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COUNTY'S MAY BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING

Board of County Commissioners in Regular Session for May Transact Routine Business—Resolutions in Memory of Late Chairman John F. Leeper—Appropriation for Gaston Guards.

The board of county commissioners met at the court house yesterday in regular session for May with all members present and Chairman O. G. Falls, of Kings Mountain, presiding.

George Hamilton and Webb Putman were declared exempt from the payment of poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

It was ordered that the county appropriate the sum of \$150 per annum to help pay the expenses of the Gaston Guards, the local military company.

A resolution was passed instructing the county officers to see to the strict enforcement of the State statute which limits the speed of automobiles, motorcycles and other vehicles on the public highways outside of incorporated towns to not more than 25 miles an hour. This law has not heretofore been strictly enforced, but will now be very strictly enforced.

Appropriate resolutions of respect in memory of the late Chairman of the board, Mr. John F. Leeper, were presented by the various members of the board, the county attorney and others, and were adopted and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the board.

Sheriff J. D. B. McLean was instructed to lay off a cartway over and through the lands of Mrs. O. M. Boyd in South Point township, as petitioned for by W. B. Craig, all expenses to be paid by the petitioner.

Superintendent of Roads T. L. Ware was instructed to survey a road from McAdenville to Mr. Arthur Rhyne's and make report on the same to the next meeting of the board.

Messrs. J. F. McArver and R. L. Stowe were appointed a committee to arrange a settlement with P. S. Carpenter, of Dallas township, and A. J. Hand, of South Point, for damage done to their lands by reason of the location of public roads through the said lands.

Superintendent T. L. Ware was instructed to survey a road from P. S. Carpenter's to McKee's old store, and to do any grading needed with surplus labor from the chalangang.

The salary of E. L. Sandifer, superintendent of the combined chalangang camp, was increased to \$90 per month.

The following accounts were audited and ordered paid:

T. L. Ware, for work on roads as follows:

Cherryville township, \$135.46; Dallas township, \$120.34; River Bend township, \$126.65; South Point township, \$10.41; R. F. Lay, bridge force, \$31.40; Rock for Stanley Mt. Holly road, \$250; rock for New Hope road, \$194.67; chalangang camp No. 1, \$560.35; chalangang camp No. 2, \$665.01; Salary and expenses for April, \$120.16; Total \$2,214.45.

J. R. Beam, salary and jail fees for April, \$134.96.

E. Lee Wilson, replacing covered bridge over Long Creek, \$50.

C. J. Paysour, conveying Norah Stroup to Morganton, \$19.85.

C. J. Paysour, conveying Mrs. Webb Brown to Raleigh, \$27.25.

J. M. Kendrick, conveying Magtie Hovis to Morganton, \$10.35.

R. J. Underwood, conveying V. Underwood to Morganton, \$9.65.

Carl Finger, court costs in Morris case, \$22.95.

A. G. Mangum, fees and supreme court costs in Morris case, \$99.95.

W. H. Crawford, work on roads, Gastonia township, \$13.25.

Miss Georgia Connelly, services as court stenographer, \$15.

Carl Finger, county treasurer, salary for April, \$100.

C. C. Craig, salary and expenses of county home for April, \$333.01.

A. W. Warlick, lumber for bridge, \$15.

H. S. Sellers, expense of holding coroner's inquest, \$12.

A. J. Smith, register of deeds, salary and clerk hire, \$216.66.

Edwards & Broughton, records, supplies, etc., for register of deeds office, \$45.68.

A. J. Smith, supplies, express, etc., \$24.55.

W. M. Nolen, salary for April, \$40.

L. P. Rankin, conveying prisoner to jail, \$2.50.

J. D. B. McLean, sheriff, summoning jurors, \$5.40.

L. E. Rankin, county auditor, salary, \$100.

L. E. Rankin, supplies for court house and jail, \$8.70.

J. D. B. McLean, salary for April and stationery, \$169.16.

Craig & Wilson, fertilizer for county home, \$140.55.

City of Gastonia, costs in cases sent to the county roads from recorder's court, \$113.

Carl Finger, expenses of vital statistics reports, \$51.50.

C. C. Cornwell, court costs, stationery, etc., \$26.77.

Blynum Cafe, meals for jury, \$4.55.

L. E. Rankin, fixtures for court house, \$3.17.

Miss Whitstine, outside pauper, \$4.00.

Standard Hardware Co., horse-

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Mr. Thad Clinton, of Clover, was a visitor to Gastonia yesterday. "Powhatan" at the Central school auditorium tonight.

