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MR. ROBERTS TO RALEIGH

WILL TELL OF G. G. ASSOCIATION'S WORK

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce invited to address North Carolina Conference for Social Service and Tell of Accomplishments of Greater Gaston Association—Gastonia in the Movies is Moving Along Nicely.

The work of the Greater Gaston County Association has attracted such wide attention that people in many cities are asking for information about it. In order to present the plans and facts before a large body of interested people Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, has invited Secretary Roberts of the association to address the North Carolina Conference for Social Service on Tuesday, January 23, at Raleigh, on which date the program will take up the most significant and promising developments in the recent history of North Carolina.

The following letter received from Mr. Poe by Secretary Roberts explains itself:

C. W. Roberts,

Gastonia, N. C., Dr. E. K. Graham, president of North Carolina Conference for Social Service, has asked me to prepare a program on morning session of the conference Tuesday, January 23, the date meeting to be held in Raleigh January 21-24.

For this Tuesday morning meeting it is our wish to present some of the most significant and promising developments in the recent history of the State; and to this end I am writing to ask, and to urge, that you give 15 minutes' talk or paper on the subject "The Greater Gaston County Association," telling just what has been accomplished through your organization, so that it may in other counties to undertake similar effort.

I earnestly hope you will take time to arrange to give the conference the quarter-hour asked of you, meanwhile, with all good wishes.

CLARENCE POE.

Wed. Dec. 30, 1916.

Good progress is being made on the picture, "The Princess Visits the Public Schools and All Children Will be Seen in the Movietones which will be shown the first part of the coming Monday the Princess visited Chamber of Commerce and movietones were made of the secret office and quarters of the Chamber of Commerce. More of the good towns of the county will be finished this week and when the picture is finished there will be about 100 feet of film.

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DEAD AT NINETY-EIGHT

RETAINED HER FACULTIES TO THE END

Mrs. Elizabeth Henry Passes Away at Her Home in the Panhandle at Advanced Age — Mrs. Alice Beam Dead — Prof. Jesse Caldwell Marries — A Business Change — Holiday Visitors — Live News From Cherryville.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, Jan. 1. — On Christmas day about 4:00 p. m. Mrs. Alice Beam, wife of J. Frank Beam, died at her home, two and one half miles east of town. She had been indisposed for several days but was up for breakfast and mentioned feeling very well on the day of her death. The end came rather suddenly caused by neuralgia of the heart. She leaves her husband, Mr. J. Frank Beam, and the following children: Messrs. James L. Marshall, Claud and Mrs. Paty Carpenter, Mrs. Wiley Carpenter and Misses Annie and Bright Beam.

Deceased was about 60 years of age and was a member of the Lutheran church. Funeral and burial services were conducted at Antioch Methodist church near Crouse by her pastor, Rev. B. D. Westinger, on Tuesday at 2:00 p. m., December 26th.

Mrs. Elizabeth Henry died at her home in the Panhandle section three miles northwest of town Wednesday, December 27th, at the ripe age of 98 years. Death was caused by a deep cold and the infirmities of age. She made her home with her grandson, Mr. A. F. Henry. She was a woman of remarkable vitality and memory and was very reminiscent of the times and hardships during the years when she was a child. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Sam Black, of Cherryville and Mrs. Phillip Spake, who lives in the west, and two grandsons, Mr. John Henry, of Oklahoma, and Mr. A. F. Henry, of Cherryville, and the following brothers: Messrs. W. O. S. S., and D. M. Harselton, of Cherryville and Mr. W. M. Harselton, of Waco.

At her request her remains were hauled to the cemetery in a wagon. Funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church north of town December 28th by Rev. B. D. Westinger.

Mr. J. W. Carroll, of Madison, Ga. is spending a few days in town.

Mr. L. E. Rudisill, of Indiana, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. H. Rudisill, in town.

Rev. C. M. Robinson and family moved last Wednesday to Clifton, S. C., where Rev. Mr. Robinson will become pastor of two Baptist churches, Rev. D. L. Putnam, the incoming Baptist pastor, here and Bessemer City, will move here next week from Roxboro.

There is some probability of Cherryville getting a new depot. Supt. P. G. Walton, of Hamlet, has been here and looked over the situation and gives all assurance possible that a new depot will be built. A part of the depot here was built before the Civil War and has long since served the requirements of the town.

