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THE COMMISSION FORM

HOW IT WORKS IN SOME TEXAS CITIES

Mr. J. Oscar Abernethy, Old Gaston Boy Now on Editorial Staff of The Houston (Texas) Post, Talks Interestingly of What the Commission Form Has Done for Several Cities in Lone Star State—Marvels at Wonderful Growth of Gastonia.

Mr. J. Oscar Abernethy, an old Gastonia boy now living in Texas, where he holds a responsible position on the editorial staff of The Houston Post, one of the largest morning papers in the Southwest, is spending a short time in Gastonia with homefolks. Knowing that several of the leading cities of the Lone Star State had adopted the commission form of government and knowing that Mr. Abernethy had been in a position to observe at close range the operations of this form of city government which is so rapidly coming into popular favor, The Gazette asked him to give its readers some sidelights on it. Questioned on this subject Mr. Abernethy said:

"Gastonia has made wonderful progress during the last three years. I am surprised by the building activities. The court house, the Southern depot, a number of business houses and many residences have been erected. Street paving makes marked improvement. Nothing gives a town the appearance of a progressive city more than good streets. Gastonia has taken on the hustle of a city. The change impresses one who has not been here and watched the steady growth. Those who have lived here for years do not realize the progress the town is making.

"One thing I think is lacking in Gastonia. A town with the progressive spirit of Gastonia should have a commission form of government. I have lived in Texas and other western States for a number of years. Nearly all of the large cities and many of the towns, some smaller than Gastonia, have adopted the commission form of government. It has been demonstrated in Texas that the commission form is far superior and more satisfactory to the people than the old council system. The cumbersome system of a board of aldermen, council and mayor has been discarded in most progressive cities throughout the west.

"Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, Galveston and other cities have had the commission form for years. The commission form tends to fix the responsibility upon certain officials for the conduct of the public's business. There usually is a police and fire commissioner, finance commissioner, street commissioner, water commissioner and light commissioner. The mayor is chairman of the commission and exercises limited appointive power. Each commissioner chooses employes in his department, who must be confirmed by the commission. The commissioners in the large cities devote all of their time to the city's affairs. If a property owner has a complaint to make about the condition of streets, he goes to the city hall and talks to the street commissioner. The street commissioner frequently visits the place where the trouble is. He knows what can be done and he cannot say 'the matter will be investigated.' The commissioner is acquainted with conditions and cannot shirk the responsibility. If it is a matter that requires consent of the commission as a whole the street commissioner makes his recommendation. The commission usually accepts the commissioner's recommendation and the improvement is ordered made. The commissioners cannot shift the responsibility. All meetings are public and every voter or taxpayer may attend and not only see and hear what is being done, but he may be heard. In this way the people know what their public servants are doing.

"The day of 'star chamber sessions' and 'back room' meetings of a few self-appointed political dictators is passing in the west and doubtless will soon pass in the east. The progressive citizen is beginning to get his eyes opened. He is taking more interest in public affairs under the commission form because he feels he has a better chance to obtain consideration. He no longer has to depend on the whim of a politician. The commissioners must face the music—they must tell the people know where they stand on every question. If streets are to be paved the commission cannot arbitrarily designate which street shall be improved. Hearings are held and property owners appear before the commission and tell it what they think the people want.

"One of the most important features of the commission form from an economical standpoint is the system of advertising for bids on all supplies and contracts for work to be performed by the city. All contracts for public improvements are awarded to the lowest bidder, provided a 'good and sufficient bond' is executed by the bidder and a guarantee for faithful performance of his contract.

"Near the end of the fiscal year each department makes up a budget of supplies required for the next 12 months. The commission then advertises for bids on everything that must be purchased. Each bidder

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folk and their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers Condensed for Their Convenience

—Mr. John D. McLean, of South Point, was in the city Saturday.

—Mr. J. C. Featherston and family have moved from Mount Holly to Lowell.

—Miss Ora Glenn leaves tonight to resume her studies at Agnes Scott Institute, near Atlanta.

—Mr. J. M. Craig, of Yorkville, route eight, is in town on business today.

—Miss Eunice Craig, of Yorkville, route eight, has accepted a position with the Elford Company.

