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## CHANGE OF THE DATE

WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 5TH-9TH

Dates of State Meeting of Commercial Secretaries, Farm Demonstrators and Business Men Changed to February 6—President W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, Can Attend on That Date.

The State Convention of commercial secretaries, farm demonstrators and business men which has been announced to be held in Gastonia some time during January, will be held instead on February 5th to 9th. This date was made necessary by reason of the fact that Mr. W. P. G. Harding, president of the Federal Reserve Board, who is to be the principal speaker, can not attend in January, but has agreed to here on February 6th. Mr. Roberts, secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, has received the following letter from Mr. Harding under date of December 9:

Dear Mr. Roberts:—I have your letter of the 6th instant stating that the invitation that I visit Gastonia is open for a date to be selected by me.

It would be difficult for me to leave my duties here during the month of January, but if February 6th is just as convenient to you, I will arrange to be with you on that date.

I assure you I will look forward with much pleasure to my visit to Gastonia.

With regards,  
Very truly yours,  
(Signed) W. P. G. HARDING

The following are some notes in regard to the convention prepared for us by Mr. C. W. Roberts, secretary of the Greater Gaston Association and the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting is to bring as many forces together as possible to take up matters of State wide importance.

The Commercial Secretaries of North Carolina, numbering about 50, will arrive in Gastonia Monday afternoon for a luncheon on Monday night, February 5th, to be followed by a business session.

The Farm Demonstrators, numbering about 40, will also arrive Monday and will at once establish the exhibit of the work of each demonstrator in a building to be arranged for that purpose.

There will be a joint meeting of the Secretaries and Demonstrators early Tuesday morning.

Tuesday the Bankers of North and South Carolina and some from Georgia will arrive, as well as the business men, including manufacturers, merchants, lawyers, newspaper men and others, including representatives from the North Carolina Good Roads Association, North Carolina and Western North Carolina Press Association, Farmers Union, North Carolina Medical Society and others. The entire membership of the various Chambers of Commerce of the State will be invited to attend the banquet to be given on Tuesday noon at which time Mr. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board will make an address, and at which time the needs of a State Commercial Organization will come up for the discussion and some action taken.

Mr. Harding will arrive at 10:30 on February 6th and will be met by the Bankers Association of North Carolina as well as other officials of the State and city.

A banquet will be given the convention at noon on Tuesday and a special banquet luncheon will take place at 6:45 Tuesday evening, after which Mr. Harding will depart for Washington.

There are several other prominent men who will make brief talks and suggestions at this meeting, whose names will be announced later.

Gastonia will spare no expense or efforts to make the occasion one of the greatest of its kind ever held in any North Carolina city.

Ideal Wednesday Theda Bara in "Her Double Life," Fox Feature.

## PYTHIANS TO CELEBRATE

Local Pythians Are Making Preparations for Grand Time Here on December 18th—Several Pythian Dignitaries Have Been Invited—Will Banquet at the Armington.

The Pythians of Gastonia and Gastonia Lodge No. 53 are looking forward with keen anticipation to Monday night, December 18th, at which time a banquet will be served to about 200 Knights at the Armington Hotel. The occasion is in celebration of the progress the lodge has made during the past year. Prior to the banquet a class of candidates will be initiated into the mysteries of the first rank.

Invitations have been extended to several high officials of the Pythian order in North Carolina, notably Grand Chancellor McBride Holt, of Graham, and Grand Prelate Rev. R. B. Owen, of Charlotte. An excellent program is being arranged and the affair promises to be a gala time, eclipsing anything yet attempted along this line in Gastonia.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. R. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

## GERMANY ASKS FOR PEACE

A telephone message from The Charlotte News to The Gazette at 3 o'clock this afternoon states that an Associated Press bulletin just received from Berlin says that Germany and her allies are today submitting to the Entente Allies a proposal for peace.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

### JUNIOR CLASS WILL HOLD ANNUAL BAZAAR.

The Junior Young People's Christian Union of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will hold its annual bazaar on Friday, December 15th, at the Elite grocery store, beginning in the afternoon at one o'clock. The young folks will sell home-made candy and fancy work. The public patronage is solicited.

