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GASTONIA, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 23, 1917.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

FULL PROGRAM FOR GASTONIA'S BIG WEEK

HON. W.P. G. HARDING, HEAD OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, TO BE CITY'S GUEST

February Fifth, Sixth and Seventh to be Great Days in Town's History—Commercial Secretaries, Farm Demonstrators and Bankers of State to Gather Here to Discuss Topics of Vital Importance—Subject of Organization of State Chamber of Commerce to be Discussed—Three Banquets to be Given—The Program in Full.

Comprehensive plans are fast materializing for the big week of February 5th, when, it is expected, there will be several hundred visitors in the city for four days. All the hotels and boarding houses will be filled to their capacity.

Three banquets are to be given during the week. The program given below includes a banquet to the commercial secretaries of the State on Monday evening, February 5th, and a banquet for local citizens and visitors at noon on February 6th. Secretary Roberts of the Chamber of Commerce who is in charge of the arrangements, says that every man in Gastonia is expected to attend this banquet.

There will be some three hundred out-of-town visitors, it is expected. Tuesday evening there will be an exclusive banquet for the bankers of North Carolina and visiting bankers from South Carolina in honor of Hon. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

Tuesday afternoon a talk will be made at the court house on the Farm Loan Bank. The program printed below covers the meeting in full.

The following musical program has been arranged for Tuesday's noon banquet to be given by Gastonia Music Club:

- 1. Selection by Orchestra. 2. Chorus, Strauss' Waltz Song, by Gastonia Music Club. 3. Song of Welcome (written especially for occasion) by double quartet composed of Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Holland, Mrs. Harry Rutter, Miss Jane Morris, Mr. Fred Wetzell, Mr. R. T. Padgett, Mr. E. D. Atkins, Dr. J. A. Anderson.

PROGRAM.

February 5th, 1917, Monday Morning and Afternoon. Secretaries will arrive. County agents will arrive and prepare exhibits.

2:00 p. m. Meeting of secretaries in assembly room of Armington hotel for general discussion and selection of matters to come up at evening meetings.

Monday Evening.

8:00. Banquet to secretaries, Armington hotel.

Address of welcome, behalf of Chamber of Commerce, J. H. Separk, President. Address of welcome, behalf of City of Gastonia, C. B. Armstrong, Mayor. Response to address of welcome, J. C. Forester, Greensboro. Annual report of President Horne. Annual report of secretary, Miss Hackney.

Election of officers.

Address by Clement S. Ucker, Vice-President Southern Settlement and Development Organization.

Address: "The need of a State Chamber of Commerce", Fred N. Tate, High Point.

Round Table discussion on subjects selected at afternoon meeting.

Appointment of committee on

State Chamber of Commerce to confer with business men Tuesday a. m. Adjournment.

PUBLIC DAY.

Tuesday Morning, February 6th.

Arrival of bankers and business men.

8:30 County Agents meeting, assembly room, Armington hotel, C. S. Millsaps, presiding.

Address of welcome on behalf city of Gastonia, C. B. Armstrong, mayor.

Address of welcome on behalf Chamber of Commerce, J. H. Separk, president.

Response to addresses of welcome, E. S. Millsaps.

9:30 Joint meeting of county agents and commercial secretaries. Address by E. S. Millsaps.

Discussions.

10:42 Arrival of Hon. W. P. G. Harding and Mr. Fairfax Harrison. Train will be met by all guests and the Gastonia Drum Corps.

Guests will proceed to hotel and review parade of Gastonia Drum Corps.

11:30 Automobile ride over the city.

12:30 Banquet for all at the Armory. Invocation Bishop J. C. Kilgo.

Address of welcome in behalf Chamber of Commerce, J. H. Separk, president.

Address of welcome in behalf City of Gastonia, C. B. Armstrong, mayor.

Response to addresses of welcome, David Owens, Charlotte.

Address: Honorable W. P. G. Harding, governor Federal Reserve Board of the United States.

Address: Mr. Fairfax Harrison, president Southern Railway.

Address: Mr. Z. V. Taylor, president Southern Public Utilities Company, Charlotte.

Address: "The need of a State Chamber of Commerce", Fred N. Tate, High Point.

Hearing recommendations from secretaries.

Discussions.

Adjournment.

3:30 Meeting of committees appointed at banquet in hotel assembly room.