Mrs. R. W. White continues quite ill at her home on Lee street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stevenson, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. Flay Bess.

The members of the local police force are out in handsome new summer uniforms.

Rev. E. N. Crowder, pastor of the Stanley Methodist church, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

Mrs. S. J. Clinton, of Clover, S. C., spent yesterday in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Clinton.

Esquire W. B. Rutledge, of Mt. Holly, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

Rev. J. M. Garrison, of Anderson, S. C., is the guest of his brother, Dr. D. A. Garrison.

Miss Minnie Wagner, of Lexington, is spending a few days here with her brother, Mr. C. E. Wagner.

Policeman Rhodes, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

Miss Agnes Lindsay returned yesterday from Spartanburg, S. C., where she spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Proffitt.

Mr. Terrence Wagstaff returned Sunday from Phoenix, Arizona, where he had been for the past three months in the interest of his health.

Misses Connie Lomax and Erol Henderson, of the City Hospital, spent the week-end with friends at Blacksburg, S. C.

Mrs. Louise Timmons and son, of Charlotte, were the guests yesterday of her mother, Mrs. W. D. Barringer.

The P. & N. conductors have just donned their new summer uniforms. The caps this summer are grey instead of white as heretofore.

Mr. S. S. Mauney, of Cherryville, candidate for the legislature, was in town yesterday shaking hands with his friends.

Mr. A. M. Henderson, of the River Bend section of the county, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

Mr. R. L. Wagner, who has been spending some time here with his brother, Mr. C. E. Wagner, left yesterday for Florida.

Elsewhere in today's Gazette will be found a communication from Mr. E. Lee Wilson, who is a candidate for the nomination for clerk of the court at the primaries May 16th.

Mr. J. Frank Starnes left yesterday for Rock Hill, S. C., where he will be joined by his father, Mr. Clark Starnes and will go to Jacksonville, Fla., and to Cuba.

The Ideal Theatre's program for today includes four reels, namely, "Baby's Doll," "In an Old Trunk," "Shultz, the Paper Hanger," and "The Poverty of Riches."

Miss May Withers, one of the teachers in the high school, took the pupils comprising her room on a picnic to Riverside Park, Mt. Holly, yesterday.

Hamlet Messenger: Mrs. Earl Morrow has moved into her beautiful two-story residence on Hamlet avenue, that is just receiving its finishing touches.

Misses Eliza Scott Lindsay, of Gastonia, and Margaret and Mary Rudisill, of Dallas, spent Sunday with Miss Mammie Henderson in the Union section.

Miss Connie Lomax, of North Wilkesboro, was graduated last Wednesday from the City Hospital Training School for Nurses. She has not as yet decided where she will locate.

Mrs. J. D. B. McLean left Friday for Chester, S. C., to visit her daughter, Mrs. William Stringfellow. The latter had been here on a visit and returned to Chester with Mrs. McLean.

Miss Emma McElhany, of Spartanburg, S. C., returned home yesterday after several weeks spent here in private nursing. Miss McElhany was formerly connected with the staff of the Gaston Hospital.

Among the Gaston countians who left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., to attend the annual reunion of the Confederate veterans was Miss Clara Patrick. Before returning she will visit friends in Atlanta for several weeks.

Mr. L. F. Groves returned Sunday night from Boston and New York having attended the meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association at New York and an exhibit of the latest cotton mill machinery at Boston.

Mr. Fred L. Stowe, who has during the past season been band leader with the J. A. Coburn Minstrels, has returned to his home in the county and has accepted a position with the Cozy Theatre orchestra. The Coburn minstrel closed the season a few days ago.

clippers, \$7.50.

Dr. L. N. Glenn, county physician, salary for April, \$41.66.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic. GIVES TASTELESS and THIRSTLESS, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children, 50c.

MATTER OF THE CENSUS

WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH THE BUREAU

Congressman Webb Writes Secretary Lloyd That He Will Endeavor to Have Census Bureau Correct Gastonia Figures—Some Comments on Gastonia's Population Claims.

In response to a letter written by Secretary Alfred O. Lloyd of the Chamber of Commerce to Congressman E. Y. Webb, protesting that the figures recently given out by the Census Bureau did Gastonia a great injustice in that it left this town out of the list of North Carolina towns having a population of 8,000 or over, which letter was published in last Friday's Gazette, Mr. Webb wrote under date of May 4th as follows:

Mr. Alfred O. Lloyd, General Secretary Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, Gastonia, N. C.
Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Yours of the 30th ultimo is just received and I will take up the matter of the census for Gastonia with Director of the Census at once and see if we cannot have it corrected. With kind wishes, I am very truly yours,
E. Y. WEBB.

