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GASTONIA, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 5, 1916.

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

ELECTING A PRESIDENT 10



**Buchanan
Defeated
the
First
Republican
Candidate.**

BUCHANAN.

THE election of 1856 was the first contest between the two parties as they exist today. Buchanan, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, opposed John C. Fremont, Republican, of New York. The Republican party had just been created. Slavery was the principal issue, and signs of the approaching catastrophe were plainly visible. Buchanan was elected, receiving a popular vote of 1,838,169 to 1,341,264 for his opponent. Millard Fillmore of New York, who was the candidate of the American party, received 874,538 votes. J. C. Breckinridge, Democrat, of Kentucky, was chosen vice president.

(Watch for the election of Lincoln in 1860 in our next issue.)

THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL

FINE PROSPECTS FOR SESSION 1916-17

Superintendent Kirby Anticipates Increased Attendance—Dormitories Provided for Girls and Boys—Interesting Facts About the School and Its Work—The Farm and Its Products—A Model Barn—New Domestic Science Teacher.

Gaston County's Farm Life School, located at Dallas, commences its second annual session next Monday. Prospects for an increased attendance and a larger interest in the line of work featured by this school are splendid. Last year's enrollment was 40. Superintendent Kirby expects that this year's session will open with more than 50 students.

During the summer provision has been made to take care of boys and girls from other sections of the county who wish to attend the farm life school, at a nominal cost. Last year there were no dormitories. For this session both a boys' and a girls' dormitory has been provided. The girls will be taken care of in the old Gaston College building, owned by the town of Dallas and used for the primary and intermediate grades of the public schools. Miss Myrtle Swindell will be in charge of this dormitory. The boys will be taken care of at the home of Principal Kirby on the farm near town. The rooms in the girls' dormitory have been remodeled and refurnished. No charge will be made for rooms and board will be furnished at actual cost.

Yesterday The Gazette man was shown over the school building and the farm by Superintendent Kirby. The school building, which is the old county court house done over so no one would know it, is well equipped throughout. The second floor contains four rooms, housing the agricultural room, the chemical and physical laboratories and the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades of the Dallas high school, which are conducted in connection with the Farm Life School.

Prof. Kirby has charge of the agricultural room. This is equipped with modern seats, hot and cold water, a library, milk tester, high-power microscope. Provision is made here for biological work and laboratory study of dairying, budding, pruning and spraying fruit trees, etc. In Prof. Henson's room is a chemical laboratory with all the necessary equipment for a one-year course in chemistry. Prof. Henson also teaches the classes in history, physics and economics.

The subjects taught by Prof. Kirby include botany, general agriculture, dairying, poultry raising and farm management.

On this floor is Miss Garner's room, including the eighth and ninth grades, and Miss Mariel Bulwinkle's room, including the tenth and eleventh grades. These rooms are well furnished and attractively fixed up with library and appropriate pictures. The two rooms together will seat seventy-odd pupils.

The first floor of the building is taken up with the domestic science department, which will be in charge this year of Miss Marion F. Thompson, of Hampton, Va. Miss Thompson has had charge for the past two years of the domestic science department of the Hampton public schools and last session had charge of this work in the University of Virginia summer school at Charlottesville. Last year every girl in the Dallas high school was enrolled in this department, the number being 28. In this connection it is worthy of note also that every boy in the high school took the agricultural course. The kitchen here is a model one, being equipped with range, gas-oline ranges, hot and cold water, cabinets, etc. A completely equipped dining room is operated in connection with the kitchen. Its equipment consists of a nice oak dining table and chairs and a handsome special cabinet occupying one entire side of the wall and filled with china and silverware sufficient to serve a number of people. Last year, after some training, the students in this department were allowed to serve a dinner for Miss Jane S. McKinnon, of Raleigh, head of the home demonstration work of the State, and later a dinner for State Superintendent of Education J. Y. Joyner and County Superintendent F. P. Hall. They were highly commended for the excellent manner in which these meals were prepared and served. Training is given in serving as well as in preparing meals. The cabinet in the dining room was especially designed by Miss Ward, head of the department last year, and Prof. Kirby and was made in Gastonia. It has attracted considerable attention.

This building has well equipped toilet rooms for both boys and girls, sanitary drinking fountains on each floor, hot and cold water from the schools own well on the premises. This water comes from a deep well and is forced from an 1,800 gallon tank, set deep in the ground, by means of compressed air. The town of Dallas is also furnished from this well.

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IS FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE

AVERTING THE STRIKE HELPS WILSON

Democrats no Longer Fear Hughes—His Cross-Country Junket a "Frost"—Wilson's Handling of Strike Situation Has Greatly Strengthened Him With the People.

Raleigh News and Observer
Washington, Sept. 5.—President Wilson won another victory when the threatened strike of 400,000 railway employees was called off, he worked hard to avert what promised to be a great industrial disaster, and succeeded.

