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A DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT

SHELBY AND GASTONIA SCHOOLS MEET

Initiative and Referendum to Be Discussed by High School Pupils Here and at Shelby Simultaneously — Should Gastonia's Representatives Win in Both They Will Go to Chapel Hill April 3rd to Compete for Aycock Memorial Cup.

Much interest is being aroused throughout the city in the approaching debate between the Gastonia high school and the Shelby high school which is to be held at Gastonia, in the Central school auditorium, Friday evening, March 20th. This debate is a part of the regular plan of the High School Debating Union of North Carolina, both schools being enrolled in the Union and being placed in a group with one another. The debates between Gastonia and Shelby have always been warmly contested during the past few years, and the chances are that this year's debate will be well up to the average in closeness and will surpass the others in general interest.

The query that will be discussed is the same that will be debated all over the State on the same evening: "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow the Initiative and Referendum in State-Wide Legislation." Gastonia will have the affirmative of the query here, and will be represented by Miss Louisa Reid and Mr. Judson Shannon. Shelby will have the negative side and will be represented by Messrs. Jeff Moore and Samuel Bostic.

At the same time the debate is being on here, Miss Alva Gaston and Mr. Ernest Warren will be representing the local high school at Shelby in a contest with the Shelby high school on the home grounds. They will have the negative side of the query there, and will be opposed by Shelby's affirmative debaters, Messrs. Durham Moore and Wiseman Kendall. If the Gastonia debaters win both of their debates then they will make the trip to Chapel Hill to compete in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup on April 3rd.

The High School Debating Union is the result of the organizing work of the Phi and Phi Literary Societies of the State University among the high schools of the State. One hundred and fifty of the leading secondary schools of the State have enrolled in the Union and have been arranged in triangles. At each of these schools a debate will be held on March 20th, similar to the one between Gastonia and Shelby. Each school puts out two teams and every school which wins both debates sends both teams to Chapel Hill for the final contest for the Aycock Cup.

Other Gaston schools which have enrolled in the Union and at which debates will be held on March 20th are Dallas, Bessemer City and Cherryville, these three being in a triangle together, and Belmont, this school being grouped with the Huntersville school. Large audiences will no doubt witness these contests over Gaston county next Friday. No other State in America can boast of a more harmoniously working or more generally successful high school debating system than North Carolina.

house mantels, grates and tiling at gastonia furniture company's.

Special "Health Warning" for March.

March is a trying month for the very young and for elderly people. Croup, bronchial colds, larkrippe and pneumonia are to be feared and avoided. Foley's Honey and Tar is a great family medicine that will quickly stop a cough, check the progress of a cold, and relieve inflamed and congested air passages. It is safe, pure, and always reliable. For sale by All Dealers.—Adv.

Clean-Up Day April 13th.

The second Monday in April, the 13th, has been decided upon by the members of the Woman's Betterment Association as the date for the Spring Clean-Up Day. It is hoped that everybody will bear this in mind and give their premises a thorough cleaning. Heretofore all boxes and barrels of trash have been placed on the sidewalks to be removed by the city's wagons, but this year the wagons will go into the back yards where it is desired, if the receptacles are placed in a convenient place, so as to be loaded on the wagons conveniently. The announcement previously made that April 2nd would be Clean-Up Day was a mistake, the second Monday in April being the proper date. There will also hereafter be two other days set apart for the same purpose each year, one in August and one in November.

—Misses Lillian Lewis and Jessie McKee, Messrs. Ray Armstrong, Frank and Davidson Hall and Mr. E. A. Query, of Belmont, were visitors in town a short while this morning. They came up to hear the local high school debaters.

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. H. D. Shelton, of Charlotte, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Messrs. Roy and Ernest Todd, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city.

—Mr. M. M. Kendrick, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Sue Moss.

—Mr. Chas. Ford spent a part of yesterday in Grover on a visit to his mother Mrs. Laura M. Ford.

—Mr. J. F. Clemmer, of Lowell, route two, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mr. Fate Arrowood, of Kings Mountain, route five, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mrs. Hope Adams returned last week from a visit to her brothers, Messrs. Grissom, of Etowah, Tenn.

—The ground hog's reign is over and spring-like weather is prevailing.

