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GAVE BRILLIANT CONCERT

ARTISTS HEARD BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Concert at Central School Auditorium Wednesday Night by Miss Marie Torrence and Signor Umberto Sorrentino. Under Auspices of William Gaston Chapter, D. A. R. Was Brilliant Success.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Miss Marie Torrence and Signor Umberto Sorrentino at the central school auditorium Wednesday evening, when they appeared in concert under the auspices of the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The audience was a thoroughly representative one, the leading musicians and music lovers filling the large auditorium. Miss Torrence's first appearance brought forth a most flattering outburst of applause. She was charming to look at and her opening numbers, "Spring's Awakening" and the difficult "Staccato Poise," by Mulder were given with splendid effect. Miss Torrence possesses a high clear soprano voice which is under perfect control at all times. In her group of German songs (sung in English) and the Aria from "Louise," some beautiful legato singing was enjoyed while in "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark" by Bishop her command of coloratura work amazed her many admirers. In all her work Miss Torrence was the finished artist and one of her greatest charms is her unaffected simplicity and her evident pleasure in her work. The duet from "La Boheme" and the always welcome "Oh That We Two Were Dying" by Nevin with Signor Sorrentino were sung exquisitely.

Signor Sorrentino was given a hearty welcome on this his second appearance in Gastonia and once again this popular young tenor sang his way into the hearts of his hearers. His beautiful voice rang clear and true in every number and it is hard to say which pleased the most, his Aria from "Pagliacci" or the group of Neapolitan folk songs. He was enthusiastically applauded after each number and was obliged to respond with encores. His group of English songs delighted the audience and "Love's Majesty" by W. H. Prutting was one of the gems of his portion of the program.

Mr. George Roberts, a gifted young pianist, played the accompaniment for Miss Torrence and Signor Sorrentino magnificently and was an inspiration to the singers. His solo numbers by Brahms, Schumann and Chopin were played in a decidedly artistic manner. Mr. Roberts plays with marked individuality, singing one, excellent technique, and his performance on this occasion was replete with the many attributes of a very excellent pianist. It is hoped that these three young artists will appear here again in the not too distant future.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MUSICAL ARTISTS.

One of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season was the informal reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Barkley Wednesday evening immediately following the Torrence-Sorrentino recital at the Central school auditorium. The reception was given by the Music Club both as a compliment to their former president, Miss Marie Torrence, and as an opportunity for visiting musicians to meet the artists of the evening. Miss Torrence, Signor Sorrentino and Mr. George Roberts, whose concert was one of the most brilliant and enjoyable musical events which the citizens of Gastonia and neighboring towns have ever had the pleasure of attending.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. H. B. Moore and Mrs. B. H. Parker and were presented to the receiving line which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, Miss Torrence.

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COMPANY B. RETURNS

SOLDIER BOYS ARE HOME FROM BORDER

Local Military Company Arrived From the Border at Late Hour Wednesday Night—Will Be Given Banquet Tomorrow Afternoon—Not to Be Mustered Out of Service at Present.

Tomorrow night from 7 to 9 o'clock a public reception will be given for Company B at the court house to which everybody in the city is invited. The receiving line will be composed of the officers and members of the company, seventy-seven in all.

The members and officers of Company B, of the First North Carolina Infantry, detained at the intersection of York street and Airline avenue Wednesday night a few minutes before 11 o'clock and quickly marched to the armory while hundreds of relatives and friends cheered lustily.

For several hours before the arrival of the train the waiting rooms at the depot were crowded to overflowing. There were many who came from other sections of the county shortly after 6 o'clock, the information having been circulated that the troops would arrive here at that time. When the special train reached this city two Pullman cars bearing the Gastonia company were set off and the Concord, Charlotte and other companies proceeded on at a late hour.

While the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps executed many fantastic figures and furnished music the Gaston Guards, led by Captain A. L. Bulwinkle, swung into Airline avenue and passed between two long lines of men, women and children. Everybody shouted words of welcome and greeting until the khaki clothed boys climbed the stairs in the Armory.

It was only a few minutes until the members of the company were again seen on the streets embracing mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts and shaking hands with old friends.

