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## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

#### TO MEET TOMORROW WITH MRS. WETZEL.

The regular meeting of the Home Economics Committee of the Woman's Betterment Association will be held on Wednesday afternoon of this week, beginning promptly at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. L. F. Wetzel at her home on South Oakland street. The subject for the afternoon is "sai-ads."

#### MRS. CRAIG IS IMPROVING.

The many friends of Mrs. Thomas L. Craig, who has been suffering for the past six weeks from a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, will be delighted to learn that she is now beginning to improve. She was able to sit up a part of the day yesterday and her family and friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

#### L. A. R. TO MEET WITH MISS SHUFORD.

The regular December meeting of William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held on Friday morning of this week, December 8th, beginning at 11 o'clock, with Miss Lowry Shuford at her home on West Franklin avenue. The program includes a sketch of the life of Sir Walter Raleigh and of our Captains, Past and Present, by Mrs. S. A. Wilkins; History of Davidson College, by Mrs. G. W. Ragan; Reading, by Mrs. R. M. Reid; Discussion on Our School System in the State, led by Mrs. F. P. Hall.

#### CELEBRATED HER FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

Little Miss Alice Nelson Starnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Starnes, gave a most delightful party yesterday afternoon at her home on South Willow street in celebration of her fifth birthday anniversary. Her little guests spent a pleasant hour in playing various games, after which they were invited into the dining room, where fruit, cakes, candies and jello were served. Christmas decorations were used, and the centerpiece was a large and beautiful birthday cake with the five candles. Cutting the birthday cake provided much merriment. Those present were Lydia Killian, Frances Craig, Y. L. Brown, Luella Tyson, Louise Walters, Maude Smith, Katherine Hanks, Wilbur Robbins, Nellie Norris, Reggie Norris, Helen Smith, James Tyson, Ralph Jordan and Evelyn Killian.

#### BAZAAR TO BE HELD THURSDAY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Main Street Methodist church will hold their annual bazaar on Thursday of this week in the Johnston building on Main Avenue, adjoining the Gastonia Furniture Company. A sumptuous menu has been arranged, and meals will be served from 9:30 in the morning, at which time the doors will be thrown open, until 10 o'clock that night. Oyster stew, 30c; oyster fry, 30c; chicken salad with mayonnaise, sandwich and crackers 30c; coffee, 5c; cake, 5c; ice cream, 5c. There will be music by an orchestra from twelve to two, and from six to ten. Nothing has been left undone to make this a most enjoyable occasion. A large number avail themselves each year of this opportunity to buy their Christmas presents, and at no previous bazaar has there been near so much fancy work and of such splendid kind as will be offered this year. The public is cordially invited.

#### TO GIVE PLAY FOR BENEFIT OF BETTERMENT.

"The Deacon's Second Wife," a delightful comedy in three acts by Allan Abbott, will be given on Friday night of this week, December 8, at 8 o'clock in the Central school auditorium by the Dramatic Club for the benefit of the Woman's Betterment Association. The deacon and his wife, Malviney, give lively touches throughout the play. The deacon is genial, absent-minded and dependent on his wife.

The cast of characters is as follows: Malviney Fitz, Mary LaFar; Deacon Baradiaz Fitz, Hazel Long; Nancy Melissa Fitz, Lula Rankin; Mrs. Brown, Sadie Thomson; Kate Rollins, Ethelida Armstrong; John D. Bullock, Gordon Kincaid; Mrs. Bullock, Burney Boyce; Dorothy Bullock, Lorena Purdue; Hartley Bullock, Charles Boyd; Ernest Rench, Claude Craig; Phillip Gamboche, Rufus Johnston. Time, the present; Act I, Sitting room in the deacon's farm house; Act II, Deacon Fritz's doorway; Act III, Sitting room.

The charge for admission will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, and tickets will be on sale at Torrence Drug Company's Thursday and Friday.

#### Metro Pictures Cozy Today.

Pretty line of birdseye maple, mahogany and white enamel odd pieces at Gastonia Furniture Company.

Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance" and "Who's Guilty" will be shown at Ideal Friday instead of Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. I. W. McLean passed through the city Thursday from Dallas en route to their home at Bogus Del Toro, Panama.

## HELD HEALTH MEETING

### CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT

Monthly Meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association Was Held Last Friday — Health Committee Was in Charge — Excellent Papers Read by Miss Price and Dr. James A. Anderson.

(Reported for The Gazette.) The Woman's Betterment Association held its regular meeting in the auditorium of the Central graded school Friday afternoon. Mrs. D. R. LaFar opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. J. F. Thomson announced that the home economics committee has been enlarged and that the members are deriving much benefit from the meetings held at the different homes.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson, chairman of the health-nurse committee, told of the valuable work done by Miss Potts, city nurse, in her health talks to the school children. This committee will observe Community Day on December 23. Many homes were gladdened last year by receiving on this day clothes, provisions, etc., of which they were in sore need.

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## ANOTHER COTTON MILL

### WILL BE GASTONIA'S TWENTY-FOURTH

Mr. R. G. Rankin and Associates Promote New Enterprise — Entire Capital Stock, \$150,000, Understood to Have Been Raised Already — Will Have 5,000 Spindles and Make Fine Yarns — Three Sites Under Consideration — Name Not Chosen.

As one Carolina Governor intimated to another once upon a time, it may be a long time between drinks (especially since both the Carolinas are more or less dry at this time) but it certainly is not a long time between cotton mills in this neck of the woods. On Thursday night, November 9th, the Mutual Cotton Mills Company, Gastonia's twenty-third cotton mill and Gaston county's seventy-third was organized.

Yesterday, less than a month later, a movement was set on foot by Mr. R. Grady Rankin and associates for the organization of still another cotton mill for Gastonia and last night, it is understood, the entire capital stock of \$150,000 was taken. That has gotten to be the characteristic way of organizing a cotton mill in Gastonia — doing it all in one day.

As yet details regarding this new enterprise are meager. The stock has been subscribed and application will be made to the Secretary of State for a charter within a few days. Just as soon as a name can be chosen for the new enterprise. Options are held on three sites and at the first meeting of the stockholders, to be called immediately upon the receipt of the charter, the site will be selected and arrangements completed for letting contracts for the buildings, machinery, etc.

This mill will begin operations with 5,000 spindles and will make fine yarns. It is expected that it will be ready for operation in the spring or early summer.

Mr. Rankin has associated with him a number of the leading business men of the city and county. Though quite young himself he has been identified for some time with a number of the city's prominent business concerns, notably the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co.

Ben Levie, a 17-year-old boy living near Hendersonville, had the top of his head blown off by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Monroe Murray while the two were out hunting Thanksgiving day.

Metro Pictures Cozy Today. Fine felt mattresses, fine bed springs—the guaranteed kind — at Gastonia Furniture Company.

help: not one of them ever refused us anything we have asked for their people. Always willing to help us, never too busy to talk to us at any time we go to them. Our mayor has been especially helpful to us. On several occasions at our local betterments he has been invited to make us a talk. He always comes and gives us splendid advice.

The ministers and churches of our town are our great helpers. To them we owe much. Just about the time we feel like "What's the use," they come to us with such good words of advice we brace up and go at it again.

Last but not least I want to make mention of the valuable assistance our school superintendent and his corps of teachers have rendered us. They all seem interested and, on several occasions in making calls to their pupils, found some one ill and needing our help. They at once phoned us and to them we extend our thanks for their support.

To have the nursing profession serve the public the public must first awaken to the value of the educational nurse.

