. R. C. Warren. At the punch bowl were Mrs. Stella Sofield, Mrs. P. L. Smyre and Miss Eleanor Reid, who were assisted in serving by Misses Marie Torrence, Hallie Torrence, Blanche Gray, Mary LaFar, Burney Boyce and Lillian Watson. The guests were then ushered into the front hall by Mrs. P. R. Huffstetler and Miss Lottie Biakle.

While the reception was still in progress the bride and groom gave their friends the slip and went in Mr. Rankin's auto to Charlotte where they caught fast train No. 31 for Jacksonville, Fla. They will visit several places in Florida and will go from there to Cuba. They expect to return to Gastonia in about two weeks and will keep house in the groom's new bungalow on Lee street.

From the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland many of the guests went to the home of the bride's parents nearby where the presents were on display. The collection of wedding presents was one of the largest, most varied and most expensive ever seen here. They occupied one large room and it required half a dozen or more large tables to hold the gifts of silver, cut glass, hand-painted china, linen, etc., as well as tokens of love and admiration from a host of friends.

The bride is one of Gastonia's most beautiful and popular young women. She was educated at the Presbyterian College, Charlotte, and has, since she left school, been one of the most popular members of the younger social set. The groom is one of the city's most promising young business men. He is secretary and treasurer of the Home Mutual Building & Loan Association and figures prominently in real estate circles. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Among the out-of-town people here for the wedding were the following: Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McAden, Mrs. Margaret Kelley Abernethy, Miss Mildred Butt, Miss Annie Parks, Miss Salene Hutchison, Mr. Charles A. Dalton and son, Master Parks Hutchison Dalton, Mr. J. J. Misenheimer, Miss Susie Hutchison, Miss Anna Forbes Liddell, Miss Sarah Cansler, Miss Mary Durham and Mr. Charles Misenheimer, all of Charlotte; Mrs. James P. Pressley and daughter, of Due West, S. C.;

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TO ISSUE MORE BONDS

\$100,000 FOR MUNICIPAL WORK

Largely Signed Petition Asks General Assembly to Empower City Council to Supplement Recent \$70,000 Bond Issue With Additional \$100,000 to Carry on Work of Improving Streets, Sidewalks, Schools, Etc.

A petition which has already been signed by a large number of citizens and which is meeting with a hearty response from practically the entire citizenship of the town is now being circulated asking the General Assembly to pass an act empowering the city council to issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000 to supplement the recently voted issue of \$70,000.

The petition reads as follows: "We, the undersigned residents of the town of Gastonia, petition your honorable body to have enacted at this session of the General Assembly an act enabling the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Gastonia, North Carolina, to issue and sell, at their discretion, when they shall deem it necessary for the public welfare of said town, coupon bonds of said town in the sum of \$100,000, maturing thirty years from date of issue, bearing five per cent interest, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of providing a fund, in addition to the fund heretofore of \$70,000 of the coupon bonds of said town, for the purpose of grading, paving and otherwise improving the streets, sidewalks and highways of the town of Gastonia, for erecting new graded school buildings and making additions and improvements to those already erected, for the extension of the systems of water works, sewerage and electric lights."

When the \$70,000 issue was voted in November there was some opposition to it on the ground that it was too small to provide for the improvements that should be made at this time. This could not be remedied at that time, however, as \$70,000 was the maximum amount the city could issue under the existing bill.

It is understood to be the purpose of the administration to issue these bonds before the \$70,000 shall have been exhausted and thus provide for carrying the work of municipal improvements right ahead without any delay or intermission.

Personals and Locals

—Fire Wednesday morning in the kitchen at Mr. A. J. Kirby's residence, corner of East Franklin avenue and South Broad street, caused damage to the extent of about \$100. The fire company responded quickly to the alarm and extinguished the blaze. The fire is supposed to have originated in the wood box.

—An exchange of real estate was effected yesterday between Mr. A. J. Kirby and Mrs. J. P. Glenn whereby the latter secures the residence, formerly her home place, at the corner of East Franklin avenue and South Broad street now occupied by Mr. Kirby, in return Mr. Kirby acquires Mrs. Glenn's residence on West Main avenue and retains a lot in the rear of the Broad street property.

—W. M. Ratcliff, colored, president of the United States Southern Rescue Home and Industrial School, located in South Carolina, has been here the past few days soliciting aid for his institution and asks The Gazette to return his thanks to the people of the town for the liberal assistance given him. This school, he says, is supported by white people entirely. He carried with him many endorsements from prominent men, who state that the school is doing a great work for the negroes.

—Mr. W. E. French, traveling passenger and immigration agent for the Great Northern Railway, was to have delivered a free illustrated lecture in the opera house last night on the Northwest. He arrived in town yesterday morning, as did his stenographer outfit, but an accident which occurred while the outfit was being transported to the opera house and which resulted in the bursting of the gas tank, rendered it necessary for Mr. French to postpone his lecture. He will announce his date later.