3:30 General meeting at the court house, address on the Farm Loan Bank, by Member Federal Farm Loan Bureau. (Invited.)

Discussion.

Tuesday Evening.

7:30 Agents meet in assembly room of hotel.

8:00 Exclusive luncheon for visiting bankers at the Armington hotel, in honor Hon. W. P. G. Harding, compliments banks of Gastonia.

LIVE STOCK DAY.

Wednesday Morning, February 7th.

8:30 Agents meet in assembly room of hotel.

Address, "Hogs and Pastures," Dan T. Gray.

9:30 Beef Cattle Demonstration at Craig and Wilson's Farm in charge of R. S. Curtis. (Public invited.)

10:30 Dairy Cattle Demonstration at Gastonia's Dairy Farm in charge of A. J. Reed. (Public invited.)

1:30 Public Poultry Meeting in charge of A. C. Oliver at Exhibit Building. (Public invited. Ladies urged to attend.)

4:00 Agents Poultry conference at exhibit building.

7:30 Agents meet in assembly

room of hotel. Thursday, February 8th.

8:30 a. m. Address, "Club Work" T. E. Brown, hotel assembly room.

Agents conference. Community work.

10:30 p. m. General Supervision. Mercer, Kilgo and Hudson.

Agents report.

7:30 Agents conference.

District matters by district agent.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

U. D. C. MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Gastonia Chapter U. D. C. will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon promptly at 3:30 in the chapter room. All members are urged to be present as some matters of importance are to be discussed.

TO RALEIGH TO HEAR PADEREWSKI

Mrs. B. E. Atkins, Miss Lillian Atkins and Mr. E. D. Atkins left this morning for Raleigh where tonight they will attend the Paderewski recital to be given in the auditorium under the auspices of the Rotary Club. They will remain in Raleigh for a day or two to attend some of the sessions of the Social Service Conference.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB MET WITH MRS. ADAMS.

At her home on South Oakland street last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. Lean Adams was hostess at a most enjoyable meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Club. A pleasant hour was spent in playing "Forty-Two," after which the guests were invited to the dining room, where a delicious course luncheon was served. The decorations were of narcissus, carnations, and pink shaded candles. Besides club members the guests were Mrs. C. K. Marshall, Mrs. E. P. Rankin, Mrs. M. H. Curry and Mrs. S. R. Clinton.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING PROGRAM.

As previously announced there will be a meeting of the teachers of the first, second and third grades of the Central school and the parents of the pupils in those grades at the Central school tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of the education committee of the Woman's Betterment Association. The hour has been changed from 3 to 2:30. The first half hour will be devoted to observation by the parents of work done in the class room and the program for that section of the meeting is as follows:

- 1—Music lesson. 2—Reading lesson. 3—Preparation of next day's reading lesson. 4—Spelling in grades where spelling is taught.

Following the program in the class rooms the teachers and parents will meet in the auditorium where the program will be as follows:

- 1—Home work of the pupil. 2—Helps by parent. 3—Questions and suggestions by parents.

MISS TORRENCE APPEARS IN SONG RECITALS.

On last Saturday afternoon, January 20, Miss Marie Torrence, who is now completing her course at the New York School of Music and Arts, was presented at the exposition in the Grand Central terminal by Ralfe Leech Sterner, director, in a song recital in English, Italian and French. The following program was most excellently rendered by Miss Torrence, who had no assisting artist:

- Aria, Charmant Oiseau (La Peri du Bresil), David. (a) Spring's Awakening, Sander-son. (b) Staccato Polka, Mulder. Aria, De puis le jour (Louise), Charpentier.

- (a) Nature Awaits Thee, (b) We Two Together, Frank Howard Warner (The composer at the piano.) Aria, Ombra Leggera (Dinofah), Meyerbeer.

- (a) Als die alte Mutter, Dvorak. (b) Sandmännchen, Brahms. (c) Undeguld, Schubert. Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark, Bishop.

On Thursday evening, February first, in the auditorium of the New York School of Music and Art, Miss Torrence will appear in her final New York concert, the program to include the same numbers as the above, with the addition of the Ave Maria by Bach-Gounod, with orchestral accompaniment. Miss Torrence's first Gastonia concert, when she is to appear with Sorrentino, the famous Italian tenor, is to be given in the auditorium of the Central school on Wednesday evening, February 7th.

