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CITY PROGRESS MEETING

BIG TIME SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

At Least Five Hundred Gastonians Expected at Court House at 8:30 O'clock—Light Refreshments to be Served—No Long-Winded Speeches—Everybody Invited to be Present.

A report comes from Chairman Separk today that due to the increased interest in the city progress meeting to be held tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the court house arrangements have been made to seat and serve light refreshments to about 500 people.

Mr. J. H. Separk will act as chairman. The program does not include any long talks. Mayor C. B. Armstrong, President T. L. Craig, of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary Roberts, of the Chamber, Mr. S. J. Durham and a representative of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association, as well as a few other local citizens will give talks of about five minutes each.

Mrs. W. F. Michael, chairman of the civic committee, and her committee have prepared refreshments for the evening.

A local club of young ladies have volunteered their assistance in tagging the people of the town today with little green diamond-shaped tags, on which there is the following reading matter: On one side, "I'll Be There, U-Kum 2"; on the other side, "City Progress Meeting Tonight."

The Boy Scouts are expecting to be on hand and render any assistance needed.

All ladies and gentlemen of the city, including the young ladies and young men, are cordially invited to this meeting, whether any one of the family is a member of the Chamber of Commerce or not.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Today.

—Mr. O. D. Carpenter, of Worth, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

Catawba River Flood Pictures Ideal Saturday.

—Mr. Louis Sherman, who has been a patient in the Union Protestant Infirmary at Baltimore for the past seven or eight weeks, is expected to return home Sunday. Mr. Sherman was operated on seven weeks ago. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is recovering nicely.

Catawba River Flood Pictures Ideal Saturday.

MET AT ST. PAUL'S.

Shelby District Conference Was Well Attended—Gastonia Well Represented—Yesterday Sunday School Day.

Gastonia was well represented at the annual District Conference of the Shelby District, Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which was held Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday at St. Paul's church, Cleveland county. This church is on the Cherryville circuit, of which Rev. O. C. Fortenberry is pastor, and is located about two miles from Waco. Fortunately the road from Gastonia was in excellent shape for automobiles with the exception of a short section of dirt road just before getting to the church.

Those attending the conference from Gastonia were Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street church; Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor of West End church; Rev. W. L. C. Killian, Mr. S. J. Durham, Mr. G. W. Wilson, Mr. R. G. Rankin, Mr. C. D. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris.

Yesterday was given over to the Sunday school work of the district. The feature of the day was a lively round-table discussion of problems confronting the Sunday schools. Mr. J. M. Holland and about forty members of the Philathea class of which he is the teacher and of the Baraca Class went up in autos and attended the sessions yesterday.

Delegates to the annual conference, which meets here in November, were chosen as follows: J. F. Harrison, Cherryville; Mr. Cline, Lincolnton; C. D. Gray, Gastonia, and C. A. Jones, of Lincolnton; alternates G. W. Wilson, of Gastonia, and A. J. Rankin, of Belmont.

The attendance at the conference was splendid, considering the condition of the roads and the weather and the entertainment furnished by the people of that community was all that could be desired.

City Progress Meeting court house tonight. Be there.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sifford, of Waihalla, S. C., passed through the city yesterday en route to Mecklenburg county where they will spend today and tomorrow with Mr. Sifford's sister, Mrs. John Sadler. They will return to Gastonia tomorrow afternoon and will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. McConnell.

Broadway Today Mary Fuller.

—Editor J. T. Perkins of The Chester (S. C.) Reporter spent awhile in town this morning between trains en route to Davis White Sulphur Springs at Hiddenite where he will spend some time recuperating from a recent operation. He was accompanied by his little daughter, Mary.

DRUM CORPS PLANS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps Held Enthusiastic Meeting Wednesday Night—Has Been Organized Only Six Months But Has Been a Big Advertisement for Gastonia—Planning to Help at Gaston County Fair in October.

At a regular meeting of the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps, which was held Wednesday night, officers for the ensuing term were elected and committees appointed as follows: R. G. Cherry, president; Kenneth Todd, vice president; F. C. Abernethy, secretary and treasurer; J. Holland Morrow, drum major; R. C. Simpson, director; M. D. Abernethy, press agent; finance committee: R. G. Rankin, J. F. Bess, G. B. Mason, C. B. Armstrong, W. T. Love, J. W. Atkins; auditing committee: E. N. Pegrain, H. H. Groves and J. L. Page.

