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## BUSINESS MEN BANQUET

### THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

"Get-Together" Affair Last Night a Decided Success—Short Business Session Followed by Banquet—Spirit of Optimism Prevalent Throughout Membership—Richmond Wants Our Support for Regional Reserve Bank—Many Impromptu Addresses.

If the spirit of optimism and determination which was evidenced on all sides at the first annual business meeting and banquet of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, held last night in the armory of Company B in the new Craig building, is an earnest of the attitude the members of that organization intend to maintain the year round—and there is no reason to believe that it will be otherwise—it would be a venturesome prophet indeed who would attempt to predict what large things the future holds for Gastonia.

There were present about 80 of the 150 members. President T. L. Craig called the house to order and stated that any business that needed attention would be disposed of first. Mr. J. M. Holland was asked to act as temporary secretary and read the minutes of the last business meeting which were approved. President Craig then read a telegram from the Richmond, Va., Chamber of Commerce asking that the Gastonia Chamber meet a delegation from their organization here next Monday morning for the purpose of discussing the matter of the location of one of the Federal regional reserve banks. Richmond is making an effort to get one of these banks and a committee from the Chamber of Commerce of that city is now making a tour of North Carolina for the purpose of getting endorsements from bankers and business organizations. A motion was made and carried that the matter be left in the hands of the officers of the chamber and the executive committee, with power to act. Quite a little discussion followed. Mr. J. Lee Robinson, Mr. A. G. Myers, Mr. M. A. Carpenter, bankers, and several others favored Richmond. Rev. W. C. Barrett was opposed to endorsing Richmond on the ground that it and several other Virginia cities had given North Carolina a raw deal in the matter of fighting us in our efforts to secure just freight rates. Following the discussion the motion to leave the matter with the officers and executive committee prevailed. The unanimous opinion of the bankers present was that it would be much more advantageous to Gastonia to have this regional bank in Richmond than in Atlanta.

Rev. W. C. Barrett suggested that the chamber need two or three more standing committees, on education, religion and sanitation. Several others during the course of the evening expressed the same opinion, but no action was taken with regard to it.

At the conclusion of the business session Dr. D. A. Garrison as toastmaster took charge of the affair and managed it till the close in a most happy and admirable manner. He called on representatives of the various business and industrial interests of the city and there were many responses, all in a snappy and impressive vein.

All the speakers were unanimous in their belief that the organization of the Chamber of Commerce is one of the biggest and best things that Gastonia has ever done and presages great things for the future. It was also unanimously agreed that, in order for the organization to accomplish the most for the town, it must have the undivided and active support of the entire membership.

Among those who responded to calls from the toastmaster were A. M. Dixon, J. S. Wray, H. F. Glenn, T. C. Quickle, R. B. Babington, A. C. Jones, C. B. Armstrong, T. L. Craig, A. E. Woltz, Geo. B. Coaker, E. E. Witherspoon, J. W. Atkins, W. N. Davis, D. Lebovitz, J. H. Kennedy, G. R. Spencer, J. Lee Robinson, J. H. Separk, A. G. Myers, M. A. Carpenter, G. H. Marvin and others.

A letter from Mr. C. V. Palmer general passenger agent of the Piedmont & Northern Lines, was read by Mr. G. H. Marvin, tendering the organization the free use of one of the advertising spaces in the local street cars.

The banquet was served in four courses and the repast was a most excellent and delicious one. It was served by the Misses Carson, proprietors of the Colonial Hotel. Music was furnished by the Atkins Orchestra.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle for the use of the hall for this occasion.

—Mr. W. Otis Pratt, an engineer and contractor of several years experience, has moved to Gastonia and opened up an office in the Realty building, occupying the rooms recently vacated by the offices of the Clara and Dunn Mills. Mr. Pratt has been for several years with the Southern Power Co., having been in charge of the construction of the auxiliary plant recently completed at Mount Holly, and also supervised the construction of similar plants at Greensboro and Greenville.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD

### REPORT ON BUSINESS OF PAST YEAR

Stockholders of Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association Hear Report of the Association's Most Successful Year—Annual Meetings of Arlington and Flint Manufacturing Companies—Several Meetings Next Week.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the city hall the ninth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association was held, in the absence of Mr. S. N. Boyce, the president, Vice-President T. W. Wilson presided. Messrs. J. White Ware and J. Mack Holland were chosen secretaries of the meeting and it was found that 17 stockholders were present in person and 34 by proxy. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last previous annual meeting Mr. J. White Ware presented the report of the auditing committee to the effect that they found all books and accounts of the association correct and well kept, and same was properly adopted. Mr. E. G. McLurd, secretary and treasurer, read his annual report, showing 2,999 shares in force as compared with 2,524 shares in force one year ago.