That the population of Gastonia will be shown to be 12,000 or over, if the Census Bureau accedes to the request to investigate the matter, is not doubted by any well-posted Gastonian.

Replying to an editorial in The Charlotte Observer on the subject in which Editor Harris sought to discredit Secretary Lloyd's claims, the latter sent The Observer the following communication which appeared in the issue of that paper of the 3rd instant:

To the Editor of The Observer:
Notwithstanding your editorial and the report of your Washington correspondent Gastonia is still on the map and still has the 12,000 population.

I agree with you that this is a remarkable growth, but not phenomenal, and as a matter of fact, Gastonia is still growing. My only disappointment is that some of the surrounding cities didn't increase so rapidly as did Gastonia.

Surely you haven't been gazing at that old worn-out slogan, "Watch Tacoma Grow," so long that your eyes have become dimmed by the western sunlight, or your "think tank" befogged with the mist of the Pacific, and have overlooked the fact that right at your own front door lies the best little town in the South today. Oh, no, Brother, I didn't dispute the story of your correspondent at all; such a thing never entered my mind. I never had any idea that any person in poor little Gastonia had a right to sit up and chirp or try to keep the town from being wiped clear off the map. No, not that at all. I merely stated the facts, and moreover, will produce the 12,000 people, every mother's son of them, if you are still under the impression that the 12,000 population is an "inflated notion."

Come again, neighbor, and if you want the figures to show that Gastonia did increase from 5,759 in 1910 to 12,000 in 1914, we'll furnish the proof.

"Watch Tacoma Grow," Brother. "Watch Tacoma Grow," but be careful that we don't increase another thousand in the next year by annexing your own little burg.

Do you want figures or will we bring over the entire 12,000 for the parade, May 20? Kindly inform your readers that we can produce the goods.

ALFRED O. LLOYD.

In the same issue, Editor Harris had the following editorial, under the heading, "The Booster Secretary":

"The Gastonia infatigable is giving us the right sort of talk. He will have 12,000 of Gastonia's population in Charlotte on May 20, as visible proof of his claim. The 'over' will be left at home to take care of things. Reminds us of the way Kuykendal—recollect old Kuyte?—had the people of Greensboro throwing their hats in the air over his discovery that the town had a population of 'over' 42,000. That was in 1908. For two years the Greensboro folks patted each other on the back, and even the venerable Joe Reece of The Record joined in the joyful acclaim. Then came the census man and reported to Washington that he could find but 15,895 people in all of Greensboro, including Gilmer and Morehead Townships. Figures do not lie, but sometimes they have a way of making the booster secretary do it for them. However, we will reserve 12,000 tickets for the Gastonia push and hope all will be called for."

Quite a delegation left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., to attend the annual reunion of Confederate veterans this week. Among the number were the following: S. P. Pierce, W. E. Todd, J. Frank Starnes, M. H. Shiford, J. W. Carroll, A. K. Wingard, P. P. Huffstetler, W. F. Kincaid, J. B. Beal, L. H. Long, W. Meek, Adams, Ed Whitesides, J. T. Wylie, J. E. Page, T. H. White, R. M. Gardner, Alex Crawford, of the Piquah section; J. R. Shannon, Rufus A. Ratchford, of the Union section; Miss Blanche Wilson, Mr. G. Reece Patrick, W. H. Pursley, J. L. Beatty and Rufus A. Ratchford, of the Union section; E. S. Costner, Charles Costner and Jacob Huffstetler, of Dallas.

For Memorial Day.

The ladies who have in charge the preparation of the dinner to be served to the Confederate veterans of the county on Saturday of this week on the occasion of the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day, are expecting that every member of the Gastonia Chapter, U. D. C., will send a basket, while they will also appreciate contributions of any kind from others who wish to aid in making the day pleasant for the visitors. It is requested that all baskets and packages be sent to the new Craig & Wilson building not later than 10 o'clock Saturday morning. All the children of the city, as well as members of the J. D. Moore Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, are requested to bring flowers and join in the decoration of the graves of deceased veterans at Oakwood cemetery.

Washington, D. C., May 4, 11.
Gastonia Gazette,
Gastonia, N. C.
Treasury Department
will tomorrow advertise for bids to construct Gastonia postoffice.
E. Y. WEBB.

This is marked another milestone in the history of Gastonia's progress. While the marking is being done in Washington there is general rejoicing with all of Gastonia's 12,000 inhabitants. No news has been received in many months that has caused such widespread gratification among Gastonians of all classes.

