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HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

CLUB'S CONDITION VERY PROSPEROUS

Report of Secretary Timberlake at Annual Meeting of Commercial Club Tuesday Night Showed It to Be in Fine Condition Financially and Otherwise—Rooms to be Improved—Committees Appointed—All Officers Elected—Other Business Transacted.

The annual meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the club rooms Tuesday night, the 1st, Mr. A. G. Myers, the president, in the chair. Secretary and Treasurer J. W. Timberlake read the minutes of the last meeting and submitted his report for the six months ending April 1st, which showed the club to be in better financial condition than for a long time past. It also showed a slight increase in membership, the number now being about 100. The report was accepted.

All the old officers were re-elected by acclamation as follows, viz: President, A. G. Myers; first vice-president, D. A. Garrison; second vice-president, W. T. Rankin; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Timberlake. The following were elected members of the board of governors to serve for the ensuing year. The standing committees were re-elected for the ensuing year with the exception that D. E. McConnell and W. T. Rankin were elected to the advertising and industrial committees respectively, in the place of L. L. Hardin, removed from the club.

A petition was read, approved and signed by the club members present, asking the board of county commissioners to at once and without interruption complete the grading and improvement of the Gastonia-Yorkville road from Crowders Creek station to the South Carolina line and Messrs. C. B. Armstrong, S. A. Robinson, W. T. Rankin, W. J. Clifford and W. M. Wilson were appointed a committee to present said petition to the board at its next monthly meeting on April 7th, and urge the board to complete said improvements at once.

A committee composed of Messrs. A. G. Manum, T. M. Fayssoux, Sr., G. R. Spencer, B. H. Parker and A. M. Dixon was appointed to investigate and report on needed improvements in the club rooms.

Messrs. W. J. Clifford and C. B. Armstrong were appointed additional members of the banquet and entertainment committee and this committee was instructed to formulate plans for additional pleasures and entertainment features so as to make the club attractive and entertaining to the greatest number of members, and to prospective members, and report their recommendations to a future meeting of the club.

Messrs. T. A. Wilkins, W. J. Clifford and F. M. Valz were appointed a committee to define the duties of the various standing committees and it was ordered that the list of names of the members of said committees with their duties be posted in the club rooms.

The advertising committee was instructed to investigate the needs of the club as to advertising and publicity literature and to formulate plans for the preparation and publication of folders, booklets, stationery and such literature as they may deem necessary or expedient for publicity purposes and report its findings to the board of governors.

The industrial committee was instructed to co-operate and act in conjunction with the mayor and board of aldermen of the city in taking up with the Piedmont Traction Company the matter of putting into operation as soon as possible and without further or unnecessary delay local street railway service on its line from the Flint Mill to the Arlington Mill in accordance with the terms of the company's franchise.

A resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that the club assume the duty and responsibility of furnishing and providing the Woman's Betterment Association the most suitable available place in the city for its use for the floral fair this fall and the use of the club rooms were tendered for this purpose, in case a more suitable or convenient place could not be obtained.

The persons who were exposed during the illness of little Ralph Thompson who died recently from hydrophobia and who took the Pasteur treatment here under Dr. R. M. Reid, completed the 21-days treatment last Saturday. The statement is made by some of them that this treatment is anything but a joke; in fact it is described as being very painful. Dr. Reid himself was one of the number and took the treatment along with eight or nine others.

Mount Holly is soon to have a new large brick business building. Messrs. R. F. Craig, N. P. and W. L. Bumgardner and Dr. T. M. McCoy have purchased from Messrs. R. K. Davenport and J. M. Springs the lot on Main street adjoining the railroad and will begin at once the construction of a brick business building two stories high to contain four store rooms on the first floor and offices on the second. This will be quite an addition to the appearance of the business section of the town.

Get one of The Gazette's dinner sets free. It's easy.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

SCHOOL FINALS.

Commencement Exercises of Bessemer City Graded Schools April 27th and 28th—Four Graduates—The Program.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, April 3.—The commencement exercises of the graded schools here will take place April 27th and 28th. There are four graduates this year, namely: Miss Mary Rebecca Oates, Miss Nannie Drusilla Young, Miss Carrie Bell and Mr. Fred Moore Arrowood. On Sunday morning, the 27th, at 11 o'clock the commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. R. M. Stevenson, D. D., editor of The Associate Reformed Presbyterian of Due West, S. C.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock the graduating exercises will take place. The program in outline is as follows: Declamations and recitations, valedictory address, presentation of diplomas and prizes; dramatic entertainment, "Hiawatha," in four acts; pantomime, "The Famine"; choruses by pupils of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades.