Wednesday night's meeting brought to a close the first six months of this organization, and during that time much has been done by the young men who make up the personnel of the corps. The Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps, which was organized, drilled and trained by the Pythians of the town, has done more to advertise Gastonia within the past six months than any other organization. Its first showing was made in the big Twentieth of May celebration at Charlotte, and their fancy drills and splendid music brought no end of praise from the many thousands who saw the men in action. At Waynesville, in June, at a joint meeting of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the summer ceremonial of the D. O. K. K., the corps also gave the town a boost when they led the dress parade of the two orders through the streets of Waynesville followed by about 500 members from every section of North Carolina.

Plans are being made by the officers of the corps to take a prominent part in the advertisement of the Gaston County Fair this fall. Arrangements have been made with Secretary J. M. Holland, of the fair association, and it is very likely that the drum corps will participate in all of the parades and exhibitions that will be given each day during fair week. The details will be completed at a meeting of Secretary Holland and a committee from the corps for that purpose. It is the intention of the members of the corps to help make the Gaston County Fair a success, and they will begin practice at once on several new drills which will not be used at any time until the opening of the fair in October.

Arrangements have also been made for the corps to attend a big summer ceremonial of the D. O. K. K. at Wilmington some time about the middle of August. The corps will at this meeting, as in Waynesville, head the procession of the official divan of Suez Temple, Charlotte. A larger attendance is expected at this meeting than at any other time.

Meeting nights of the corps have been changed from Wednesday night to Tuesday night of each week. This change has been made in order not to interfere with or disturb any of the religious meetings of the local churches which are held on that night.

The drum corps was organized and is being maintained by the members of Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, with a double purpose in view. One is for the benefit of the local lodge of Pythians and the other is to boost Gastonia. It is hoped by the members of the corps that the citizens of the town will realize that their co-operation and approval is desired and needed.

In organizing the drum corps the young men made an excellent move and they will have the support and consideration of the best people of the town.

Catawba River Flood Pictures Ideal Saturday.

—Because of the tie-up in freight traffic as the result of the flood conditions, street paving work has been suspended for several days. As soon as material begins coming in again it will be resumed. In the meantime the Noll Construction Company's force of hands has been loaned to the railroads for bridge construction work at Mount Holly.

Broadway Today Mary Fuller in "A Huzzess of Men."

The Lincolnton furniture factory was sold at auction Tuesday and was bid in by Mr. D. H. Rhyne.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Today.

According to a Charlotte man who has made the trip by auto to the Lenoir-Blowing Rock turnpike is in much better shape than previous reports indicated. He made the entire way by auto and found only one place, a few hundred feet long, that was anything like impassable for machines.

Broadway Today Mary Fuller in a 5-part Drama.

Palm Beach, Kool Kloth, Mohair and Cashmere Suits at 25 per cent reduction. Swan-Slater Company.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. Millard Williams, of Clover, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Miss Ruth Seabock spent several hours in Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. Todd Lowery, of York, was here yesterday on business.

—Misses Mary and Margaret Rudisill, of Dallas, were Gastonia visitors today.

—Rev. J. B. Hood, pastor of Pisgah A. R. P. church, is a business visitor in Gastonia today.

—Mr. Roland L. Gooch, of Oxford, was a visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mr. James King, of Greenville, S. C., is spending several days in the city this week on business.

—Mr. Howard Riddle, of York county, South Carolina, was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.

—Mr. James Adams, of Crowders Creek section, was in the city yesterday.

—Gardens have suffered a great deal from the rains. The crop of grass is a big one.

—Miss Nell McLean, of South Point section, is in the city this week, the guest of Mrs. W. L. Wetzel.

—The concrete foundation for the Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co.'s building on South street is being laid.

—Miss Bertha Falls, of the Pisgah neighborhood, left yesterday for Charlotte, where she entered the Charlotte Sanatorium training school for nurses.

—Miss Mary Hildebrand has gone to Morganton to spend her vacation with homefolks. She was delayed in going nearly two weeks because of the flood.

—Mail for the North and East is now being dispatched on three trains. Nos. 36, 46 and 12. Mail from the East is coming in on trains 39, 11 and 45.

—Miss Etta Sheppard, of Winston-Salem, who has been the guest of Miss Lois Torrence on South York street for several days, returned home Tuesday.

—Mrs. J. M. Holland and son, J. Mack, Jr., left the city last week, for Memphis, Tenn., to spend some time with Mrs. Holland's sister, Mrs. R. H. Lanier.

—Mr. Johnnie Krause, representative for Isaacs Hamburger & Sons, custom tailors of Baltimore, Md., is at Stowe-Baber Company's this week in the interest of the company.