### MRS. J. F. THOMSON ENTERTAINED CLASS.

Mrs. J. F. Thomson was host to the members of her Sunday school class of the First Presbyterian church, at her home on West Main avenue yesterday evening, there being about 30 young ladies present. Interesting games and contests furnished the amusement and fruits, nuts and candies were served and a pleasant evening was passed.

### HEALTH COMMITTEE WITH MRS. DIXON.

The health committee of the Woman's Betterment Association will meet at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon of this week, December 15th, with Mrs. J. K. Dixon at her home on South York street. All members are very urgently requested to be present, as arrangements are to be completed at this meeting for Community Day, which is to be observed on December 23rd.

### MISSION STUDY CLASS WITH MRS. ANDREWS.

A very enjoyable and profitable meeting of the Mission Study Class of the Woman's Missionary Society of Main Street Methodist church was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. G. C. Andrews at her home on West Airline avenue. There was a large attendance of the members and the third chapter of "Our South Americanighbors" was studied, with Mrs. J. W. Atkins as leader. At the conclusion of the study period a social session was greatly enjoyed, during which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

### LINEBERGER-HUFFSTETLER INVITATIONS ISSUED.

Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends of the contracting parties:  
Mrs. S. J. Huffstetler requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Ola Mae to Mr. Charles Little Lineberger on Wednesday evening the twentieth of December one thousand nine hundred and sixteen at half after eight o'clock Eight hundred and twelve South Broad Street Gastonia, North Carolina.

### MR. WEBB ATTENDING WEDDING OF HIS NIECE.

The following dispatch from Shelby appeared in this morning's Charlotte Observer:  
Congressman E. Y. Webb arrived yesterday from Washington to be present Tuesday night at the marriage of his niece, Miss Madge Webb, the attractive daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. L. Webb, to Mr. Stiles Riley, of Greenville, S. C., which takes place in the First Baptist church.  
The wedding will be the leading social event of the winter in Shelby society and many out-of-town visitors are here. A big reception will follow at the home of Judge and Mrs. Webb, to which hundreds have been invited.

### See our window display of Statuary Christmas presents. Gastonia Furniture Company.

Messrs. F. A. Whitesides, J. L. Page and G. L. Rawlings motored to York, S. C., Sunday.

Special prices on druggists, rugs and all floor coverings at Gastonia Furniture Company.

Mr. Stephen B. Dolley, of the local bar, attended the community progress meeting at Dallas Friday night.

Just received car load bed room suits, dressers and buffets. Prices way down. Gastonia Furniture Co.

Work has begun on the rebuilding of Kenilworth Inn at Asheville, on the same site as that occupied by the old building which was burned about nine years ago. The new hostelry will cost \$250,000 and is expected to be complete and open to the public by July the first.

Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more profitable reading than the news.

## WAS GREAT MEETING

DALLAS GATHERING SHOWS PROGRESS

In Community Progress Meeting Held Friday Night by Dallas Chamber of Commerce Great Interest in Civic Progress Was Manifested—Number of Excellent Addresses Heard—Graded School Pupils Take Prominent Part in Program.

In the auditorium of the Dallas Graded Schools last Friday night there was held a Community Progress Meeting under the auspices of Dallas Chamber of Commerce, this being one of a series of similar meetings planned to be held in the various townships of the county in completion of the program mapped out by the Greater Gaston Association. There were present at this meeting a large number of the pupils of the Dallas schools, as well as citizens of Dallas, Gastonia and the county.

President J. W. Summey, of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce presided and the address of welcome was delivered by Prof. J. B. Henson, superintendent of the Dallas schools. The response was by Mayor C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia. Then followed a series of short but excellent talks by Dr. S. A. Wilkins, on Our Community; Rev. W. A. Jenkins, on Our Churches; Prof. S. J. Kirby, on Our Schools; Mr. A. P. Rudisill, on Our Farms; Mr. Evon L. Houser on Our Chamber of Commerce. A number of others present made short talks along the line of county and community progress. Music by the pupils of the Dallas Graded schools added much to the interest of the occasion, especially enjoyable being a song, "Ho, For Dallas" composed by Prof. G. L. Sawyer and sung by the school. Visitors were given a souvenir in the shape of a copy of this song in a pretty hand-painted cover.

