

## RELIEF FUND IS RAISED

### NEARLY \$1,000 CONTRIBUTED SUNDAY

Gastonia People Contribute to the Relief of Flood Sufferers at Mass Meeting Sunday Night—Excellent Musical Program Carried Out—Little Miss Rees' Recital Was Feature of Evening.

Approximately two thousand people were present at the mass meeting of the people of the town which was held in the tabernacle on Sunday night for the purpose of raising a fund for the relief of the flood sufferers in Gaston and adjoining counties. An excellent program had been arranged and at the close of the service an offering was taken and \$857.32 was contributed. Since the meeting one concern in Gastonia has donated \$100 to this fund, and about \$50 more has been contributed by several Gastonia citizens until the fund now totals \$1,009.

Mr. J. H. Separk stated that the purpose of the meeting was to raise sufficient funds to care for the people who had been made destitute by reason of the recent flood. He stated that the first duty was to the people in Gaston county, after which those in need elsewhere would be attended to insofar as was possible.

Rev. S. L. Cathey, of Mount Holly, and Mayor C. B. Armstrong told some thrilling experiences and observations of the recent flood. Little Miss Margaret A. Rees, of Scranton, Pa., delighted the audience with an excellent recitation on "The Burial of Moses." Although she is only a child her presentation of that subject was exceedingly well done.

Special music was furnished by a selected choir and an orchestra composed of Misses Margaret Morris and Lillian Atkins, Messrs. Kenneth Todd, F. D. Barkley and Robert C. McLean.

The following program was carried out:

- 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 Scranton, Pa.
- Song, by Messrs. Wetzell, Padgett, Rudisill and Stirewalt.
- Flood Experiences, by Rev. S. L. Cathey, of Mt. 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.
- Benediction by Rev. W. C. Barrett.

Mr. J. Lee Robinson is treasurer of the relief fund and any contributions handed to him this week will be used in helping to relieve those who are suffering. Rev. Mr. Cathey reported that there were 27 families in Mount Holly who had lost practically everything in the recent flood. The committee in charge of the relief work will begin at once to assist those families who are destitute.

Rattlesnake Oil, Good for Rheumatism. 50 cents. Get it at Adams Drug Company.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

**MRS. ROSE ABERNETHY MORRIS.**

Whereas, our heavenly Father, in His wisdom has called from our midst one of our beloved daughters, Mrs. Rose Abernethy Morris, we the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, do offer the following resolutions:

First: That in the death of Mrs. Morris, the Chapter has sustained a real loss, and recognizing the hand of God, humbly bows in submission to His will.

Second: That her true Christian life and loyalty to the interests of the chapter won for her many friends who lament the ending of her useful life.

Third: That a page on the record book of this Chapter be set apart sacred to her memory, and that thereon be spread these resolutions, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and to the local newspapers for publication.

**MRS. JNO. O. RANKIN,  
MRS. E. O. JENNINGS,  
MRS. S. A. KINDLEY,  
Committee.**

Paramount Ideal Today.

Postponed.

The business, social and literary meeting of the Epworth League of Main Street Methodist church announced for Friday night of this week has been postponed and the date for it will be announced later.

Baranca to Meet.

A very important business meeting of the Baranca Class of Main Street Methodist church will be held in the tabernacle Friday night of this week. Following the business session refreshments will be served and a social hour enjoyed.

—Messrs. W. H. and R. H. Adams spent Sunday in Rock Hill, S. C., with their sister, Mrs. R. S. Cannon.

—After a let-up of two weeks or more, occasioned by inability to get materials in over the railroads, the Noll Construction Company this week resumed paving operations. At present they are working on Franklin avenue.

## WAS WELL ATTENDED IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### CITY PROGRESS MEETING A SUCCESS

About Two Hundred Attend Friday Night's Meeting at Court House—Interesting Program Carried Out Under Direction of Chamber of Commerce—Secretary Roberts Outlines Work.