Within thirty days from today the bids will be opened and the actual work of construction will then be commenced within a very short time, just as soon as the contractor can begin to assemble the necessary materials. It is probable that work on the foundation will begin about the first of July.

This building will cost complete about \$75,000. The original appropriation for this purpose was \$70,000, out of which was to be purchased a site. This was done some three or four years ago, the lot purchased being the "park" space on Main avenue owned at that time partly by the city and partly by the Southern Railway. The price paid was \$14,500. This left only \$55,500 for a building and, as a majority of the citizens of the town felt that to be too small a sum to give Gastonia the kind of public building she should have, it was decided at a mass meeting to ask Congressman Webb to endeavor to secure an increase in the appropriation. This he did, getting \$20,000 added, bringing the total up to \$90,000, leaving after the purchase of the site \$75,000 for a building.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

ON CONSTRUCTION OF POSTOFFICE

Treasury Department Will Advertise for Bids for Construction of Gastonia's Postoffice Building To-Day—Bids to Be Opened Thirty Days Later—Work May Commence Early in June—To Cost \$75,000.

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The first news of the advertising for bids for this building was brought to The Gazette yesterday by Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, who was just from Washington, where he saw Mr. Webb who commissioned him to deliver the news to Gastonia.

When erected Gastonia's public building will be one of the handsomest in the State. Though it will not be as large as those in the larger towns it will compare most favorably with the handsomest of them in appearance and also in convenience and durability of structure.

Congressman Webb has the sincerest thanks of the entire town for his untiring efforts to hasten this work, which would have been commenced and finished perhaps had the citizens not asked that it be held up pending the securing of an additional appropriation.

Revival Meeting.

A series of special revival services began Sunday at East Gastonia Baptist church, of which Rev. J. J. Bush is pastor. Rev. O. W. Triplett, of Alexandria, Va., a former North Carolinian, arrived yesterday and will preach every night. The meeting will continue for ten days or two weeks.

Death at Loray.

Mr. Frank McAllister Dies After Illness—Child of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks Dead—Personals and News Notes.

WEST GASTONIA, May 4.—Following an illness of about three months, Mr. Frank McAllister died Saturday morning at 10:20 o'clock at his home on Dalton street. Mr. McAllister was a member of the Loray Baptist church and was a good Christian man and a faithful member. He is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral was conducted Sunday by Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, pastor of the Loray Baptist church, and interment was made in the family burying ground at Alexis.

Bertha Hicks, the little year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks, died Saturday morning at 5 o'clock from pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body was laid to rest in the Loray cemetery.

Mr. Louis Lockman, of Greenville, S. C., spent Saturday and Sunday here with his uncle, Mr. C. H. Lockman.

Miss May Rabb, of Bessemer City, visited her sister, Mrs. Bessie Dulin, this week.

Mr. Boyce Jenkins visited relatives at McAdenville this week.

Miss Ina Arrowood has been sick for the past week but is reported as being better.

Mr. Robert Caveney and wife, of Charlotte, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Miss Mattie Carpenter were married Wednesday evening at Bowling Green, S. C.

Miss Dora Rabb, of Bessemer City, was a visitor at the Loray last week.

Lewis Burgin, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burgin, has been quite sick for the past few days but is better.

Mrs. G. E. Willis has returned home after spending a month or two with relatives in Thompsonville, S. C.

Mr. Clyde Dagenhardt and wife have returned home after spending a few weeks with relatives in Greensboro.

Mrs. Ethel Thomas, of Charlotte, was a Loray visitor last week.

Mr. W. H. Bridges visited relatives in Kings Mountain Sunday.

Mr. A. J. Jenkins, who has been sick for the past week, is able to be up again.

Mr. Will Stephenson and wife, of Charlotte, visited relatives at the Loray this week.

Mrs. J. D. Moore, of Maiden, was a visitor here last week.

SILLY AND MALICIOUS

W. V. HALL HAS NOT BEEN REAPPOINTED

Congressman Webb Makes Unqualified Denial of Statements Made by Preston Workers That Warren Vines Hall, Republican and Roman Catholic, Has Been Reappointed Postmaster at North Charlotte—His Term Not Out Until Next May.

Washington, D. C., May 4, 11.
Gastonia Gazette,
Gastonia, N. C.
No word of truth in statement that Hall at North Charlotte has been reappointed. Such reports are both silly and malicious. His term expires under last appointment next May.
E. Y. WEBB.