The association has been in existence for nine years and has matured six series. The last series matured December 31, 1913, was matured in two weeks less than six years and a half, considering that the entrance fee on each share is allowed to take the place of the first week's dues. During nine years the total net profits have been \$11,216.24. During the past year the total receipts were \$67,658.51, while the association has above \$100,000 out on loans.

Directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: S. N. Boyce, T. W. Wilson, E. G. McLurd, B. T. Morris, J. E. Page, T. A. Wilkins, T. L. Chandler, R. F. Littlejohn, J. T. Ingram, J. White Ware, E. N. Perram, A. J. Kirby, D. B. Hanna, C. B. Newton and E. N. Hahn.

**PAID 5 PER CENT DIVIDEND.**

The stockholders and directors of the Flint Manufacturing Co. and the Arlington Cotton Mills held their annual meetings in the uptown offices yesterday, when the usual routine business was transacted. All the directors of both corporations were re-elected. Mr. L. L. Jenkins was re-elected president of both companies and Mr. L. F. Groves was re-elected treasurer. Mr. W. W. Glenn was re-elected secretary of the Arlington Cotton Mills and Mr. Henry Groves was chosen secretary of the Flint. Both of these mills paid the usual 5 per cent semi-annual dividend. During the past year a number of tenement houses and a warper room were built at the Flint.

**MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.**

Several mills will hold their annual meetings next week, among them the Modena Monday afternoon, the Moroweb Wednesday afternoon, the Trenton Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m., and the Clara Manufacturing Co. Monday afternoon. The Dunn, Armstrong and Monarch Mills hold their meetings in October and the Ozark's meeting is in April.

**A YEAR OF FREAK WEATHER.**

It Has Been the Hottest, Driest, Windiest and Wettest Weather in Windiest and Wettest in Kansas, Kansas City Star.

The year 1913 in Kansas has been a period of freaks from the standpoint of weather. Not in the recollection of the earliest Kansas settler have there been so many extremes in weather. Every month in the year was abnormal in some particular. The period from May 1 to September 10 broke the heat record for the 27 years in which the government records have been kept.

The summer was likewise the driest on record, but despite that fact 1913 has been one of the wettest years since the weather man was put on the job at Topeka. The rainfall to date is 35.29 inches. Normal for a year is 33.76 inches. The fall and spring months were ideal for the growth of crops, while in the summer conditions were the worst ever known in Kansas.

The fall was the wettest similar period on record. December has broken records for precipitation. January was the windiest January recorded. March was the windiest month known at Topeka. April broke the sunshine record for that month. July was the windiest July and the second hottest. August broke the previous heat record.

—The many Gastonia friends of Mr. T. B. Brown, formerly manager of the J. M. Belk Co's. store here, will be interested in the following item from Wednesday's Greensboro News: T. B. Brown, treasurer and manager of the firm of Brown-Belk Co. who was operated on for appendicitis New Year day, is on the road to recovery. The stitches will be removed today, and if Mr. Brown does not show too much anxiety to be back at his post, he will soon be a well man. Mr. Brown had suffered with several attacks of appendicitis and for a long time he has felt the effects of the disease. That he is recovering so fast will be good news to his many friends in this city and elsewhere.

## 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.**

—Miss Isabelle Killian returned last Friday from Lenoir where she visited friends.

—Mr. O. F. Mason, of the local bar, is attending Cleveland Superior Court at Shelby this week.

—Mr. A. G. Mangum, of the local bar, is away this week attending court at Shelby and Morganton.

—Mrs. A. S. Bass has returned from Chester, S. C., where she spent several days with relatives and friends.

—Capt. and Mrs. L. G. Huffstetter and little child arrived Tuesday night from Lenoir to visit Capt. Huffstetter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Huffstetter.

—Mr. A. B. Mitchell and family returned Wednesday night from Greensboro, where they spent the holiday season very pleasantly visiting relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Howell recently moved from No. 202 South Broad street, the Patrick cottage, to No. 306 East Airline avenue, the Hoffman residence.

—Mrs. M. G. Anders spent Tuesday in Charlotte with her sister, Miss Pearl Abernethy, who was visiting friends there before returning to her duties as teacher at Holly Springs.