A marriage of some interest to Rutherford and Gaston counties occurred at Bostic last Wednesday when Miss Virginia Harrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harrill, became the bride of Prof. Jesse B. Caldwell, Rev. G. A. Martin, pastor of the Baptist church of Rutherford, officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony. The bride is one of Rutherford's popular young ladies and has a host of friends who will be interested in her marriage. It having come as a surprise except to relatives, Prof. Caldwell is superintendent of the Stoneville high school, Rockingham county, and is well known in this section, having taught for a number of years in this and Rutherford counties. They are spending the holidays with Prof. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caldwell, after which they will be at home in Stoneville.

Mr. S. Q. McCarroll, formerly of the Carolina Bank, has been elected cashier, and has assumed charge of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., here, succeeding Mr. S. E. McNeely who resigned on account of press of his private business. Mr. McNeely, however, will continue to be actively identified with the bank, having been elected one of the vice-presidents.

Mr. W. D. Gates, who for the past four years has been with the First National Bank, has resigned but as yet his successor has not been elected.

The offices of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Co., who have had offices upstairs in the Mauney Building will move in a few days into the new First National Bank building.

The Cherryville Manufacturing Co. have sold their stock of general merchandise to Messrs. Wiley McGinnis and Jesse Carroll. Mr. McGinnis has been manager of the store for quite a while and Mr. Carroll has been with the Cherryville Hardware Co. They will continue business at the same stand under the name of Mac-Carroll Mercantile Co. Mr. Charles Warlick takes Mr. Carroll's place at the hardware store.

Attorney and Mrs. C. B. Fetner, of Charlotte, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mauney.

Mrs. E. E. McDowell and children have returned from Laurinburg where they have been visiting Mrs. McDowell's parents. Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Falls.

Messrs. Sipe & Dellinger have rented the garage near the depot and will conduct a garage in addition to their produce and grocery business, which is operated under the name of Cherryville Produce Company.

COUNTY BOARD MEETS

ANOTHER STEP TAKEN IN COUNTY SUIT

A Special Meeting of Board is Called for January 12 to Discuss County Boundary Line Election Suit — Much Speculation as to What Will Occur at Meeting — Other Business Transacted.

The regular monthly meeting of the commissioners of Gaston county was held yesterday, routine business and the issuance of vouchers occupied the greater part of the board's time during the day.

Among other things of interest was the announcement of the monthly salaries of several county officers. They are as follows: Road supervisor, T. L. Ware, \$125. Chaingang superintendent, E. L. Sandifer, \$100. Janitor of court house, W. M. Nolen, \$50. Keeper of county home, C. C. Craig, \$50.

Mr. J. M. Gray, farm demonstrator of Gaston county, was re-elected for the ensuing year, his salary being increased to \$62.50 per month.

A special meeting of the entire board was called for January 12th for the purpose of going into a discussion of the county boundary line election suit now being instituted against Cleveland county. There was no statement made as to what would be the nature of this meeting, although there is quite a bit of speculation as to what will transpire at that time as the result of the action the commissioners will take. Because of the general interest of the suit over Gaston county this meeting will be keenly watched.

A full account of the business transacted and the disbursements made at yesterday's meeting will be carried in Friday's Gazette.

BETTERMENT MEETING.

First Regular Meeting of Woman's Betterment Association for the New Year Will be Held Friday Afternoon—Library Department in Charge.

The Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association will meet Friday afternoon of this week, January 5th, at 3:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Central school building, this being the first regular meeting for the new year. After hearing reports of the various committees the meetings will be turned over to Mrs. D. A. Garrison, chairman of the library department, who will have charge of the exercises. The program for the afternoon is as follows:

"The Library and the Child," by Miss Anne Pierce, of the Children's Library, Charlotte.

"Gastonia's Responsibility in Providing for a Free Public Library," by Mr. Andrew E. Moore.

"The Part a Public Library Plays in Building Up a Town and Promoting Good Citizenship," by Mr. C. W. Roberts, secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.

These exercises will not be long, and it is earnestly hoped that there will be a large attendance of the members of the association and others who are interested in the library question; especially as this is the first meeting in the New Year.

Valeska Suratt in "The Straight Way" Ideal Wednesday.

And just to think, there was a time when they threw eggs at actors.—Baltimore Sun.

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COUNTY LINE QUESTION

KINGS MOUNTAIN CITIZENS PROTEST

Present a Strong Appeal to the Citizens of Gaston County to Leave the County Line Matter Settled and Not Stir Up Old Scores—Some Facts in Regard to the Election and its Results.

Kings Mtn., N. C., Jan. 1, 1917.

To the editor of The Gazette:

We have noticed some recent articles in your paper with reference to a suit involving the legality of the county boundary line election held in April, 1915, and we have been both surprised and pained to note the tenor of these articles.

Certainly the suggestion of wholesale fraud and other sundry charges are so preposterous and unwarranted as not to merit a serious discussion, not to say denial. It may be that there were some slight irregularities on each side in that election, such as are common to elections, but the charges of fraud are absurd. However, the purpose of this article is not to discuss the merits of that question.

In view of the present agitation it might not be amiss to state briefly the facts in regard to the purpose of the bill providing for this election and the consequent developments, and to submit these to the fair-minded and just citizenship of Gaston county, with the hope that this great people will not lend the county's good name to an unworthy purpose; and, confident in that belief, we shall remain until her conduct shall force us to decide otherwise.

Let it be remembered that the plan to have a bill passed providing for an election to change the boundary line between Gaston and Cleveland counties was introduced in the Legislature by a Gaston county man and was passed with the approval of the Gaston county legislators, and it was with some difficulty that we prevailed upon the Cleveland county legislators not to fight the bill and let it pass. Hence it cannot be said that Cleveland county was trying to get any of Gaston's territory, for it was Gaston county that was the prime mover in the matter. The bill was passed, and the election ordered, and Cleveland county fought to keep from losing her own territory—practically three-fourths of the town of Kings Mountain, which had been in Cleveland ever since the town was formed—more than to gain any territory from Gaston. It so happens that Gaston loses only a narrow strip of territory, which places all of Kings Mountain in the same county, which does not injure Gaston, whereas, if the whole town had gone to Cleveland it would have been a heavy blow to Cleveland.

The election was held in April, 1915, nearly a year and nine months ago—and both counties made similar propositions as inducements to the voters to decide in favor of the respective counties. The vote was favorable to Cleveland. There were 611 votes cast and Cleveland had a net majority of 71 votes, and this was duly certified and declared by the election officials of both Gaston and Cleveland counties. This was known by everybody and apparently accepted and acquiesced in by everybody.

During the time since the election was held Cleveland county has carried out her election promises, similar to those made by Gaston, and has expended more than \$25,000.00 in building the roads through the new territory and that involved in the election. Nobody opposed the expenditure of this money.

Now it seems that somebody is endeavoring to stir up trouble at this late day. Any talk about fraud in the election is a mere pretext. There is never an election held that somebody could not make complaint afterwards that everything was not just in accordance with the precise requirements of the statute, and yet it is generally understood that if anything was irregular in any way, such irregularities were not confined to one side alone, and certainly they were not determinative of the election.

In every contest of this kind one side must lose—both cannot win. If Cleveland county had lost we would have accepted the result in good faith and you would not find us playing the baby act; we do not believe the great, progressive, forward-looking citizenship of the great county of Gaston will do so, either. We have lived friends and neighbors through these years. We mutually esteem each other. Our business men of Kings Mountain, and the citizens of our town who sign this article, trade and mingle freely and happily with the business men of Gaston and all of Gaston county. We desire this friendly relationship to continue and we want to promote this spirit of good fellowship and business association, and we deprecate anything that would cause estrangement.

We ask our friends in Gaston to let this matter rest to themselves. Suppose after your court-house removal election a short time ago somebody had proposed to test the legality of the election on the ground that some money was used, or that there were some other irregularities, don't you realize how much better

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GAZETTE'S HONOR ROLL FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

LIST OF THOSE WHO PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS SHOWS GAZETTE IS STILL THE FAVORITE

The Gazette's honor roll, which includes the names of those who made payments on subscriptions during the month of December, is printed below. The size of this list cannot fail to impress one with the fact that The Gazette is still Gaston county's leading newspaper and that it is the one paper, not excepting weeklies, semi-weeklies or dailies, that Gaston people read most.

As has been announced in each issue for the past two months the subscription price was advanced the first of January from \$1.50 to \$2, this action being made imperative because of the part of the publishers because of the great increase in the cost of news print paper and other materials entering into the making of a newspaper. Two dollars, however, is still a nominal price for a good semi-weekly newspaper. It represents less than half the price of an admission to a movie picture show once a week, less than the price of one cigar a week, less than a "jitney" a week. The Gazette is proud of its subscription list. There are still a few in the county who do not take the paper. We hope that 1917 will see them all on the list.

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