—Next week there will be placed in each guest room of the local hotels a copy of the Bible, this being done through the instrumentality of the Gideons, an organization of commercial travelers, with the assistance of local people. In November a representative of the Gideons was here and presented the matter to the congregations of the various churches with the result that contributions were readily made sufficient to purchase 80 of these Bibles.

—Mr. Henry Garrison, of Charlotte, is today celebrating his one hundredth birthday. Dr. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, is a nephew of this centenarian and intended to go to Charlotte in his auto for the birthday celebration but was prevented from doing so by the inclement weather. Dr. Garrison was present at his uncle's 99th birthday celebration a year ago today. Mr. Garrison retains his senses to a remarkable degree with the exception of his sight, which is considerably impaired. He has been for 71 years an elder in Mallard Creek Presbyterian church, Mecklenburg county, and was for 42 years clerk of the session of that church.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHAT THE LAW-MAKERS ARE DOING

Senator Simmons Re-Elected Tuesday—Joint Resolution to Inevitably Wilson, Bryan and LaFollette to Speak on Initiative and Referendum Fails to Pass.

The General Assembly of North Carolina on Tuesday for the third time elected Furnifold M. Simmons to represent the State in the United States Senate, the two branches balloting separately and both giving the present senior senator an overwhelming majority. Every Democrat in both houses present and one Republican, Representative R. M. Burleson, of the newest county of Avery, voted for Senator Simmons, while the other fourteen Republicans and the two Progressives in the House and the three Republicans in the Senate voted for Dr. Cyrus W. Thompson, the Republican caucus nominee. The two houses jointly confirmed the election of Senator Simmons on Wednesday.

Representative R. R. Williams, of Buncombe, introduced a bill providing for the use of the Australian ballot system in general elections in North Carolina. Other bills of importance introduced in the House include one by Representative J. C. Sikes, of Union, to require better service from telegraph companies doing business in the State and to penalize delay in delivery of messages; one by Representative James E. Rector, of Madison, to require railroads to maintain automatic cross signals at public crossings, and another by Mr. Rector to make it unlawful to keep for sale intoxicating liquors in North Carolina.

Senator A. D. Ward introduced in the Senate a bill to place solicitors on salary. Other bills of State-wide interest introduced in the Senate are the following: By Senator Payne, to amend the divorce law of 1907; by Senator Long, to appropriate \$75,000 to complete the new State building; by Senator Bryant, to amend the law relating to challenging jurors; by Senator Mason, to increase the number of Superior court judges from sixteen to twenty-four and by Senator Council, to inquire into the need of repairs to the governor's mansion.

Senator Simmons was placed in nomination in the Senate by Senator Ward, former law partner of the senator, and in the House by Representative J. K. Dixon, of the senator's home county.

About the liveliest bill which has developed at this session began Monday when Representative Justice of Guilford introduced a resolution inviting Woodrow Wilson, W. J. Bryan and Robert M. LaFollette to address the legislators on modern methods of political reform, especially the initiative and referendum. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 65 to 27, but when it came to the Senate on Tuesday it was defeated by a vote of 27 to 23. In speaking in opposition to the resolution Senator Mason stated that it would be necessary in fairness to both sides to invite other speakers of national note to speak against the measures proposed and that a dangerous precedent would be established, so that the next proposition might be to invite National advocates of women suffrage, resulting in "women coming here in a regular cavalcade to tell us how to govern North Carolina."

Among additional committee appointments of interest to our readers are those of Representative Mauney on Institutions for the Blind, Corporation Commission and Manufactures and Labor, and Representative Dellinger on Expenditures of the House, Judiciary No. 2 and Immigration. Representative Mauney has introduced a bill to re-charter the town of Bessemer City, one to increase pensions and remove property limitations, and one to amend the drainage laws of Lincoln and Gaston counties.

Representative Dellinger has introduced a bill reducing the time of separation in grounds for divorce from ten to five years. This bill is being strongly opposed on the ground that it is against public policy to make the securing of divorces any easier than it is under the present law.

—Mr. R. B. Bagington, general manager of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., goes to Gaffney, S. C., this afternoon and will address the citizens of that town tonight on the subject of improved telephone service.

—Mrs. C. H. Robinson and daughter Miss Hazel Robinson, of Charlotte, were here Wednesday evening to attend the Rankin-Boyce wedding and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris. Miss Hazel Robinson went from here to Kings Mountain yesterday to visit friends.

—Misses Fannie Patrick, of Bowling Green, Helen and Kate Brandon, of Clover, route two, and Miss Eunice Craig, of Yorkville, route eight, have returned to Rock Hill to take up their duties at Winthrop College after spending the holidays at their respective homes.

—The demonstration of White House coffee at the store of Harry Baber Company, which began yesterday, will continue through to-day and to-morrow. The demonstration is in charge of Mrs. Donovan, of Boston. All ladies are invited to call and try a cup of this excellent brand of coffee.