How sad is the weak cry of the infant, emaciated and suffering from disease. How pleading is the bright eye of the tubercular child. How appealing is the flushed cheek of another giving up her life that another might be born. How saddening is the deformed body of a crippled child! Oh, ye public, plant thy feet firmly in the traditions of the past, look about and see the sorrow of life as it is, look again and see how needless is all the human misery of suffering, the invalidism, blindness, crippling. Then, oh, ye public, ask yourself why must it be and why need it be when thy heart is stirred and thy conscience peer into the realities thou hast seen? Peer into the future and glimpse the womanhood and childhood. See your children and theirs struggling unaided in the full vigor of deserved health. Realizing that all this is attainable, if you feel your responsibility, you are willing to transfer your feeling into human effort.

Imperfect and unsatisfactory as the work is, nevertheless I feel like we are slowly strengthening our lives in every direction so that in a few years we will have a public health service that will measure up to the standards. So if the service accomplishes all we believe it will do, then we are to be congratulated for we feel like it will be due to the splendid co-operation of the Gastonia people.

Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance" and "Who's Guilty" will be shown at Ideal Friday instead of Thursday.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Sixteen pages today.  
—Mrs. O. G. Allen, of Charlotte, was in town Saturday.

—Do your Christmas shopping early and do it in Gastonia.

—"The Birth of a Nation" at the Ideal tomorrow and Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Kale, of High Shoals, were in town yesterday.

—Mrs. Frank Hafner, of Chester, S. C., is visiting Mrs. J. G. McLean.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rhyne spent Sunday with friends at Matthews.

—Mr. W. L. Grice, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grice.

—Thursday is holiday opening day with Gastonia merchants. They want you to come out.

—Mr. P. T. Heath, of Atlanta, is spending a few days here on business.

—Mrs. D. A. Page and Miss Laura Page were visitors to Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. P. L. Ward, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. L. Fayssoux, the hypnotist, has returned from Columbia, S. C., after a week's engagement.

—Mr. A. S. Black, of Efford's sales force, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Charlotte.

—Messrs. T. C. Abernethy and Ed Anderson, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday in the city.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Thorn returned Saturday night from a ten-days visit to relatives at Trenton, N. J.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bissell, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., spent the Thanksgiving season here with Judge and Mrs. A. C. Jones.

—Mrs. R. Lee Clemmer and little Miss Alice Nelson Starnes spent Saturday in Charlotte with their cousin, Miss Ruth Starnes.

—Mr. Theodore Rankin returned yesterday to Davidson College after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with homefolks.

—Mr. J. R. Brockman, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent Thanksgiving day in the city with his brother, Mr. T. M. Brockman.

—Messrs. W. S. Whitfield and W. L. Heze, of Winston-Salem, were Gastonia visitors at the Armington Sunday.

—Mrs. N. E. Jenkins is spending some time at Portsmouth, Va., with her son, Mr. R. Lee Jenkins, who has a position with the Du Pont Powder Company.

—Miss Elizabeth Whitfield, of Lumberton, will arrive today to visit Miss Lillian Ferguson, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

—Mrs. J. B. Reeves, of Norfolk, Va., is expected to arrive tomorrow to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long, until after the holidays.

—Mrs. Victor B. Higgins and little son, Victor B., Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived in the city Sunday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Higgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McLean and Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Dimmette spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McLean in the South Point section.

—After prayer meeting Wednesday evening the board of stewards of Main Street Methodist church will hold their first business meeting for the conference year.

—Miss Carrie Glenn, primary supervisor of the Gaston county public schools, has returned from Raleigh where she attended the State Teacher's Assembly.

—Miss Marie and Pauline Shuford and Master Robert Shuford spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their uncle, Mr. Jake Shuford, at Spencer.

—Mrs. I. McPhail, of Hamlet, is expected to arrive in the city today to be the guest for some time of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long, at their home on East Airline avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Trott and little daughter, Inez, left Sunday for Maysville to spend a month with Mr. Trott's parents, Mr. T. H. Tyson has Mr. Trott's run on the Interurban during the latter's absence.

—Mrs. D. J. Caldwell and Mrs. H. weeks with relatives in Florence, Ala., returned to the city Friday night. Mr. D. J. Caldwell, of Columbia, S. C., spent the week-end in the city with homefolks.

