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A COMMUNITY MEETING

UNION FOLKS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Various Phases of Community Life Discussed at Gathering of Citizens of Union Section at School House Saturday Night—Large Audience Listened Attentively to Number of Talks on Vital Topics.

Perhaps one of the most largely attended and enthusiastic community meetings yet held in the county was that one held Saturday night in the Union school house when the people of that section, old and young, gathered to hear various topics relating to community life and interest discussed. The school auditorium, which is a commodious one, was comfortably filled with men and women, young men and young women, boys and girls. All appeared deeply interested in the event and no audience in the county ever paid more splendid attention than they did to the various speakers.

Mr. Dean M. Thompson, who hails from Guilford county and who is serving his first year as principal of the Union school, was the moving spirit behind the meeting. It was held largely as a result of his personal efforts. In passing it is not amiss to state that Mr. Thompson is a live wire and that he is greatly liked by the Union people who are giving him an undivided support in every effort he is making for the betterment of the school and the community at large. Mr. Thompson made a brief introductory talk in which he set forth the objects of the meeting and then introduced Prof. F. P. Hall, county superintendent of schools, who presided. Mr. Hall, in introducing the speakers, gave voice to many splendid sentiments and expressed enthusiastically something of the rejuvenating spirit that has gotten hold of Gaston county people and which is doing so much to enlist them in co-operative work for betterment of conditions of all kinds.

Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church, was the first speaker. His subject was "The Community and the Church" and in a splendid address he told of the way in which the church and the community should co-operate in the great work of training the child life of the community.

Following Mr. Whitley, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, who has for the past twenty-three years been pastor of the Union church and who is intimately associated with the life of that community, spoke of the relationship of the Sunday school and the community. He laid stress on the large part which the Sunday school plays in the training of the children of the community.

Mr. J. M. Gray, county farm demonstrator, was next introduced and made a most excellent address on the value of the farm-demonstration work to the community. Mr. Gray told the farmers how they could do better farming. He told them of the advantages of raising livestock, which are now a liability, might easily and effectively be turned into an asset. Mr. Gray was heard with especial interest and his talk will no doubt bear great results in the future.

Mr. C. W. Roberts, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Gastonia and of the Greater Gaston County Association, was next introduced and told the audience what the latter organization is endeavoring to do for the people of the county, both in the towns and in the rural communities.

One or two speakers on the regular program were absent and in their stead Prof. Hall called on Mr. J. M. Holland, secretary of the Gaston County Fair Association, who told the audience something of the plans for next year, and Mr. J. W. Atkins of The Gazette, who talked briefly on diversification and the need of co-operation.

It was the intention of those responsible for the meeting to effect a community organization but, the hour being late, this was deferred till some more convenient time. That it will be done in the near future is almost sure, as the interest manifested was of the character that makes for support of organizations having as their object the upbuilding and betterment of a community.

How about a nice suit or overcoat for a Christmas present? Swan-Slater Co.

New Automobile Firm.

The Page Motor Company, of Charlotte, has established a branch agency at 240 West Main Avenue, corner of York street, adjoining D. M. Jones & Co. Mr. A. F. Anderson is the salesman in charge of the Gastonia office. The Page Company handles Maxwell Cars exclusively, superseding the Gaston Auto Sales Company as local representatives of the Maxwell people. All owners of Maxwell cars are requested to bring their cars to the Page Motor Company on Thursday of this week for free inspection. An expert from the Maxwell factory will be here and give each Maxwell car a thorough inspection, and suggest any adjustments or repairs that may be necessary.

Santa Claus headquarters for gifts for men and boys. Swan-Slater Co.

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Mock Trial.

Friday night of this week a mock trial will be held at Union school house. The style of the case to be tried will be "Peck vs. Peck". A nominal admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The public is cordially invited to attend.

New Member of Firm.

Mr. W. H. Ward, of Charlotte, is now a member of the firm of Harry Baber Co., grocers, having bought an interest in the business of the firm last week. Mr. Ward is a son-in-law of Mr. Z. B. Harry, and will make his home in Gastonia and take an active part in the management of the business.

