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## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

### THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

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

—Ehrl has a big page of specials in this issue.  
—Rev. R. A. Miller, of Lowell, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.  
—Mr. W. B. Morris spent yesterday in Lincolnton on business.  
—Col. G. H. Marvin spent Sunday with friends in Charlotte.  
—Mr. A. J. Kirby spent Sunday in Raleigh with Mrs. Kirby, who is taking the Pasteur treatment.  
—Be sure to read Belk's page in today's Gazette. It is teeming with specials of interest to the buyer.  
—Miss Eliza Scott Lindsay attended the society celebration at Linwood College last night.  
—Mr. Oscar M. Jones, of The Gazette force, spent the Easter holidays at Hickory with homefolks.  
—Attorney E. L. Campbell, of Kings Mountain, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.  
—Capt. Freno Dilling, of Kings Mountain, was in the city on business yesterday.  
—Mr. George G. Willis, formerly of Gastonia but now traveling for a large Baltimore house, is spending the day in Gastonia on business.  
—Lebovitz department store, in a page advertisement in this issue, gives five reasons why you should trade there. Read this ad.  
—After spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long, Mrs. I. McPhail left Saturday for her home in Hamlet.  
—Mr. J. Pollard Kirven, of Darlington, S. C., spent Sunday and Monday in the city as the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. Holland Morrow.  
—Mrs. J. Holland Morrow and Mrs. Fred Seale went to Charlotte yesterday afternoon to see the play "Bunty Pulls the Strings."  
—Misses Myrtle and Lottie Warren returned yesterday morning from Shelby where they spent the week-end with their grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. S. A. Hoey.  
—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin, of Baltimore, Md., were the guests several days last week of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long. They returned home Friday.  
—Mr. J. K. Dixon, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., assistant State bank examiner of South Carolina, spent Easter here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon.  
—Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the chapter room in the library building. All members are requested to attend.  
—Misses Stella Boyd, Emma Patton, Kate and Mabel Padgett and Mrs. Wiley Hanna were among the Gastonians who went to Charlotte last night to see "When Bunty Pulls the Strings" at the Academy of Music.  
—Notices have been mailed out by Secretary E. B. Brittan of the annual meeting of the Home Building & Loan Association which is to be held on Monday, April 21st, at 3 p. m. in the city hall.  
—A charter was granted by the Secretary of State yesterday to the Gaston Creamery Co., of Stanley, authorized capital \$50,000 and paid-in capital \$2,300, subscribed by J. F. Clemmer and others.  
—A petition is in circulation and is being signed by a great many citizens of the town asking the board of aldermen to pass an ordinance requiring that all dogs running loose shall be muzzled. The petition will be presented to the council at its next meeting.  
—In renewing his subscription to The Gazette Mr. J. Ralph Rankin, who has been living for several years at Spokane, Wash., says: "We have had a long winter. Today makes 93 days we have had snow on the ground. We have had 66 inches of snow this winter."  
—The ladies of the Betterment Association have arranged for the first week in April to be observed as "Clean-Up Week." Everybody is requested to have their yards cleaned up and have all trash placed in boxes or barrels convenient to the street and the city will have its wagons to begin the rounds next Tuesday, April 1st, for the purpose of hauling off all the rubbish.  
—Since it has been macadamized Franklin avenue is being used as a "speedway" by many motorists. There is absolute disregard of the laws governing the speed of automobiles by many drivers of cars. The speed limit inside of the town and exclusive of the business section is fifteen miles per hour. Machines may be seen any day going over Franklin avenue at a rate of 20 to 40 miles an hour and sometimes possibly more. If serious accidents do not soon follow this reckless disregard of law we miss our guess. Many automobilists seem to have gotten the idea that pedestrians and people using other vehicles than motor cars have no rights whatever. The fact that Franklin avenue, east, is somewhat removed from the central part of town makes it possible for those who desire to do so to break the speed laws and get away with it.

## BELMONT GIRL WINS

### RECITER'S MEDAL TO MISS LEWIS

In County Recitation Contest Held at Dallas Friday Night Between Schools of Dallas, Gastonia, Bessemer City, Belmont and Cherryville Miss Lillian Lewis, of Belmont High School, Wins Dellinger Medal.