—Mr. J. C. Featherston showed The Gazette yesterday a sweet potato which had the exact shape of a duck. The potato was raised by Mr. Sim Moore, of Cowpens, S. C., and is a genuine freak of nature.

—Mr. Walter F. Wilson, who has been attending Draughton's Business College at Greenville, S. C., now has a position in the Bank of Simpsonville at Simpsonville, S. C. Mr. Wilson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hope Wilson, or route three.

—Concord Times, 4th: Mr. and Mrs. Holland Morrow and baby boy, Mrs. Fannie Morrow and Miss Stella Benson, of Gastonia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fleming, at Elmwood Farm, in No. 3 township Thanksgiving week.

—Mr. Fred M. Howell, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the City Hospital, has returned to his home on Fourth avenue and hopes to be able to be out within the next few days. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery from his illness.

## DEMONSTRATORS MEET

### FARM BOOSTERS TO BE HERE IN JANUARY

District Agent Millsaps Accepts Invitation and all Demonstrators From Western North Carolina Will Gather Here With Commercial Secretaries of State at Invitation of Chamber of Commerce — Exhibit of Products to be a Feature.

District Agent E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, has officially announced that the Government demonstrators for Western North Carolina accept the invitation of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to hold their convention in Gastonia in January at the same time the Commercial Secretaries of the State and when the business men, bankers, farmers and people of the State hold the big meeting in Gastonia, at which Hon. W. P. G. Harding is scheduled to make the chief address.

In order to give the business men and farm demonstrators from other sections some idea as to what the other demonstrators are doing, the Gastonia Chamber has arranged with the Government men to have here an exhibit including an exhibition of butter, corn, etc., being grown in each demonstrator's territory and showing the improvement of the crop since he has been at work in the territory. Charts and maps will also illustrate the work the demonstrators are doing. This should be very interesting to every one. This will be the first time the demonstrators have ever made an exhibit at any convention and it is expected that the Gastonia Chamber will be followed at all future meetings of the body.

Mr. Millsaps advises the Chamber of Commerce that the demonstrators and officials from the department at Washington will number about 45 and that the convention will last for four or five days.

The Gastonia Chamber is already very busy on the program and arrangements for the big meeting in January. Requests have come from Georgia and South Carolina that the bankers of those States be allowed to attend the meeting and hear the address of Governor Harding at the special banker's luncheon to be given in the evening to Mr. Harding. In addition a banquet for the whole State will be held at noon on the day Mr. Harding is to speak.

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ABOUT THE MISSION OF THE RED CROSS SEALS.

Red Cross Christmas Seals, sturdy little bullets in the nation-wide fight against tuberculosis, are now on sale in Gastonia and may be found at the following places: Torrence-Morris Co., H. M. Van Sleen's, the post office, the library and all of the drug stores.

Three-fourths of the proceeds from the sale of these seals in Gastonia goes to aid tubercular sufferers in our midst. Only one fourth is returned to headquarters.

Much good has already been accomplished by the proceeds from previous sales. Nourishing food has been provided for many sufferers, sputum cups have been bought and distributed, and the intelligent use of these cups is a protection to our entire community. An invalid child has been purchased and right now a young girl is building herself an armor of fresh air and sunshine which, without such a provision, would be impossible.

Tuberculosis takes an annual toll of one hundred and ninety thousand lives. Social responsibility is nowhere greater than in the crusades for the banishment and prevention of disease.

At this season of the year it is particularly fitting that "good will toward men" be uppermost in our minds and hearts. Let us express this sentiment by purchasing these seals as liberally as possible.

A canvass will be made of the entire town and it is hoped that Gastonia will take a lead in this matter, as is her custom in all things worth while.

Main Street Methodist Church Bazaar Thursday, December 7. Public cordially invited.

—Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, returned Saturday from a business trip East.

Take dinner and supper Thursday at the Methodist Ladies' Bazaar, Johnston building, next to Gastonia Furniture Company.

