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## COUNTY FINALS HERE

### A JOINT COMMENCEMENT IN APRIL

First County Commencement of Public Schools to Be Held in Gastonia in April—Number of Contests to Take Place—Immense Parade and Pageant is Planned—Between Five and Nine Thousand School Children to Gather Here for Event.

At an informal meeting of the principals of the various high schools of the county, held Saturday in the office of County Superintendent P. L. Hall here, it was finally and definitely decided to have a county commencement of the public schools of the county in Gastonia at a date to be named later. It will, probably, be early in April. The plans for this occasion, which will be the first of its kind ever held in Gastonia, are quite ambitious and there is every reason to believe that it will be the largest event of its kind ever held in this section of the State and that it will have a most wholesome effect on the educational life of the county. This plan received the unqualified endorsement of the county board of education which was in session on Saturday forenoon.

It is planned to make this an all-day event and practically every hour of the day will be filled with something of interest to the school pupils and the general public as well. There will probably be a parade or school rally including a large majority of the pupils enrolled in the various schools of the county, a number of contests, including several athletic events and addresses by several prominent educators and public men.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the day, aside from the parade and pageant, will be the contests. These will be held in numbers. Debates, declamation, recitation, essay, short-story, and story-telling. These will be held simultaneously in separate halls over town. The contests in each of these fields will be chosen as follows: First grade school district will hold a spelling contest. In each of the above mentioned lines, the successful contestant in each to participate in a township preliminary contest. In the latter will be chosen the contestants to participate in the events to be held here on county commencement day.

The township contests will be held under the supervision of the Township Teachers' Association and each township will be entitled to one contestant. The debates contest is open to boys only, as is also the declamation contest. The recitation contest is for girls while the essay, short-story and story-telling contests will be open to both sexes. The spelling match will be limited to the first seven grades of the public schools. Prizes will be offered to the successful ones in each of these contests and they will be announced later. The plan as at present outlined, contemplates an address at the close of each contest by some well-known educator or public man of the state.

As yet the program is only tentative but arrangements will probably call for the parade about 7 o'clock followed by the several contests to begin about 10 or 11 o'clock and the afternoon to be devoted to basketball games, a track meet, baseball and football games and perhaps other athletic contests.

Much interest is being manifested by the teachers, pupils and patrons of the public schools over the county in this coming event and it promises to be a gala day in Gastonia. The Gazette hopes to be able to give further details with reference to the exact date and program in an early issue.

## INITIATED INTO I. O. B. B.

### Seven Gastonia Hebrews Become Members of Independent Order of B'nai B'rith—Charlotte Team Initiated Them Sunday.

Through the efforts of Dr. Mayerberg, of Goldsboro, State Deputy, several Gastonia gentlemen were initiated into the I. O. B. B. The degree team of the Charlotte Lodge of Independent Order of B'nai B'rith came here Sunday evening for the purpose of conferring the degree on the seven candidates. The seven Gastonia gentlemen that rode the coat were: David Lebovitz, H. Schneider, A. Sherman, L. Sherman, J. Garmeyer, K. Troutman, B. S. Kassell.

The Charlotte lodge is one of the youngest lodges in this district, and is making rapid progress. It has steadily increased in its membership since its organization about 19 months ago. This lodge is strictly a charitable and religious organization and only confers the degree upon male citizens of the Hebrews faith. The degree team was made up of the following gentlemen: David P. Paul, M. Kirschbaum, B. J. Steinberg, W. J. Paul, W. H. Silverstein, N. E. Weinstein, Joe Miller, Charles Arlik, Abe. Glick, all of Charlotte.

Aside from the advertisements it carries The Gazette gives its readers more than twice as much reading matter for the money as any other paper published in the county. Had you thought about it?

## 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.

—Mr. J. E. Thomson was a business visitor in Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. J. W. Allison, of Dallas, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Child, of Stanley, were in the city stopping Saturday.

—Mr. Chas. P. Jones, of Greenville, S. C., is the guest of Mr. Sumner Adams.

—Miss Hazel Kellan, of Waynesville, arrived Saturday to be the guest of Miss Ned McLean.

—Mr. Roy Cooper, of Chester county, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooper.

