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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

—Mr. Harry Dixon, of Charlotte, was a visitor in town yesterday.

—Mr. O. M. Jones, of The Gazette force, spent Sunday at Edgemont.

—Miss Louise Orr, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Ethel Pierce for a few days.

—Mr. John R. Rankin and Mr. Raymond McKee spent Sunday with homefolks at Belmont.

—Miss Mary Galloway left today for Due West, S. C., to spend some time with her uncle, Mr. R. S. Galloway.

—Mr. P. W. Hand, of Lowell, has qualified as executor of the estate of his father, the late Mr. J. J. Hand, and gives notice thereof in the advertising columns of The Gazette.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Atkins and little sons, James Murray and Ennis, are spending the week at Davis Springs, Hiddenite. They went up last Friday.

—Mrs. Mattie Anderson and son, James, will arrive from Nashville, Tenn., Thursday to spend some time with Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. J. W. Atkins.

—Dr. A. E. Miller and sister, of Washington, D. C., are visiting in Chester, S. C., and will be in Gastonia this week as the guests of Mrs. A. B. Williams and Mr. J. Y. Miller and family.

—Mr. Charles Costner returned yesterday to Winston-Salem after a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Costner. Charles is a hotype operator now and runs a Winston paper.

—The Gazette is requested to state that there will be a box party at the home of Mr. Frank Spencer Saturday night, June 28th, for the benefit of Union Grove church. The public is cordially invited to attend. The ladies are asked to bring boxes.

—Mr. W. B. Morris, manager of the Torrence-Morris Co., left Sunday for Wrightsville Beach to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers Association. Mr. Morris has been the efficient secretary-treasurer for the past year.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, Mr. Robert Atkinson and Mrs. Clarence Courtney, of Lenoir, were the guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Woltz. They came down in Mr. Atkinson's automobile.

—Rockingham Post, 19th: Mrs. W. R. Jones and son left last week for Gastonia where they will spend the summer. Mr. Jones left at the same time to take the summer law course at the University summer school.

—A protracted meeting will commence at West Airline Avenue Methodist church Friday night of this week to continue for a week or more. Rev. W. T. Williams, of Hickory, will assist the pastor, Rev. W. T. Clark, and do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornwell left this morning for Waynesville to attend the Missionary Conference. They will spend two weeks at the Southern Methodist Assembly. During Mr. Cornwell's absence the office of the clerk of the court will be in charge of Miss Emma Cornwell, deputy clerk.

—Mr. Frank Hovis, at Kennedy's, received a card this morning from Dr. J. H. Jenkins stating that he and Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. John O. Rankin would leave Rochester, Minn., the last of this week or the first of next week for home. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Rankin both underwent operations at the Mayo hospital. The card stated that all were getting along nicely.

—Rev. Minor J. Peters, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, left yesterday morning for Portsmouth, Va., to join his family, who have been visiting relatives there for the past month. From Portsmouth Mr. Peters will go to Westfield, N. Y., to spend a part of his vacation. He will return to Gastonia in August. Until his return services will be suspended at St. Mark's except on Sunday, July 6th, at 10:45 a. m. and Sunday, July 20th, at 8 p. m.

—A very serious error, consequent upon the misunderstanding of a telephone message, appeared in Friday's Gazette in the statement that Mrs. B. J. Allen had been called to Charleston by a message announcing the death of her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Todd. The message stated that Mrs. Todd was seriously ill and Mrs. Allen went to her bedside. Her many friends will be delighted to know that Mrs. Todd, while seriously ill, is not in a critical condition and her recovery seems assured.

—Miss Allie B. Ware, daughter of Rev. W. R. Ware, a former pastor of Main Street Methodist church here, was last week elected as one of the teachers in the Salisbury graded schools. Miss Ware is at present visiting in Gastonia, being the guest of the Misses Long. She delighted the congregation of Main Street Methodist church Sunday night with an excellently rendered solo. She came to Gastonia especially for the Robinson-Long wedding this evening.

THE FOURTH OF JULY IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

TO BE CELEBRATED IN NEARBY TOWNS

Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lenoir and Chester All Preparing to Pull Off Mammoth Celebrations—List of Attractions Varied.