Kitchen cabinets, davenport and couches at Gastonia Furniture Co.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT EASES PAIN.

Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Clearer and more effective than musky plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds. Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c. 1

## GASTONIA AND GASTON

### LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Postoffice Receipts Grow. The receipts of the Gastonia postoffice for November 1916 amounted to \$1,874.05. This is an increase of \$219.45 over November 1915, when the total was only \$1,654.60.

Attending Convention. Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church; Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Baptist church, and Rev. G. P. Abernethy, pastor of the Loray Baptist church, have gone to Elizabeth City to attend the State Baptist Convention.

Real Estate Deal. Messrs. J. M. Holland and G. R. Spencer have bought from Mr. J. White Ware and Mr. W. H. Adams the Glenn lot, 25x80 feet, at the corner of Airline avenue and North Falls street. It is understood that the new owners expect to improve this property.

Auction Sale of Lots. On page seven of today's Gazette the Southern Realty & Auction Co., of Greensboro, E. M. Andrews, manager, has an advertisement of an auction sale of fifty residence lots which is to take place Saturday of this week, the 9th, beginning at 1:30 p. m. This property is located south of the Loray ball park. There will be music by a brass band and ten Christmas turkeys will be given away free.

Merchants Meeting Postponed. At the suggesting of many merchants, the meeting to have been held today has been postponed until some date in January. Due to the nearness to the holiday busy season and the big meeting to be held here in January with the secretaries and business men of the State, the merchants decided to wait and hold the meeting at a later date. All merchants that sent in cards were notified of the change and it is believed that none will come expecting the meeting to be held today.

DEATH OF DEWITT S. HAYES. Passed Away at Early Hour Sunday Morning Following Long Illness—Was Young Man of Excellent Character and His Death is Mourned by Many.

Dewitt S. Hayes, youngest son of Mrs. Mattie Hayes, died at the home of his mother on East Airline avenue at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning following a lingering illness of many months with tuberculosis. He was 24 years of age. He came to Gastonia about three years ago to make his home with his mother, but because of illness he went to Montrose where he spent a year at the State sanitarium in the hope of regaining his health. He returned to Gastonia about a year ago and patiently awaited the end.

Deceased is survived by a mother and three brothers. They are: Messrs. Ned and Harry Hayes, of Gastonia, and Mr. Joe Hayes, of Big Springs, Texas. A sister died over five years ago.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the home, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery. Deceased was a member of the First Presbyterian church and the Young Men's Bible Class, and was esteemed by all who knew him. He was a young man of excellent moral worth and his passing in the prime of life has brought sorrow to many friends, who mourn with the bereaved family in this hour of sadness.

Buy your Christmas presents at the Methodist bazaar, Johnston building, all day Thursday.

U. C. CLUB MET WITH MRS. ANDREWS.

The regular meeting of the U. C. Club was held Saturday afternoon with Mrs. G. C. Andrews at her home on West Airline avenue. The subject for study was "Women in Poetry and the Fine Arts." Mrs. S. J. Durham read an interesting paper on Elizabeth Barrett Browning; Miss Birdie Duff read a splendid paper on Rosa Bonheur. Mrs. A. C. Jones gave several delightful piano selections. Members brought their fancy work and enjoyed a social hour after the conclusion of the program. The hostess was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by her little son, Cleveland. The only guest besides members of the club was Mrs. Bissell, of Columbia, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Jones.

Twenty thousand dollars worth of Furniture, Stoves and Ranges at moderate prices at Gastonia Furniture Company.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cook, of Mooresville, were the guests yesterday of Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Davis.

COUGHED FIFTEEN YEARS. Coughs that hang on and grow worse in the night are relieved by Foley's Honey and Tar. R. F. Hall, Mable, Va., writes: "For 15 years I was afflicted with a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation of the throat. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me; and after taking one bottle the cough ceased." J. H. Kennedy & Co.—Adv.