The Marshals for commencement are: Chief, C. G. Carpenter; assistants, J. A. Ormand, J. L. McDowell, D. D. Dixon, H. O. Davis, L. H. Kiser, C. J. Williams, J. L. Shannon, and J. G. Hovis.

Under the able superintendency of Prof. D. C. Johnson, and his excellent faculty the graded schools are nearing the close of a most successful year's work.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, April 2.—Mrs. Ellen Stroup is visiting relatives in town.

Misses Kathryn Staples, Daisy Flake and Annie Sanders visited in Gastonia Monday.

Mrs. E. E. Dettler, Misses Pearl Henderson and Thornburg, were Gastonia visitors Monday.

The Ladies Betterment Association met Wednesday at 3:30 at the graded school building.

Saturday evening at the opera house will be given "The Deacon's Second Wife," a play, by Kings Mountain home talent, for the benefit of the Civic League.

Mr. S. J. Durham was a visitor in town Wednesday. Mrs. Nell Mason visited Gastonia Wednesday.

Mrs. John Simpson and children, of Durham, are the guests of Mr. J. L. Burke and family.

Preparations are being made for commencement. The graded school will close the last week in April. Miss Kate White was a Gastonia visitor Monday.

Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Route 1, April 3.—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ratchford were the guests Sunday at the home of Mr. G. L. Best.

Mr. D. E. G. Pasour and sister, Miss Florence, visited relatives at Stanley and Spencer Mountain last week.

Mrs. Cynthia Thomas, of Bessemer City, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holland were the guests Sunday at the home of Mr. Robert Littlejohn.

Mrs. C. C. Pasour and children went to Stony Point last week to visit her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ratchford and children, of Catawba, route two, spent a few days this week visiting Mrs. Ratchford's mother, Mrs. Sarah Pasour.

Misses Hester and Bertha Beat spent the week-end with Miss Ellen Pasour.

On page three of today's Gazette the Southern Realty & Auction Co., of Greensboro, Mr. E. M. Andrews, manager, advertises a big auction sale of lots in West Gastonia to take place on Saturday, April 19th, at 1:30 p. m. This property belongs to Mr. J. White Ware, of Gastonia. For description see advertisement.

Friends of Mr. T. B. Brown, of Greensboro, formerly manager of J. M. Belk Company's stores here, will regret to learn of the death of his father, Mr. T. M. Brown, which occurred at Greensboro Wednesday. The elder Mr. Brown was a native of Fayetteville and was 62 years of age. His funeral and burial were held at Monroe yesterday.

There has been less plowing done in this section, says Mr. J. R. Henderson, of the Union neighborhood, than he has ever known to be the case at this time of year. Mr. Henderson made a trip from Union to Charlotte via Gastonia the first of the week and he says he was greatly surprised to note that the farmers as yet have done practically no plowing. However, they are "making hay while the sun shines" this week in the plowing line.

EDITOR PHILLIPS DEAD

END CAME SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME

Brilliant Young Journalist, Editor of Greensboro Daily News, Passes Away After Few Days' Illness—Was in the Prime of Life and Stood High in North Carolina Newspaper Circles.

Charlotte Observer, 3rd. Carthage, April 2.—Editor Robert M. Phillips died this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of his father, two miles north of here. He had been at his father's for the past two weeks, and it was known he was not well, but none of his friends here knew he was seriously sick. He had an attack of heart trouble this morning, which came near ending fatally; but he revived. Another attack followed this evening, from which he died.

He was born and raised in this county and did his first newspaper work here on The Carthage Blade. He has a large connection in this county and leaves an aged father and several brothers. No funeral arrangements are announced, but he will probably be buried here Friday.

Greensboro, April 2.—Robert Masten Phillips, associate editor of The Greensboro Daily News, died suddenly of heart failure at his country home near Carthage tonight. He went there last week for a 10-day rest after strenuous work during his attendance at the late session of the State Senate, in which body he served as reading clerk.

Mr. Phillips was a practical printer and rose to the editorial desk from the ranks. After a short career in Moore county he aided in the establishment of The Greensboro Telegram in 1896, was later city editor and associate editor of The Raleigh Morning Post and editor of The Newbern Daily Sun. He came to The Daily News as associate editor in 1909.

Robert M. Phillips was one of the best-known and most popular newspaper men of this State. He was once president of the State Press Association and at present a member of the executive committee. He had been a leader and prominent figure in the good-roads movement in this State and was prominent in Church and fraternal circles.