An enthusiastic and representative body of men and women from every section of the town composed the city progress meeting on Friday night at 8:30 o'clock in the court house, there being about 200 present. Owing to the threatened inclement weather, several hundred were doubtless kept away. The meeting was held under the direction of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and was planned by its secretary, Mr. C. W. Roberts, for the purpose of making known to the public the work the chamber expected to accomplish for the welfare of Gastonia and Gaston county.

Master of Ceremonies J. H. Separk stated the purpose of the meeting and showed that nothing great had ever been accomplished by any organization without some form of boosting from within. Following his speech short talks were made by President Thomas L. Craig, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor C. B. Armstrong. Their talks were along the line of community progress and civic betterment, and rang true with the idea of co-operation.

Mrs. J. Y. Miller, president of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association, made an interesting five-minute talk on the work the local association was doing. "Never before in the history of the Woman's Betterment Association," declared Mrs. Miller, "have we been invited to attend a meeting held by the business men of Gastonia, although our association has been in existence for the past eight years." She thought it a capital and fitting idea to let the women participate in the meetings of this kind which were held for the general uplift and betterment of the city of Gastonia. Figures presented by Mrs. Miller showed that during eight years the betterment association has been organized, more than \$6,000 has been raised by its members and used in carrying on the betterment work. As its president, Mrs. Miller assured the officers of the Chamber of Commerce that the Woman's Betterment Association was willing and ready to co-operate at any time with them in making Gastonia a better city.

Secretary Roberts, the next speaker, outlined in detail the program of work that had been mapped out by the chamber. A well-arranged advertising campaign which is destined to bring more industries to Gaston county was one of the first things suggested by Mr. Roberts, and to aid in this work the chamber will begin at once the publication of the Gaston Magazine. This magazine is to be published under the direction of the Greater Gaston Association, which is to be organized at an early date. Among other things suggested by Mr. Roberts was a rest room where farmers' wives, their children and others may have a place to rest when shopping in Gastonia. The Woman's Betterment Association will co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce in establishing this room. A system of playgrounds will be developed by the chamber at an early date.

Mr. Roberts outlined plans for a campaign to have all store fronts remodeled, repainted and improved in a modern way which would make the city more attractive. Following are some of the plans which were included in Secretary Roberts' report: A permanent exhibit of manufactures and farm products, a daily newspaper, a rebate fare plan for out-of-town purchasers, campaign for more industries, etc. Mr. Roberts made a plea for the support and co-operation of the people of the city in his work.

Following Mr. Roberts' speech Mr. S. J. Durham spoke at length on the human side of a city's progress. A city is not great because of its big buildings and fine streets, asserted Mr. Durham. New York City is not great because of its fine port and immense capital, but because of the great heart that the city possesses. The speaker made a plea for the betterment of conditions around the homes of the working classes who have made Gastonia what it is today. He also suggested the establishment of a hospital in Gastonia where the rich as well as the poor could be cared for. This idea was advocated by the speaker not because the wealthy needed the help but because of the righteousness of the plan.

At the close of Mr. Durham's address, light refreshments of punch and sandwiches were served.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Farmers Institutes will be held in Gaston county on the following dates:  
Today at Stanley.  
Wednesday, 2nd, at Pisgah School House.  
Thursday, 3rd, at New Hope.  
Friday, 4th, at South Point.  
Saturday, 5th, at Sunnyside.  
All farmers are urged to attend.

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## SKETCH OF GEO. W. LITZ

### FUNERAL ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS

TO ENTERTAIN FOR VISITORS. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Workman will have as dinner guests this evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spurrier, of Charlotte, Mr. Ben Duncan, of Augusta, Ga., and Mr. Otto Duncan.

## VARNADORE-CASTLES WEDDING LAST TUESDAY.

Mr. George Reed Varnadore and Miss May Castles were united in marriage last Tuesday night, July 25th, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Maggie Castles, in this city. The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of only a few friends and relatives by Rev. W. L. C. Killian. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Varnadore, of Chester, S. C., where Mr. and Mrs. Varnadore will reside.