There were 75 enlisted men and three officers in Company B who returned home Wednesday night as follows:

Captain, A. L. Bulwinkle; first lieutenant, C. C. Craig; second lieutenant, J. P. Reinhardt.
First Sergeant, W. L. Glover; mess sergeant, N. E. Kaylor; mess sergeants, T. L. Jenkins; sergeants E. E. Boyce, J. O. Durham, F. A. Gannt, G. A. Short, C. S. Short, J. Wilson McArver.
Corporals, J. H. McArver, J. H. Wells, W. L. Jenkins, J. H. Henry, R. J. Morris, J. H. Carroll, J. C. Faysoux, Fred Bumgardner, A. H. Rodden, Pink Porch, L. W. O'Daniel.
Musicians, J. H. Taylor and G. J. Harris.
Cooks, A. P. Williams and G. W. Glover.
Artificer, L. M. Glover.
Privates: Dores Allen, W. L. Burns, Hall Britton, T. L. Crow, E. L. Carson, Mack Dilling, Harris Fields, B. B. Griggs, L. L. Harwell, C. A. Henly, Hoke J. Hanna, Sidney L. Perkins, A. L. Justice, Oscar L. Lewis, George W. Glover, W. A. Putman, C. H. Painter, R. L. Rhyne, R. D. Whisnant, Lawrence Bess, R. B. Beach, S. G. Britton, R. L. Brown, M. T. Brown, J. F. Brown, B. E. Baker, E. M. Bonds, C. C. Clark, J. H. Farris, Hugh Fields, Lutfie Hastings, Robert Holding, Dean Holland, Russell Hastings, A. B. Harrelson, P. L. Jordan, L. R. Mosley, P. R. Stroup, Samuel Lowrance, R. V. Martin, Arthur Perry, Oliver Parker, Stove Petty, Samuel Rodden, T. L. Stowe, Frank Stockton, Boyce Stevenson, T. E. Terry, F. D. Terry, George Moore, W. A. Haney.

BANQUET FOR THE BOYS.
At a meeting of the committee appointed a few days ago by Mayor Armstrong to make arrangements for

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Linwood vs Lowell.
The Linwood College girls basketball team will play the girls' team of the Lowell high school at Lowell tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Teachers' Meeting Postponed.
The Gazette is requested to announce that the teachers' meeting of Main Street Methodist Sunday school has been postponed, and will not be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris tonight. The meeting will be held next Friday evening, February 16, at 8 o'clock.

Mass Meeting Sunday.
We are requested to announce that there will be a Salvation Army mass meeting at the Cozy Theater Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Adjutant William Croft, of Philadelphia, will speak. There will be special music and good singing. The public is cordially invited to attend and admission will be free.

Machinist Injured.
Mr. Zerry Smith, a machinist at the Loray Mill, was severely burned and shocked about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon while engaged in working on a motor at the mill. He came in contact with a live wire. His burns were not such as to cause him great pain but the shock was so severe that for a time his condition was considered very serious. He rested well last night at the City Hospital, to which he was immediately removed, and is expected to recover.

Mr. Barkoot Here.
Mr. K. G. Barkoot, manager of the famous Barkoot Carnival Company, which is wintering at Spartanburg, S. C., was in the city last night on business. Mr. Barkoot is the original carnival man. His shows are known all over the country. He came here especially to confer with Secretary Holland of the Gaston County Fair Association with reference to the 1917 fair. Mr. Barkoot told The Gazette reporter that he thought Gastonia was the best town of its size anywhere in the country.

Died at Clifton, S. C.
News was received here a day or two ago of the death at Clifton, S. C., Monday of Mrs. C. M. Robinson, a former resident of Gastonia. Mrs. Robinson's husband, Rev. C. M. Robinson, was formerly pastor of the Loray Baptist church here and during their residence of several years in Gastonia both made many friends who are deeply grieved to learn of Mrs. Robinson's death. The funeral and burial took place Tuesday at Clifton, to which place Mr. and Mrs. Robinson recently moved from Cherryville.

Road Sentences for Two.
Yesterday's city police court had to do with two negroes, Walter Hickman and Love Johnson, who had been lured from the straight and narrow path by the glitter of a new .38 calibre revolver back about the 16th of December. Hickman was employed as a truck hand at the Southern depot, while Johnson drove a dray for Shuford Company. It mattered little to Judge A. C. Jones whether the offenders were sympathizers of the great "Preparedness" propaganda and Hickman drew a sentence of four full months on the county roads, Johnson escaping with one-half of the same sentence for larceny.

Pauline Frederick in "The Slave Market" Ideal today.

Three men, two colored, were killed Tuesday at Dinwiddie court house, Virginia, when a seabor freight train engine exploded. Thirteen cars were derailed.