Gastonia's neighbors are preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July in huge style this year. At Shelby, Lenoir, Rutherfordton and Chester big celebrations are being planned. The Gazette is giving below some extracts from the papers setting forth the various plans. Pay your money and take your choice.

The Shelby Highlander says:

From every corner of the county, from all over Rutherfordton and Gaston, Cherokee and Lincoln come daily reports that the folks are coming to Shelby the Fourth and Fifth of July, to attend our big two-day celebration. The largest crowd is expected this year that has ever attended a celebration in Shelby. In Charlotte our celebration is said to be the topic of the day, and many will motor over on the fine road now connecting Shelby and Charlotte. Rutherfordton will be here en masse and Gaston expects to do as well. Cherokee sends word that she will send a great delegation.

Going more into detail The Cleveland Star says:

"Are you coming to Shelby on the Fourth? Two weeks from today Shelby will be in the midst of its great celebration. The committees have been at work and the program is getting in fine shape. The aeroplane was flying beyond our reach, making prices ranging from \$500 to \$1,700 for flights, so this was abandoned. However, nothing will be left undone to give the people a day of pleasure and free amusement. Nothing will be charged for. Some of the few things being arranged are merchants' float and private buggy parade, automobile parade, horse back riders, automobile hill climb, automobile slow race, motorcycle race, mule and horse race, tug of war, greasy pole climb, krazy pie, heavy load of humanity, horse tournament, two brass bands, free ice water, merry-go-round and various other features to be announced later."

Of the celebration in Rutherfordton The Sun speaks thus:

"The Sun is indeed glad to note that the enterprising business men of Rutherfordton, in connection with our wide-awake Commercial Club have put their heads together and have decided to have a big celebration here on the Fourth of July. We think this is a very wise thing to do, as it gives the hard-working country people a holiday with something to go and an opportunity to spend a pleasant day in town where they meet up with friends and relatives from other parts of the county."

Our neighbor to the south of us on the C. & N-W. is also planning big things. The Chester Lantern says:

"The committees of the Fourth of July celebration are working steadily getting things in shape for a celebration that should draw many thousands of people on the birthday of the nation."

The Yorkville baseball team will play the Chester Collegians, both morning and evening. Both teams possess splendid material and a vigorous contest is expected.

The C. & N-W. Railway announced this morning that they would sell round trip tickets for one fare and it is believed that the Southern Railway will also sell round trip tickets at a big reduction.

Everything points to an eventful day. There will be plenty of music and entertainment for the comers. Every man, lady and child in Chester county must lay aside their work and cares on that day and come to Chester and have a good time."

So there is to be no dearth of places to go for amusement on the Fourth. Despite the fact that there will be attractions at Charlotte, Lakewood and Riverside Parks, there will doubtless be many Gastonians at all of the above named places.

MRS. E. H. ARMSTRONG DEAD.

Beloved Woman Passes Over River After Much Suffering—Survived by Large Family.

Mrs. E. Hoyle Armstrong died last Saturday morning after an illness extending over several years. She bore her long suffering with characteristic fortitude and patience. Mrs. Armstrong was 34 years old and was before her marriage a Miss Pearson and is survived by six brothers, Messrs. J. T., J. B., W. F., S. W., George and Zeb Pearson and one sister, Miss Ava Pearson. Her husband and two small children, Gladys and Edna, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the A. R. P. church Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The following were pall-bearers: Messrs. E. J. Rankin, J. L. Thomason, A. K. Winget, R. B. Wilson, F. M. Howell and W. M. Boyce.

Mrs. Armstrong's death causes a void that will be hard to fill. She was a lovable Christian woman and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a sorrowing concourse of friends.

"Why," a great photo-play in three reels at Ideal Theatre Thursday. The burning of New York City, an illusion of present day conditions as they exist between capital and labor. You shouldn't miss it.

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

AUCTION BRIDGE PARTY.