The above telegram, received by The Gazette at 11:40 to-day speaks for itself. It was a reply to a message sent Congressman Webb last night informing him of the persistent use by his opponents of the statement that he had had Hall who is a Republican and a member of the Roman Catholic church reappointed to the position of postmaster at North Carolina, a position he secured under President Taft.

During the past week The Gazette has gained knowledge from the most reliable sources that the workers and supporters for Mr. Webb's opponent, Mr. Preston, have been resorting to the cheapest brand of peanut politics by appealing to religious prejudice with the above campaign material. Those who know Mr. Webb and who are familiar with the North Charlotte postoffice matter, were morally certain that the statement was absolutely false.

Knowing that Mr. Webb was in Washington at his post of duty, instead of out campaigning, and believing that the opposition was giving him an unfair deal, this paper took it upon itself to notify Mr. Webb by wire of the rumors above referred to and give him an opportunity to turn the light on and give the public the exact truth regarding the situation.

As noted in the above telegram Hall's term does not expire until next May. When it does expire there is every likelihood that Mr. Webb will go after his official head and see that it falls—if Mr. Webb is Congressman at that time, as he will undoubtedly be.

TO CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY.

The members of Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, are making active preparations for the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day on Saturday of this week, May 9th. This date is chosen for the reason that May 10th falls on Sunday this year. The exercises will begin at the court house at 10 o'clock. The principal speaker of the day will be Rev. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, who will be introduced by Mr. A. M. Dixon, of this city. There will be special music by a choir of singers, and the High Shoals Band will furnish instrumental music for the occasion. There will be the usual march to Oakwood cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate veterans buried there, after which dinner will be served to the veterans in the new Craig & Wilson building on West Airline avenue, opposite the Southern passenger station.

Successful Revival Meeting.

A very successful revival meeting has been in progress at West End Methodist church since Saturday night. Rev. N. M. Modlin, of Lowell, preached Saturday night and Sunday, and beginning last night Rev. W. L. Dawson, of Matthews, is doing the preaching. Rev. Mr. Modlin will remain and lead the singing and assist in the services. Already there have been 25 or more conversions, and both the attendance and the interest manifested in the meeting are unusually good.

County Farmers Union.

The regular meeting of the County Farmers Union for May, instead of being held as usual on the second Saturday, will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, in the old court house at Dallas. Mr. B. P. Folk, farm demonstrator, will be present and address the farmers on some subject of importance and interest. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Personal Mention

Mr. J. A. Glenn, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Gastonia.

Rev. A. R. Beck, pastor of the Dallas Lutheran church, was in the city on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan, of Belmont, left yesterday on a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., where they will attend the Confederate reunion.

Mrs. W. R. Rankin and Mrs. J. W. Stowe, of Belmont, were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rankin at their home on South York street.

Mr. James Killian and family have moved to the farm which Mr. Killian recently purchased on the Bessemer City road just west of the city.

Mr. J. W. Abernethy, of Alexis, was in the city on business yesterday. Mr. Abernethy is being prominently mentioned by the good citizens or his section of the county as a suitable man for county commissioner from Dallas township.

Mrs. John A. Gerhart and Mrs. E. Clarence Gerhart and children are expected to arrive in the city on No. 37 tomorrow morning from Perkasie, Pa., on a visit to Mrs. E. C. Gerhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. White.

Miss Connie Lomax has completed the course of training in the City Hospital and is now a graduate nurse, having graduated on April 30. Miss Lomax will stand the examinations before the State board this month and will then return to her home in Wilkes county. No graduate of the Gastonia City Hospital has ever failed to pass the State examinations, and Miss Lomax's friends feel confident she will make a high grade before the State board.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CHILDREN.

Mrs. T. L. Craig, leader of the J. D. Moore Chapter Children of the Confederacy, requests The Gazette to state that a very important meeting of the chapter will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the U. D. C. chapter room at the library. Every member of the children's chapter is urged to be present. Plans for the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day, May 9th, will be made at this meeting.

WITH MISS RANKIN FRIDAY.

The William Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their next regular meeting, which will be the last until fall, with Miss Estelle Rankin at her home on South Broad street Friday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock. The program is as follows: "New Amsterdam and the Dutch Settlements," Mrs. Walter Parks Moore; "Heinrich Hudson and the Hudson River and Watts and His Steamboat," reading from Rip Van Winkle, Mrs. S. A. Wilkins. The last number will be a discussion of New York, its harbors and importance as a military post. A feature of this meeting will be the first annual election of officers for the ensuing term.