According to Company B a welcome home, held yesterday afternoon. It was decided to put the welcome in the shape of a sumptuous banquet and this event will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Armington hotel. Including Capt. Bulwinkle and his officers there are 78 men in this company. The banquet is to be given by the citizens of Gastonia and promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

Dr. W. B. Hunter, who has been in the hospital corps of the National Guard at El Paso, Texas, first with the First North Carolina Regiment and later as physician of three engineer corps, arrived in the city Wednesday night with the members of Company B.

Until he receives further orders from the War Department he will remain in Gastonia. In the event that the hospital corps is mustered out Dr. Hunter will go to Rutherfordton, having enlisted at that place. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, of this city, and is well known here.

All of the members of Company B are in almost perfect health and are tanned and hardened by their stay on the Mexican border. For the present they are making the Armory headquarters, reporting there every morning at 8 o'clock to answer roll call and receive any instructions that might be given them. They are given quite a bit of latitude, however, and come and go almost at will.

SHOULD RAISE BIG CROPS

FARMERS TO RESCUE IS THE CALL

Hon. W. P. G. Harding, in Letter to Business Men and Farmers Here, Urges American Farmers to Raise Biggest Possible Crops This Year—United States is Ready for Any Eventually So Far as Finances Are Concerned, But Producer of Food Must Do His Duty—Southern Farmer Must Feed Himself and Make Cotton Surplus Crop This Year Anyhow.

As noted in Tuesday's Gazette Hon. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, who was to have been the principal speaker here on Tuesday at the State meeting of bankers, commercial secretaries and farmers, was prevented from coming on account of the press of important business. However, he sent a letter to Secretary Roberts outlining his message and The Gazette takes pleasure in reproducing it below, believing it well worth the time and consideration of our farmers' and business men. It follows:

It was with great regret that I felt obliged to telegraph you this morning that I could not go to Gastonia tonight in order to be present at the most interesting occasion in your city tomorrow. I had looked forward with much pleasure to the privilege of meeting and addressing the merchants, farmers and bankers of the Carolinas, and was particularly anxious to avail myself of the opportunity of pointing out to them the very great value, especially in times like the present, of the Federal Reserve System, which has enabled the country to withstand without the slightest financial tremor all of the shocks and sensations that it has experienced during the past two years, many of which would doubtless, under old conditions, have been followed by serious consequences. Our preparedness from a military and naval standpoint is now exceeding the attention of Congress and of the Nation, but I wish you would inform the audience which I expected to address that, from a financial standpoint, the country is already fully prepared and is ready to meet any contingency that is likely to arise so that there need be no uneasiness whatsoever on that score.

I had desired particularly to say a few words to the farmers by way of urging them not to become nervous or alarmed because of any threatened temporary interference with ocean transportation. I wished to point out to them that while in these fateful times, when it is beyond human power to forecast even the immediate future, we should remember that after all the only real wealth comes from the soil.

A character in Greek Mythology is Antaeus, of whom it is said that he could not be overcome in wrestling, for whenever he was brought to his knees he received renewed strength from his mother, earth, and was enabled thereby to arise in his might and overcome his adversary. Throughout the world millions of men have been withdrawn from their ordinary avocations and are devoting themselves entirely to military duties. It seems to me it is clearly the duty of the farmers of the United States in the planting season fast approaching to prepare for the largest crops of all kinds that it is possible to produce. No farmer should devote himself to a single crop alone, but he should diversify, with the idea of growing as far as possible on his own land, everything necessary for the sustenance of his family and of his domestic animals.

Three years have elapsed since our fertilizers have contained an adequate supply of potash, and under present conditions it is hardly probable that an excessive supply of the South's greatest staple crop, cotton, can be produced. Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama are now great cotton manufacturing states, and their annual consumption of raw cotton is greater than that of England, and greater than that of New England and Canada combined. If the farmers of the South will practice diversification they need have no fear as to the price of cotton, for any conditions which will make exports of cotton impossible will likewise render impracticable exports of food stuffs. It follows, therefore, that if the price of cotton should decline, the price of cereals, grain and hay will decline also. A few weeks ago cotton was selling at \$100 a bale and more. The College of Agriculture of the University of Kansas pointed out at the time these prices were effective that while cotton had advanced in price it advanced merely in terms of gold, and it made an interesting comparison as to its price in terms of other commodities. It estimated the purchasing power of cotton in an ordinary year and on the basis of \$100 per bale, and it demonstrated statistically that even at \$100 per bale the Southern cotton planter who had not planted in a manner to provide for his necessities in the way of food stuffs was in a sorry plight, for a bale of cotton will buy in an average year with cotton at from \$50 to \$60 per bale, 89 bushels potatoes at 70c, 750 pounds lard at 8c, 22 barrels of flour at \$4.50, 275 pounds bacon at 16c, 6 tons of hay at \$10, 30 pair of shoes at \$2, 720 yards cloth (cotton), 100 bushels of corn at 60c, and this at \$100 a bale it will buy 44 bushels potatoes at \$2.25, 555 lbs. lard at 78 cents, 10 barrels flour at \$10, 333 lbs. bacon at 30c, 5 tons hay at \$5, 666 yards of cotton cloth, 83 bushels