Before a representative and enthusiastic audience at Dallas last Friday night ten representatives from five of the high schools of the county contested for the gold medal annually offered by Hon. David P. Dellinger for the best reciter in the county.  
Superintendent F. P. Hall presided and introduced the contestants who, with their selections, are as follows:  
Miss Bertie Craig, Dallas, "The Governor's Last Leave."  
Miss Dorothy McDowell, Bessemer City, "The Ride of Jenny McNeill."  
Miss Ella Armstrong, Belmont, "Laeca."  
Miss Sue Ramsey Johnston, Gastonia, "Where Ignorance is Bliss."  
Miss Margaret LaFar, Gastonia, "The Rivals."  
Miss Lillian Lewis, Belmont, "Sally Ann's Experience."  
Miss Eaker, Cherryville, "For God and Country."  
Miss May Webb, Dallas, "Why Shepher Did Not Play."  
Miss McGinnas, Cherryville, "An August Rose."  
"Pro Patria" was recited by a young lady from Bessemer City whose name was not obtainable.  
At the conclusion of the program, the judges, Mr. E. R. Preston, of the Charlotte bar, Miss Mary O. Graham, assistant superintendent of education for Mecklenburg county, and Miss Blanche Austin, of the Charlotte graded schools, retired to make up their decision which was announced in favor of one of the representatives from the Belmont High School, Miss Lillian Lewis, who recited "Sally Ann's Experience," a chapter from Eliza Colver Hall's well-known book, "Aunt Jane, or Kentucky." The selection described the scene of a typical old Kentucky woman speaking out in meeting and delivering a fierce tirade against men in general, their frailties and faults and more especially of the way in which they treat their wives. The ease and perfect naturalness with which Miss Lewis adapted herself to the dialect and mannerisms of "Old Kentucky" won for her the decision.  
The next contest will be the declamation which will be held at Belmont Friday, March 28th.

### A NEW FEATURE.

Holland Realty & Insurance Company Will Operate a Department for Buying and Selling Stocks and Bonds—A New Departure for Gastonia.

In a half-page advertisement appearing on page eight of this issue of The Gazette the Holland Realty & Insurance Company makes announcement of very great interest and importance to the effect that the company will hereafter be in position to buy and sell stocks and bonds in addition to the lines of business which they have been handling. For some time Mr. J. M. Holland, the secretary and treasurer of the company and in active charge of its business, has thought that Gastonia had reached the point where such a department was needed and would be a great convenience to the financial and industrial interests of the town and county. The fact that the cotton mills and banks of the county alone, leaving out all other corporations, have a total capitalization of over \$7,000,000, goes to show the need of some institution through which local stocks and bonds can be listed for sale. The above figures do not of course include any bonds, of which there are thousands of dollars worth in force.  
Heretofore a person having stock in any local concern which he wished to sell was under the necessity of making a personal search for a purchaser, and one wishing to invest in Gaston county securities had to find a holder who wished to sell. Under the new arrangement just instituted by this firm the buyer and seller can be brought together in a very convenient and desirable manner. All the indications would seem to show that the new line of business will prove quite popular and successful.

### Meeting at West End.

A series of special services will begin at West End Methodist church, of which Rev. Neill C. Williams is pastor, on Sunday, April 6th. Rev. S. L. Owen, pastor of the New London Methodist church, will do the preaching.

### To Hold Meeting at Concord.

Rev. Neill C. Williams, pastor of West Gastonia and Ozark Methodist churches, left yesterday for Concord, where he is conducting a series of meetings this week for Rev. J. M. Ileshour, pastor of Westford Methodist church. Announcement will be made in Friday's Gazette as to Rev. Mr. Williams' appointments for next Sunday.

—County declaimers contest at Belmont Friday night.

## LATE ITEMS OF NEWS

### SOME EVENTS IN STATE AND NATION

Important Happenings Condensed from the Daily Papers for the Benefit of Our Busy Readers—A Partial Record of Current Events.