## ENTERTAINED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

At her home on West Airline avenue yesterday afternoon, little Miss Nellie Chunn Ormand entertained 13 of her little friends at a birthday party. After various games were played the guests were ushered into the dining room where cantaloupes, cake and cream were served. The home was beautifully decorated with potted plants and ferns, the colors being yellow and green. In the center of the table was the birthday cake brilliantly lighted with eight yellow candles representing the age of the hostess. When the cake was cut little Miss Lillian Brison received the ring, Margaret McConnell, the thimble and Mary Alice Culp the button.

## MEET AT LINWOOD.

A. R. F. Laymen Convened in Annual Session There Next Sunday—Notable Speakers on Program.

Beginning next Sunday and continuing through the 13th the annual convention of the laymen of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will be held at Linwood College, six miles west of Gastonia. This is the second annual convention to be held at this place and promises to eclipse in point of attendance and quality of program the one held last year. Between two and three hundred of the most prominent ministers and laymen of this denomination are expected to be in attendance. The sessions will be held in the college auditorium and the delegates will be entertained in the college dormitories, President A. T. Lindsay having charge of this feature of the convention.

After next Sunday, which will be given over largely to devotional services, each day following will be devoted to a special topic. The general program has been outlined as follows: Monday, Y. P. C. U.; Tuesday, Sabbath schools; Wednesday, Woman's Work; Thursday, Home Missions; Friday, Educational Rally; Saturday, Layman's Work; Sunday, Foreign Missions.

Among the speakers on the program are Drs. Pressley, Robinson, Parkinson, Kennedy, Miller and Phillips and Revs. J. H. Pressley, J. L. Otes, J. W. Carson, S. W. Reid and Messrs. A. G. Price, J. H. Ross and E. W. Pressley, M. D., all of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and the following from other denominations, viz: Dr. Joseph Kyle, M. G. Kyle, J. Alvin Orr, W. Irving Carroll and A. W. Blackwood.

## Paramount Ideal Today.

Is This Country in the Grip of Evil?

## SERVICE RESTORED.

Southern Railway Now Running Through Trains Across the Catawba—Freight Service from the North Resumed.

Exceeding even its own expectations the Southern Railway at noon yesterday had completed the construction of a temporary bridge across the Catawba at Belmont and resumed through passenger service. Train No. 37 was the first Southern train to cross the new bridge passengers having been transferred by ferry since the flood of July 16.

The completion of a bridge of such size in two weeks was an accomplishment which greatly surprised the public and speaks well for the enterprise and energy of the company. The work was at all times under the personal supervision of General Superintendent W. N. Foreacre, who has been upon the scene continuously since the old bridge went down.

All Southern trains are now going through approximately on schedule time.

## Is This Country in the Grip of Evil?

—Misses Carrie and Jane Morris and Pearl Gallant will leave today or tomorrow for Davis White Sulphur Springs, Hiddenite, where they will spend a week or more.

WANTED: Lady stenographer for 30 or 60 days. Leathers, Matthews & Co. 1e1

PARTY who took ladies brown detachable umbrella with wooden handle from the library on last Saturday by mistake, will please return same to library. 1e1

## COMING AND GOING

### BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE.

Was Buried on Hillside Where He and Brothers and Sister Had Played as Children Following Services at Tazewell—Was a Remarkably Popular Man and Had Started Life Without a Cent—Left Fortune.

The following sketch and account of the funeral services over the remains of the late G. W. Litz, whose death occurred in this city on July 20th as the result of injuries received in a motor accident, taken from a recent issue of The Bluefield Daily Telegraph will be of interest to Gastonians:

By far the largest assemblage of people ever to attend a funeral in Tazewell county, or perhaps in this entire section, was at Tazewell Sunday afternoon to pay their last tribute of respect and show their love and esteem for their departed friend, George W. Litz. The crowd was estimated at least two thousand people. There were one hundred automobiles in the funeral procession, besides many carriages and hundreds on foot.