In the campaign for the eight-hour work day the President appeared to advantage. He was up early and late, trying to settle the controversy between the railroad managements and the men. He made three visits to the Capitol to get favorable action from Congress. On one of those trips he was so early that the majority of Senators were not in their offices. On this occasion the President wandered about the Capitol grounds, having a good time, mixing with the people. Senator Simmons, who is known as an "early Congressman," was surprised to find the President in the corridors of the Capitol when he arrived.

"Why, Mr. President," said the Senator, "you are just like an ordinary citizen, moving about here this time of day."

"That is just what I am," was the reply.

The President is looked upon more and more as "the friend of the people—the masses." That is the impression Washington citizens have of him.

"My vote shall be cast for the President if I get home this year," said a negro barber to me today. "He is always looking after the interests of the poor man. He seems so fair, and thoughtful."

The notification day at Shadow Lawn was significant in that it brought out the fact that the President's friends now sincerely believe that he will win in November. Just after Mr. Hughes was nominated at Chicago there was a feeling of fear in many Democrats. So much has been said about Mr. Hughes and his wonderful ability that his nomination caused great apprehension among Democratic leaders. But, the tide has turned; the swing of Mr. Hughes across the continent has not been the success the Republican leaders expected it to be. The junket is now called the "Hughes' frost."

Therefore, coming just when Mr. Hughes returns to the East, the Shadow Lawn fete means more than an ordinary notification of a nomination. "The thing that struck me most forcibly at Shadow Lawn," said Samuel L. Rogers, director of the census, upon his return today, "was that Democrats from doubtful States think that the President is actually stronger now than ever before, and that he will win in almost every instance where there has been doubt. Western Democrats are extremely optimistic."

Owen Moore and Hazel Dawn in "Under Cover" Ideal Today.

BETTERMENT MEETING.

First Meeting for the School Year Held Last Friday—Interesting Program Carried Out—Civics Was Subject Discussed.

(Reported for The Gazette.)
The Woman's Betterment Association held its first regular meeting for the fall session in the auditorium of the Central graded school building on last Friday afternoon, the president, Mrs. J. Y. Miller, presiding. Opening prayer was offered by Mr. Boyce Weir and the year books for 1916-1917 were distributed.

Splendid reports were given by the following committees: Civics, by Mrs. A. A. McLean; Education, by Mrs. J. W. Atkins; Library, by Mrs. D. A. Garrison; Health Nurse, by Mrs. G. W. Wilson.

Mr. Joe S. Wray announced that the manual training room had been completed and that two new cement steps had been built on the grounds.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Fred Cathey and J. M. Caldwell were received as new members.

It was decided that all members of the association should be invited to the luncheon to be given to the U. D. C. at their State convention in October.

The business having been transacted the meeting was turned over to the civics committee, of which Mrs. W. F. Michael is chairman. A very interesting program was carried out as follows:

Vocal Duet, by Mesdames H. B. Moore and H. Rutter.

Talk by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

Piano Solo, by Miss Lucy Boyce.

The next meeting will be in charge of the committee on education, of which Mrs. J. W. Atkins is chairman.

Francis X. Bushman Cozy Wednesday.

William Brown, a Southern Railway engineer who was killed in a wreck last week on the Murphy branch, left an estate valued at \$24,000.

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HAD VERY BUSY SESSION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET YESTERDAY

Over Two Hundred Vouchers Were Issued—Sanitary Fountains Will be Installed in Court House—Tax Collectors for the Year Appointed—Jurors Drawn for October Court—Other Business Transacted.

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session yesterday and spent the entire day in transacting a mass of business. Jurors were drawn for the October term of court, over 200 vouchers were ordered paid and issued, drinking fountains were ordered installed at the court house and numerous other matters were disposed of.

Secretary C. W. Roberts, of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the board and requested that the county install some sanitary drinking fountains in the court house for the convenience of the public. This suggestion met with the approval of the commissioners and they decided to purchase four fountains, three to be installed on the inside of the court house and one on the outside near the front entrance. A watering trough will also be purchased and located in the hitching lot north of the court house. This is an excellent step and will meet the commendation and approval of the people of the town and county.

Tax collectors for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

Crowders Mountain township, J. L. Mauney.

South Point township, I. F. Mabry.

Riverbend township, J. R. Rogers.

Dallas township, G. V. Lohr.

Gastonia township, outside, T. R. McArver.

Gastonia township, inside, W. C. Abernethy.

Cherryville township, G. Lee Beam.

Bids were ordered advertised for the Vestal's Ford and Hardin bridges. The contracts for these bridges will be awarded on or about the 15th of October.

A short stretch of road was ordered built connecting the Alexis-Hardin road with O. D. Carpenter's road.