J. B. Mann, of Hyde county, was elected superintendent of State prisons by the prison board last Friday to succeed Capt. J. J. Laughinghouse.  
General Manuel Bonilla, president of Honduras, died Friday. He is succeeded by Vice President Francisco Betrand.  
The annual Epworth League Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held June 23-25 at Connelly Springs.  
Constantine was Sunday proclaimed King of Greece to succeed his father, King George, who was assassinated in Salonki last week.  
Former Governor Frank S. Black, of New York, long prominent in Republican National politics, died at Troy, N. Y., Saturday, aged 60. He was a native of Maine.  
Mr. John R. Mott, of Montclair, N. J., a great Y. M. C. A. man, has made public the fact that he would not accept an appointment as minister to China.  
Dr. F. O. Williston, a prominent Salisbury negro, is seeking appointment as minister to Siberia. Williston's father was a servant in the home of President Wilson's father when the family lived in Wilmington.  
Called out of church by an usher while attending divine services at Waynesville Sunday morning, Henry Sorrells walked into a fusillade of bullets fired by his cousin Hardy Sorrells. The victim died almost instantly.  
After being published for 18 years The Elkin Times has suspended publication. The editor, Mr. T. M. George, has gone to Mt. Airy, having purchased an interest in The Leader, published at that place.  
On the ground that the establishment of a recorder's court has reduced the mayor to a figurehead, J. H. Moyer, who has served as mayor of Lexington for fifteen years continuously declines to stand for reelection.  
Dr. Charles W. Elliott, president emeritus of Harvard, gave out the information Sunday that he had declined the appointment as ambassador to Great Britain tendered him by President Wilson. He did not give his reason for declining.  
Governor Craig has appointed Hon. George W. Connor, speaker of the House during the recent General Assembly, as judge of the new second judicial district. He has also appointed two solicitors, H. L. Lyon for the eighth district and Thomas M. Newland for the sixteenth.  
Henderson is the first place to take advantage of the new State law authorizing women to become members of school boards, etc. Mrs. Junius Daniel, widow of Gen. Junius Daniel, has been elected a member of the Henderson graded school board.  
Claude Swanson Allen, of the Hillsville outlaws and murderers, seems doomed to die in the electric chair at Richmond Friday. Chief Justice White of the United States Supreme Court yesterday refused to grant any relief and Governor Mann has declined to interfere.  
Ex-President Taft and family, who have been the guests of the city of Augusta, Ga., since March 4th, will leave next Sunday for New Haven, Conn., their future home. Tomorrow Mr. Taft will deliver an address at the convention in Augusta of the Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution.  
State treasury warrants were issued Saturday for 34 new State libraries and for nine supplemental libraries. There are now upwards of 3,500 rural libraries in the State and 1,500 or more of these have availed themselves of the supplemental allowance from the State as well.  
The twenty-third annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, auxiliary to the State Baptist Convention, is being held this week in the First Baptist church at Raleigh. It began today and continues through Friday. There are 1,200 women's and children's societies with representation in this gathering.  
Mr. Howard A. Banks, owner and editor of The Hickory Democrat, has accepted the position of private secretary to Secretary of the Navy Daniels and has gone to Washington to begin his work. He has leased the Democrat to Mr. C. H. Mebane, of Newton, and it will be edited by Mr. R. C. Mace, who has been editor of the Hickory Times-Mercury.  
Recently Mr. John A. Darwin, of Athens, Ga., and associates organized in Charlotte the Washington Life Insurance Company and considerable stock was subscribed by Charlotteans and others. Announcement was made Monday that Mr. Darwin and his associates had decided to disband the organization and return to each stockholder the amount of his holdings. No very definite reason is assigned for this action except that "they had better abandon their plans than enter into such a keen contest as that which was promised." Mr. Darwin has also abandoned his plans to rebuild the Cleveland Springs hotel and is advertising that property for sale.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MRS. WRAY HOSTESS.  
Mrs. J. S. Wray entertained a number of her friends at an informal trail party last Thursday afternoon at her home on Third avenue complimentary to Miss Fan Barnett, Miss Elva Wray and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, all of Shelby. Easter cards were used as score cards. Refreshments were served in two courses.

### STUDY CLASS WITH MRS. MOORE.

The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. J. D. Moore at her home on West Airline avenue. Mrs. B. T. Morris was the leader and the study was the first lesson in the new book "Mormonism, the Islam of America." The meeting was well attended and a most pleasant and profitable one.

### MUSIC CLUB WITH MISS TORRENCE.

The Music Club met last Thursday afternoon with Miss Marie Torrence at her home on South York street. A very delightful program was rendered, after which cream and cake were served. A short business session was held, at which it was decided to have Miss Florence Austin, the celebrated violinist, give a concert in the auditorium next Monday night, March 31st. Mrs. J. B. A. water, of Bynum, N. C., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. T. Morris, was a guest of the club.

### WOLFE-LITTLE MARRIAGE.

A marriage of interest to quite a number of Gastonia people was one performed in Greensboro last Wednesday, the 19th, at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon when Mrs. Fannie Lytle, of Spartanburg, S. C., became the bride of Mr. E. F. Wolfe, of Charlotte. Both parties are well known in Gastonia. The groom is a member of the Charlotte firm of jewelers, Wolfe Brothers, and spent several years in Gastonia in the same business. The bride spent a year or two here, having held a position with a local retail establishment. For the past few years she has been living in Spartanburg. She is a cousin of Mr. J. R. Baber, of this city. They will make their home in Charlotte.