Will Open Savings Department.

The First National Bank announces elsewhere in today's Gazette that beginning January 1, 1917, a saving department will be opened in connection with their regular banking business. Attractive little banks have been secured and are furnished to all who open an account. The facilities of the bank are quite ample to take care of this new department.

To Give Play Here.

"Jedediah Judkins, J. P.", a comedy, will be presented at the Central graded school auditorium here sometime in January, the date to be announced later, by Dallas local talent. This play was recently given in Dallas and made such a hit that it was decided to put it on here. The presentation here will be under the auspices of the Gastonia Public Library.

Mr. Loftin's Funeral.

Funeral services over the body of the late Mr. J. A. Loftin, of Gibsland, Ia., who died last Thursday night at that place, as recorded in Friday's Gazette, were held at the home of his son, Mr. C. I. Loftin, on West Third Avenue Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives of the deceased. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery. The pall-bearers were F. A. Postner, R. C. Warren, J. R. Baber, J. E. Page, H. H. Spencer and Charles Grice.

Changes in Mail Service.

The changes in the schedule of Southern Railway trains which went into effect last week caused some changes in the mail service at the local postoffice, which should be noted. Train No. 42 arrives at 8:35 a. m. and is a local train to Charlotte, carrying no mail. Train No. 36 arrives at 8:53 a. m., does not stop between Gastonia and Charlotte, and carries mail, which closes at 8:23 a. m. Train 43 arrives at 10:45 p. m., is a local train and carries mail. Train No. 35 arrives at 11:05 p. m., is a through train and does not take on mail here. Train 30 arrives at 10:25 p. m. and carries mail for the East. All mail matter deposited before 9 p. m. will be dispatched on trains 30 and 43.

Toilet cases, military brushes, Bill books, Pullman slippers, collar bags, drinking cups, etc., etc. Swan-Slater Co.

President Wilson has contributed \$2,500 toward the deficit in the campaign fund of the Democratic National Committee.

You can renew your subscription to The Gazette for two years at \$1.50 the year if you do it now. Price \$2 per year on and after January 1st.

YOUNG BOY IS KILLED

WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE TWICE

Gamewell Smith, Aged Four, of Kings Mountain, Met Tragic Death in Sunday Automobile Accident and Five Others Were Injured—Jason Fry, Inexperienced Driver, Lost Control of Car Which Left Road and Turned Over Twice.

Gamewell Smith, aged four years, was instantly killed Sunday evening about 6 o'clock in an automobile accident which occurred about a mile west of the city on the Gastonia-Bessemer City road and near the J. R. Shannon farm. Five other occupants of the car were more or less seriously injured, each sustaining numerous bruises. They were the dead boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Smith, their little two-year-old child and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Fry.

Immediately after the accident the boy was brought to the City Hospital here in a car which happened to be passing but an examination showed that he was dead. His neck had been broken and death came instantaneously. The body was removed to the establishment of the Ford Undertaking Company and prepared for burial. It was shipped on No. 43 Sunday night to Kings Mountain for burial yesterday.

Inexperience on the part of young Fry, resulting in his becoming "rattled" and losing control of the car, was responsible for this fatal accident. The car belonged to Mr. Smith. He and his family, together with Mr. and Mrs. Fry, who were neighbors, had been to York, S. C., to spend the day and were returning home. Fry had asked Smith several times to let him run the machine, stating that he had been running a truck and could manage it all right. Smith told him that, as soon as they passed Gastonia, he would let him, Fry, run the machine some. Just after the city limits were left behind Fry took the wheel. He got along without any trouble until they met a car. He steered far to the right in order to pass the approaching car and was successful. In some manner, however, he became frightened and lost control of the car. This resulted in his putting on too much power and the car shot across the road and turned over twice, badly damaging the car, killing the boy and injuring all of the other occupants.

Mr. Smith is a cousin of Mrs. R. H. Plyler, of Gastonia.

The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was brought to the City Hospital last night for an X-ray examination, which revealed a slight fracture of the hip.