No greater tribute could have been paid to the memory of any man than that of Sunday at Tazewell. Men in every walk of life were there, from congressman, millionaire and railroad official to saw mill hand and colored laborer. Every business and every profession was represented at Mr. Litz' funeral. The porches and large lawn of Al Litz, brother of the deceased, were packed with a solid mass of humanity, and all stood for an hour with bared heads and heard the tributes paid by the ministers to the life of George W. Litz. The services were in charge of Rev. W. W. Arrowood, Rev. R. B. Platt and Rev. Mr. Clark. The latter of Grundy, Buchanan county, and a personal friend of the deceased. Rev. Mr. Clark paid a most beautiful tribute to his dead friend.

After the services at the home were concluded the long funeral procession moved slowly toward the new cemetery between the court house and North Tazewell, where a vault had been prepared for Mr. Litz' body. The services at the grave were conducted by the Tazewell Masonic lodge, with the Knights Templars as escort.

No such display of flowers has ever been seen at a funeral in this section as the floral tributes in evidence at Mr. Litz' funeral. One large room was set apart for the floral designs and it was full. Among the handsome designs was one from Congressman C. B. Slemm, and many from the officials and other employes of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Co. A feature of the occasion was the presence of so many employes of the Ritter Lumber Co., from president to the mountaineer who fells with his axe the trees of the forest. All knew George Litz, or "Uncle" George, as he was affectionately known in Buchanan county among the saw mill hands, and all were anxious to show their last mark of respect.

Mr. Litz was a remarkably popular man. His kindly disposition was such as to win friends readily and hold them firmly. He possessed the human touch. There was nothing cold-blooded about George Litz. The humble saw mill hand received the same courteous consideration from George W. Litz as though he were a prince.

Geo. W. Litz was one of the family of ten sons and four daughters of the late John Litz, and was born in Burkes Garden, Tazewell county, 43 years ago. He is survived by seven brothers and three sisters, the brothers being John L. and P. G., of Coeburn; A. Z. and J. F., of Tazewell; J. G., of Bluefield; M. O., of Welch, and D. H. Litz, of Tennessee. The sisters are Mrs. Harvey McGuire, Mrs. Rages Sluss and Mrs. T. R. Smoot all of Tazewell county.

Mr. Litz married Miss Ethel Wakefield, of Ashland, Ky., and is survived by his wife and little daughter, Helen Elizabeth, both of whom were summoned when the accident occurred and were with him when he died. Mr. Litz was a member of the Methodist Church, the Bluefield lodge of Elks, and of the Masonic lodge of Tazewell, and had attained the Knight Templar degree.

Mr. Litz had been for years with the W. M. Ritter lumber enterprises, and was assistant to the president, being in active charge of all of the extensive operations of that concern. He was widely known in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and North Carolina, especially in the sections where the Ritter interests operated.

He took an active interest in politics and was a Republican leader in the ninth Virginia congressional district, where he was several times mentioned as a candidate for congress. He was a clean leader, but an effective one, and was one of the most influential men in that district. He held his citizenship in Buchanan county, Va., where he had considerable interests.

Before the lines were broken by death it was an event at the Tazewell annual fair to see the ter Litz brothers, all robust handsome men, riding abreast. The family is noted for the affection the members entertain for each other, and while some of them have grown rich, they regard their wealth as at the command of

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ing relatives. Mr. Plato Durham doing Mr. Litz's work.

—Mr. R. C. Warren returned yesterday from Shelby where he spent several days. Mrs. Warren and children will spend several days longer there.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter and little daughter, Frances, of Shelby, are the guests of Mr. Carpenter's brother, Mr. Miles A. Carpenter, and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, of Clover, passed through the city Sunday afternoon en route home from Gaffney, S. C., where they had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. T. M. Caldwell.

—Miss Carrie Chick, of Winston-Salem, is expected to arrive today or tomorrow to be the guest for some time of Mrs. D. K. Jackson. She comes from Mocksville where she has been attending a house party.