—The friends of Col. R. N. Wilson, who has been confined to his home on South Oakland street for the past three weeks by a severe illness, will be glad to learn that he was able to be on the streets again yesterday.

—Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, president of the American National Bank of Asheville and of the First National Bank of this city, was here several days this week attending the annual meetings of the corporations in which he has interests.

—An interesting letter from McAdenville was received this morning but had to go to the waste basket because the writer failed to comply with our iron-clad rule that all communications must be accompanied by the true name of the writer.

—Yesterday the concrete sidewalk crew completed the sidewalk from the Trenton Mill to York street on the north side of West Main avenue and began work on the east side of York street to complete a gap of two blocks.

—Mr. George E. Halthcock returned Tuesday from Hickory where he was called about ten days ago on account of the illness of his father, Mr. John E. Halthcock, who has been in poor health for the past year, and who is now here in the City Hospital.

—Mr. A. P. Rudisill, of Dallas, rode one, had the misfortune last Sunday night to lose a fine mare. The animal became sick and died from some unknown cause. This is the second loss of this kind Mr. Rudisill has sustained recently, as he lost another fine horse in September.

—The will be two games of basketball at Belmont Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Kings Mountain High School teams, one of boys and the other of girls, will meet the two teams of the Belmont High School. Two interesting games are expected.

—Squire J. T. R. Dameron and wife left yesterday for Roseland, where they expect to make their home for a while at least and probably permanently. Other members of the family went some days ago. The Squire is pleased with the sanitarium country he will sell his property near Bessemer City and buy at his new location.

—The Walters Barber shop yesterday installed eight brand new barber chairs of the Koken white enamel style. These have sanitary paper on the head rests and white glass arms. They are the latest and most improved chairs in the barber line and their installation by the Walters shop is simply in keeping with the progressiveness of this well-known establishment.

—Mr. Wayne F. Rhyne, who holds a responsible position with a large drug firm at Rome, Ga., and who has been spending the holidays in the Eastern part of the State with friends, is on a visit for a few days at the home of his father, Mr. J. Laban Rhyne, on route two. Mr. Rhyne has been at Rome with the same firm for over two years, and says that he likes Georgia quite well, although he enjoys an occasional visit back to old Gaston very greatly.

—In giving the list of delegates elected Monday night by Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias to the Golden Jubilee meeting to be held in Washington February 19th, in Tuesday's Gazette, the name of Mr. G. H. Marvin was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Marvin, the retiring chancellor commander, was elected by a special vote of the lodge after the other four delegates had been chosen, as a special mark of appreciation by the lodge of his interest in and services to the order.

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## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

**FORBES-ROBINSON NUPPIALS.**

A wedding which came as a surprise to their many friends was solemnized Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian parsonage when Mr. Ross Forbes led to the hymeneal altar Miss Margaret I. Robinson. The ceremony which was witnessed by only a few intimate friends of the bride and groom, was performed very simply and beautifully by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The groom is a son of Mr. H. F. Forber and is a young man of thrift and sterling worth of character. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Robinson and is a young lady of many charms. Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

**PLONK-FALLS WEDDING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.**

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. W. A. Falls, Sr., in the Pisgah neighborhood, when his daughter, Miss Phronia Falls, became the bride of Mr. M. L. Plonk, a well-known business man of Kings Mountain. The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of only a few friends and relatives by Rev. J. L. Oates, of Yorkville, S. C., assisted by Rev. A. T. Lindsay. Miss Myrtle Falls, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, wore a costume of pink chiffon. The bride was dressed in a becoming blue coat suit with hat and gloves to match. Mr. and Mrs. Plonk came to Gastonia after the wedding and went to Charlotte on an interurban car, from which point they left for a bridal trip to points in Florida. After their return they will be at home in Kings Mountain. Both bride and groom are well-known throughout the county and have a large number of admiring friends whose best wishes go with them to their new home.

**BIG YEARS BUSINESS.**

**Efrid Chain of Department Stores Did Gross Business of \$1,300,000 During 1913—Added One New Store to the Chain—Gastonia House Showed Fifty Per Cent Increase Over Year Before.**

During the year 1913 the Efrid chain of stores, operating establishments in five cities of North and South Carolina, did a gross business of \$1,300,000, by far the largest they have ever done in their history. This total is between \$500,000 and \$600,000 ahead of the gross sales of 1912. The Gastonia store, operated as the Efrid Company, enjoyed a 50 per cent increase in its business over the year 1912, that year having been 100 per cent better than the year before it. These facts were given out this morning by Mr. Paul H. Efrid, manager of the Gastonia store, following a meeting of the managers of the various branches yesterday, when the books for the past year were footed up.