—There is, as is almost always the case, a scarcity of houses in Gastonia.

—Messrs. Guion, the contractors, are today resuming the construction of concrete sidewalks.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Long spent Sunday in Dallas with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Emeline Pasour, who is seriously ill.

—Mr. Ray Roberts is back at his post as bookkeeper at Schneiders after having been out for a week or more on account of illness.

—Friends of Mrs. J. Math Armstrong will regret to learn that she is quite ill at her home in South Point township.

—Mrs. Chas. Ford left this morning for Newton to be the guest for a week or more of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Post.

—Miss M. Lee Jeeter, of Richmond, Va., is expected to arrive in the city this week to again have charge of the millinery department at the Lebovitz Department stores.

—The last attraction in the lyceum course will be given next Monday night, March 23rd, at the Central school auditorium by Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Winters.

—Today's offerings at the Ideal Theatre are "The Flash in the Dark," "The Box Cough" in which King Baggot is the star, and "Slim Joins the Army," a good comic.

—Messrs. N. B. and J. W. Kendrick, of Cherryville, were in the city Saturday returning from Belmont, where they attended the funeral of Mr. John F. Leeper.

—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will be opening days with the local millinery establishments. Read the announcements in today's Gazette.

—Mr. Sam Armstrong, Miss Mary Armstrong and Mr. Alec Armstrong were among the number of Gastonians who attended the funeral of the late John F. Leeper at Belmont Saturday.

—Mr. D. Lebovitz and daughters, Misses Lena and Hinda, returned yesterday from New York and other northern cities, where Mr. Lebovitz purchased spring goods for the Lebovitz Department stores.

—On Friday night of this week there will be a box supper at the home of Mr. J. N. Neely near Bowling Green for the benefit of the Crowders Creek School. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Marvin are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow or Thursday on their return from an extended visit to Syracuse, N. Y., and points in Canada. They have been away about a month.

—Mrs. D. M. Walker, of the Pleasant Ridge community, was able to be in town Saturday for the first time in a number of weeks, having only recently recovered from a severe illness. Mrs. Florence Grier accompanied Mrs. Walker.

—Mr. Sam Shuford, who recently went to Philadelphia as bookkeeper for the Gaston County Yarn Co., Inc., has given up that position and returned to Gastonia. He has not as yet decided what business he will enter.

—The Tropical Amusement Company, which advertises a week's engagement here beginning next Monday, March 23rd, has secured the Hoffman field at the corner of East Airline avenue and North Broad street for their exhibitions.

—Mrs. W. G. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Thelma, who have been the guests for some time of Mrs. Armstrong's sister, Mrs. G. C. Andrews, left this morning for their home in Albany, Ky. They were accompanied as far as Spartanburg by Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

—Mr. J. L. Neill was the victim of a very painful and serious accident Friday afternoon when he lost three fingers of his right hand in a planing machine at the T. A. Henry planing mills, where he works. It was necessary to amputate the three fingers at the middle joint. Mr. Neill stood the operation well, but it will require several weeks for the hand to heal.

WEEK'S MISSION CLOSURES

SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S GREAT SUCCESS

Week's Mission Conducted at St. Mark's Episcopal Church by Dr. T. Tracy Walsh, of Yorkville, Came to a Close Sunday Night—A Very Successful Meeting.

The mission services conducted by the Rev. T. Tracy Walsh at St. Mark's Episcopal Church closed Sunday night. The greatest interest marked the closing days of the mission. Large congregations representing all the religious bodies in the community were in attendance at the Sunday services.

Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock Dr. Walsh celebrated the Holy Communion and preached a strong and helpful sermon, his subject being, "Toiled All the Night."

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, a service was held for men only, and the church was filled. Dr. Walsh spoke impressively and convincingly upon personal purity and the church's need of strong men.

At the evening service a very large congregation heard Dr. Walsh plead earnestly for church unity as the greatest need of the Christian world today.

The series of services was in every way a most gratifying success and will doubtless prove of great moral and spiritual benefit to the community at large. Dr. Walsh returned yesterday to his home at Yorkville.

globe-wernicke sectional bookcases at gastonia furniture co's.

Slogans Coming In.