The aroused public spirit which was manifested by the interest and enthusiasm given voice at this meeting speaks well for the splendid work that has already been done by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, which was only recently organized. The people of the community as never before are taking thought in regard to matters of public and common interest, and there is promise of the achievement in the future of much that will be helpful in bettering all the conditions that affect the lives of the people of the community. The results of the training in home economics given at the Dallas farm life school were very vividly shown in the delicious refreshments served to the visitors at the close of the program by the domestic science classes of the school.

Ideal Wednesday Theda Bara in "Her Double Life," Fox Feature.

### DIED SUDDENLY.

Brother of Mrs. L. G. Huffstetler Victim of Heart Failure—Funeral and Burial Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard G. Huffstetler received the sad news Saturday of the sudden death of her brother, Mr. Hugh Munday, who succumbed to an attack of heart failure while out for a horseback ride. As he approached the home of a Mr. Mitchell about two miles from Lenoir he became suddenly sick and was taken to the house, where he died within a few minutes.

The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Munday, and for several years had been in the employ of the C. & N-W. Railway in different capacities, but at the time of his death he was a locomotive fireman.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. D. M. Litaer, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the body was laid to rest in Bellview cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his father and mother and several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Leonard G. Huffstetler, of Gastonia, is a sister of the young man. She came to Lenoir early Sunday morning, accompanied by her husband, to attend the funeral services.

### ADVERTISING GASTON.

Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Met and Considered Important Plans for Giving Gaston Greater Publicity.

The advertising committee of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon with Chairman S. A. Robinson presiding.  
The committee will get designs and prices on several large sheet iron signs to be erected along the railroads entering the city. The committee also discussed plans for issuing a special edition of the Gaston Magazine for the big convention to be held in Gastonia during the week of February 5th, and have the book ready to mail out the latter part of January. The committee also considered the matter of publishing a directory of the entire county, including all the towns and rural districts. Further investigations will be made before this work is undertaken, which will be in the early part of the new year.

The Gaiter That Does Not Affect The Skin Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness and tingling in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of R. W. GROVE. 25c.

## EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED

TENDING TO SHOW FRAUD IN ELECTION

Commissioners of Gaston County Are in Special Session Today Receiving Sworn Statements from Citizens of Kings Mountain Relative to 1915 County Fine Election—If Fraud is Shown the Probability is That Election Will be Declared Void.

A sensation was sprung in the city this morning when it was made known that the commissioners of Gaston county were sitting in special session to receive affidavits and testimony tending to prove that the election held in April of 1915 for the purpose of changing the county line between Cleveland and Gaston counties was fraudulently managed.

No definite action was taken at the time The Gazette went to press other than the receiving by the commissioners of a long string of sworn affidavits made by residents of Kings Mountain relative to the election. The contents of these statements have not been made public at this time but are in the hands of attorneys employed by the board of commissioners of Gaston county and Mr. A. G. Mangum, counsel for the county.

In the event that the commissioners of Gaston county are convinced that fraud occurred at the polls or that money was used in the election it is understood that an injunction will be asked for, which will mean that the election will be declared void and that the territory voted on will not be incorporated by Cleveland county but will remain as heretofore, in Gaston county.

Whether or not money was spent by residents of Gaston county will have little or no effect on the situation, it is declared by Gastonia attorneys. If fraud was practiced the election will be declared null and void irrespective of which county or by whom the fraud was committed. The investigation is causing considerable comment from Gastonians. It is likely that later developments will uncover quite a number of surprises to the people of Gastonia and Gaston county.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Only ten more shopping days till Christmas.

Ten more shopping days before Christmas.

An ideal Christmas present—a year's subscription to The Gazette.

Buy your Red Cross Christmas Seals now.

Mr. A. B. Craig spent the weekend with relatives in Charlotte.

Prof. H. A. Query, superintendent of the graded schools of Belmont, was a Gastonia visitor today.

The Hawaiian Singers and Players, second attraction in the lyceum course, at the auditorium tomorrow night.

Miss Rose Davis, of Morganton, is spending several days in the city as the guest of her friend, Miss Ollie Trader.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ford motored to Grover Sunday afternoon where they spent several hours with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. West and family left yesterday for Great Falls, S. C., where they will make their home.

The bazaar conducted last Thursday by the ladies of Main Street Methodist church was quite a success. Something over \$200 was taken in.

Mr. J. H. Holland, who lives on Bessemer City, route one, recently killed a large white crane on his farm. The bird was an unusually large one, and weighed four pounds and a half.