At yesterday's meeting a 20 per cent cash dividend was declared, this being the largest dividend yet paid by the chain.

During the past year one new store has been opened up, namely one at Rock Hill, S. C. The first Efrid store was opened in Charlotte about 14 years ago, the second in Concord in 1907, the third in Gastonia in 1910, the fourth in Winston-Salem in 1912 and the fifth in Rock Hill last year.

The Efrid chain is a close corporation, all the stock being held in the Efrid family. The stockholders are Mr. J. E. Efrid, of Polkton, Anson county, and his five sons, namely: Mr. J. B. Efrid, of Charlotte; Mr. E. L. Efrid, of Winston-Salem; Mr. P. H. Efrid, of Gastonia; Mr. J. R. Efrid, of Concord; and Mr. J. W. Efrid, of Rock Hill, S. C.

In talking with The Gazette man this morning Mr. P. H. Efrid, manager of the Gastonia store, stated that the prospects for 1914 were exceedingly bright and that they expected another large increase in the amount of business done over 1913.

**To Pay Sunday School Teachers.**

Salisbury Post, 7th.

The board of stewards of the First Methodist church last night endorsed the idea of paying a salary to teachers in the primary department of the Sunday school as advanced by the chairman of the board, Prof. A. T. Allen. A committee was appointed to solicit contributions to put the scheme in effect and to assist the Sunday school officers in their work. It was explained that the salary was not to pay the teachers for their work of teaching on Sunday but to encourage them and compensate them for time spent during the week in preparation and to enable them to keep up-to-date in methods of handling the little tots. The amount figured on for this year is \$500.

Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more profitable reading than the news.



Once Lived in Gastonia.

James L. Bolejack, who killed his wife at their home in Charlotte on New Years day while drunk, lived in Gastonia several years ago and is remembered by numbers of Gastonians. He was employed by a local furniture store as a salesman. At that time he was a drinker and not infrequently went on sprees. He is 60-odd years old. In Mecklenburg Superior Court Wednesday the grand jury returned a true bill against him for murder and he will be tried on that charge at the present term of court. It was stated that Bolejack had imbued several bottles of lemon extract the day he killed his wife.

**New Tailoring Establishment.**

The latest new enterprise in the city is the Mutual Tailoring Company which will open for business tomorrow in the Blue Front opposite the postoffice on Main avenue, occupying the quarters used until recently by the Lineberger Electrical Appliance Co. Mr. Max N. Lebowitz, the manager, has been in the city several days completing arrangements for his opening. The firm will handle an exclusive \$15 line of men's made-to-measure clothing. Mr. Lebowitz comes from Baltimore, a great clothing manufacturing city, and has had much experience in this line of business. Gazette readers will find elsewhere in today's paper an interesting advertisement of this new establishment.

**Woodmen Install Officers.**

Gastonia Camp No. 382 Woodmen of the World installed officers Tuesday night and had a smoker and oyster supper following the business session. Following is a list of the officers installed: Council Commander, G. H. Marvin; Past Council Commander, L. A. Barbee; Advisor Lieutenant, R. D. Lewis; Banker, J. L. Moore; Clerk, R. W. Edwards; Escort, Henry Rockett; Sentry, W. C. Taylor; Watchman, F. H. Lay; Managers, J. W. Bradley, R. G. Caveny and C. M. Boyd. Fruits, cold drinks and cigars were served in the hall and at the close of the meeting the lodge adjourned in a body to Morris Cafe and enjoyed an oyster supper. This camp has had a prosperous year. The present membership is now about 100.

**Vital Statistics.**

The Gazette is indebted to Esquire W. Meek Adams, vital statistics officer for Gastonia township, for the following interesting statistics: Deaths from September 18th (when the new law became effective) up to December 31st—White males 20, white females 36; colored males 6, colored females 6; total, 68; births—White males 38, white females 23, colored males 3, colored females 3, total 67. Up to September 18th there had been 114 deaths in Gastonia according to the records kept by the city clerk, making a total of 182 deaths for the year 1913. No record of births was kept prior to September 18th. It is interesting to note the comparisons shown by the above figures. The number of white births exceeded the number of deaths by five while the number of deaths among the colored population was just twice as large as the number of births.

**Personal Mention.**

—Miss Wilma Long won the handsome \$50 diamond ring given away by H. M. Van Sleen December 31st.