Mrs. Lem Mitchem was allowed to hire Lem Mitchem as ordered by the judge of Superior Court.

The commissioners recommended, to the citizens of the county, the industrial edition of the Charlotte Observer as a good medium of advertising the advantages of Gaston county.

Jurors for the October term of Gaston Superior Court were drawn as follows:

W. Boyce Whitesides, John E. Haynes, L. A. Holland, D. M. Rudisill, Gordon Ruffelt, J. L. Kendrick, John Bell, James A. Estridge, F. P. Hall, C. B. Craig, W. S. Mauney, F. A. Boyles, Eph D. Stroup, R. P. Parker, C. T. Mullinax, Robert Ellington, E. A. Johnson, G. D. Baker, G. Cleveland Carpenter, O. L. Hoffman, J. J. Carpenter, C. M. Boyd, A. A. Maier.

Owen Moore and Hazel Dawn in "Under Cover" Ideal Today.

WILL HAVE EXHIBIT.

Lincoln County Corn Club Boys Will Make Display at County Fair—Canning Club Girls Will Also Probably Make an Exhibit.

Mr. W. L. Smarr, farm demonstration agent for Lincoln county, was here Saturday conferring with Secretary Holland of the Gaston County Fair Association and assured the secretary that the Lincoln County Boys Corn Club would make an exhibit at Gaston's second annual fair to be held October 2nd to 7th inclusive. Mr. Smarr assured the secretary that his corn club would bring no less than 25 individual exhibits. A special display space will be allotted the Lincoln boys and a special premium list will be issued for them. Mr. Smarr says his boys have some splendid corn and adds that the Gaston boys will have to do some hustling if they beat him. Mr. Smarr is enthusiastic over the Gaston fair and believes that Lincoln county will send a large number of visitors.

Mrs. Florence Winn, county home demonstration agent for Lincoln county, will be here Saturday to confer with Secretary Holland with reference to an exhibit at the fair by her girls canning club. It is very probable that this club will bring an exhibit. They will be allotted a special display space and a special premium list also.

It is altogether possible also that the Cleveland County Boys Corn Club and the Cleveland County Girls Canning Clubs will make similar exhibits, the same offer having been made them as was made the Lincoln county organizations.

The Purple Lady Metro Feature Cozy Today.

John A. Wiggs, chief of police of Wilson, was put on trial in superior court at Wilson before Judge Oliver H. Allen today, on a charge of killing Philip Worth, an Alamance county negro. Wiggs has been out under a \$1,000 bond.

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—COMING AND GOING—



BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Rev. I. T. Newton, of Dallas, is a Gastonia visitor today.

—Mr. Evon L. Houser, of Dallas, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. Lloyd Ross spent Sunday in Charlotte with homefolks.

—Dr. Ralph Ray spent the week-end with homefolks in McAdenville.

—Miss Etta Saunders is visiting friends at Newton.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Falls, of route one, are shopping in the city today.

—Miss Carrie Glenn has returned from Saluda, where she spent three weeks in the mountains.

—Messrs. W. E. Todd and R. D. Lewis are spending the day in Charlotte on business.

—Rev. R. S. Burwell, pastor of New Hope Presbyterian church, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. A. E. Woltz returned last week from a business trip to New York and other Northern cities.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Zeim, of Charlotte, spent yesterday with Mrs. Zeim's sister, Mrs. F. E. Saunders.

—Mr. Charles Boyd, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd.

—Misses Bess Aiken and Grace Wright spent Sunday with friends in Charlotte.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bynum spent last Thursday with friends in Spartanburg.

—Mr. Mack Matthews, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with his brother, Mr. J. H. Matthews.

—Mrs. H. A. Johnston, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shackelford, of Charleston, S. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. LaFar on South Chester street.

—Rev. J. C. Dietz, pastor of the Lutheran church, left this morning for Hickory on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dietz.

—Messrs. J. A. Hunter, Jr., A. M. Spencer and C. T. Smith motored to Spartanburg Sunday, returning home yesterday.

—Mr. C. F. Tyson, of Mount Gilead, is spending a few days in the city as the guest of his brother, Capt. T. H. Tyson.

—Miss Grace Seabock has returned to her home in Hickory after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Estridge.

—Mr. J. M. Holland, secretary of the Gaston County Fair Association, spent yesterday in Spencer attending the Labor Day celebration.

—Miss Carrie Potts, of Steele Creek, formerly a teacher in the city schools, is visiting friends in Gastonia this week.

—Mr. Robert Clarke, of Hamlet, spent Sunday in the city as the guest of Mrs. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Fannie Morrow.

—Messrs. Frank Deaton and Robert White, of Statesville, spent several hours in the city Sunday visiting friends.

—Mrs. Sue Moss and daughter, Miss Rebecca Moss, returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Cleveland county.