—Mr. K. D. McCullough made a business trip to Kings Mountain yesterday.

—Mr. H. F. Forbes, of Crowders Creek, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. J. J. Ormand, of Bessemer City, spent a short while in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Miss Eliza Scott Lindsay spent Sunday at Spartanburg with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Proffitt, and family.

—Mr. J. L. Currence, of Yorkville, route eight, is a business visitor in the city today.

—Mrs. Roland Taylor, of Greensboro, arrived in the city this morning to be the guest for a few days of Miss Marie Torrence.

—Mrs. W. T. Rankin and Miss Elma Rankin will go to Greensboro Friday morning where Miss Elma will enter the State Normal College.

—The Gastonia branch of the Baltimore Dental Parlors will be opened next Monday in rooms over Morris Cafe. Dr. C. D. Bass, a well-known dentist, will be in charge.

—Miss Maude Mauney, of Lincolnton, is spending the day in the city as the guest of Miss Lowry Shuford, being en route to Gaffney, S. C., on a visit to friends.

—Miss Evelyn Johnston, of Charlotte, is spending a few days in the city as the guest of her brother, Mr. R. M. Johnston, at his home on South Broad street.

—Misses Lola and Ama Gaffney and Irene Wheat, of Gaffney, S. C., spent Saturday in the city as guests of Miss Marie Torrence, making the trip by automobile.

—Miss Florence Clemmer, of the sales force at Schneider's, is confined to her home by an attack of appendicitis. Her condition is not regarded as serious, however.

—Mrs. S. C. Cornwell, who has been spending the summer at Tryon, N. C., where Mr. Cornwell is engaged in some extensive engineering, has returned to Dallas where she will spend the winter.

—Miss Fay Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Davenport, of Mt. Holly, left yesterday for Wellesley, Mass., where she will be a member of the senior class in Wellesley College this year.

—Miss Pearl Sherrill, of McConellsville, S. C., and Miss Carrie Davidson, of Sharon, S. C., spent the week-end here as the guests of Misses Cora and Edie Davidson at their home on Harvie avenue.

—Mr. Howard S. Rhyne left Sunday for Greenville, S. C., to spend a day or two visiting relatives. From Greenville Mr. Rhyne went to Atlanta to resume his studies as a second year student in the Atlanta Medical College.

—Misses Mary and Violet McLean, Mabel, Blanche and Ora Glenn and Eliza Saunders and Messrs. Jack Wilcox, LeRoy Suggs and Gies Smith enjoyed a delightful picnic at Riverside Park Friday night.

—Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins, who has been spending the summer with her son, Mr. J. V. Partlow, at Columbia, S. C., is spending a few days at the home of Mr. J. T. Jenkins on Fifth avenue before returning to her home at Belmont.

—Mrs. W. G. Brown and children, of High Point, spent last week here with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Thompson. Mr. Brown spent Saturday and Sunday with them and they returned home Sunday afternoon.

—The Seaboard Air Line Railway will operate an excursion from Charlotte to Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, leaving Charlotte at 4:50 p. m. Fare from Charlotte is \$7.50 to Jacksonville and \$9.50 to Tampa.

—Mrs. Maude Beattie has accepted a position as alterer with O'Neill's department store, entering upon her duties today. Mrs. Beattie formerly worked in the dress department of a large Spartanburg store and is an expert in her line.

—Mrs. Thomas L. Craig left yesterday for Raleigh whither she went to place her niece, Miss Jennie Lillian Watson, in St. Mary's College. While in Raleigh Mrs. Craig will be the guest of Mrs. Locke Craig at the executive mansion. She will return home the latter part of the week.

—Messrs. Perry McAllister, T. E. Dickson, W. S. Holland and L. M. Ratchford returned Saturday from Richmond and other points in Virginia. Some of them were favorably impressed with the farm land in that section and the low price at which land can be bought.

CAPITAL DOUBLED

CITIZENS NATIONAL NOW HAS \$100,000

Meeting of Stockholders and Directors of Citizens National Bank Held Last Wednesday—Some Changes in the Staff of Officers.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank of this city held at the bank last Wednesday, September 10th, the stockholders voted unanimously to carry out the plans which had already been announced as to increasing the capital stock of the bank, and the capital stock was accordingly increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The new stock was taken partly by new stockholders and partly by those already holding stock in the institution. This increase in the resources of the Citizens National Bank will mean much in the increased amount of business which it can take care of and is merely the consummation of plans which the officers have had under consideration for some time.