—Eugene K. M. Gaston, of Redmont, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis and Miss Flossie Rowe spent Sunday at Paw Creek with Mr. Robert Rowe.

—Mr. James A. Lane, Jr., of Clover, is spending a few days here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page.

—Mr. A. C. Little has sold his grocery business in West Gastonia to Mr. L. A. Lockhart, who recently moved here from Spartanburg, S. C.

—The second attraction in the Dallas cavern course will be given on Saturday night, January 24th, by Edw. Lamson, literary impresario here.

—Mrs. W. S. Torrance is in the city hospital, where she underwent a few days ago a serious operation. Her friends hope for a speedy recovery.

—Mr. P. R. Curran, who has been confined to his home by illness for some weeks, was able to be out again yesterday and is considerably better.

—County Auditor L. E. Rankin has been confined to his home on a cold, but is expected to be out in a few days.

—The county superior court will convene for a few weeks on Monday. The first week will be devoted to the criminal and civil cases and the second week to civil cases.

—Mr. C. C. Miller, formerly principal of the High Square High School, has accepted a position as teacher in the Dallas High School and has entered upon his duties since the holidays.

—Miss Florence Clemmer underwent an operation Sunday at the city hospital. Her friends will be glad to know that she is getting along nicely and they hope for her a speedy recovery.

—Mr. Ernest Boyce, who has been spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, returned yesterday to West Raleigh to resume his studies at the A. and M. College.

—In renewing her subscription to The Gazette Mrs. John Whitfield, of Cassius, Texas, stated "I like to live in the West here, Texas is a fine old state and a healthy place, too, but I can't do without the old home paper. It's like a letter from home."

—The large electric sign of J. P. & N. Lines, which was with an accident and was badly damaged just after being placed in front of the local passenger car in some time ago, has been repaired and again installed in the same position. It is brilliantly lighted at night with many electric lights and is quite an ornament to Gastonia's Broadway.

—As the culmination of a series of special missionary services held at Main street Methodist church last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, a liberal donation was made at the Sunday morning service to the congregation for special missionary work. This contribution was in addition to the regular assessments for missions.

—Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, still under consideration the call recently extended to him to become secretary for the Young Peoples League of the Baptist church. He expects to announce his decision within the next few days with reference to the matter. His congregation, the members of which have become greatly attached to Mr. Barrett during his brief pastorate of about two years here, hope that he will decide to remain here. As a public-spirited citizen Mr. Barrett has manifested a keen interest in the general welfare of the city and the town at large would regret very much to lose him as a citizen. The position offered him is quite a tribute on the part of the Baptist State Convention, to him as a man of ability.

—In New York Saturday a fine of \$500 was imposed on the James Van Dyk Co., egg dealers, on their plea of guilty of selling cold storage eggs as fresh. It is the first conviction of its kind in the State. The action was brought by the State Department of Health, which has been conducting a crusade against the practice of misrepresenting cold storage products.

## COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

### WOMEN PREPARE FOR YEAR'S WORK

Standing Committees for Coming Year Appointed by President of Betterment Association—Reciprocity Day Here Some Time in March—New Members—Reports from Treasurer and Membership Committee—Other Matters.

The Women's Betterment Association met in the central school auditorium Friday afternoon, the meeting being opened with prayer by Mrs. J. S. Wray.

Mrs. G. C. Wilson, the newly elected president, then read to the association a circular advising members to bring plans and ideas for the betterment of the association.

Committees for the coming year were announced as follows: Finance, chairman Mrs. O. R. Lee, Jr.; Education, chairman Mrs. O. R. Lee, Jr.; Social, chairman Mrs. O. R. Lee, Jr.; Reciprocity, chairman Mrs. O. R. Lee, Jr.; and Entertainment, chairman Mrs. O. R. Lee, Jr.

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## LOWELL LOCALS

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Jan. 12. The young students have all returned to their respective schools and things have about settled down to normal conditions again after the holidays.

The next well of weather has been met but the farmers around here have to work breaking land for another crop.

Mrs. P. W. Hand has been confined to her home and to bed part of the time for the last week or two.