—Mrs. G. E. Ford underwent an operation for appendicitis at the City Hospital this morning and is recovering from the effects of the operation in a very satisfactory manner.

—Mr. A. O. Lloyd, of McKeesport, Pa., arrived Wednesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Neil. Mr. Lloyd is a newspaper man having been connected with the advertising department of The McKeesport Daily News. He may decide to locate in this section of the country.

—The handsome new pipe organ for the First Presbyterian church has arrived and the work of installing it was begun Monday by Mr. Max Hess, an expert from the Kimball factory in Chicago. It will probably be completed some time next week.

—Mr. Norman Morrow has sold the Loray drug store to Mr. T. M. McEntire. Mr. Smith, formerly with a Durham drug store, has been secured by Mr. McEntire as manager. Mr. Morrow has not yet decided just where he will locate. For the past two weeks he has been at Hamlet assisting in the management of the store. Mr. Earl Morrow's drug store, he has been proprietor of the Loray drug store for the past four years.

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## 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.

**LORAY LOCALS.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**WEST GASTONIA, Jan. 6.**—Mr. C. W. Hullender, who has been in the barber business for the past year at the Loray, moved his family to Kings Mountain, their former home, where he will engage in the grocery business.

The school teachers and children were at their post Monday morning, ready to begin their work again after a two-weeks vacation.

Mr. Lum Sisk left Saturday for Bessemer City, where he will visit homefolks for a few days then will go to Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Connelly Thompson and family, of near Stanley, visited Mrs. Willey Glover and Mrs. Jim Broom this week.

Mrs. Pink Leonard is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, in Shelby, this week.

Mrs. Francis Parker, of Spartanburg, S. C., returned home this week after spending a week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. E. Dalton.

Master Forest Carver has been on the sick list this week but is better at present.

Miss Ollie Gray and little sister, Grace, of Spencer, spent a few days with Miss Madge Dalton last week.

Mrs. Myrtle Baker and little daughter, Grace, of Charlotte, are visiting her mother, Mrs. John Moss.

Mrs. Lule Grigg has returned home from Shelby where she had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks, for the past week.

Mr. Festus Turner returned from Shelby Thursday where he has been visiting relatives for the past week.

Mr. Bert Parker, of North Charlotte, was a Loray visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Lola Settlemyre gave a few of her friends a candy pulling at her home on West Airline avenue Saturday night. Those present were: Messrs. J. L. McKenny, Sloan Jenkins, Ode Weaver, Carl Dalton, Campbell Weaver and Mr. Lineberger, of Dallas, Misses Nettie Bradley, Nettie and Lillie Wyatt, Bretha Fite, Alice Dobbins and Madge Dalton. They returned to their homes at a late hour, voting Mrs. Settlemyre a charming hostess.

**BELMONT BUDGET.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**BELMONT, Jan. 8.**—A marriage that was of much interest to their many friends was that of Mr. Logan Armstrong and Miss Grace Armstrong, the ceremony taking place just a few days ago. Mr. Armstrong is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Armstrong and is a prominent young farmer of this section. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. N. J. Armstrong and is a young lady of many charms and accomplishments. For the present they are making their home with the groom's parents.

Work on the new Presbyterian Church building is going along at a rapid rate under the supervision of Architect J. M. McMichael and Contractor J. L. Glenn. It is thought that the structure will be ready for occupancy by June 1.

Mr. A. A. Armstrong, one of the teachers in the local public schools, is quite ill with pneumonia. While his case is not such as to cause serious apprehension, his condition is rather critical.

**Stanley Happenings.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**STANLEY, Jan. 7.**—The ladies of Stanley met with the teachers at the school building Wednesday afternoon, January 7th, and organized a betterment association. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. M. Reinhardt; vice-president, Mrs. Maggie Morris; secretary, Miss Bessie Morris; treasurer, Miss Alice Mason; librarian, Miss Nettie Stroup.

Christmas, with its merry festivities, is passed and the people of Stanley have returned to work with new energy. The year 1913 was a very good year for us but we hope to make 1914 a better one.

During the holidays quite a number of Stanley's people living at other places came back to visit friends and relatives. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Howard McKeown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mason and children, of Mebane; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith, of Salisbury; Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Rhyne, of Chapel Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Steele, of Alabama. Mrs. Steele was formerly Miss Lillian Moore; Miss Willie Summerrow, of Charlotte; Miss Edith Mason, of Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carpenter, of Gastonia; Mr. Clyde Bass, of Charlotte, and Mr. Robert Peterson, of Greensboro.

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