Secretary Lloyd of the Chamber of Commerce is now receiving and filing suggested slogans which are being sent in by the public school pupils of the county in the contest for the \$10 gold prize inaugurated by the chamber. Yesterday was the first day designated for sending in slogans and there seems a strong probability that Secretary Lloyd's mail will be heavy until the contest is over. The bulk of the slogans, however, will very probably be submitted on Saturday, the 28th, county commencement day. A large ballot box will be provided on that day in some public place where the children may deposit their suggestions.

AVOID STUFFY WHEEZY BREATH

Disordered Kidneys Cause Much Misery.

With pain and misery by day, sleep-disturbing bladder weakness at night, tired, nervous run-down men and women everywhere are glad to know that Foley Kidney Pills restore health and strength, and the regular action of kidneys and bladder. For sale by All Dealers.—Adv.

Belmont Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, March 17.—At the preliminary debate held in the high school auditorium last night the following debaters were chosen to represent Belmont high school in the debate against Huntersville: Affirmative, Ray Armstrong and Frank Hall, negative, Davidson Hall and Lillian Lewis. The latter team goes to Huntersville Friday night of this week. The judges of the debate were Prof. John James, of Bessemer City, Roy Funderburk, of Mount Holly, Grier, of Gastonia, and Misses Eleanor Reid and Mildred Rankin, of Gastonia.

Since the death of Mr. John F. Leeper there has been much speculation as to his probable successor from South Point township. Several names have been mentioned among which are Messrs. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, S. M. Robinson, of Lowell, J. M. Sloan, and R. L. Stowe, of Belmont. At a mass meeting of the citizens of Belmont held Saturday night, Mr. R. L. Stowe was enthusiastically endorsed. Mr. Stowe is very reluctant about accepting the position, but his friends here believe that it is a case of the office seeking the man and that he should not turn a deaf ear to the petitions of his friends. Mr. Stowe is president of the Bank of Belmont, chairman of the local school board secretary and treasurer of the Chronicle and Imperial Mills, an alderman of the town and withal one of the best business men in Gaston county. He has always stood for progressiveness and forward movements in the county and his friends believe that he would be the right man in the right place as county commissioner.

On next Monday afternoon and night there will be held the preliminary athletic, recitation and declamation contests from South Point township. There will then be selected the township representatives in these various events. Lowell, New Hope and Union and other schools will compete. Tomorrow afternoon the local high school basketball team of girls will go to Charlotte to play the Charlotte high school team.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

T. A. CLUB WITH MRS. M. F. KIRBY, JR.

At her home on West Franklin avenue this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., will be hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Club.

MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. TORRENCE.

The Music Club will hold its regular meeting with Mrs. Frost Torrence tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The subject for study will be "Nevins."

D. A. R. MET WITH MRS. THOMSON.

The regular meeting of William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution was held last Friday morning at 10 o'clock with Mrs. J. F. Thomson at her residence on West Main avenue. An interesting program was carried out after which refreshments were served in two courses.

LADIES TO PROVIDE REST ROOM FOR VISITORS.

We are requested to announce that the civic committee of the Woman's Betterment Association has made arrangements to provide a rest room for ladies and children who attended the county commencement on Saturday, March 28th. The committee has secured the vacant store room in the Ragan building, adjoining Poole's Grocery, on the corner of Main avenue and Marletta street, and this will be fitted up and furnished in a suitable manner to provide a comfortable rest room for all visitors on County Commencement Day. The room will be in charge of a committee of ladies of the Betterment during the entire day, and all ladies and children are cordially invited to make use of it.

MISS VAN BUREN TO LECTURE APRIL 6.

The civic committee has arranged for Miss Maud Van Buren, chairman of the department of junior civic leagues in the American Civic Association, whose home is at Owatonna, Minn., to be in Gastonia on Monday, April 6th, and deliver several lectures on civic work. Miss Van Buren will speak to the pupils of the Central school at 10:30 in the morning, to the members of the Woman's Betterment Association and all the ladies of the city at 3:30 in the afternoon, and at 8 p. m. will deliver a public lecture, following which a junior civic league will be organized. All these meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Central school. Miss Van Buren's public lecture at night will probably be illustrated with stereopticon views of civic work in different parts of the nation. An effort will be made to secure large audiences at each of these meetings, and her coming is expected to stimulate very great interest in the work of the local organization.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Theatricals at Clover.