At a meeting of the directors held immediately following the stockholders meeting, several changes in the officers of the bank were made. Mr. C. N. Evans, of Wilmington, who has been vice president of the bank since its organization, having disposed of his holdings in the bank, submitted his resignation, which was accepted with reluctance. Mr. A. G. Myers, who has been acting in the capacity of both vice president and cashier, being vice president jointly with Mr. Evans, was elected sole vice president with active duties, and Mr. W. H. Adams, formerly assistant cashier, was elected cashier. Col. C. B. Armstrong was elected a director to succeed Mr. Evans.

A VALUABLE EXPOSITION.

Mr. R. B. Babington Says National Conservation Exposition at Knoxville is a Great Educational Affair—Worth Any Man's Time to Visit It.

Mr. R. B. Babington returned yesterday from a trip to Knoxville, Tenn., whither he went to take a look at the National Conservation Exposition now in progress in that city. He was profoundly impressed with the value of this exposition to the South. Asked what he thought of the exposition, Mr. Babington said:

"Every one interested in the development of our Southland should take advantage of the opportunity offered in the low railroad fares this month to visit the National Conservation Exposition at Knoxville, Tenn. The beautiful mountain scenery between Tryon and Knoxville, the fertile fields, the enormous harvests now on and the hundreds of fine sleek cattle and horses seen along the route will alone pay one for the trip.

"Knoxville is a thriving city nestling in the mountains of East Tennessee with many first-class, reasonably-priced hotels. The exposition grounds are just 15 minutes ride from the city on the street car at a cost of five cents. The grounds are simply beautiful, having all the advantages that nature and man working together can provide. One can see and study all of the latest improvements known to the arts of farming, road building and the conservation of our natural resources from all standpoints. You can see demonstrated how to build good roads, sanitary dairy barns, abattoirs and all kinds of improved farm machinery and hundreds of other interesting things.

"After you have looked until you think you need some fresh air just get out on the pike and you will find all kinds of amusement and refreshments, of which you may take your choice.

"A trip to Knoxville and the exposition is doubly worth any one's time and the cost. The Southern Railway will sell you a ticket on Tuesdays or Thursdays for \$5.30 good for five days, via Spartanburg, S. C. A good way to go to Knoxville from Gastonia is to leave here on No. 11 at noon, take the Carolina Special at Spartanburg at 4:30 p. m. and go straight through to Knoxville without change, arriving there at 11:25 p. m. I was on the road thirteen hours going and twenty-five hours returning. That was the best I could do with the trains at my disposal. I think I ate off the counter of every cold lunch joint between here and Knoxville returning.

"You can just tell The Gazette readers that it is worth any Gaston county man's time and money to go and see this exposition."

Presbytery at Kings Mountain.

The Fall meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery will convene tonight at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Kings Mountain and will probably be in session about three days. Gastonia First church will be represented by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, and Elder J. P. Thomson, while the representatives of Loryay Presbyterian church will be Rev. K. A. Campbell, the new pastor, who will be received into this presbytery at this meeting, and Elder C. L. [Name obscured].

AN ATTENDANCE OF 1,500

ENROLLMENT IN CITY SCHOOL GROWS

Gastonia Public Schools Lacked Only Eight of Having Fifteen Hundred Pupils This Morning—List of the Teachers and Where They Are Staying.

With only eight less than 1500 pupils this morning the Gastonia public schools have the largest enrollment in their history. The following information furnished The Gazette this morning by Supt. Joe S. Wray will be of interest to the hundreds of patrons of the school:

All of the schools in Gastonia's system of public schools opened Friday morning at 8:45 by the clock, all teachers being in their places. The schools were in session for the full daily period, and the teachers taught the lessons for Monday.

Supt. James, of Bessemer City, visited Central school. As he came out of one of the High School rooms, he remarked: "They are doing real teaching today."