### MISS MORTON ENTERTAINS.

On Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at her home on West Franklin avenue Miss Sallie Morton delightfully entertained a number of young people in honor of her Sunday school class. The little ones were met at the door and shown into the parlor by Misses Maxa Bradley and Eunice Morton. Several games were played after which several musical selections were rendered by Miss Maxa Bradley and Miss Morton. Then the guests were shown into the dining room by Miss Willmot Whitesides where cake and cream were served. Here the color scheme was green and purple which was also carried out in the refreshments. The ring was found by Little Miss Ruth Bridges and the dime by Miss Eunice Morton. The feature of the evening was the hunting of the eggs which had been hidden among the grass in the yard by the hostess and Miss Wilma Whitesides.

### MISS ANDERSON ENTERTAINS.

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Ruth Anderson entertained a number of her friends at her hospitable home in McAdenville. About the hour of eight the guests, twenty-two in number, arrived, being received at the door by the charming hostess assisted by Miss Lucy Lore. Many very interesting and amusing games were engaged in, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. An enjoyable feature of the evening was the rendering of several musical numbers. A large majority of the young ladies showed unusual talent, giving a rare treat to all present. Delicious refreshments were served, the enjoyment of which was keenly manifested by each bright face present. When the hour of departure came all were very reluctant to leave after having spent such a lovely evening. The out of town guests were: Messrs. Milton C. Stearns and William H. Harmon, of Charlotte.

### 200 Population and 18 Preachers.

There is a little town on the Atlantic Coast Line a few miles north of Fayetteville, Falcon by name, that is owned by the Holliness people. The charter of the town prohibits the sale of tobacco, coca-cola and other beverages. They have a church, a high school, a newspaper, a population of 200, and 18 preachers.  
At a special election held Tuesday the towns of Winston and Salem voted to consolidate into one municipality May 1. The majority for consolidation in Salem was 161 and in Winston 540. The election was held under a special act passed by the last Legislature and will give the combined towns a population of 25,000.

Executors and administrators of estates who want the largest number of people to see their advertisements should place them in The Gazette.

## HUNDREDS ARE KILLED

### TORNADO TAKES HEAVY LIFE TOLL

Two Hundred or More Killed and More Than Four Hundred Injured in Terrific Storm at Omaha, Neb., Sunday Night—Thousands Are Homeless—Eighteen Dead and 250 Injured at Terre Haute, Ind.,—Property Damage from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—More than 200 persons were killed and 400 were injured in a windstorm that demolished 450 homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings and caused a monetary loss of \$5,000,000 according to reports available up to a late hour tonight from the main path of the tornado in and near Omaha.

Most of the casualties were in Omaha. Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Missouri river in Iowa also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in the Nebraska metropolis and these were a menace for some time as the fire companies were hindered by falling walls and blockaded streets. A heavy rain followed the wind, however, and drenched the hundreds of homeless persons but also put out the flames.  
Of the 202 known dead within the area covered by the storm 152 were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory, with Council Bluffs reporting 12; Yutan, Neb., 16; Berlin, Neb., 7; Glenwood, Iowa, 7; Neola, Iowa, 2; and Bartlett, Iowa, 3. The same cities and towns report an aggregate of 400 injured and 450 homes demolished.

Perhaps 1,500 persons are homeless. Aside from this 3,000 buildings were more or less damaged, some of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked. All forms of communication were almost annihilated by the wind and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, when at times almost became a panic. Soldiers, State and National troops, poured into the city during the day to aid in bringing order out of what for 20 hours had been chaos.

### TERRE HAUTE HIT.

Eighteen Killed and 250 Injured in Indiana Town—Many Homes Destroyed.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 24.—Eighteen persons known to have been killed, 250 more or less seriously injured, 275 homes destroyed and other property damage estimated at nearly a million dollars, was the toll of the tornado that devastated Terre Haute and vicinity last night. Tonight the officials in charge of the rescue work say the list of dead will be increased as the searchers clear away the debris.

Hundreds of homeless are being cared for by charitable institutions and citizens while the wrecked district is being patrolled by State militia and the local police force.

Relief work today showed that hundreds lost everything they owned and their suffering was made more acute by the rain. The down-pour, while adding to their discomfort, probably was the greatest boon the stricken could have asked, for it extinguished innumerable fires which broke out immediately after the tornado had passed.

The rescue work was carried on fast and tonight it appears that all the homeless are being cared for. Harrowing stories of their experiences are told by the survivors. The scenes in the wrecked sections of Terre Haute brought tears to the eyes of the rescuers whose attention often was called to the dying, trapped in the debris of their homes. Some died before they could be freed and others who were removed will die.