The Gazette is requested to state that there will be a home talent minstrel show in the opera house at Clover Friday night of this week, the 20th. The admission fee will be 15 and 25 cents and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the Woman's Betterment Association.

Plain Truth That's Worth Money.

Using Foley's Honey and Tar for a cough or cold may save you both sickness and money. F. E. Monahan, Menomonie, Wis., says: "I am exposed to all kinds of weather and I find Foley's Honey and Tar Compound always fixes me up in good shape when I catch cold or have a bad cough. I recommend it gladly." Refuse substitutes. For sale by All Dealers.—Adv.

Dallas Commencement Address.

It has been announced that Dr. J. L. Caldwell, president of Queen's College, Charlotte, will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of the Dallas High School on Monday, May 11, at 11 a. m.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.

The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It Relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

A Correction.

The statement in last Friday's issue of The Gazette that Mascagni's "Ave Maria" was to be sung by the choir of St. Mark's Episcopal church as an offertory was an error, due to our being misinformed. A religious hymn addressed to God the Father, and set to the tune of the Intermezzo from Cavaleria Rusticana, was sung as an offertory. "Ave Maria" and other hymns addressed to the Virgin Mary or any other than God are not sung in the Episcopal church.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

Apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

REDUCTION IS GRANTED

COMMERCE COMMISSION IS FAVORABLE

Petition of State and Railroads is Granted by Inter-State Commerce Commission, Allowing Reduction in Rates to North Carolina—Will Probably Save Shippers of the State \$2,000,000 a Year—To Go Into Effect in About 60 Days.

A Washington dispatch dated Friday, March 13, and appearing in the morning papers of Saturday, says:

The Interstate Commerce Commission today approved the agreement of the North Carolina authorities and the railroads providing for 20 per cent reduction in freight rates by granting the petition of the carriers for "relief from the fourth section respecting class and commodity rates from the Ohio river crossings, St. Louis, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., to North Carolina points."

The commission decided the protest of the Virginia cities, charging discriminations, is not well founded. The order of the commission says:

"It is ordered, that pending the action of this commission upon any of the applications for relief from the provisions of the fourth section, filed by the carriers or the agents on or before February 17, 1911, respecting class and commodity rates from the Ohio river cities and St. Louis, Mo., to North Carolina points, the petitioners herein be, and they are hereby authorized to establish rates named in the applications as amended, from the Ohio river cities and St. Louis, Mo., via the Virginia cities and via points through Atlanta, Ga., Asheville, N. C., and John City, Tenn., to North Carolina points, and to establish proportional rates as proposed, the applications as amended from Memphis, Tenn., to North Carolina points applicable on business coming from stations west of the Mississippi river, provided such rates from Memphis be so limited in their application as to prevent increase in discrimination against intermediate points of origin; but the commission does not hereby approve any rates that may be filed under the authority, all such rates being subject to complaint if in conflict with any provision of the act."

It is further ordered that when the commission passes upon any application for relief from the provisions of the fourth section with respect to the rates herein referred to, the order issued with relation thereto will automatically cancel the authority herein granted to the rates covered and affected by such order.

In commenting upon the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman Travis, of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, gave out a statement expressing his gratification at the outcome of the movement. He believes that the reduction in rates will mark the beginning of a distinct advancement in the commercial and industrial life of the State. It is conservatively estimated that the reductions granted will mean an aggregate saving to the shippers of the State of approximately \$2,000,000 a year. The new rates will probably be ready to go into effect within about 60 days, as soon as the necessary tariff sheets can be prepared, printed and distributed to the proper officials of the various roads.

Miss Jamison to Lecture.

Miss Minnie L. Jamison, director of domestic science at the State Normal College, Greensboro, will give a free lecture in the auditorium of the Central school Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock under the auspices of the home economics committee of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association. Miss Jamison is an expert in her line and will no doubt bring to the women of Gastonia a message full of valuable information and instruction. Every woman in the city, whether a member of the association or not, is cordially invited and urged to be present and hear this lecture. This is the first of a series of lectures to be given under the auspices of the association.

No More Smallpox.