Miss Mary Louise Pearce and little sister, Miss Jennie Watson Pearce, of Pollockville, arrived in the city Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with their uncle and aunt, Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig.

Misses Ruth Mason and Cora Carke, who are attending Queens College at Charlotte, spent the weekend in the city at the home of Miss Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Mason, on South Oakland street.

By reason of the change in schedule of Southern railway trains, mail for eastbound train No. 35 is closed at 8:23 a. m. each day. The train now leaves at 8:53 instead of at 9:21 a. m. as formerly.

The many friends of Mr. F. M. Howell, of the Howell-Groves Shoe Co., who has been confined to his home for the past two weeks as the result of an operation, will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering and expects to be out within a few days.

Gastonia Cotton  
Good middling ..... 17c  
Cotton seed ..... 93c

### COUGHED FIFTEEN YEARS.

Coughs that hang on and grow worse in the night are relieved by Foley's Honey and Tar. R. F. Hall, Mabe, 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.

## STATE DIRECTORS MEET

INSANE ASYLUM HAS 1534 PATIENTS

Dr. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, Returned to the City from Morganton Friday Where He Attended Annual Meeting of the Directors of the State Institution—Favor More Training for the Inmates.

Dr. L. N. Glenn returned to the city last Friday from Morganton where he attended a meeting of the directors of the State Hospital at that place, he being a member of the board. There were seven directors present at this meeting. Dr. Glenn has furnished The Gazette with the following facts and figures relative to the status of the institution:

There are 1,534 patients in the hospital, which is an increase over last year of 175. The recovery of patients shows 30 13-100 per cent for men and 29 69-100 for women. There have been no serious or critical epidemics during the past year and the general health of the patients has been up to the average. Splendid results are shown from the new hydro-therapy department in the way of treatment for the inmates.

A new dormitory is nearing completion which will keep 100 women. Two new buildings have been completed in the past year and these additions will bring the total capacity of the institution up to 1,450 beds, which will meet the immediate needs so far as female patients are concerned. Additional room is badly needed for male inmates. An appropriation of \$75,000 is to be asked for from the next session of the legislature for the purpose of constructing a reception building for men and a dormitory for aged and helpless. The last legislature provided \$60,000 for the new water supply and this has been installed and is in splendid working order, giving the institution abundant supply of pure water.

The medicinal standards and methods are being improved and extended considerably, especially in the laboratory department. Better fire protection is needed, a new refrigerator plant is also one of the crying needs of the hospital.

One important thing that was done was the appointment of a committee to investigate the advisability of adding some kind of industrial training at the hospital for the inmates who are capable of some form of mental or physical work. A committee was also appointed to convey to the Governor and the Legislature the annual report and submit information as to the needs of the institution for the ensuing two years. Superintendent John McCampbell was authorized to employ an additional stenographer.

The wards were visited by the directors, and the institution was found to be kept in an up-to-date first-class order in every respect. The institution in its efficient management and upkeep is ranked as not only one of the best in the South, but in the Nation at large.

### Ideal Thursday Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance" and "Who's Gilty."

### AT UNION SCHOOL.

Community Meeting to Be Held Saturday Night—Betterment Association Will Be Organized—A Program of the Exercises.

At the Union High School, of which Mr. Dean M. Thompson is principal, there is to be held next Saturday night, December 16th, beginning at seven-thirty o'clock, a community meeting in the interest of the school and general civic improvement. It is proposed to organize a community betterment association at this meeting. A splendid program has been prepared as follows:

Our Churches, by Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church; Our Sunday Schools, by Rev. George A. Sparrow, pastor of Union and Olney Presbyterian churches; Our High School, by Mr. Dean M. Thompson, principal; Our Farming Interests, by Mr. S. J. Kirby, principal of the Gaston County Farm Life School, Dallas; The Teaching of Domestic Science in Rural Schools, by Miss Marian Thompson, of the Gaston County Farm Life School faculty; The Teaching of Domestic Art in Rural Schools, by Miss Susan Markham, of the Gastonia High school; Music in the School, by Mr. H. A. Query, superintendent of the Belmont Public Schools; The School as a Community Center, by Prof. J. B. Henson, principal of the Dallas High School; Sanitation, by Dr. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia.