—Mr. J. B. Meacham, of Kinston, spent Friday here with his wife and mother, Mrs. J. B. Thomason. Miss Prue Thomason, who spent several days in Kinston with Mr. Meacham's family, returned with him.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carson, of Newberry, S. C., arrived in the city last night to spend some time with Mrs. Carson's mother, Mrs. N. E. Crawford, of the Pisgah neighborhood.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hahn had as their guest recently for the day Mrs. Hahn's cousin, Mr. Horace King, of Houston, Texas. He was en route to his home after a visit to relatives in this State.

—Miss Edith Burke, of Bessemer City, has accepted a position in the offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company as counter clerk, and entered upon her duties this morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Efrd, and little daughter, May Gray, of Columbia, S. C., who have been spending a few days with Mrs. Efrd's mother, Mrs. G. A. Gray, here, left this afternoon for Polkton, Anson county, where they will visit Mr. Efrd's father, Mr. J. E. Efrd, and other relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wilson, of Crowders Creek, are shopping in town today.

—Mrs. R. T. Thorn, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was the guest Saturday and Sunday of her brother, Mr. D. K. Jackson. She left yesterday for Kings Mountain to visit relatives, taking with her Master D. K. Jackson, Jr.

—Mr. H. G. Flucke, of Atlanta, who has been spending several days in the city as the guest of Mr. G. C. Page, returned home last night. Mr. Flucke is at the head of the art department of the Wrighty Engraving Company.

—Miss Evelyn McDow left Saturday for her home in Lancaster county, S. C., after being the guest for some time of Mrs. A. R. Anders at her home on Chester street. Miss McDow was en route home from spending several weeks in the mountains.

—Rev. George W. Hanns, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church at Pittsburg, Pa., accompanied by Mrs. Hanns and their three daughters, arrived today to spend some time with Mrs. Hanns' father, Mr. Ed Whitesides, and Mr. Hanns' relatives.

—The Southern Railway and the city are jointly engaged in grading and grassing the space between the asphalt paving and the Southern Railway's tracks on Airline avenue between South and Marietta streets. When completed this work will have transformed an eyesore into a beauty spot. Good work.

—Miss Aline Reid spent the weekend at Kings Mountain as the guest of Mr. J. M. Patterson's family. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Borders, of Jacksonville, Fla., who had been on a visit to her uncle, ex-sheriff M. H. Shufford, here and who is now Mr. Patterson's guest at Kings Mountain.

—Mrs. Mollie Martin and son, Ferguson Martin, of Russellville, Ark., are spending some time in the county as guests of Mrs. Madison Kendrick and other relatives. Mrs. Martin is a granddaughter of the late Warren Ferguson, of this county. Her father went West when she was a young man and this is Mrs. Martin's first visit to this section.

Death of Little Child.

Following an illness of several weeks, little W. Darius Beam, Jr., the eight-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beam, died at the home of the parents this morning at 11:45 o'clock. The child was born on the first day of December, 1915, and was just eight months old today. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the home and will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of the First Methodist church. The child was a ray of light to those near and dear to it, and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of their friends in this hour of sadness.

—Mrs. F. M. Seagle is expected to return home tomorrow from Durham, where she has been visiting friends.

—Dr. T. A. Wilkins returned Sunday from Louisville, Ky., where he spent a week attending the annual meeting of the National Dental Association.

—Mr. Ben Duncan, of Augusta, Ga., is spending a few days in the city with his brother, Mr. Otto C. Duncan, manager of the Columbia Tailoring Co., and other relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kirby left last night for Spray in response to a telegram announcing the very critical illness of Mrs. Kirby's mother, Mrs. D. F. Haislip.

—Interurban cars on the P. & N. are now running to the terminal station, Main avenue and South street, paving between the tracks on Franklin avenue having been completed.

—Mrs. F. C. Williams, who has been visiting her nephew, Secretary C. W. Roberts of the Chamber of Commerce, returned yesterday to her home in Salisbury.

—Mr. Earl Lisk, chief soda dispenser at Torrence's Drug Store, is spending two weeks in Charlotte vis-