Mrs. B. A. Jullian is visiting in Lowell with her three children and will go to Salisbury Thursday for a few days before returning to her home in Greenville, S. C.

Miss Johanna Love of Mountain, visited Miss Pearl Evans here Saturday returning home Sunday.

Mr. Drayton Bulver brought his wife up from Red Springs for a day or two to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bulver, last Thursday. They were married Wednesday, the 7th, at a home in Miss McQueen before marriage.

Mr. John Stroup, who is of home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stroup, having brought the wife with him as a surprise, is preparing to return to his newly selected home in Colorado this week.

Miss A. A. Teehee has been in the Charlotte Sanitarium for the past two weeks and is reported to be nearly well and will return home probably in the next few days.

Mr. John W. Lowry and family, who are on their way to New York to attend a meeting with other business friends, met with a serious automobile accident just after crossing the bridge over a bridge. He ran his machine on an embankment and turned over. The worst hurt sustained however, was the breaking of one bone in Miss Reddy's arm. All of the occupants got more or less shaken up.

Mrs. Love, of Denver is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Modlin.

## CLEAN-UP SALE ON

Swan-Slater Co., "Gastonia's Leading Clothiers," have a big Clean-Up Sale on. It started last Wednesday, the 7th, and closes Saturday night of this week, the 17th. Mr. J. H. Kaplan, of the American Special Sales & Salvage Co., Washington, D. C., is in charge of the sale. In addition to the regular force Messrs. E. N. Lineberger, E. Lee Wilson, Charles Wilson and George Grice are assisting behind the counter. The sale has been a most satisfactory one from the very first day and interest in it continues to grow. Read their advertisement in today's Gazette on page eight.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

ORIGINAL THIRTEEN.

The Original Thirteen Club was entertained last Tuesday afternoon by Miss Kathryn Mason at her home on Oakland street. Progressive hearts was played at five tables. Miss Mason was assisted in entertaining by Messrs. Ruth and Lundy Mason and Mrs. George R. Mason.

## CLIP MET WITH MRS. PARKER

The members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club and a few invited guests were most pleasantly entertained last Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. R. H. Parker at her home on West Second avenue. Progressive Forty Two was played at five tables, after which a delicious salad course was served.

## TO CELEBRATE LEE-JACKSON DAY

At a meeting of Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy held in the chapter room Thursday afternoon arrangements were made for the celebration of Lee-Jackson Day, January 19th, as Lee-Jackson Day. The exercises will be held in the library and will begin at 10 o'clock. The program will include an address of welcome by Ernest Warren, prayer by Dr. J. C. Matthews, and special music. The principal address will be delivered by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church. After the exercises refreshments will be served to all the veterans present in the library. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of veterans and others who are interested in perpetuating the memory of these two great leaders of the Confederacy.

## TOKE TO CLOVER LADIES

At the invitation of the Clover Leaf Association Mrs. J. Y. Vider, of Gastonia, formerly president of the Gastonia Women's Betterment Association and one of the organizers of the present and able workers, went to Clover and by afternoon address the organization there on the subject of what Gastonia has done in this line of work and how it has accomplished it. The Clover Leaf Association, which was organized with fourteen members and this was its second meeting. Prof. Baxter Riddle, principal of the high school, is president and Mrs. E. W. Peasley is secretary. Mrs. Miller gave the association a detailed account of the work done by the Gastonia association and described the methods of procedure followed here. Mrs. Miller was accorded a most cordial reception by the ladies of Clover and there is no doubt that they will profit greatly from the information she imparted to them regarding the work undertaken.

## TOWNSHIP TEACHERS MEETING

Teachers Association of Dallas Township to Meet Saturday, January 24th—An Interesting Program Prepared.

The next regular meeting of the Teachers Association of Dallas Township, which will be the second meeting held this term, will take place on Saturday, January 24th, one week earlier than formerly announced. The hour of session will begin promptly at 7 o'clock and a lunch will be served in the school building by the Dallas teachers at noon. The program for the meeting is as follows:

Prayer in the High Grades, by W. R. Rhyno.

Writing in the Lower Grades, by Miss Miller.

School Reports, Johnston led by Miss Hammond, followed by Paul Gaster, Miss Wiley and Miss Swindell.