Neckwear, gloves, hosiery, reefers, tie sets, handkerchiefs, belts, nose supporters, arm bands, etc., all in Christmas boxes at Swan-Slater Co's.

Some Christmas Suggestions.

The Gastonia postoffice is handling this year the largest amount of holiday business ever handled. Postmaster John R. Rankin hands us the following suggestions for patrons of the office, which if followed will greatly facilitate the work of the local office. Christmas parcels should be wrapped securely, addressed plainly and mailed early. Parcels may be marked "Do not open until Christmas," or with a similar direction. All parcels should be insured, the fees being as follows: Fee of 3 cents for a value up to \$5; fee of 5 cents for a value up to \$25; fee of 10 cents for a value up to \$50; fee of 25 cents for a value up to \$100.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS ON

—Soor it will be 1917.
—Just a few more struts for the old turkey gobble.
—Street paving is at a standstill on account of the snow and freeze.
—The ideal Christmas present—a year's subscription to The Gazette.
—Twenty below was shown by the thermometer this morning.
—Mr. J. W. Timberlake went to Concord on professional business this morning.
—Mr. G. L. Wright, of McAdenville, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. A. B. Taylor, of Salisbury, spent the week-end with friends in the city.
—Mr. G. G. Page, editor of The Kings Mountain Herald, was a visitor in Gastonia yesterday.
—Mrs. L. C. Cauthen, of Columbia, S. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. S. E. McArthur.

—Mrs. Harry Jenkins returned to the city last week after spending some time as the guest of Mrs. R. D. Craver in Charlotte.
—Mrs. W. H. Jenkins and Miss Willie Jenkins, after spending several days with relatives and friends in Charlotte, have returned home.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boshamer, of Statesville, spent the week-end in the city as the guests of Mrs. Boshamer's brother, Mr. F. D. Barkley.

Yesterday's snow was the first of the season. It was about an inch deep and gave the landscape a genuine white appearance.

If you have visitors during the holidays or if you are going away to visit relatives or friends don't fail to tell The Gazette about it. Call phone No. 50.

Mrs. C. T. Currie and little daughter, Dorothy Glenn, left Saturday for Richmond, Va., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Currie's mother.

Mr. A. E. Woltz, of the law firm of Mangum and Woltz, has been confined to his home on South York street since Saturday by an attack of grip. He is somewhat better today, but is not yet able to be out.

Mr. T. S. Royster, rural letter carrier on route one from Bessemer City, was in Gastonia Saturday en route to Chester, S. C., on business. Mr. Royster made the trip in his Ford.

Mr. L. C. Arrowood, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday. Mr. Arrowood is county agent for Board's Dairyman and is endeavoring to interest Gaston county farmers in this excellent journal.

His numerous friends in Gastonia will regret to learn that Capt. W. E. Christian, Gastonia correspondent of The Charlotte Observer, is kept as his home in Charlotte by an attack of pneumonia. They hope for him a speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. D. P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, was in the city yesterday. Asked as to what the news was in that good town he replied that they had an old-time "rough-house" occasion Saturday night, the exciting cause being a rather belligerent carnival crowd.

Buy him a suit case, traveling bag or wardrobe trunk. Swan-Slater Co.

Honored at the University.

At the meeting of the Athletic Association of the University of North Carolina held on December 16, a Gaston county student, Mr. Ray Armstrong, of Belmont, now a member of the Junior class in the University, was selected manager of the Carolina football team for 1917. Friends of Mr. Armstrong in Gaston county will be glad to know that he was the successful candidate for this important position. In view of the fact that the selection is made by practically the entire student body of the University, numbering over 1,200 students, is evidence of Mr. Armstrong's general popularity.

A year's subscription to The Gazette will make a present that your friends will appreciate very highly. Send it in today.

According to opinions expressed by Washington correspondents President Wilson will veto the public buildings bill if Congress passes it.

Let us help you select his Christmas present. Swan-Slater Co.

Gastonia Cotton.

Mood middling	17c
Cotton seed	95c

THE GAZETTE \$2.00.
On and after January 1, 1917, the subscription price of The Gazette will be \$2 the year instead of \$1.50 as at present. Until that date new subscriptions and renewals will be taken at the old price. All subscriptions are strictly cash in advance. This increase in the price of the paper is rendered imperative because of the unprecedented increase in the cost of print paper and all other materials which enter into the making of a newspaper.

He will appreciate a bath robe or a house coat. Swan-Slater Co.

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS ON

HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS IN EVIDENCE

Merchants of the City Are Enjoying Unprecedented Holiday Trade—Additional Clerks Have Been Employed in All of the Stores—Special Christmas Services Will Be Held in the Churches.

With Christmas only four days off Gastonia is today in gala attire for the happy occasion. The stores and windows are packed with holiday goods and additional clerks have been added in practically every store in order to care for the holiday rush. With three inches of snow to add to the beauty of the streets and buildings Christmas shoppers can be seen hurrying in and out of the stores, their arms filled with packages and bundles of Christmas presents. One significant fact that is noticed is the trade-at-home spirit which permeates the shoppers of the entire city. Gastonia merchants seemingly knew that this movement was brewing and therefore made ample provision for the holiday rush in the way of an abundant stock of goods and additional sales force. In the minority are those who desire to shop elsewhere.

The holiday trade in Gastonia this year will doubtless eclipse even the expectations of the merchants. While a steady stream of shoppers has poured into the various stores of the city for the past several days, the real holiday rush is expected in the remaining four days.

Beginning tomorrow the Gastonia students from the various colleges over the State and elsewhere will commence arriving in the city to spend the holidays with homefolks. Several banquets are being planned by the students and alumni of the various State colleges. The small boys have already begun to make a noise with firecrackers and toy pistols. Mistletoe and holly once again have been declared the popular decorations of the day, and Christmas is all but here.

Special Christmas services will be held in the various churches of the city on Sunday, and a community Christmas tree just after the regular services Sunday evening will mark the close of the Christmas services in Gastonia.

There will be Christmas tree Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, given under the auspices of the Sunday school of that church.

Saturday night there will be a tree at Main Street Methodist church under the auspices of the Sunday school, the hour being 7 o'clock. Special music will be provided for the occasion. The Sunbeam Society of the First Baptist church will give a Christmas entertainment at that church Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and the Sunday school will give all the pupils a treat, consisting of nuts, candies, etc. Similar treats will also be given at the occasions mentioned above.

The Sunday school of the Lutheran church will hold its Christmas festival on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Among other things the service will consist of songs, recitations and speeches. A tree with usual decorations will be placed in the church with gifts for the little folks.

At West Airline Avenue M. E. church, of which Rev. S. W. Johnson is pastor, the Sunday school will hold its Christmas exercises on Monday evening, December 25, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a program of songs and recitations, a Christmas tree and appropriate gifts for the children. Everybody is cordially invited.

Gaston, Boy E. Honored.

In the annual Freshman debate in the Diacetic Society of the University of North Carolina, held on last Saturday night, Mr. Thomas J. Brawley, of Gastonia, and Mr. F. L. Hurley, of Ashe county, won medals, signifying that they were the best debaters in the freshman class in this society. The query discussed was: Resolved, That the Federal Government should own and control the railways. Messrs. Brawley and Hurley successfully defended the negative side. Mr. Brawley is a son of Mr. F. W. Brawley, of this city, and his friends will be interested to learn of his success as a debater.

Every tie in a Christmas box at Swan-Slater Co's.

Cheese Making in North Carolina.

N. C. Extension Service. Nine cheese factories have been established in the western part of North Carolina since the work was begun in 1914. This is one of the most surprising developments of the whole work of the Animal Industry Division of the North Carolina Experiment Station. Before the work was undertaken, the whole state of North Carolina was producing only about 20,000 pounds of cheese and this was made in the homes at different parts of the state. The factories which have been established are now making more than that and at a good profit.

Capt. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, has been appointed by Governor Craig judge of the superior court of the seventh district to succeed Judge C. M. Cook, resigned.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Dec. 16.—Christmas, the joyous season, is here. Holly, mistletoe, ribbon and écrepe paper make the chief decorations.

Miss Mary Lentz has returned from a two weeks visit to relatives in Mount Pleasant.

The pupils of the tenth grade in the high school entertained the pupils of the eleventh grade Friday night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Kohn. Several hours were quite pleasantly spent, each class toasting the other. Games were played and refreshments were served consisting of candy, salad and coffee. Prof. M. L. Barnes was the invited guest of honor.

Dr. T. M. McCoy, who has been in the hospital for treatment, is at home again and has resumed his practice. He is looking well and hearty.

Mr. Andrews, who has been for some time with the P. & N. here, has been transferred to Gastonia. Mr. Barnes, who has been with the Seaboard here has taken a position with the same line as telegrapher at Hamlet.

The Mount Holly Realty Company, to meet the demand for houses, is building three residences in different parts of town. There is not a vacant house in town, and we have lost good citizens by reason of their not being able to find homes here.

Work on the bridges goes on with some speed, but not as fast as is desired, for cold weather is coming on and will likely delay the completion of the work.

The public schools will close Wednesday, December 20th, and will resume work on January 2nd.

The teachers of River Bend township met in the graded school building Saturday to hear lectures, discuss methods and become more conversant and experienced in pedagogy. The attendance was rather limited, due to the cold and shopping. Miss Carrie Glenn, primary supervisor of the county, was present and discussed methods. Her remarks were to the point and practical; but after all, no set of rules can be laid down which are so good and powerful as to run every school according to those rules. Miss May Rice gave a demonstration in teaching writing; the Palmer method is used.

When I went to school there was no particular method taught, and perhaps I am suffering from the defect, or rather the reader of my letters does, or he who sets this in type, but we go there. It was then potbooks, the upward stroke, the downward flourish, the slant, crooks and turns. Now it is the push and pull method, and while you make rings the teachers counts rapidly, one, two, three, up to ten, then back again and up to ten again. That way calls up some one's description of how Rubenstein played the piano, only it is not nearly so musical.

Rev. S. L. Cathey, who for several years has been pastor of the Presbyterian church here, has resigned to accept a call coming from two congregations at Lora, near Statesville. He has made his people a fine pastor, the town a first-class citizen and the community can ill afford to lose him, or any like him. We wish him much success in the new field.

The new Methodist pastor, Rev. J. C. Harmon, is in the parsonage and has preached his initial sermon. In his predecessor, Rev. Mr. Houck, the town lost another good citizen, but I doubt not that those who come instead, are fine gentlemen, good preachers and excellent citizens.

Silk shirts make beautiful Christmas presents. Swan-Slater Co.

CHERRYVILLE ROUTE 2 NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, R. F. D. No. 2, Dec. 11. Mr. J. T. Carpenter and family have moved back to their farm on Cherryville, route No. 2.

Mrs. Jesse Carroll returned to her home in Godfrey, Ga., after spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stroup.

Mrs. Stroup spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. John S. Stroup. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carpenter and family spent Sunday afternoon with their uncle, Mr. J. T. Carpenter.

Mrs. J. T. Carpenter spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. D. P. Crouse, at Spencer.

Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter visited her sister in Kings Mountain last week.

There will be a Christmas tree at St. Marks Lutheran church near Crouse on Christmas evening.

Rev. O. W. Aderholt spent last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carpenter.

New Pastor Arrives.

Rev. S. W. Johnson, who was appointed at the recent conference at Winston-Salem as pastor of West Airline Avenue M. E. Church, has arrived in the city and entered upon the duties of his pastorate, succeeding Rev. F. C. West, who was appointed to the Zion charge in Iredell county. Rev. Mr. West will move his family to his new charge after the holidays, although he has already begun filling his new preaching appointments. Rev. Mr. Johnson comes from Perquimans county, where he was pastor last year of the Parkville charge.

"Just What I Wanted"



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