B. Y. P. U. INSTITUTE.

Young Baptist Christian Workers from Several Counties Will Gather Here Next Week for Meeting—The Program.

Delegates from the Baptist Young Peoples Unions of eleven associations will gather in Gastonia next week for a conference or institute to be held in the First Baptist church. The associations to be represented are the Anson, Caldwell, Catawba River, Kings Mountain, Mecklenburg-Cabarrus, Sandy Run, South Fork, South River, Stanley, Three Forks and Union associations. The institute will commence Tuesday night, the 8th, and will continue through Friday, the 11th. This is the first institute of this kind to be held in this section and it is expected that the attendance will be large. All the young people of the various religious denominations in Gastonia are cordially invited to attend the several services.

Following is the program in full: TUESDAY.

7:30. "B. Y. P. U. in Broad Outline," Mr. Arthur Flake, Field Secretary B. Y. P. U.

8:30. "Consecration of Young Life," Rev. M. A. Adams, Newton, N. C.

WEDNESDAY.

10:00 a. m. Training Class, B. Y. P. U. Manual, Mr. Flake.

11:00. "A Standard of Excellence for a B. Y. P. U.," Theo. B. Davis, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

2:30 p. m. Training Class, B. Y. P. U. Manual, Mr. Flake.

3:30. "Making a B. Y. P. U. Go," Secretary Davis.

7:30. "Scope and Power of the Weekly Meeting," Mr. Flake.

8:30. "The Word Made Flesh," Rev. W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.

THURSDAY.

10:00 a. m. Training Class, B. Y. P. U. Manual, Mr. Flake.

11:00. Open Conference on B. Y. P. U. Work.

3:00 p. m. Training Class, B. Y. P. U. Manual, Mr. Flake.

4:00. Chalk Talk, "Training for Service," Secretary Davis.

7:30. Weekly B. Y. P. U. Program by the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church.

8:30. "Young People and the Bible," Mr. Flake.

10:00 a. m. Training Class, Mr. Flake.

11:00 Open Conference, B. Y. P. U. Workers.

2:30 p. m. Training Class, B. Y. P. U. Manual, Mr. Flake.

4:30. Chalk Talk: "Growth and Development," Secretary Davis.

7:30. "Young People and Missions," Mr. Flake.

8:30. Inspirational Address, Rev. I. T. Newton, South Fork Institute, Maiden, N. C.

NOTES.

This program is only tentative; one of the special speakers has not been heard from; however, it will be carried out in general as given. Bring pencil and paper. Certificates will be given to all who attend as many as eight lectures. Everything in this Institute

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

—It is not too early to begin swatting the fly.

—Garden making is the order of the day just now.

—Clean up your premises and thus help to make Gastonia both more attractive and more healthful.

—Mr. W. A. Jackson, of the New Hope section, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Miss Grace Armstrong, of Belmont, was a visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Read the half-page advertisement today of the State Insurance Co., page three.

—Esquire A. R. Anders and Attorney J. W. Timberlake were business visitors to Lowell yesterday.

—Esquire W. B. Rutledge, of Mt. Holly, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Mr. J. W. Timberlake was a business visitor in Stanley last Saturday.

—Mr. M. C. D. Owen and family have moved from Hickory, N. C., to Clover, S. C., where Mr. Owen will be engaged in business.

—Mrs. M. A. Howe will leave within a few days for College Park, Ga., on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. D. W. Godbey.

—Rev. E. N. Crowder and daughter, Miss Lucy Crowder, of Stanley, were among Wednesday's visitors in Gastonia.

—Miss LaFar, after spending the winter at her home, Charleston, S. C., has returned to Gastonia to take up her kindergarten work.

—There will be a baseball game at Wearn Field in Charlotte tomorrow afternoon between Davidson College and the University of North Carolina.

—Repairs to the Ozark Methodist church have been completed and the regular services will be held next Sunday, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m.

—Mrs. Joe T. Abernethy and little son, Joe, of Charlotte, returned home the first of the week after visiting Mrs. W. C. Abernethy and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Costner here.

—The special term of Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday, April 14th, and continue through the week. Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, will preside.

—Mr. H. Aubrey Costner, a prominent young business man of Worth, was a visitor to Gastonia yesterday. Mr. Costner has recently received his commission as Justice of the Peace.

—Mrs. W. H. Dellinger was called to Spencer yesterday afternoon by a message announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. T. L. Linton, who is suffering from a paralytic stroke.

—Dr. A. Stovall and family moved yesterday from the Huss cottage on West Fourth street to the Beal cottage on South Marietta street. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Fayssoux, Jr., will move into the house vacated by Dr. Stovall.