The following is a list of the teachers, their homes and their phone numbers:

- Miss Carrie Glenn, 407 Chester street, Miss Eula Glenn, 103-J.
- Miss Jane Morris, 323 West Main avenue, B. T. Morris, 226.
- Miss Jessie Stockard, S. Marietta, Mrs. E. C. Wilson's, 285.
- Miss Louise Gill, 201 S. Broad St., S. A. Kindley's, 117-J.
- Miss Hattie Howell, 201 S. Broad street, S. A. Kindley's, 117-J.
- Miss Carrie Roddey, 211 E. Franklin avenue, R. S. Clinton's, 11-L.
- Miss Edith Mason, 595 S. York street, E. B. Brittain's, 352-L.
- Miss Della Nolen, 121 E. Main avenue, C. M. Nolen's, 278-J.
- Miss Essie Elliott, W. Franklin avenue, A. B. Elliott's, 468-L.
- Miss Minnie Lee Peedin, 206 W. Long avenue, Misses Carson's, 104.
- Miss Ophelia Elliott, 217 West Third avenue, Mrs. Bob Ford's, 110-J.

- Miss Rebecca Adams, 110 South Oakland St., J. Lean Adams, 308.
- Miss Lula Whitesides, 509 West Main avenue, Ed Whitesides', 395-L.
- Miss Pearl Gallant, 101 E. Franklin avenue, W. L. Gallant's, 229.
- Miss Carrie Potts, 1018 E. Airline avenue, W. T. Storey's, 148.
- Miss Ella Lewis, S. Church street, D. B. Hanna's, 49-L 2 rings.
- Miss Carrie Morris, 323 W. Main avenue, B. T. Morris', 226.
- Miss Kate Lea Owen, 211 East Franklin, R. S. Clinton's, 11-L.
- Miss Zora Hannah, 119 S. Broad street, Mrs. W. B. Knight's, 149-J.
- Miss Jean Withers, 201 S. Broad street, S. A. Kindley's, 117-J.
- Miss Maud Wilkins, 119 S. Broad street, Mrs. W. B. Knight's, 149-J.
- Miss Bessie Pegrum, 220 South Broad street, L. C. Pegrum's, 266.
- Miss Cora Hart, 211 E. Franklin avenue, R. S. Clinton's, 11-L.
- Miss Claudia Cashwell, 211, East Franklin avenue, R. S. Clinton's, 11-L.

- Miss Margaret Tiddy, 206 West Long avenue, Misses Carson's, 104.
- Miss Vada Pettit, W. Franklin avenue, S. Settlemyer's, 270-J.
- Boyce M. Weir, 401 West Main avenue, T. A. Henry's, 344-L.
- Miss Mildred Rankin, 501 West Main avenue, W. T. Rankin's, 72.
- Miss May Withers, 201 S. Broad street, S. A. Kindley's, 117-J.
- Miss Eleanor Reid, 307 S. Broad street, J. P. Reid's, 11.
- Miss Ella Bradley, 409 S. York street, J. W. Culp's, 399-J.
- Will P. Grier, 211 W. Third avenue, J. Y. Miller's, He has no phone. In cases of importance one could ask Mrs. C. I. Loftin to get him to her phone.

The enrollment in the various rooms is given below, the first figure in each case being the number enrolled Friday, and the second showing the total reached Monday.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

- Miss Jane Morris' room, Avon School, 32, 38.
- Miss Jessie Stockard's room, Central school, 47, 49.
- Miss Louise Gill's, Central school, 45, 45.
- Miss Hattie Howell's, Central school, 46, 46.
- Miss Carrie Roddey's, Central school, 36, 36.
- Miss Edith Mason's, room, Central school, 45, 50.
- Miss Della Nolen's, Clara school, 30, 47.
- Miss Essie Elliott's, Gray school, 32, 33.
- Miss Minnie Lee Peedin's, Loryay school, 50, 55.
- Miss Ophelia Elliott's, room, Loryay school, 50, 57.
- Miss Rebecca Adams' room, Loryay school, 44, 49.
- Miss Lula Whitesides' room, Loryay school, 32, 32.
- Miss Pearl Gallant's room, Love school, 45, 44.
- Miss Carrie Potts' room, Modena school, 43, 50.
- Miss Ella Lewis', Ozark school, 31, 33.
- Miss Carrie Morris' room, Trenton school, 30, 33.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