—Mr. Robert Gage, cashier of the Commercial Bank at Chester, spent several hours in the city yesterday on his way to Blowing Rock for a short visit.

—Miss Laura Page is expected home this week from Newport News, Va., where she has been for the past month visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Hopkins.

—Misses Estelle and Elwell McLean, of Bishopville, S. C., returned to their home Sunday after spending three weeks here with their cousin, Mrs. A. B. O'Neil.

—Building operations of all kinds have been delayed during recent weeks because of the constant rains and inability to get building materials in by freight.

—Mr. Bill Pope, a former Gastonia baseball player, is spending several days in the city visiting friends. He was a member this season of the Griffin, Ga., ball team in the Georgia-Alabama League.

—Mrs. Alexander Broyles, of Dayton, Tenn., who has been visiting relatives in Steele Creek, Mecklenburg county, spent several hours here yesterday with Mrs. J. W. Atkins and Mrs. Mattie Anderson. She was en route home.

—Mr. H. W. Counts and family left this morning in their automobile for Peak, S. C., where they will spend a week or more with Mr. Counts' father, Mr. H. H. Counts, who will celebrate his 71st birthday tomorrow.

—Mrs. R. M. Stevenson, of Houston, Texas, arrived in the city yesterday to be the guest for some time of Mrs. J. Flay Bess. Mrs. Stevenson has been visiting friends and relatives at Due West, S. C., and Charlotte for several weeks.

—Mrs. Rugenia Marche, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Petches, left yesterday afternoon for her home at Columbia, S. C. She was accompanied by Mrs. Petches, who will spend a month or more with her parents.

—Mr. W. M. Nolen, Jr., of Spartanburg, arrived in the city Wednesday to spend a week or two with homefolks. His host of friends here will be glad to know that he is recovering nicely from an operation he recently underwent for appendicitis.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Miss Johnnie Adams, Mrs. G. W. Ragan and Mrs. S. A. Robinson returned to the city Wednesday night from Montreal by way of Atlanta. This circuitous route was made because of the damage done to railroads by the recent floods.

"Before going to bed, I always rub a little Parisian Sage into my scalp," says a woman whose luxurious hair is greatly admired. This cures dandruff, stops itching scalp and keeps the hair from falling out. Guaranteed by J. H. Kennedy & Co. —Adv.

BIG MEETING PLANNED

AT THE TABERNACLE SUNDAY NIGHT

Splendid Program Arranged for Entertainment for Benefit of Flood Sufferers—Special Music Provided—Col. Armstrong to Preside—Number of Short Talks to be Made—How Contributions of Money and Clothing May be Made.

A mass meeting of Gastonia citizens will be held Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the tabernacle for the purpose of considering the matter of relief for the flood sufferers. There will be no services at any of the uptown churches and this meeting will take the place of the regular Sunday night union service at the tabernacle. A splendid program has been arranged by the entertainment committee of which Mr. J. H. Kennedy is chairman and is given in full below. Mayor C. B. Armstrong will preside. The fact that Colonel Armstrong was in some of the devastated districts in the mountains and has personal knowledge of the extent of the damage done there renders him doubly well qualified to preside at such a meeting.

As noted in Tuesday's Gazette Mr. J. Lee Robinson is treasurer of the relief fund. Any person who cannot be present at Sunday night's meeting and who wishes to contribute to this fund can do so by leaving check or money with Mr. Robinson at the First National Bank. Checks should be made payable to J. Lee Robinson, treasurer. Contributions may be handed to Mr. Robinson either before or after this meeting. A list of the contributions will be published from time to time in The Gazette. Any persons who wish to donate clothing suitable for men, women, boys or girls are asked to leave the same at the offices of Craig & Wilson. Such packages should be addressed to Rev. S. L. Cathey in order that they may be handled without any confusion.

The relief committee hopes that all Gaston county people who intend to contribute anything to the relief of flood sufferers make their contributions through the local committee instead of sending it out of town to some other relief committee.

The pastors of all the churches in the city, both uptown and suburban, are asked to make announcement of this meeting at their services Sunday morning and urge their members to attend. It is desired that the tabernacle be filled.

Following is the program: Selection by Orchestra. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Dietz. Object of Meeting, by J. H. Separk. Chorus, "A Grievous Famine," by Music Club. Recitation, "The Burial of Moses," by Miss Margaret A. Rees, of Spartanburg, Pa. Song, selected by Male Quartet. Flood Experiences, by Rev. S. L. Cathey, of Mount Holly, and others. Trio, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," by Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. Holland Morrow and Miss Jane Morris. Chorus, "Rejoice for Blessings Round Us Fall," by Music Club. Talk by Dr. J. C. Galloway. Collection, by O. F. Mason. Benediction by Rev. W. C. Barrett.