Discussion of O'Brien's Every Day Problems, by chapters, as follows: Chapter 1, J. W. Dellinger; Chapter 2, Miss Huss; Chapter 3, Miss Cuthley; Chapter 4, Mr. H. C. Miller.

## About the County Schools

At its meeting last Monday, the county school board decided that in the future there should be a uniform examination for the seventh grade in all the public schools of the county. Certificates will be awarded this year at the county commencement to be held here in April and will admit the holder to any high school in the county. This is a long step forward toward the unification of the work of the public school system and has been contemplated for quite a while by Superintendent Hall and the members of the board. It is probable that the public schools will close this year the first or second week in April. The term will be somewhat longer than it has been heretofore, though not as long as it is now to make in the future. As indicating the growth of the public school system in the county it is of interest to note that 12 more teachers are employed this year than ever before. The total enrollment is in the neighborhood of 9,000.

Mr. Boyd Hoffman spent Sunday with friends in Charlotte.

## RICHMOND IS ENDORSED

### FAVORED FOR FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Goes on Record as Favoring Richmond Over Atlanta or Baltimore for Location of Federal Regional Reserve Bank—Delegation Was Here Yesterday—Taken to Task for Their Attitude in Freight Rate Fight.

Gastonia's Chamber of Commerce, through the action of its officers and board of directors to whom the matter was delegated by that body with power to act, went on record yesterday as favoring the city of Richmond, Va., as the logical point for the location of one of the Federal regional reserve banks to be established under the provisions of the new currency bill.

This action was taken following the presentation of the matter by a delegation representing the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. This delegation was composed of Mr. W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Mr. John M. Miller, Jr., vice president of the First National Bank of Richmond, Mr. Thomas B. M. Adams, cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Richmond, and Mr. Horace F. Smith, manager of the Richmond Manufacturers' FSB. The party arrived here over the P. & N. from Charlotte at 2 o'clock and was met by President Craig of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and the other officers and directors of that body. They went immediately to the directors room of the Citizens National Bank and got down to business. President Craig stated the object of the meeting and called on Mr. Dabney who after stating briefly the object of the visit of this delegation to Gastonia, called on Mr. Adams to explain the situation.

In a talk of some 15 or 20 minutes, Mr. Adams reviewed the chief provisions of the new currency bill and then compared Richmond with Baltimore and Atlanta, presenting numerous and telling reasons why it should be to the advantage of Gastonia, of North Carolina and of South Carolina to have this bank in Richmond rather than in Atlanta or Baltimore. He called attention to the fact that these States did more business with Richmond than with either of the other two cities which are in the race, that from the point of location Richmond was much more conveniently located with reference to this territory than either of the other cities and that the trend of business from this section was altogether northward. Following Mr. Adams' talk Mr. Miller made a brief address emphasizing the fact that from a standpoint of business, Gastonia is much more closely allied with Richmond than she is with any other city. This view was concurred by all of the Gastonia bankers present. Mr. W. T. Dabney, vice president of the First National Bank of Richmond, Mr. Adams, vice president of the Citizens National Bank of Richmond, Mr. A. B. Myers, president of the Citizens National Bank, and Mr. S. N. Boyce, cashier of the First National Bank, all made brief talks advocating the endorsement of Richmond. Each stated that should it develop that Charlotte has any chance to secure this bank, he favored Charlotte first and then Richmond. The unanimous opinion was, however, that Charlotte has no chance to get the bank.

A motion was made and carried that the bill endorsing and endorsing a committee was appointed consisting of Mr. J. H. Stewart, Mr. A. G. Myers and Mr. S. N. Boyce, to draft suitable resolutions, to be effect and forward copies to Senators Stewart and Gorman and to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. This endorsement was given with the understanding that it be incorporated in the motion that should Charlotte develop sufficient strength to be in a position to secure this bank, the town reserves the right to withdraw her support from Richmond and throw it to Charlotte.