City Physician Stovall says that no more cases of smallpox have developed since the man Hudson was sent to the pest house over a week ago. One negro suspect has been found and is being kept at home. It is believed that he has a case of chickenpox and not smallpox. So far the city physician has vaccinated, within the past ten days, more than a hundred people. Following the lead of the State and county the city has discontinued quarantining smallpox. The houses where patients are suffering from the disease are confined are placarded with a yellow flag as warning to the public. Since smallpox is held by the medical profession to be almost if not entirely preventable by means of vaccination, the authorities have entirely changed the method of preventing the spread of the disease; instead of maintaining quarantines they are putting the responsibility upon the individual citizen of being vaccinated. It is up to the citizen who does not want to take chances on contracting this loathsome disease to be vaccinated.

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.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, March 16th.—Mr. Columbus Harmon and family, of Bessemer City have moved here and are occupying the house near the depot formerly owned by Mr. J. T. May.

Mr. L. Clay Harrelson, who has been chief of police for the past 18 months has resigned and doffed his uniform Saturday night. Mr. T. F. Seagle, who has been assistant police for several months has been elected chief and assumed charge this morning.

Saturday the schools of Cherryville township held their contests here at the graded school building to decide who would be the winner that will be entitled to enter the county contests. All the honors except one were carried off by the Cherryville school. The contests and the winners were as follows: Recitation, Miss Annie Lee Craft; spelling, Miss Ruth Harrelson, of the sixth grade; running and jumping, Mr. Clyde Kendrick; flat-foot jumping, Grier Friday; 100-yard dash, Mr. Martin Rhodes; 200-yard dash, Mr. Walden Weaver, and the 440-yard dash was won by Mr. James Mauney, of Fairview school below town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rollins, of Bessemer City, were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Allen, of Lavana, Ga., is in town today selling an improved kind of cotton seed.

Mr. T. P. Jenks is moving today to his farm in Lincoln county.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Crouse, of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday here.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, MARCH 16.—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Rhinehart left Monday for Paw Creek where they will make their future home.

Mr. Larkin Sanders, of Greensboro, visited friends here this week.

Mr. G. W. Taylor, left Monday for Law Creek, where he will accept a position as a barber.

Mr. Marlon Mooney has accepted a position with the Piedmont News Co., as news butcher.

Mr. Bryson Taylor left Tuesday for Paw Creek.

Messrs. Oscar Sahnms and Henry Stephenson have returned home after spending a month or two in Union, S. C.

Mr. John Willis, of Clover, S. C., visited homefolks this week.

Mrs. F. J. Boyter, of High Shoals, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jenkins entertained a few of their friends Saturday evening at their home on Melton street. Those present were Messrs. Phil Parker, Finley Burgin, Walter Sheppard, Richard Clonegar and Cliff Hill; Misses Dewey Taylor, Gertie Sheppard, Macie Sahnms, Ina Arrowood, Donnie Lytle, Daisy Blanton, Maude and Alma Gaines. Games were played and all enjoyed the evening.

Mr. T. J. Sprouse, of Union, S. C., visited Loray friends Sunday.

Paul, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Withers, is very sick with measles.

Messrs. Ike Jenkins and Press Jenkins and Misses Florence Gantt and Gertrude Ford, all of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday with Mrs. Myrtle Nolen.

Miss Lillie Clonegar spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Linwood College.

James, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Hill, is quite sick with measles.

Lewis and Connie Burgin, the little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burgin, have the measles.

Mrs. Carrie Cathey left Saturday for a few days visit to relatives in Paw Creek.

The Loray Tigers went to Piedmont High School Saturday and gave the high school team there a game. The score was 3 and 3. The game was called at the end of the seventh ending on account of darkness. The features of the game were the pitching of Dagenhardt and the catching of Willis. This was the Loray boys' first game this season and they put up a better game than was expected. The batteries were: Dagenhardt and Willis; Piedmont—Smith and Jenkins.

Born, Wednesday, March 11, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roberston, a daughter.

Mr. Wilson a Candidate.

Elsewhere in this issue appears for the first time the announcement of Mr. E. Lee Wilson as a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County. Mr. Wilson has filled this position before, having been clerk a number of years ago, before the beginning of the present clerk's incumbency, and is well qualified for the duties of the office. He has many friends who will be interested in the announcement of his decision to make the race for clerk.