- Miss Kate Lea Owen's room, Central school, 56, 56.
- Miss Zora Hannah's room, Central school, 56, 58.
- Miss Margaret Tiddy's room, Loryay school, 50, 56.
- Miss Jean Withers' room, Central school, 34, 36.
- Miss Maud Wilkins' room, Central school, 33, 35.
- Miss Bessie Pegrum's room, Central school, 32, 35.
- Miss Cora Hart's room, Central school, 37, 37.
- Boyce M. Weir's room, Loryay school, 13, 14.
- Miss Cashwell, Central school, 47, 48.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

- Miss Withers' room, Central school, 19, 28.
- Miss Reid's room, Central school, 25, 29.
- Miss Bradley's room, Central school, 37, 41.
- Will P. Grier's room, Central school, 36, 37.
- Total for High School 117 125
- Total Intermediate 358 375
- Total Primary 638 697
- Total White 1113 1207
- Colored 251 285
- Grand Total 1364 1492

GOES TO TENNESSEE

MR. R. A. LOVE LOCATES AT TRENTON

Well-Known Local Cotton Manufacturer Takes Charge of Yarn Mill in West Tennessee—Reorganizing Company and Will Enlarge and Re-Equip Plant—Several Operatives Accompany Him.

Mr. R. A. Love, for many years past closely identified with the cotton manufacturing business of Gastonia, recently disposed of his interests in the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Company's plant, familiarly known as the Old Mill, here and has formed a connection with one of the oldest cotton mills in West Tennessee, namely the Trenton Cotton Mills, located at Trenton, Tenn., on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, not far from Jackson. Mr. Love has been in Trenton himself for the past week or two and returned to Gastonia Sunday night for his family. He is shipping his household goods today and he and his family expect to leave within the next few days for their future home. Gastonia regrets to lose this family from the business and social life of the town.

Until a few weeks ago Mr. Love has been at the head of the Old Mill which was the first cotton factory built in Gastonia, having been erected in 1889 with his father, the late Col. R. C. G. Love, and the late Mr. G. A. Gray as the principal stockholders. Prior to the taking charge of the Old Mill Mr. Love was identified for quite a while with the management of the Avon Mill.

The Trenton Cotton Mill to which he is going, was built in 1884 and is one of the oldest in that section of Tennessee. It manufactures yarns. Mr. Love is now engaged in reorganizing the company and expects in the near future to enlarge the plant and put in quite a good deal of new equipment.

Going with Mr. Love to work in the Trenton Mill are Messrs. H. C. Keever, J. C. Arthurs, D. L. Fowler and their families and Mr. Charles Johnson.

COOPER-MAUNEY WEDDING.

The following from the Kings Mountain correspondence of The Charlotte Observer, under date of the 12th inst. will be of interest to the many Gastonia friends of the bride:

A wedding of much interest was that which took place in St. Matthew's Lutheran church last night when Miss Vera Lavene Mauney, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, of this place, was married to Rev. E. C. Cooper, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynchburg, Va.

The church was beautifully decorated with boughs from the sweet gum tree, the leaves already being touched with Autumn, springerle and lighted candles upon the altar.

The bride, dressed in crepe meteor with rose point lace, beaded trimmings, bridal veil and orange blossoms, carrying a prayer-book with a shower bouquet attached, entered the church on the arm of her father; the groom accompanied the bride's mother, who was dressed in black crepe meteor with lace trimming and carrying American Beauty roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Rosalyn Summer, of Newberry, S. C., was dressed in lace over crepe de chine and carried white roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Esther Alchroth, of Alton, Pa., and Miss Bonnie Mauney, of Kings Mountain, were dressed in white with ruby girdles and carried American Beauty roses.

The date of honor, Mrs. R. L. Godwin, of Dunn, was dressed in ruby brocade crepe meteor with chiffon roses and beaded trimmings and carried American Beauty roses. The color scheme of the decoration was ruby this day being the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, the parents of the bride.