Throughout the district of wrecked homes today survivors searched for loved ones but in the majority of cases they were disappointed.

### Rev. Mr. Abernethy to Atlanta.

Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, left yesterday morning for Atlanta, where he will be engaged for the next two weeks or longer in conducting an evangelistic meeting at the Wesley Memorial Methodist church, of which Rev. Dr. W. R. Hendrix and Rev. Lee W. Collins are pastors. This is considered the largest and most important appointment in Southern Methodism, being the only institutional church supported by the denomination in the South, and Rev. Mr. Abernethy's friends consider it quite a high tribute to his ability as a preacher that he should have been invited to hold the meeting there. During Rev. Mr. Abernethy's absence, for the next two Sundays the pulpit at Main Street Methodist church will be occupied by Rev. Robert M. Hoyle, of Morganton. Rev. Mr. Hoyle was formerly presiding elder of this district, and is well known to all Gastonia Methodists as a preacher of ability.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

### LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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.

### THAT BAD ROAD.

Commissioner Leeper of Gaston Promises to Get Highway at Sloan's Ferry in Good Shape. Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, March 23.—The article in Friday's Charlotte Observer about the approach to the Sloan's Ferry bridge and the supposed disinclination of Chairman Leeper to remedying the road does Mr. Leeper a slight injustice. As soon as he was directed by the Board of Commissioners to proceed with the repair work he has had a force of hands and teams at work every day when the weather would permit. As is known the past week has been one full of rainy days and what work toward ditching and draining has been done, necessarily would have to be done again.

With two or three days of good weather the bad stretch of road which has been the bane of so many autoists will soon be in excellent shape. Sand and gravel are being hauled in and mixed with the clay and a good solid roadbed is expected to be the result.

County Superintendent of Education, F. P. Hall is the latest in Belmont to join the ranks of the motor enthusiasts. He has purchased a handsome seven-passenger touring car which has been delivered. Belmont now has one automobile to about every hundred inhabitants.

An order on the part of the Southern Railway, in response to a freely signed petition from the merchants of town, which is highly appreciated is that authorizing the stopping by flag of train No. 44, from Atlanta to Washington. This recognition by the Southern of the importance of the business given it by the business firms of the town is highly gratifying. Belmont now enjoys the distinction of having the use of as many trains on the Southern as has her much larger neighboring town of Gastonia.

The preliminary contest to decide who shall represent Belmont in the county declamation contest Friday night will be held in the school auditorium Thursday night.

### Mountain Island News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNTAIN ISLAND, March 22.—Mr. G. C. Dagenhart, of Charlotte, died here Thursday morning at 8 o'clock after a long illness. He was 26 years of age and is survived by his wife and one child, his father, Mr. Silas Dagenhart, and three brothers, J. P. Dagenhart, of Griffith, Ga., R. H. Dagenhart, of Concord, and J. T. Dagenhart, of Mountain Island. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. M. M. Gant, of Taylorsville, Mrs. H. E. Clark, of Mountain Island and Mrs. L. B. Wingate, of Charlotte.

The Mountain Island baseball team has been organized with Mr. A. C. Cobb captain and Mr. J. M. McKelvey manager.

### Mad Dog Killed.

Mr. R. G. Caveny reports to The Gazette that he killed a mad dog at the Loray Mill today. So far as is known no other dogs were bitten by the rabid canine and no persons sustained bites.

### Military Inspection.

The annual inspection of Company "B", Gastonia's company of the State Guard, was held Saturday by Captain R. C. Langdon, U. S. A., inspector-instructor for the North Carolina National Guard, and Colonel Stringfield, inspector-general of the State troops. Colonel J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, commandant of the First Regiment, was also present at the inspection. The armory and equipment were first inspected and found in good shape and at 3 o'clock inspection drill was held in the "park." There were present at drill 43 men including three officers. Captain Bulwinkle of the local company is gratified at the unofficial report made by the inspecting officers, showing that they think Company "B" to be in a highly satisfactory state of efficiency. The next event of interest in local military circles will be the regimental target practice to be held here at Camp Holland in April. There will be twelve rifle teams from the First Regiment of Infantry, and teams from three coast artillery companies at Salisbury, Charlotte and Henderson, as well as two teams from the cavalry troops at Lincolnton and Asheville.

At Reidsville last night Walter Shelton, a well-known young white man, shot and killed his wife. They had been separated for several months.

On George Gould's Fairfield estate near High Point yesterday Jack Armstrong, his manager, was shot and seriously wounded by L. S. English, a dog trainer.