Immediately upon the passage of this resolution Judge A. C. Jones made a very telling statement in which he took Richmond and other Virginia cities severely to task for their attitude towards North Carolina in the latter's fight to secure lower freight rates. He told them that it was a matter that did not affect Virginia but that was of vital importance to North Carolina, affecting its very life industrially. Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, Judge Jones told the Richmonders that he wanted them to go back home and use their influence with the business interests of their city to prevent further obstruction of North Carolina's fight from within Virginia. The speaker did not "rub it in" to the delegation as he could well have done but put the matter in from a strong light that the men from Richmond could not fail to understand that the sentiment in large measure as well as of the State in their attitude towards North Carolina is strongly against them in the question on the just freight rate question. Mr. W. W. Glenn made them "sit up and take notice" when he stated that it was understood that the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, whose president, had contributed the sum of \$1,000 for the very purpose of fighting North Carolina.

## 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.

## LORAY LOCALS

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, Jan. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rhinehardt have returned home after a few weeks visit to Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C.

Mr. J. H. Burgin has been quite sick this week, but is some better at this writing.

Little Laude Brymier is numbered among the sick this week.

Mr. Clyde Dagerhart and wife have returned to the Loray from Greensboro.

Mr. Forest Blanton, of Cherokee Falls, S. C., is visiting homefolks.

Tuesday night Mrs. George Taylor gave a fruit supper in honor of Mr. Parris Lytle and his friend, Mr. Carl Rasmussen, of the navy. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rhinehardt, Misses Myrtle Falls, Myrtle Sabers, Ina Atwood, Alma and Maudie Games, Gertie Sheppard and Dewey Taylor, Messrs. Finley Burkin, Bryson Taylor and Marton Maudney. Fruits of all kinds were served.

Mrs. Della Coats, of Asheville, has returned home after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Corn.

Mr. Will Mayfield, of Columbia, S. C., was a Loray visitor this week.

Miss Etta Gray, of Spencer, has returned home after spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Ella Tarlton.

Mr. Bert Parker, of Charlotte, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. H. G. Settlemyre and little son, Grady, Jr., left Saturday for High Shoals to visit Mrs. T. J. Poyter, and will go from there to Lockhart, S. C., to spend a week or ten days with her aunt.

Mrs. Francis Parker has returned from Spartanburg, S. C., and will make her future come with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton.

Rev. W. H. Braswell left Friday for Shelby to visit homefolks.

Miss Clara Ramsey, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Harmon, of Bessemer City, and Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon, of Waco, spent Thursday with Mrs. L. E. Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Counts have returned home after spending a few days with homefolks near Columbia, S. C.

Miss Ruth Chandler, of Pelzer, S. C., returned home Tuesday after spending a few weeks with her cousin, Mr. C. L. Chandler.

Mr. Charles Rhodes, of the navy, visited Loray friends this week.

Miss Pink Leonard has returned home after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Shelby.

Mr. W. H. Day has returned from Asheville, S. C.

Mr. Carter Barker, of Lowell, visited homefolks Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Grizz has resigned her position at the Loray and accepted a position at the Dunn Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jenkins entertained a few of their friends Thursday night. Among those present were Misses Alma and Laude Games, Dewey Taylor and Donnie Cook, Daisy Blanton and Messrs. Frank Burkin, Parris Lytle and Carl Rasmussen.

Mrs. Willy Glover has been seriously ill for the past week and is reported no better.

Mr. Jim Furry has returned home from Salisbury after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Cora Putman.

Mrs. Francis Bradley and son, Robert, spent Sunday in Kannapolis with her sister.

## An Old-Time Singing

There will be an old-time singing at the Bradley Hall in West Gastonia on Saturday night of this week, January 17th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring their American Tune books.

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

In this matter. He received neither affirmation or denial of this charge from any member of the delegation. "If you'll wire back to Richmond and have your organization to start a committee out over the State of Virginia to endeavor to stop this campaign against us is the freight rate matter," said Mr. Glenn, "you gentlemen will find smoother sailing in your present work."

After the conference President Craig and other members of the board of directors took the visitors over the city for an autopsi and showed them our city. They left on No. 11 for Greenville, S. C., where they were tendered a smoker last night by the Poinsett Club. Today they are in Spartanburg and they will be at Columbia tonight. Returning home they will stop at Fayetteville and Wilmington in this State.