The best man, Mr. W. F. Cooper, of Charlotte, and the groomsmen, Messrs. G. H. and H. P. Cooper, of China Grove, were all brothers of the groom. The ushers, Messrs. S. A. R. L. D. C. and W. K. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, were all brothers of the bride.

The ceremony used in joining this young couple is that known as the double-ring ceremony, and was performed by Rev. John D. Mauney, of Hickory, a brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. Charles K. Bell, the bride's pastor.

The little flower girl, Margaret Louise Mauney, and the little candle bearers, Winnie Vera and Juanita Mauney, were nieces of the bride.

The ceremony was held at the out-of-town guests, after which the happy young couple took a late train for the mountains of western North Carolina, where they will spend several days, and from there they will go to the home of the groom's parents at China Grove for a few days visit. They will be at home to their friends in Lynchburg, Va., some time during the early days of October.

Among the out-of-town guests was Mr. Rufus R. Roberts, who was best man for Mr. J. S. Mauney at the time of his marriage 40 years ago.

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.

KILLED BY ELEVATOR.

Young Man Meets Horrible Death in Accident at Chronicle Mill—New Depot Going Up—Preparing to Lay Concrete Sidewalks.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Sept. 15.—R. Guy Williams, aged about 16 years and employed as a sweeper in the Chronicle Mill at this place, met a horrible death Friday night at 9:30 by being caught between an ascending elevator and the floor. There were no eyewitnesses to the accident, but from the position in which the body was found, it is surmised that Williams was looking out over the edge of the elevator and was struck in the back of the head by the floor above.

His chest was caught between the floor and the casing of the elevator and he was dragged to the top of the landing, where he was discovered by a fellow workman. He lived about 45 minutes.

Young Williams was a native of Mecklenburg county, of the Beattie's Chapel sect, and is survived by his mother. Funeral services were held and interment made at Friendship Church, in Berryhill township.

Active preparations are being made toward the laying of concrete sidewalks on the principal streets of the town. By an act of the last Legislature, the Board of Aldermen has been empowered to go ahead with this work, which will begin within two or three weeks.

A new Southern Railway station is in process of erection here. The new depot bids fair to be one of the handsomest on the line. It will be covered with tile roofing, will have ample sheds and will be equipped with modern conveniences. It is being built considerably farther from the track than the old one was. The Southern officials are preparing to improve and beautify the surrounding yard and grounds.

The Belmont high school began the session of 1913-14 Monday morning with a total enrollment of 295, the largest for the first day in the history of the schools. This, Tuesday morning, the enrollment had reached a total of 350. Prof. H. A. Query is again at the head of the school as principal and is ably assisted by Misses Ethel Stowe, Mary Hall, Mellale Crawford and Lena Green. Mesdames W. R. Stowe and H. B. Stowe and Mr. A. Armstrong. During the summer quite a number of improvements have been made on the school property and equipment, the most important perhaps being the installation of a complete chemical laboratory. This is the second high school in the county to install a chemical laboratory, Dallas being the first. On account of the heavy enrollment an additional teacher will be required at once.

Another great improvement to be made within the next few weeks and which will prove a great convenience to the school pupils will be the construction of a concrete sidewalk from the central part of town to the school building, a distance of several blocks.

Rev. W. S. Lacy and Mr. A. A. Cathey leave this afternoon for Kings Mountain to represent the Belmont Presbyterian church at the regular fall meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery.

The Lohengrin "Wedding Chorus" was sung by a choir composed of little kinspeople of the bride, and a solo, "Oh, Promise Me," was sung by Mrs. John D. Mauney, of Hickory, Mrs. James A. Page, of Clover, S. C., and Miss Pearl Little, of this place, played selections while the guests were being seated, but Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour, of this place, performed at the pipe organ during the ceremonies.

Immediately after the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their marriage by coming forward and receiving the blessings of their pastor, Rev. Charles K. Bell, who took occasion to make some well-timed remarks on the long and useful life of these good people.

The bridal party left the church accompanied by the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," repairing to the home of the bride's parents, where an informal reception was held for the out-of-town guests, after which the happy young couple took a late train for the mountains of western North Carolina, where they will spend several days, and from there they will go to the home of the groom's parents at China Grove for a few days visit. They will be at home to their friends in Lynchburg, Va., some time during the early days of October.

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