Palm Beach, Kool Kloth, Mohair and Cashmere Suits at 25 per cent reduction. Swan-Slater Company.

A voluntary increase of five per cent in the salaries of all clerks and agency forces who have been in the employ of the company for twelve months or more has been granted by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway according to an announcement made Wednesday. More than 2,000 men are affected.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Today.

Rev. William Perry England, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was killed near Carlisle, Pa., a few days ago. He was fishing when his steel fishing rod came in contact with a high tension electric wire, resulting in his sudden electrocution.

Suit and hat prices for slim purses. Swan-Slater Company.

Extreme heat in Canada last week resulted in the death in Montreal alone of 250 children. In Quebec City 28 children died from heat in two days, Monday and Tuesday.

Benefit entertainment for flood sufferers at tabernacle Sunday night. Everybody invited.

Straw hats, one-half price. Swan-Slater Company.

Unlike other cities in the United States, the city of Seattle, Wash., has an ordinance which causes the American flag to be unfurled at the opening session of every meeting of the board of aldermen, and each alderman reverently salutes Old Glory before any business is dispatched.

Straw hats, one-half price. Swan-Slater Company.

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Panama and Bankok hats 25 per cent reduction. Swan-Slater Co.

MAKE FEED FOR CATTLE

BY RAISING QUICK-GROWING CROPS

County Demonstrator Gray Tells Gaston Farmers They Can Greatly Relieve Present Conditions by Planting Crops That Will Mature Sufficiently Before Frost to Furnish Them Roughage—Important Information for Farmers.

To the Editor of The Gazette: The disastrous results of the continued rains and floods will leave a great many farmers without roughage enough to carry their stock through the winter unless steps are taken soon to supply this need from quick growing crops that can mature from now until frost. There are several crops that can be grown that will furnish a good quality of feed.

Chief among these are the millets. The common millet is the earliest in maturing. On good land it is ready to harvest in 60 days from sowing. The Hungarian and German millets are a little later than this but will be ready to cut before danger of frost. They should all be cut before they fully mature as they will make a more palatable food then. The land should be well prepared with a disc harrow and the seed sown broadcast and harrowed in with a section harrow or brush. Some times the German millet does better when sown in two foot drills and cultivated a few times. Especially is this true when put on lowlands that are likely to leave a hard crust when they dry out.

Some of the early corns such as Trucker's Favorite, Adams' Early, Early Golden Dent and Mexican June will mature enough to make a lot of good roughage and in some instances make ears. These corns should be planted as soon as possible so that they may mature well before cutting.

Sudan grass, if planted on rich land and in drills will produce a heavy yield of excellent forage. Under favorable condition it will produce two cuttings. It should be well manured.

New Era cowpeas, if sown within the next 10 days, will produce a good hay; the grain will not mature but there will be a heavy crop of vines.

Turnips planted on rich land will produce a heavy yield and make an excellent substitute for silage for the cows. Turnips fed to milk cows will increase the milk flow and cut down the grain ration.

Save all wheat straw, oat straw, and rye straw. Any of these straws are equal to and some times superior to cotton seed hulls when fed in the same manner. And there is quite a difference in price.

Every one should get an increased acreage in crimson clover, crimson clover and oats and vetch and oats and rye. Crimson clover and rye, preferably Ambruzzi rye, when sown early, makes an excellent winter pasture that will cut the feed bill half in two. The hay from any of these crops will be ready early in the spring and will carry the stock through the summer months in excellent condition. I have seen crops made on good crimson clover and vetch hay with very little grain feed.

This year has demonstrated the fact that the man with plenty of pasture and hay land suffers least from adverse years. And it is hoped that this will encourage many others to sow a larger acreage of pasture and hay crops. I will be glad to help any one select the seeds best suited to his land and conditions. And also to help get the seed at the best price.

JAMES M. GRAY, County Agent.

Suit and hat prices for slim purses. Swan-Slater Company.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, July 27.—Things are getting back to normal after the storm. The merchants have had to hustle to keep on hand the necessary things of life. Not being able to get what is needed nearer, several of them went to Spartanburg Tuesday and purchased supplies of provisions there.

The farmers are in desperate straits over the crop situation but perhaps it will be much better than is now thought. It seems that, in any event, with conditions as they are this late in the season a full harvest cannot reasonably be expected.