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DEMONSTRATORS MEET

CLOSED THREE DAY SESSION YESTERDAY

Meeting of Farm Demonstration Agents For Western District Was Held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—Some Splendid Exhibits Shown—Interesting Lectures Delivered by Mr. Bradford Knapp, Mr. C. C. Kirkpatrick and Others.

(Reported for The Gazette.)
The farm demonstration agents arrived Monday night and Tuesday morning and installed exhibits from each county in the exhibit hall kindly arranged for by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. These exhibits consisted of five ten-ear samples of corn, a number of samples of butter, eggs, apples and other farm crops from the farms of the counties. Considering the crop year, one will have to go a long way to find a finer array of corn than was to be seen here. The other products exhibited were of good quality and well worth any one's time to study. The most interesting feature of the entire exhibit was the county maps prepared by the agents of their counties showing the location of the various activities of the agents. These maps brought out many interesting features of the work in a concise way that it would have been hard to have shown up otherwise.

To the agents and all who heard it, the address of Mr. Bradford Knapp, of the United States Department of Agriculture Tuesday afternoon in the court house was the outstanding feature of the week's important addresses and discussions. Mr. Knapp is a man of nationwide reputation as a clear thinker and a doer of great things in the development of the United States agriculturally and otherwise. His interpretation of the conditions prevailing in this country now and the important part that the business men and farmers are going to take in the future of our nation was well worth any sacrifice made by his bearers in coming to Gastonia to attend the series of conferences held in this city this week.

The agents met Tuesday night for their first session. Mr. C. C. Kirkpatrick of the International Harvester Company gave a very interesting outline of plans followed by the workers of his company in organizing communities into good working organizations for the general improvement of the entire community.

At this same session Mr. Bradford Knapp gave one of the most instructive lectures that it has been the pleasure of the agents to hear in some time. He took up in detail the work of the county agent is supposed to do and showed by clear-cut illustrations how this work can best be accomplished.

Wednesday morning the agents met at 8:30. Mr. Dan T. Gray, of the Animal Husbandry Division of the North Carolina Experiment Station, gave a very instructive talk on hog raising under average farm conditions. He went into detail concerning the grazing and cropping system that should be followed to get the best results.

At 10 o'clock the 26 agents and about 25 farmers from Gaston, together with several officials from Raleigh, visited Craig & Wilson's farm to study beef cattle under farm conditions. Under the leadership of Mr. R. S. Curtis and Mr. L. I. Case of the Animal Husbandry Division demonstrations were given in judging cattle. Work was given in judging as feeders and as breeders.

At 1:30 the agents and 32 farmers visited the Gastonia Dairy to study dairying under actual farm conditions. Here work was given in judging animals as milk producers and in feeding these animals to get the best results from them. This work was conducted by Mr. J. A. Arey of the Animal Industry Division.

At the same time Mr. Allen G. Oliver, Poultry Club agent, gave a lecture and demonstration on farm poultry at the exhibit hall. Quite a number of farmers and farm women attended this meeting. Much interest was shown in this work. Mr. Oliver took up housing, feeding and the general care of the poultry on the farm. He also took up more or less in detail the points to be looked for in the Reds, Rocks, Wyandottes and White Leghorns. He had good individuals of each of these breeds there to illustrate these points. These birds were furnished by breeders of Gastonia.

Wednesday night Messrs. T. E. Browne and A. K. Robertson, took up some phases of the club work in the State.

Thursday was spent almost entirely in hearing the reports of the county agents and in the discussions on the most interesting work carried on by these agents. Diversified farming, introduction of livestock and community development are the three most important matters that these agents are taking up. The progress that is being made by all the agents in these matters is exceptionally good.