—Messrs. Theodore Morris and Lawrence Rankin will leave this week for Raleigh to resume their studies at A. & M. College.

—Assistant Postmaster F. P. Rockett, who has been spending a week's vacation at Hickory, returned home yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. J. Q. Little, Miss Cleo Little and Mr. Echnord Little, of Gaffney, S. C., spent Sunday here with ex-Sheriff M. H. Shuford. Mr. Little is a cousin of Mr. Shuford.

—Mr. Thos. H. Adams, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Meek Adams, for the past several weeks, left last night for his home in Phoenix, Arizona.

—The Lineberger Electric Appliance Co. has just completed the installation of a thirty-line switchboard for the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company at Sharon, S. C.

—Misses Lucile, Louise and Mary Todd, and Master Lester Todd, of Clayton, are visiting their uncle, Mr. W. E. Todd, at his home on East Franklin avenue.

—Miss Lois Smith and Mrs. N. E. Jenkins returned home yesterday from Stanley where they have been visiting relatives and friends for the past week.

—Mrs. Roddey Smith, of Bethel section, South Carolina, returned home Saturday after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Ebenezer Edwards.

—Mrs. S. L. Rigby, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Sallie Castor, of Concord, spent the week-end at McAdenville as the guests of Mrs. I. Frank Mabry.

—Miss Pearl Gallant, of the city schools faculty, is spending this

week in Charlotte observing the work of the primary grades of the Charlotte city schools.

—Mrs. J. Holland Morrow and little son, Master J. Holland, Jr., who have been visiting Mrs. Morrow's uncle, Dr. E. G. Kirven, at Easley, S. C., returned home Saturday.

—Miss Madge Beatty returned yesterday from a visit to her grandfather, Mr. D. F. Clanton, near Lincolnton. Mr. Clanton was 89 years old last Friday.

—Mrs. R. V. Williams and children, of Atlanta, Ga., are expected to arrive in the city tonight on train No. 38 to spend some time with Mrs. Williams's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baber.

—Miss Antha Berry, of Granite Falls, spent Saturday night in the city as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. A. E. Woltz. She was en route to Westminster School, near Rutherfordton, where she will teach music.

—After spending three weeks with friends and relatives in Spartanburg and Facolet, S. C., Mrs. R. F. Littlejohn has returned home. She was accompanied by her little niece, Miss Annie Winnifred Mayfield, who will be her guest for some time.

—Mrs. Walter McEachin, who has been spending some time in Montreat, was the guest several days last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gallant, being en route to her home in Laurinburg. Mrs. McEachin was formerly a teacher in the city schools.

—Mr. and Mrs. George M. Nolen, of Washington, D. C., who have been visiting relatives and friends in Gastonia and the county, returned home Sunday night. Mr. Nolen has a responsible position in the offices of the Southern Railway Company.

The Purple Lady Metro Feature Cozy Today.

In two days, Thursday and Friday, over \$100,000 was paid out at Goldsboro to Wayne county farmers for tobacco. The prices paid for the weed were the highest in many years.

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James Edward Graybill, one of the famous founders of the Georgia Society in New York, died at his home in New York City Sunday night. He was 72 years old. Mr. Graybill was born at Macon, Ga. He fought under General Joe Wheeler in the Civil War.

For Orthopaedic Hospital.

The union service at the tabernacle next Sunday night will be devoted to a presentation of the interests of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, a proposed institution the establishment of which is being earnestly planned for by a number of philanthropic Gastonians. This institution, when established, will care for the crippled, diseased and deformed orphan children of sound mind of the State. At present no institution is provided for this class of orphans, who are excluded from the orphanages of the State. Sunday night's program will consist of some special music and two or three brief addresses concerning the proposed institution. No collection will be taken. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES.

Some of the Things the Greater Gaston Association Can and Should Accomplish for the People of Gaston County.

(Contributed.)

The opportunities for profitable and useful work that lie before the newly conceived Greater Gaston Association are so many that a comprehensive catalogue of them could not well be presented at this time. In certain parts of New England and in Illinois and Michigan similar associations have been doing splendid work for their respective communities.

Not only may such an organization stimulate the improvement and diversification of agriculture but its influence upon every activity of the whole county will prove far-reaching. The smaller towns of Gaston county need industries, big or little; material assistance may be given those many industries already established; a creamery—and there are a dozen successful creameries in South Carolina and Georgia—would exercise a splendid influence on the increase in cattle raising. Attention to the health of the county is another important matter; how important may be realized from the fact that North Carolina's typhoid death rate is the highest of the 27 registration states. A mercantile credit bureau for the whole county would work an immediate improvement in credit conditions. All these things the Gaston county association may do.

Throughout next week meetings will be held in the several townships of the county and the plans of the organization will be laid before the people for their consideration and approval.