—Rev. R. M. Hoyle, of Morganton, will preach at Main Street Methodist church Sunday morning and evening in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, who is conducting a revival at Wesley Memorial church, Atlanta.

—Mr. Lawrence Jenkins, formerly of the Taylor Drug Company, of McAdenville, but who has been in the drug business at Forest City for some time, has moved his stock to Maiden, Catawba county, where he will open an up-to-date drug store.

—All members of Gastonia Lodge, No. 188, I. O. O. F., are especially requested to be present at the regular meeting next Thursday night. Both first and third degree work will be done and refreshments will be served.

—An election will be held in Cherryville on Tuesday, May 6, to choose a mayor and four commissioners. Mr. D. P. McLurd, the present mayor, has served two terms and will not stand for re-election. At the same time a bond issue of \$60,000 will be voted on.

—Work is progressing nicely on the new passenger depot. The roof is ready for the tiling, the lathing has been done and part of the flooring laid. It will not be long until the station will be ready for occupancy. There will be no shedding of tears when the old depot and baggage house are torn down.

—Mrs. Claude R. Miller and little son, Robert, are expected here from Barbourville, W. Va., next week to visit her mother, Mrs. B. E. Atkins. Mrs. Miller expected to come last week but was water-bound by the Ohio river floods. In the town in which she lived no lives were lost but the waters reached a height which made it necessary to navigate through the streets in canoes.

course will be free.

Let all who expect to attend, send their names at once to Rev. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C., so entertainment may be provided.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

CHORUS PRACTICE TO-NIGHT.

The Music Club will meet tonight at 7:30 with Miss Marie Torrence for the regular weekly chorus practice, after which a business meeting of the club will be held.

MR. AND MRS. JENNINGS ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

In celebration of their tenth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings gave a sumptuous six-course dinner to a number of their friends Tuesday evening at their home on South Broad street. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford, Miss Frances Saunders of Batesburg, S. C., Mrs. C. L. Branch, of Charlotte, and Miss Louise Hopkins, of Lincolnton.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY FOR MISS LONG.

At her home on East Airline avenue Wednesday afternoon Miss Lote Long entertained a number of friends at a very enjoyable affair given to announce the engagement of her sister, Miss Zella Long, to Mr. Linwood Robinson, of Lowell. The game of violets was played to carry out the color scheme and a delicious salad course was served. In the dining room, which was beautifully decorated in purple and violets, punch was served.

The announcement of the approaching wedding of these popular young people, which will be solemnized in June, is of very great interest to their many friends everywhere. Miss Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. E. Long and is one of the city's most attractive and accomplished young ladies, being quite popular with a large circle of friends. Mr. Robinson is a son of Mr. Frank Robinson, and a member of the Robinson Company, druggists, of Lowell, is known as one of the county's rising young business men.

ENJOYABLE RECEPTION AT MRS. TIMBERLAKE'S.

At the home of Mrs. J. W. Timberlake on East Airline avenue yesterday afternoon from four to six Mrs. Timberlake and Mrs. L. F. Wetzel gave a most enjoyable reception in honor of the Friendly Matrons Club. The guests were greeted at the door by Miss Lottie Blake and Miss Mary Ragan and were shown into the library by Mrs. R. Grady Rankin. Here they were presented to the receiving line, which was composed of the members of the Friendly Matrons Club, together with Mrs. J. H. Henderlite, Mrs. W. C. Barrett and Mrs. W. L. Fields, of Laurinburg, who is Mrs. Barrett's guest. Mrs. S. A. Robinson and Mrs. R. C. Warren, stationed in the front hall, conducted the guests to the rear hall, where they were greeted by Mrs. F. L. Smyre and Mrs. J. K. Dixon and were served to delicious punch by Mrs. J. V. Harper, assisted by Misses Marie Torrence, Kathrine Mason, Blanche Gray and Hallie Torrence.

The guests were shown into the dining room by Mrs. W. B. Morris, where a tempting salad course was served by Misses Johnnie Adams, Jennie Pegram, Nell McLean, Ann McLean and Violet Rankin. This was followed by an ice course.

The color scheme of the decorations was violet and yellow. On the dining room table was a large bowl of violets and yellow jasmies as a centerpiece, surrounded by smaller vases of violets and jonquils. The room was lighted with yellow candles and yellow and violet mints were served. The chandelier was wreathed in wisteria and ivy, while below it was suspended a basket of wisteria, yellow jasmies and violets, tied with yellow ribbon. Throughout the house potted plants, blue and white flags and lilies were used in great profusion. One hundred and fifty invitations had been issued and the reception was well attended. Among the out-of-town ladies who were present were Mrs. W. T. Love, Mrs. J. Will Moore and Miss Alice Daniels, of Spencer Mountain, Mrs. George A. Sparrow and her guest, Miss Sarah Pearsall, of Red Springs, Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y., who is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Balthis, and Mrs. W. L. Fields, of Laurinburg, who is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Barrett.