At Thursday night's session the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: That the county agents of the Western District of North Carolina tender their hearty appreciation for the many courtesies shown to them while in the city of Gastonia.

Special commendation is due the Chamber of Commerce, the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps and the Boy Scouts for their most cordial recep-

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MISSION STUDY CLASSES WILL MEET MONDAY.

The Mission Study classes of the First Presbyterian church will hold their regular meetings next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Western division will meet with Mrs. W. T. Rankin on West Main avenue and the eastern division with Mrs. R. M. Reid on Franklin avenue.

WILL BE GUEST TOMORROW OF MR. AND MRS. WILSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Wilson will have as their guest tomorrow Mrs. W. F. Tillett, of Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Tillett is en route home from New York city, and is in Charlotte today as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tillett. Mrs. Tillett is a cousin of Mr. Wilson and the wife of Dr. W. F. Tillett, dean of the Theological School of Vanderbilt University.

IS GUEST OF MRS. G. B. MASON.

Miss Geane Robinson, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson, of Charlotte, arrived in the city Tuesday to attend the Torrence-Sorrentino concert Wednesday night. She is the guest of Mrs. G. B. Mason on East Airline avenue this week. Next week she will go to Dallas and spend several days at the home of her grand father, Mr. W. G. Morris, before returning to Charlotte.

MISS DOWD A VISITOR IN THE CITY.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer says: Miss Anna Belle Dowd is spending several days in Gastonia as the guest of Miss Myrtle Gray. Miss Dowd went over especially to be present Wednesday evening when William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented Miss Marie Torrence, of that city, a gifted soprano, in concert. Miss Torrence has recently returned home from New York. She was assisted by Signor Umberto Sorrentino, the Italian tenor, who was so cordially received in Gastonia a year ago.

Found Hearts of His Audience.
New York Star.

For over an hour the audience sat in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium last evening, entirely oblivious to all save Booth Lowrey and his mingled wit and wisdom, his humor, pathos and satire. If there was ever a lecturer who found his way into the hearts of a Jamestown audience, it was Booth Lowrey and his "Simon Says Wig-Wag." Booth Lowrey has absorbed all the humor and pathos of the South, and has blended them into delicate shadings that lighten the heart and leave it blithe and free, not oppressed by the sorrows nor wrought to too high a pitch by humor.

(Lowrey will deliver his lecture, "Simon Says Wig-Wag" at the Central school auditorium tonight under the auspices of the Gastonia public library.)

THE UNION HONOR ROLL.

Following is the Union high school honor roll for week ending February 9, 1917:

First grade: Mary Moore, Jannie Warren, Stacy Huffstetter.
Second grade: Lamar Huffstetter, Paul Huffstetter, Robert Louis Meek.
Third grade: Mary Campbell, Geo. Warren, Margaret Craig.
Fourth grade: Albert Millen, Robt. Warren, Geo. P. Henderson.
Fifth grade: Carl Warren, Mary Hoffman, Fred Ratchford.
Sixth grade: Thomas Riddle, Geo. R. Huffstetter, Isaac Bigger.
Seventh grade: Nellie Wilson, William Ratchford, Reece Huffstetter.
Eighth grade: Jannie Patrick, Sarah Glenn, Fred Wilson.
Ninth grade: Epsy Craig, Mildred Henderson, Frank C. Riddle.
DEAN M. THOMPSON, Prin.

A special election will be held in the Fifth Congressional district of South Carolina on February 21 to elect a successor to the late Representative D. E. Finley, of York. The Democratic primary will be held next Friday, the 16th.

Pauline Frederick in "The Slave Market" Ideal today.

It is said that the happiness of men is made possible by the hospitality of women. In the minds of the county agents of the Western District of North Carolina there has never been a keener demonstration of the loyalty of the women of this great State to the cause of the agricultural development than was exemplified by the magnificent banquet afforded these agricultural workers at the hands of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association.

The memory of the loyal hospitality of these great women of Gastonia will linger in the minds of these county agents for time immemorial.

The courtesies of the Chamber of Commerce were climaxed by an automobile trip to some of the best farms of Gaston county.

The agents also wish to thank the manager of the Ideal Theater for complimentary tickets, although they were not able to attend.

E. L. PERKINS, Chmn.
S. S. STABLER,
J. R. SAMS,
Committee.

OUR SHIPMENT OF WORLD ALMANACS

Is scheduled to reach us about February 20th. The supply is limited. If you want one give us your order at once and it will be filled as soon as they arrive. Last year many put it off until the supply was exhausted.

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