Theda Bara in "Romeo and Juliet" Ideal Tomorrow.

Mary Pickford Cozy Friday.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne Cozy Wednesday.

Mme. Petrova Cozy Today.

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SUPERIOR COURT OPENS

JUDGE CLINE, OF HICKORY, PRESIDING

January Term of Gaston Superior Court Convened Yesterday Morning—Several Important Civil Issues to be Decided This Week—Cases Disposed of at First Session. The January term of Gaston superior Court for the trial of both civil and criminal cases convened yesterday morning with Judge E. B. Cline, of Hickory, presiding. The first four days, beginning yesterday, will be given over entirely to the trial of criminal cases after which the civil docket will be disposed of.

There are several important civil suits to come up for trial at this term, one of which is the case involving Cleveland and Gaston counties relative to the county boundary line suit which was instituted several weeks ago by the commissioners of this county against the commissioners of Cleveland county charging that corruption occurred in the 1915 election. It is expected that a referee will be appointed by Judge Cline to conduct a preliminary investigation pertaining to the suit in order that evidence may be taken.

Another case which is of some importance, especially to certain citizens of Charlotte, is a suit involving about \$100,000 wherein the Forest Hill Realty Company is asking for a permanent restraining order to prevent the city of Charlotte from collecting more than 20 per cent of the assessed value of a lot belonging to the company. In the event that the order is denied it is stated that the matter will be taken to the Supreme Court.

A grand jury with Mr. D. R. Mauney, of Cherryville, as foreman was chosen as follows: J. F. Clemmer, W. S. Smith, M. L. Stroup, J. E. Burns, W. A. Gamble, Foster Clinton, W. B. Craig, D. R. Stroup, A. M. Rhyne, J. F. Rhyne, A. B. Brown, S. A. Gastoff, J. E. Dunn, J. H. Currie, J. A. McKnight, Harry Maier, B. F. Leonhardt.

These are the cases which were disposed of at yesterday's session: No. 62 J. R. Smith, retailing. Defendant discharged.

No. 20 Will Peyton, Garfield Washington and Elsie Lindsay, gambling. Washington and Lindsay sentenced to 90 days on county roads. Nol pros as to defendant Peyton.

No. 23 Ves Smith and Amos Hopkins, gambling. Nol pros with leave.

No. 36 M. C. White alias W. L. White, F. & A. defendant, who is now in Federal prison in Atlanta, pleads guilty and judgment was suspended.

No. 38 Lon Leeper and Joe Hunter, gambling. Hunter sentenced to four months on public roads, Leeper given nol pros with leave.

No. 63 Conley Robinson, assault. Called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias, bond fixed at \$300.

No. 64 Aaron Farrar, assault. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

No. 69 James T. Cathey, gambling. Fined \$5.00 and costs.

No. 70 Arvill Long, gambling. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined \$5.00 and costs.

No. 81 Lige Triplett, burglary. Bill changed to larceny. Judgment continued to May term upon payment of costs.

No. 81 Vasta Pennington, burglary. Defendant called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias.

Mary Pickford Cozy Friday.

Theda Bara in "Romeo and Juliet" Ideal Tomorrow.

BEREAN CLASS AS HOST.

Will Entertain Other Classes of East Baptist Church Thursday Night.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

EAST GASTONIA, Jan. 22.—The Berean Class of the East Baptist church will entertain the Fideis Class next Thursday night at the church. They have also invited the mothers' class and all the officers and teachers of the entire Sunday school to be present and enjoy the occasion. The entertainment proper will take place in the main auditorium of the church after which an oyster supper will be given in the Berean room. Rev. J. W. Whitley, the pastor, is teacher of the Berean Class and has enthused the men in the eastern end of town until the class is now the largest class of men in Gastonia. An enjoyable time is anticipated by all.

Mme. Petrova Cozy Today.

LITTLE MUSICIANS' CLUB MET SATURDAY.

The January meeting of the Little Musicians' Club was held in the Central school auditorium Saturday afternoon. An interesting program of solos and duets for the pianoforte was rendered and those deserving special mention for the excellent performance of their numbers are Sarah Glenn, Madeline Moore and Wombra McCombs. The musical history subject for the day was Chopin.