Miss Annie McLean was hostess to the Auction Bridge Club Friday morning at her home on South Broad street. The guests of the club were Mrs. W. E. Nichols, of Chester, Mrs. Ross Clinton and Mrs. George B. Cocker.

MR. DILLING AND BRIDE RETURN.

Mr. Marshall Dilling and bride, nee Miss Clara Smith, returned last night from their honeymoon trip, most of which was spent at the Isle of Palms, Charleston, S. C., where Mr. Dilling attended the summer session of the Southern Textile Association. This organization is composed of the cotton mill superintendents of the Southern cotton mills. Mr. Dilling was honored by his colleagues by being chosen treasurer for the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Dilling will go to housekeeping at once.

RIDDLE-JACKSON MARRIAGE.

From The Yorkville Enquirer we take the following account of the Riddle-Jackson marriage last week:

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Jackson on Yorkville, R. P. D. 6, their daughter, Miss Besse, became the bride of Mr. W. B. Riddle, of Bowling Green. Rev. H. J. Mills, of Clover, performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of the groom, only the relatives of the families being present. Mrs. Riddle, who has spent most of her time in Yorkville during the past several years, has many friends in this vicinity as well as throughout the northern part of the county. Mr. Riddle is a farmer, one of York county's representatives in the general assembly, and like his bride has a large circle of friends.

LONG-ROBINSON WEDDING TONIGHT.

The supreme event in Gastonia's social circles this week will be the marriage of Miss Zella Long to Mr. J. Linwood Robinson, of Lowell, which will take place in the Methodist church at 9 o'clock. The wedding will be one of the most brilliant and largely attended ever seen in Gastonia. The following are the male attendants and ushers: Messrs. J. H. Ransauer, Ed Adams, Leslie Reid, J. W. Reid, R. G. Rankin, J. K. Hand and Dr. I. McPhail. Mr. C. M. Robinson is best man. Miss Lole Long is maid of honor and the bridesmaids are Mesdames J. W. Reid, of Lowell, and I. McPhail, of Hamlet. The bridesmaids are Misses Sude Wilson, of Charlotte, Margaret Rudisill, of Dallas, Robble Lee Morrow, of Hamlet, and Allie B. Ware, of Salisbury. The flower girls are little Misses Geroline Barnwell, Marguerite Beal, Frances Robinson and Marion Brison. Miss Margaret Morris will play the wedding march, Lohengrin's, for entering and Mendelssohn's for the recessional. During the ceremony, Mr. Herbert Walters and Miss Marjorie Torrence will sing and Miss Lillian Atkins will render a violin solo.

After the rehearsal last night, the members of the bridal party were entertained at the home of the bride's parents.

Personal Mention.

—Mr. T. N. Kendrick came in last Friday afternoon from Hampton, Fla., where he has been living. He will visit relatives in this county and York county for several weeks.

—Efrad's big picture sale Thursday morning at 9 o'clock promises to draw an immense crowd. It's something unique and novel here. The window display of pictures is already attracting no little attention.

—Miss Lola Jenkins is expected to arrive tomorrow night from Asheville to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. Jack Harper. Miss Jenkins returned a few days ago from a delightful visit to New York.

—Miss Lula Falls, in getting out of a buggy at Mr. Neal Hawkins' home on route three Sunday morning fell and broke her leg and had her ankle thrown out of place. Dr. Garrison set the fractured bone and she is getting along all right.

—Prof. and Mrs. Edgar Long and little daughter, of Due West, S. C., arrived last night and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Long. Prof. Long will go in about ten days to New York where he will spend some time.

—There will be an all-day string at Pisrah church Saturday of this week, the 28th. It will be lead by Mr. T. N. Kendrick, of Hampton, Fla., who is here on a visit to relatives. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

—At a meeting of Gastonia Lodge, No. 369 A. F. and A. M., held last Friday night the following officers were elected: Marshall Dilling, W. M.; Chas. Ford, S. W.; P. W. Garland, J. W.; E. G. McLurd, treasurer; F. R. Anders, secretary; D. P. Dellinger, S. D.; W. T. Carroll, J. D.; J. R. Baber, S. S.; J. E. Lindsay, J. S.; O. O. Baber, H. R. Tonight at 8 o'clock these officers will be installed, the exercises to be followed by a smoker and refreshments.

PAPER CHANGES HANDS

EDITOR MOORE BUYS HOWARD'S STORE

Mr. J. T. Westmoreland, of Kings Mountain, Buys Controlling Interest in The Progress—Mr. Moore Buys Howard's Selz Shoe Store—Bessemer City and Mt. Holly Papers to Be Issued from Gastonia—Owner will Continue to Operate Plant in Kings Mountain.

By the terms of a deal which was consummated last Friday Mr. J. T. Westmoreland, owner and publisher of The Kings Mountain Herald, obtained a controlling interest in the Progress Publishing Company, of Gastonia, purchasing the same from Mr. Odus L. Moore, who has been editor and publisher of this paper since March, 1912. Mr. Westmoreland took charge yesterday morning and will, within a few days move his family here from Kings Mountain. He will continue to operate his plant at that place and will issue The Herald from the Kings Mountain plant. The Bessemer City Dispatch and The Mount Holly Leader, which he also owns and publishes, will probably be issued from the Gastonia office. Mr. Westmoreland and family will be welcomed to Gastonia.

At a meeting of the stockholders and directors Saturday Mr. A. G. Myers was elected president of the company, Mr. S. N. Boyce vice-president and Mr. Westmoreland secretary and treasurer and general manager. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Westmoreland were elected directors to succeed Messrs. C. A. Eury and A. C. Jones.

Mr. Moore, the retiring editor, has purchased Howard's Selz Royal Blue Shoe Store and will assume charge at once as manager. The work of taking stock was begun this morning. Their many friends will be delighted to know that Mr. and Mrs. Moore are to remain in Gastonia. At the same time they will regret to know that Mr. and Mrs. Howard to make their home elsewhere. Mr. Howard has several positions under consideration but has not yet decided exactly what he will do. During their residence of about a year in Gastonia Mr. and Mrs. Howard have made many friends.

Personals and Locals

—Mrs. F. D. Barkley and little daughter, Jennie Gray, are visiting Mr. Barkley's relatives in Statesville for several days.

—Mrs. M. I. Babinpton, of Charlotte, will arrive tomorrow to spend several days with her son, Mr. R. B. Babinpton, and family.

—The Gazette is requested to state that Rev. D. I. Offman, of Chitina Grove, will preach at the Lutheran chapel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

—Senator J. E. Beauford, of Clover, was the guest Sunday of Mr. S. P. Pierce. Mr. Beauford was en route to New Hampshire as a delegate to the national meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

—Mrs. Ellen McLaughen, of Yorkville, is spending a few days here with her son, Mr. G. F. McLaughen. She came down a few days ago from Hudson where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Felix McLean, who has been quite ill. Her friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. McLean's condition has improved considerably.

—Mr. R. B. Babinpton received this morning from Dr. C. A. Shore, State chemist, a report on his analysis of a sample of water sent him the latter part of last week from the spring in Babinpton Park. The analysis shows the entire absence of colon bacillus and indicates that the water is pure and wholesome. The report was sent to Dr. A. Stovall, city physician. This analysis assures the public that there is no danger whatever in drinking the water from this spring.

—Mr. Grover C. Page, The Gazette's former cartoonist, is spending a while in Gastonia after an absence of about six months, most of which time he spent in New Orleans with his sisters, Mesdames J. L. Rhodes and C. W. Hopkins. Grover blew in from New York on No. 37 last Thursday and says Supt. Rutter, of the water and light systems, put him to work reading meters before night. That was Grover's old job before the wanderlust struck his veins. He has been in New York for the past month, being engaged in doing some special newspaper advertising. Grover's many friends are glad to see him again and hope he will decide to hang up his hat and tarry a while longer at least.

—His hosts of Gaston friends are interested in the statement that Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby's brilliant young lawyer, is being talked of for the position of Assistant District Attorney for the Western District of the State. The Washington correspondent of The Charlotte Observer says under date of the 21st: "Senator Overman declined today to discuss the reports that he would recommend Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby for Assistant District Attorney. The term of the present holder of the office does not expire until December and Attorney General McReynolds has expressed a desire to have such officials serve out their terms." Mr. Hoey is a son of the late Capt. S. A. Hoey and a brother of Mrs. R. C. Warren, of Gastonia.

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

ENTHUSIASTIC MASS MEETING.

Citizens of Mount Holly Together on Auditorium Building Project.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Mt. Holly last night plans were matured whereby an auditorium is to be built as an annex to their handsome school building. More than a month ago, at a previous mass meeting, the sum of \$2,000 was subscribed for the building. The sum of \$1,000 was at that time tentatively promised by Supt. F. P. Hall as coming from the State fund. The meeting last night was, therefore, for the purpose of getting the project thoroughly launched and the work under way. At the meeting Prof. Hall announced that probably \$2,000 would be available from the State and county funds together. So the Mt. Holly people are assured of a building that will cost from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

A building committee, composed of the school board, Messrs. R. K. Davenport, J. A. Costner and R. F. Rankin and the following three men representing the town, Messrs. C. E. Hutchison, George D. Jenkins, and J. M. Springs, together with Mrs. J. A. Costner, representing the Woman's Betterment Association which organization has been largely instrumental in making the effort for an auditorium such a success, was appointed. Prof. Ray Funderburk, superintendent of the schools, came up from Monroe for the meeting.

With the completion of this auditorium the Mt. Holly people will have one of the best equipped school plants in the county, and the public spirited citizenship of that town deserve great credit for their large-hearted liberality.

MT. HOLLY MATTERS.

Dr. Rhyne Has an Auto—Picnic at Riverside—New Lutheran Pastor to Arrive This Week—Other Items of News.

Dr. R. E. Rhyne has treated himself to a new Ford automobile and now "perambulates" more rapidly in looking after his splendid practice.

Quite a number of Belmont's younger set enjoyed a picnic at Riverside Park last Friday night. A goodly number of Mt. Holly's young people joined them.

Rev. J. A. Bowles delivered a Sunday school address at Stanley last Saturday. It being the annual circuit picnic for the Stanley charge, Masters Wade and Charles Bowles and Miss Annie Patterson accompanied him.

Mrs. T. M. McCoy entertained in her most elegant manner the ladies of Mt. Holly on last Monday from 3 to 5 in honor of her mother, Mrs. Shipp, and sisters, Misses Mary and Josie Shipp.

Rev. Mr. Kohn, the newly elected pastor of the Lutheran church here, will arrive this week with his family and preach his first sermon next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Kohn is well known here, having preached quite frequently in Mt. Holly while pastor at Cherryville.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Shelby district, passed through town on his way to Snow Hill and Mountain Island where he held quarterly meetings. He also preached at these points on Sunday and at Mt. Holly on Sunday night. Dr. Turrentine will retire from the presiding eldership July 1st to become president of the Greensboro College for Women.

A class of 14 girls and boys from the Odd Fellows Orphanage at Goldsboro will give a concert here next Saturday night, July 28, in Rhyne's hall.

Craver's Ideal Theatre will show "Why," one of the greatest photo-plays ever shown, Thursday. See it sure.

—Mrs. R. C. Click and daughter, Miss Carrie Click, will return tomorrow to their home at Winston-Salem after a visit to Mrs. Click's sister, Mrs. D. K. Jackson, on Franklin avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Click and Miss Click took in the ball game at Charlotte yesterday.

See the great photo-play "Why" at the Ideal Theatre Thursday afternoon and night.

Operation on Mr. Robinson To-Day.

Mr. S. A. Robinson and Dr. R. M. Reid left last night for Richmond in response to a telegram saying that an operation would be performed on Mr. J. Lee Robinson today at 10 o'clock. Up to the hour of going to press, no word concerning the operation has reached The Gazette.

—Mrs. Stella McElhannon arrived yesterday on No. 37 from Washington to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. P. Glenn, who continues critically ill at her home on South Broad street.

BELMONT IS BUILDING

ENTERPRISING TOWN ON A BOOM

Town of Belmont in Midst of Unparalleled Building Activities—W. H. and D. P. Stowe Erecting Fine Store—From Seven to Ten Residences in Course of Construction and Contemplated—New Depot Assured the Town by Southern—Bridge Over Tracks—Dr. R. T. Vann at Baptist Church Sunday.

It is the purpose of The Gazette during the summer to give each of the towns of Gaston county a good write-up from time to time, so far as it lies in its power to do so. In the last issue of The Gazette a column was given to Bessemer City. It is Belmont's turn today.

At the present time, so the inhabitants of Belmont say, there is more brisk activity in the building line in their town than at any other previous period in their history. The firm of W. H. and D. P. Stowe is having erected on the lot adjoining their present building a handsome new brick structure; 80 by 27 feet. It is the intention of the owners at some future time to make additions. This new building was made necessary on account of the growing business of this firm. Their old building will be used, after the occupancy of the new one, only for furniture, coffins and caskets.

An addition to the business firms of town is Mr. L. H. Cox, of Lowell, who has set up a lumber yard near the Majestic Mill. Mr. Cox will handle all kinds of building supplies.

RESIDENCES.

One of the most striking facts that impress the visitor to town is the unusually large number of dwelling houses in course of construction, actually or in embryo. Some have been completed, others are partially so, while still others are in the interesting "plan stage." Mr. J. W. Stowe, of Stowe Bros. Co., is erecting a fine 10-room residence in the southern part of town. Mr. Stowe's house will be equipped with all the modern conveniences and will probably be the equal of any house in Belmont.

Mr. J. Ross Ratchford, of the G. M. Gullick Co., is also actively engaged in house-building. A neat, seven or eight-room structure is in process of erection.

Mr. Will Hand has recently completed a house now being occupied by Mr. W. H. Horsley.

Mr. A. A. Maier, the contractor, has during the past two or three months built three houses on his Rankin Heights property south of town.

In addition to the above-named there are other individuals who have plans and specifications for houses under consideration and who intend to build during the late summer and fall. Mr. R. B. Suggs, the jovial proprietor of the Belmont Drug Co., one of the most enterprising firms of its ilk in the county, is having plans prepared for a handsome 16-room residence on his beautiful lot in the northern section of town. Mr. Suggs' house will be of the latest designs in every particular, slate-roofed, storm-sheeted and equipped with every modern convenience including a heating plant.

Mr. W. D. Crawford, assistant cashier of the Bank of Belmont, is also having plans prepared for a modern 8-room dwelling soon to be erected by him on his lot adjoining that of W. H. Stowe. This house will also be modern and completely up-to-date in every respect.

Mr. John F. Leeper, who is now living two miles to the south of town, will move to Belmont in the near future and is having lumber placed on his lot in town preparatory to building.

Mr. R. L. Stowe is also preparing to build a handsome new residence on his lot adjoining Mr. George W. Howe. His plans are not yet complete although he is ready for the laying of the lumber.

From the above recital of facts and figures it will be seen that the statement of Belmontans in the opening paragraph was not an extravagant hyperbole.

NEW DEPOT.

Ever since work began on the new Southern depot in Gastonia, it has been tacitly understood by Gastonians that the dilapidated structure which has been such an eyesore here for so long a time, would be relegated as a sort of "hand-me-down" cast-off garment to her younger sister, Belmont, the Southern Railway like the proverbial economical parent of old, being loath to dispose of the property until thoroughly worn out. Not so in the minds of the Belmont people. Through the activity of some of their influential citizens and largely through the efforts of the popular and efficient agent, Mr. D. P. Stowe, the promise of a brand new depot has been gotten from Mr. T. E. Sharpe, superintendent of buildings and bridges for the Southern. The depot will be of the same size as the old one in Gastonia. The only thing to be used from the old Gastonia station will be the rafters which are in good condition. None of the other timber is fit to use. The depot in Belmont will be built according to modern plans. It will be covered with tile roofing and, according to Mr. Stowe, may possibly be constructed according to the stuccoed or pebble-dashed style. The plans of Mr. Sharpe are not yet complete.

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