Rev. W. B. Shinn and Mr. C. C. Kiser are attending district conference.

The A. R. P. church here was damaged by the heavy rains of the past two weeks. The session of this church has granted the pastor, Rev. R. R. Caldwell, the month of August for a vacation.

Mrs. John Wilson, who was shocked by a bolt of lightning last Friday, is not getting along very well but it is expected that she will recover.

Benefit entertainment for flood sufferers at tabernacle Sunday night. Everybody invited.

The little kingdom of Hungary will have to raise \$75,000,000 next year to pay the interest alone on its war debts. To raise this interest taxes are being levied on everything in sight.

Pick up a few dollars while our sale is on. Swan-Slater Company.

2 BRIDGES TO BE BUILT

PLANS MADE AT MT. HOLLY MEETING

Commissioners of Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties in Joint Meeting Yesterday at Mount Holly Agreed on Two Sites—Committee Appointed to Decide on Bridges and Let Contract—Meeting With Engineer Falls to Be Held Thursday—Gaston Commissioners Have Been Busy and Contracts for Three Bridges Have Been Let—Work at McAdenville Already Begun.

Plans to rebuild the Mount Holly and Sloan's Ferry bridges across the Catawba river were made at a joint meeting of the Mecklenburg and Gaston commissioners yesterday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock at Mount Holly.

No definite action was taken by the commissioners other than agreeing that both of the bridges should be erected at an early date. Nothing was agreed on as to the amount the bridges would cost, but a committee composed of Messrs. O. G. Falls, R. L. Stowe, J. F. McArver, K. K. Davenport and the entire Mecklenburg board was appointed to confer at once for the purpose of having plans drawn and specifications made for the bridges. A meeting of this committee has already been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, at which time definite action will be taken and arrangements made as to the kind of bridges that shall be built. Contracts for both the Mt. Holly and Sloan's Ferry bridges will be let at the same time.

On Thursday, August 2, the commissioners of Mecklenburg and Gaston counties will meet with State Highway Engineer Falls, and will visit the Mount Holly and Belmont sites for an inspection of the two points. He will confer with the commissioners and make some recommendations relative to the rebuilding of the bridges. An effort will also be made to secure through Mr. Falls a loan from the State to aid in this work.

It was the opinion of the commissioners that the bridges across the Catawba should be built and the communication between the two counties re-established at the earliest possible date.

Gaston Commissioners Let Contracts Announcement was made to The Gazette this morning that a bridge committee composed of Gaston commissioners R. K. Davenport and R. L. Stowe had been appointed by the Gaston commissioners to take some action in the building of the county bridges that were swept away. This committee has already begun its work and contracts have been let for the erection of bridges at McAdenville, Spencer Mountain and Armstrong's Ford sites.

Arrangements are pending now for the erection of the bridge at Hardin and the contract no doubt will be closed within a very short time. At McAdenville the bridge will be built three feet higher than the old bridge, although at the same site. All except one of the old piers are standing and will be used. The waterway on the south side of the river at this point will be widened several feet in order to provide a better approach to the bridge. Active work is now being done on the bridge at McAdenville.

It is expected that the salvage of the steel work of the destroyed bridges will be about one-half at each site.

GOOD SERVICE.

Southern Uses 15 Automobiles and Has Every Facility for Putting Passengers Across the Catawba at Belmont.

This morning's Charlotte Observer says: With 15 well equipped and skillfully operated motor cars and an abundance of "help" at hand to attend to the needs of all passengers, the Southern Railway is winning laurels for itself by reason of the excellent manner in which it is operating the service across the Catawba river at the Belmont ferry. General Superintendent W. N. Foreacre is personally in charge at this point and the way in which he is directing the activities is a splendid augury for an early resumption of through service.

Passengers arriving at Belmont for Charlotte are ushered out of their cars and into waiting automobiles, their baggage is transferred by porters and they are carried with a maximum of ease and comfort to the Catawba where they walk down a well-conducted wooden boardwalk, with handrails on either side, to the ferry. This ferry carries them across the river and on to another wooden boardwalk which takes them to the waiting cars, which in turn whisk them to Paw Creek crossing where they board the trains for Charlotte. The same system is followed for passengers northbound and southbound. The dispatch with which the transfer is made and withdrawal, the ease and convenience of the change is such as to attract much favorable comment. Little has been said about this facility and yet it is one of the notable features of the effort towards a correction of the troubles occasioned by the flood.

Just a nominal fee, \$1 a year, is charged its members by the Gastonia Public Library. For that amount you have access to hundreds of good books, including many of the latest volumes of fiction.