Mme. Petrova Cozy Today.

Miss Bessie Nell, of Charlotte, spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Myers.

Charter Was Received Today.

A charter was today received from Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes incorporating Michael & Bivens, an electrical concern doing business in Gastonia, with an authorized capital stock of \$25,000. The incorporators are Messrs. J. F. Bivens, F. C. Michael and J. R. Withers.

PLAN COUNTY CONTEST

FIELD DAY EVENTS TO BE HELD HERE

Other Contests to be Held in Other Towns of County—High School Superintendents and Principals Met Saturday and Outlined Plans and Adopted Rules for Spring Contests—Two New Ones Added—List of Various Events and Where They Are to be Staged. At a meeting of the township superintendents and principals held Saturday at the court house the various contests for the spring were outlined. These contests take the place in alternate years of the county commencement held every other year, and are held at the various township centers.

The same contests as have been held in the past will be held this year. Those for the high school departments are declamation, recitation, debate and short story writing, for each of which a gold medal is offered. The same spelling contest for grammar grades is also included, and the oral reproduction of stories for primary grades, one for the first grades alone and the other for grades 2, 3 and 4. In addition to these six contests, two more have been added, a recitation and a declamation contest for pupils of the grammar grades fourth to seventh, inclusive. These two latter contests will be held in Gastonia at the same time the short story writing contest will be held.

The other five will be at the township centers of Belmont, Bessemer City, Cherryville, Dallas and Mount Holly. Rules governing these contests are the same that have been in force the past two years except that the time limit for the recitations and declamations have been removed. Preliminary township contests will be held in all the events.

In addition to these literary attractions, a field day will be held in Gastonia. The following events have been designated: One hundred and 220-yard dashes, 440 and 880-yard runs, mile relay, low and high hurdles, running and standing broad jump and baseball throwing. In addition to these track events which will be held in the morning there will be championship contests in baseball for boys and basketball for girls in the afternoon.

Rules and regulations governing all these contests in detail will be printed in circular form and sent to all the teachers of the county within the next few days.

Those present at the meeting Saturday were Superintendent Joe S. Wray and principals Grier, Skak and Weir, of Gastonia; Query and Miller, of Belmont; Nixon and Beard, of Cherryville; Barnes and Thompson, of Mount Holly; Rankin and Ramser, of Bessemer City; Henson and Sawyer, of Dallas; Richardson, of Lowell and Dellinger of Stanley.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne Cozy Wednesday.

ADDRESS BY MR. GRAY.

Mt. Olivet Home Demonstration Club Holds Farm Demonstration on Community Work.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

GASTONIA, ROUTE 4, Jan. 20.—The members of the Mt. Olivet Home Demonstration Club entertained the Farmers Union at a public meeting Saturday afternoon, January 20th, from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock at the school house. The principal speaker for the occasion was Mr. J. M. Gray, county farm demonstrator. Mr. Gray made an interesting and instructive talk on community work, and the different ways it can be carried on. A paper on preparing the farm garden was read by Mrs. W. G. Jenkins. After the program was carried out delightful refreshments were served by the club members.

Interest is growing in the club work, as is shown by increase in membership which has doubled this year.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne Cozy Wednesday.

MET WITH MRS. HENDERLITE.

The Mission Study Class of the First Presbyterian church held its regular weekly meeting with Mrs. J. H. Henderlite at the manse yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The class is studying "The Living Christ for Latin America" with Mrs. S. A. Kindley as leader. The study was preceded by a Scripture reading and prayer. The attendance was unusually good. Following the study light refreshments were served.

Mr. Willis Takes New Position.

Mr. George G. Willis, who has been with the wholesale house of F. D. Barkley & Co. for the past two or three years, was yesterday elected secretary and treasurer of the Piedmont Oil Company of this city, to succeed Mr. S. S. Shuford, who has resigned that position to look after his farming interests in the Point section. Mr. Willis has purchased Mr. Shuford's interest in the company. Mr. Shuford will devote his time to his farming interests. His friends will be glad to know that he and Mrs. Shuford will continue to make their home in Gastonia. Mr. Willis is a young business man of ability and experience and it will be a matter of pleasure to his friends to know that he is to remain in the city.

Mrs. W. W. Glenn and Mrs. W. C. Abernethy are spending the day in Lincolnton with relatives.