The citizens of the Union neighborhood are very enthusiastic over the progress of their school and greatly interested in every movement for its betterment. It is confidently expected that there will be a large attendance and much interest in the meeting to be held Saturday night.

### BANK OFFICIAL RECOMMENDS THEM.

T. J. Norrell, vice president of the Bank of Cottonwood, Tex., writes: "I have received relief and recommend Foley's Kidney Pills to any one who has kidney trouble." Kidney trouble manifests itself in many ways—in worry, by aches, pains, soreness, stiffness, and rheumatism. J. H. Kennedy & Co.—Adv.

## BELMONT BUDGET

Gazette Bureau, Belmont Hotel, Belmont, Dec. 12.

An accident that might have resulted more dangerously was narrowly averted Saturday afternoon a short distance out of town on the road to Gastonia when an automobile driven by Bert Rudisill, of Dallas, became unmanageable and went over an embankment into a wheat field turning completely over and pinning the driver and a boy passenger beneath.

The victims were coming to Belmont for the Dallas-Belmont High School basketball game. Fortunately neither of the boys was seriously hurt. The car was damaged.

Charlie Thomas, a young white man of Gastonia, was struck and knocked down Saturday night at 11 o'clock by an outgoing P. & N. passenger car. He was severely cut and bruised about the head and neck. He was brought back to the station and a local physician attended his wounds.

Thomas was standing on the side of the track near a scheduled stop for the car and, it is supposed, was trying to signal the car to stop when he stepped onto the track. It is thought that no serious complications will result.

The finishing touches are being added this week to the new \$40,000 school building just erected. It will be put in final shape during the Christmas holidays and will be ready for occupancy by the first of the New Year.

The building is one of the handsomest and most commodious of its kind in this section of the State.

In two well-played games of basketball on the local court yesterday afternoon the Dallas and Belmont High School teams divided honors, the Belmont boys winning by the score of 32 to 12 and the Dallas girls by the score of 13 to 11.

For the Belmont boys the playing of Lineberger, McKee and Abernathy featured; for the Dallas boys, Captain Rudisill, Durham and Elmore played good ball. For the Belmont girls the work of Captain Rankin, Higgins and Hand was outstanding, while for the visitors Captain Stowe and Pasour played a good game.

This game makes the eighth straight victory for the boys' team. They have scored 275 points to their opponents' 78 in the eight games. The fast Kings Mountain High School unit will be played next Friday at Kings Mountain.

Ideal Thursday Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance" and "Who's Gilty."

### THINK PEACE NEAR.

War Soon Coming to a Close is Opinion of German Newspapers.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Editorials appeared in virtually all the newspapers yesterday commenting on the present political situation as influenced by recent military events in Rumania and economic conditions in the entente countries and stating that apparently the sentiment for peace has been strengthened in these countries. A majority of the newspapers speak of the possible intentions of Ambassador Gerard on his return from the United States and of the rumors that a British ministerial crisis is impending. The Vossische Zeitung says: "We all feel the end of the war has been brought considerably nearer by the events of recent weeks. Even statesmen seem to recognize this, although their words lack clearness."

The Vossische Zeitung says peace negotiations were not discussed seriously in the United States until Great Britain's plight became apparent and that this was not a coincidence but was due to Anglo-American solidarity, and continues: "We ought never to forget that it is to the interest of the United States to support Great Britain's position for its own sake at the end of the war. In America everybody is conscious of the fact that a settlement of the question concerning the Pacific between the United States and Japan is only a question of time. The natural ally of the United States in this threatening struggle is England."

Only eleven more days to buy your Christmas furniture from the Gastonia Furniture Company.

Hyman Epstein, of Goldsboro, who was charged with the killing of Leonard Edwards in that city last April was acquitted Sunday for the second time, the jury rendering a verdict of "not guilty." Epstein was in love with the dead man's sister and she was one of the principal testifiers at the trial.

Gastonia Furniture Company invites you to inspect their large stock of fine furniture and floor coverings.

Sloan's Liment For Stiff Joints. Rheumatic pains and aches get into the joints and muscles, making every movement torture. Relieve your suffering with Sloan's Liment; it quickly penetrates without rubbing, and soothes and warms your sore muscles. The congested blood is stimulated to action; a single application will drive out the pain. Sloan's Liment is clean, convenient and quickly effective. It does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Get a bottle today at your Druggist, 25c.