Bids to be Opened To-Night.

In adjourned session tonight the city council will open bids and let the contract for the construction of 38,000 square yards of concrete sidewalks to be built at once. It is understood that twenty-five or more firms are submitting bids for this work. During the past few days representatives of many contracting firms have been in the city for the purpose of securing information with a view to bidding on this work. It is understood that the successful bidder will be required to commence this work in a very short time, just as soon as material can be assembled and everything put in shape for the work.

—Reports from the bedside of Mr. S. J. Hand, of Lowell, are to the effect that he is now able to sit up part of the time. This will be welcome news to his hosts of friends.

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.

An anti-hookworm campaign has been begun in our sister county, of Mecklenburg. Two State experts are on the job.

Asheville has a lively municipal campaign on. So far there are 13 candidates in the field for the various offices to be filled.

President Wilson is daily receiving messages of sympathy for the sufferers in the flooded districts of the United States from the rulers of foreign countries.

A dispatch from Sparta says that during the month of March hundreds of people went from Alleghany county and adjoining counties to far Western State.

Tuesday's Cleveland Star quotes Congressman Webb as saying that work will commence on Shelby's postoffice building within a year or 18 months. The appropriation for this building is \$95,000.

Two new banks were chartered by the State last week. The Citizens Bank, of Warsaw, Duplin county, has a subscribed capital of \$12,500. The Bank of Fletchers, at Fletchers, Henderson county, has a subscribed capital of \$10,000.

Governor Sulzer Tuesday demanded the resignation of State Senator Stephen J. Stillwell, who was accused by George H. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note Company, of attempted extortion. Stillwell refused to resign and has demanded an investigation.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, was married this morning to Dr. Richard Derby, of New York city. The wedding ceremony was performed in Christ Episcopal church at Oyster Bay and was a very simple one.

Substantial contributions were made last week by the Episcopal congregations of Raleigh for the flood sufferers of Ohio and Rev. I. McK. Pittinger, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, took the contributions in person. He was formerly pastor of a church in Zanesville, O., in the stricken district.

Rev. J. B. Biney, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., and Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Spencer, are conducting a joint debate in the latter's church at Spencer on doctrinal subjects. Doctrinal controversies before congregations have become a thing of the past and now in the world they manage to get anybody out to hear them is more than we can understand.

Reports from towns along the Ohio river and its tributaries yesterday brought the cheering news that the high waters were receding some and danger from floods was decreasing. However the suffering in the devastated districts is growing worse because of unsanitary conditions, lack of food, raiment and other necessities of life. With United States Army officers in charge of the work it is believed that order will soon emerge from chaos and that soon conditions will be very greatly improved.

POPULAR PIEDMONT THEATRE.

The Piedmont Theatre at Charlotte will offer an all new show the last half of the week and it is said that it will be one of the best shows seen there this season. The program has been selected with great care and one that will please the old and young alike.

The Two Hardts will be the feature and is a comedy acrobatic act that is a scream form start to finish. Four other big feature acts will be seen and with that popular Piedmont Orchestra will make a show well worth twice the price that are charged.

Patrons from Gastonia shopping at Charlotte on Saturday find the 2 o'clock matinee gives them ample time to see a full show and get home early.

Mount Holly Teachers Here.

Prof. Ray Funderburk, principal of the Mount Holly graded schools, and his entire faculty are spending the afternoon here inspecting the workings of the Gastonia graded schools. They arrived about 1 o'clock coming from Belmont where this morning they inspected the work of the Belmont graded schools and were guests for dinner of County Superintendent and Mrs. Hall. They came through the country, being brought over in Supt. Hall in his large new Cadillac car. He will return to Mount Holly, this evening.

—Says the Belmont correspondence of The Charlotte Observer under date of March 29th: "The good weather of the past few days has been utilized to good advantage by Chairman John F. Leeper in his work toward repairing the mud-hole near Sloan's Ferry bridge. Autotools who made the trip from here to Charlotte yesterday say that the road is in good condition. Wagon-loads of sand have been hauled in from the adjacent river bottoms and topsoil furnished free of cost by Mr. J. M. Sloan has made a most excellent surface covering for the clay road.