WHEN WE HAVE 50,000

WILL TIME BE "RIPE" FOR Y. M. C. AT

Are Our Business Men Too Busy Making Money to Consider the Vital Interests of Our Young Men?—With Property Worth Something Like \$50,000, Shouldn't the City Have a Suitable Place to Harbor Its Young Men, Who Now Have Only the Streets?—Young Men Ask Some Pertinent Questions.

The following communication has been handed to The Gazette by one of the city's young men who is interested in the welfare of the boys and young men of Gastonia. The questions are pertinent and are worthy of the consideration of the business men of Gastonia. Later The Gazette may have something more to say on this subject.

The communication is as follows: "Along in April and May there were organized in Gastonia four cotton mills and since that time as many more—so many, in fact, that The Charlotte Observer in a recent issue said 'Times must be dull in Gastonia; it has been about 48 hours since a new mill has been organized'."

"The mills constitute only one item in Gastonia's progressiveness. We have a new seven-story bank building nearing completion, miles of asphalt paving down and more being laid, about 25 miles of cement sidewalks, three model school buildings as fine as there are in the State if not in the South, and many other things.

"But what have we to offer the young man for his leisure time at nights and on Sundays? Nothing. 'Gastonia's crying need at the present time is a modern Y. M. C. A., where a young man can go at night and on Sunday afternoons to read and think. He ought not to be forced to hang around on the street corners, in cafes and drug stores and consume his time in idle gossip.

"About a year ago a committee composed of men from the different churches met and conferred on this subject and decided that the time was not ripe. They were for the most part mature business men. Since that time our men have been so busy making money that they haven't had time to stop and inquire whether the time is yet 'ripe' or not for taking up this important work. In the meantime hundreds of boys and young men of the town are deprived of the refining and uplifting influences of this institution.

"Be that as it may, hasn't Gastonia a Y. M. C. A. building in the heart of the city that ought to bring a neat little sum of \$50,000 or more in these days of Wilson prosperity? To whom does this property really belong if not to the young men of the city as a whole.

"Other towns smaller than Gastonia are establishing Y. M. C. A's. They had no starting point, as Gastonia has but had to build from the ground up.

"It is the writer's firm belief that from 150 to 200 men and boys could be gotten in a very short time who would pledge themselves for a membership fee of \$1.00 per month. This revenue, coupled with what we could get out of the present property would buy a lot, build, equip and maintain a splendid Y. M. C. A. within a block of Main avenue.

"The writer does not say the committee was wrong. Their action, however, was taken a year ago. Many things have happened in our progressive city since then. "Shall we wait until Gastonia has 25,000 or 50,000 or 100,000 inhabitants before the time is considered 'ripe' for a Y. M. C. A. in Gastonia? A YOUNG MAN."

Mary Pickford Cozy Friday.

First Regiment Ordered Home.

The announcement has been made by the war department that the First North Carolina Infantry, along with about 25,000 other national guardsmen now on the Mexican border, would be returned home and mustered out of the federal service. All of these companies will start home just as quickly as transportation facilities are provided. The Gaston Guards Company B, under command of Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle of this city, is included in the First N. C. Infantry and will return home in the near future. This is a source of gratification to the parents and friends of the boys in Company B.

Dr. Hunter Given New Work.

It will be of interest to Gastonians that Dr. W. B. Hunter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, of this city, who has been the physician for the First North Carolina Regiment at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas, in the National Guard, is now with three engineering corps, having recently been detailed to that work. Two of the corps are from this State, one from Charlotte and the other from Pennsylvania company. Dr. Hunter ranks as first lieutenant in the regular army.

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DAVENNY FESTIVAL QUINTET.

ONE of the truly delightful musical events of the current season is promised us when the Davenny Festival Quintet appears upon the Lyceum course. Mr. Hollis Edson Davenny, who is the manager in charge of this splendid company, has long been known as a thoroughly competent baritone soloist. Mrs. Davenny, who is associated with him, is equally well known as a soprano. For the purposes of this organization they have associated with them a company of clever musicians, especially chosen to present a type of program having a particular appeal to the average audience. A portion of their program is given over to operatic selections in costume, and "The Bohemian Girl," that tuneful comic opera of another decade, but which has never lost its charm, is among their offerings.

AT CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK.