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GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 16, 1916.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

WANT CHARTER AMENDED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

City Board of Education Recommended That It Be Divorced from City Council at Tuesday Night's Meeting—The Plan Met With the Hearty Endorsement of the Aldermen—Matters of Importance Discussed.

That the Gastonia board of education should be made a corporate body with the power of a corporation, separate and apart from the powers of the board of aldermen in every particular was the recommendation made by a committee from the board of education to the city council at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. A. E. Woltz, a member of the board, spoke for the school committee. He told of the rapid growth of the city schools, of the 2,000 children in the white schools of the city, the half thousand colored school children and the efforts that were being made to furnish them with the opportunities of an education.

So convincing was the speaker's argument and so logical the plan submitted that at the close of his address the unanimous decision of the aldermen was to approve the recommendations made by the school board, subject to the ratification of the voters.

The full text of the plan submitted by the school board, asking that the charter of the city of Gastonia be amended carries the following provisions:

"To give the city board of education authority to decide the rate of taxation necessary to be levied for the support of the schools and to make such levy.

"To increase the limit of taxation from 30 to 50 cents.

"That a tax collector and secretary and treasurer be elected by the city board of education and all school funds collected be turned over to the treasurer of the school board, provided said school collector and the town tax collector shall be one and the same person.

"That the members of the city board of education be appointed two for two years, three for four years, and two for six years. Vacancies caused by the expiration of term to be filled at the regular municipal election, but vacancies caused by the death or resignation or any other cause of any member to be filled by the members holding over.

"That the duties of the city board of education be to establish graded schools and appropriate school funds derived from taxes and sale of bonds, said bonds to be sold by the said city board of education.

"That the city board of education have the exclusive control of the school, employ teachers and fix compensation of all officers and employees, take the school census, etc.

"That all funds derived from any source for schools be turned over to the school treasurer and disbursed by him upon the warrant of the city board of education, signed by the chairman of said board.

"That the city board of education make annual report of the conduct of the schools and have same published.

"That the treasurer of the city board of education make an itemized report of all receipts and disbursements and publish same quarterly."

Action was deferred upon the matter of providing a free medical dispensary for the city, the problem to be discussed at the next meeting. Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, spoke for the institution, representing the sentiment of the members of the Woman's Betterment Association and the ministers conference of the city.

He suggested that the united efforts of the various organizations within the city doing charitable work could be coordinated and greater good accomplished through a free medical dispensary. The physicians of the city were to aid in the work, having already offered their services. Ex-senator A. M. Dixon occupied five minutes of the board's time in making a plea for several would-be pork raisers at the Trenton Mills, who wanted the anti-hog law limit withdrawn in order that they might keep hogs on their premises. The matter was referred to the sanitary committee.

Messrs. G. W. Ragan and W. N. Davis each asked that they be allowed to repair a dwelling house within the fire limits of the city, and situated on Main avenue. The board recommended that permits be issued allowing the houses to be covered with metal roofing. The matter is to be passed upon by state insurance commissioner, J. R. Young, of Raleigh.

A committee was appointed to investigate the property belonging to Sheriff W. N. Davis, lying between Fourth and Seventh avenues, with the view of taking some steps towards caring for the sewer disposal now flowing through this land.

The Rankin-Armstrong Furniture Company was granted a permit allowing them to construct a gangway connecting their new warehouse with the retail store.

City Physician Mc. G. Anders sub-

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Another cotton mill. —Mr. John G. Carpenter was a visitor to Newton Wednesday.

—Mrs. S. P. Pierce will spend the week-end with relatives in Clover.

—Mrs. J. H. Separk and Mrs. W. B. Morris were Charlotte visitors yesterday.

—Mr. C. F. Cunningham, of Dallas, route two, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Jack Bell, of Charlotte, was a business visitor to Gastonia yesterday.

—Chief of Police R. Hall Mings, of Belmont, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Miss Jean Ward, of Franklinton, is the guest for the week-end of Miss Maude Rankin.

—Miss Margaret Jennings, of Fayetteville, will arrive next week to be the guest of Miss Maude Rankin.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. White Ware will leave this afternoon for a ten-days trip to Jacksonville, Orlando and Miami, Fla.

—Mrs. A. S. Bass was taken Wednesday to the City Hospital for treatment and will probably undergo an operation.

—Mr. J. H. Matthews, manager of the J. M. Belk Co.'s store, is in New York buying spring and summer goods for his firm.

—Miss Ethel Faust, of Winston-Salem, is expected in the city tomorrow to spend sometime as the guest of Miss Jeanette Fayssoux.

—Mr. H. A. Query, superintendent of the Belmont public schools, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

—Work is progressing on the new concrete bridge over Long Creek on the Dallas-Gastonia road. It is to cost about \$6,500.

—Next Wednesday, February 21, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Easter Sunday comes this year on April 8.

—Her friends will regret to learn that Miss Dessie Morrow has been confined to her home for the past week by an attack of measles.

—The Gazette is requested to state that there will be regular services at St. Michael's Catholic church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

—Mr. S. C. Varnedoe left yesterday for his home at Fayetteville after being the guest for a day or so of his daughter, Mrs. W. Otis Pratt, at her home on West Airline avenue.

—There will be an important meeting of Piedmont Encampment No. 5, I. O. O. F., at 7:30 o'clock tonight. All members are urged to be present.

—Mrs. John O. Rankin, of Gastonia, and Mrs. R. S. Reinhardt, of Lincoln, will leave Monday for Crescent City, Fla., where they will spend a week or two.

—A new steel bridge is to be built over Crowders Creek on the Gastonia-York road at a cost of \$4,000. It will be several feet higher than the old bridge.

—Mr. Cecil Simmons, of Rock Hill, S. C., has accepted a position with the Columbia Tailoring Company at their store, 113 East Main avenue, and entered upon his duties there last week.

—A petition is being circulated by Miss Lottie Blake, librarian of the Gastonia public library, asking the city council to increase its annual appropriation to the library from \$125 to \$600. The petition is being liberally signed.

—On page seven of today's Gazette will be found the annual statement of the Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association for the year ending December 31st last. A reading of this report will give some idea of the good work this institution is doing for Gastonia. At the end of the year it had 4,814 shares in force.

Last "Shielding Shadow" Ideal Saturday.

mitted reports for December and January, showing the following facts: In December there were 7 cases of scarlet fever reported, 14 visits were made. In January 11 visits were made and five patients vaccinated. These eleven visits included medical attention given to patients with measles, scarlet fever, chickenpox, typhoid fever and diphtheria. There were 12 cases of measles, five of scarlet fever, three of chickenpox, one of diphtheria, and one of typhoid fever. The report was accepted.

A petition was submitted from the citizens on Columbia street who wanted their street laid in asphalt from Franklin to Third avenues. They also wanted cement sidewalks on the east side of the street. The work was ordered begun as soon as practicable.

A petition asking that Ratchford avenue be opened, leading to the new school building in East Gastonia, was read and approved, the work to be done at an early date.

The water and light committee was instructed to make a survey and estimate the cost of a sewer line on Dallas street.

Mayor C. B. Armstrong being out of the city the meeting was presided over by Mayor pro-tem Elliott. The following aldermen were present: Morris, Patrick, Kinch, Kirby and Austin.

LATE WORLD EVENTS

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS CHRONICLED

Germany Releases 72 Americans From Prison as Peremptory Demand is Being Drawn by United States — Mexicans Make Another Raid Across Border, Killing Americans — Trouble in Cuba — Other Important Events That Have Transpired Since Our Last Issue.

From the tenor of the latest dispatches it appears that the United States and Germany are daily drawing nearer to a breach. Yesterday it looked as if the forcible detention in prison by the Germans of 72 American seamen taken to that country on the prize ship, the Yarrowdale, captured off the coast of South America by a German raider, would lead to further trouble. With the release of these men, late last night a dispatch came from Berlin stating that the men had been given their liberty. Thus a circumstance that might have resulted in an early declaration of war is removed.

Three Ships Sunk.

Yesterday's U-boat harvest was small, only three ships being sent to the bottom. All three were British and were small, the total tonnage of the three being only 3,125 tons. This makes a total of 97 ships sunk since the unrestricted submarine warfare was inaugurated by Germany on February 1st. The total tonnage destroyed during this period up to today is 212,223. Of the 97 ships sunk two were American, 33 were the property of other neutrals, 55 British and seven of other belligerents. Germany's announced program called for the destruction of 1,000,000 tons per month. At the rate maintained so far she is sinking less than half that amount.

Mexicans Murder Three Americans.

A dispatch from Hachita, N. M., to this morning's papers says that the dead bodies of three American cowboys were found just across the border in Mexico yesterday. They were Andrew P. Peterson, Hugh Accord and Burton Jensen. The bodies were found by Lem Spillsburg, a Pershing scout. The belief is that these men were captured by Mexican raiders on the United States side and were forcibly taken across the border and murdered. They were shot many times.

Threats have been made, it is said, that a raid would soon be made on an American town which would surpass in horror Villa's raid on Columbus.

Trouble in Cuba.

Reports from Cuba the past few days have been disquieting. A revolt by the "liberals" against the Cuban government has arisen. As yet it is small but the United States feels some apprehension over the situation. Secretary of State Lansing Wednesday notified our minister and consuls in Cuba that the United States would not recognize any government set up by revolutionists in that country. Secretary of War Baker announced Wednesday that, with the approval of President Wilson, the United States had sold to the Cuban government 10,000 army rifles and 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

Last "Shielding Shadow" Ideal Saturday.

James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, with Mrs. Gerard and their party, numbering 42 in all, arrived in Paris Thursday from Berne, Switzerland.

REAR ADMIRAL HARRIS



Frederick R. Harris of the engineer corps, who has been promoted to be a rear admiral. His duties, if war comes, will be most important.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Linwood College News.

LINWOOD COLLEGE NEWS. Correspondence of The Gazette. LINWOOD COLLEGE, Feby. 15 —On last Tuesday afternoon the Linwood varsity basketball team met and defeated the Dallas Farm Life School here in a game, for the first half, void of interest and quite slow. The game was a complete "walk away" for our team, when once they got interested in it. The feature for Dallas was the consistent guarding and blocking of Cornwell. Features for Linwood were the forwarding of J. B. Hood, forwarding and passing of Foy, the all-round team work of Moseley at center and the excellent guarding of W. B. Hood and White. The score was 36 to 7. Referee, Prof. Holliday, of Linwood. Line-up: Dallas: R. F. Hood, J. B. Rudisill, L. F. Pasour, C. Durbin, R. G. Reep, L. G. Cornwell. Linwood: J. B. Hood, W. B. Substitutes: Dallas, Holland and Rhyne.

The senior class entertained the student body and several of their friends here last night. The first part of the evening was spent in conversation, voting on the prettiest girl in college, having fortunes told, etc. The prettiest girl here, according to the ballot box, is Miss Gladys Gossett, of Spartanburg, S. C. The after part of the evening was spent in pulling candy. All seem to have enjoyed the evening very much. Miss Lillian McMill is visiting relatives and friends in Chester, S. C.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Monday.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING.

Fifty to sixty parents attended the parent-teacher meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the Central graded school under the auspices of the education committee of the Woman's Betterment Association. The first, second and third grade teachers and the parents of the pupils in those three grades participated. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion, the Valentine idea being carried out. One room also carried out the Washington birthday idea with patriotic decorations. The teachers made talks on the home help for the pupil and the mothers entered into the discussion also. Next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 a similar meeting will be held for the high school grades.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Monday.

Death of Mrs. Mouzon.

Mrs. H. C. Mouzon, an aunt of Mrs. W. O. Pratt, of this city, died Monday at her home at Blacksburg, S. C. The funeral and burial took place at Blacksburg Wednesday. Attending the funeral from Gastonia were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Pratt and Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Caldwell. Mrs. Mouzon is survived by her husband, Rev. H. C. Mouzon, pastor of Hickory Grove Methodist church, and three brothers, Mr. S. C. Varnedoe, of Fayetteville, Mr. J. A. Varnedoe, of Savannah, Ga., and Mr. W. T. Varnedoe, of Charleston, S. C. Deceased was 50 years of age. The funeral services were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Monday.

REAR ADMIRAL BRAISTED



New photograph of William C. Braisted, surgeon general of the navy, who has been made a rear admiral. In case of war he will be one of the most important officers of the navy.

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Myers, at St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, on Thursday, February 15, 1917, a son.

Belmont to Play Winston.

The Belmont High School basketball team will play the Winston-Salem five tomorrow afternoon on the Belmont grounds at 3:30. The visitors are State high school champions, and a good game is expected.

Will Be Interesting Affair.

The young people of the Altar Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church will conduct a very interesting entertainment on Tuesday night, February 20, in the parish house entitled "A Trip Around the World." Many attractive features have been planned for those who will make the trip. A nominal sum will be charged for admission.

New Auto Service to Dallas.

Mr. R. L. Lewis returned to the city today from Columbia, S. C., where he purchased an attractive 16-passenger Buick transfer cab which he will put into service between Gastonia and Dallas, taking the place of the smaller one he has been operating. The excellent road between the two points enables the trip to be made by automobile in a very short time.

To Hold Revival Services.

Rev. E. W. Black, pastor of the first Wesleyan Methodist church, will begin a series of revival services Sunday night, February 18th, beginning with the night service at 7 o'clock on that date. During the week the hour will be changed to 7:30. Rev. Edward M. Graham, of Kings Mountain, will arrive in the city Monday night to assist in the meeting, which will continue indefinitely.

Funeral of Giles Arthurs.

Funeral services over the body of Giles Arthurs, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Arthurs, whose death occurred Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock as the result of injuries received when a heavy piece of machinery fell on him at the Seminole Mills, an account of which was carried in the last issue of The Gazette, were held Wednesday afternoon by Rev. E. W. Black at the home. Burial was in Hollywood cemetery. The deceased was 17 years old. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sad hour.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Monday.

BECOMES A MOTHER AT 62

Wisconsin Woman Wedded to Young Man Has a Baby in Her Old Age.

Milwaukee, Wis.—"Fifty-eight years old? My dear boy, they said that about me four years ago when I went to Kenosha with Albert to be married, where our friends could not make too much of a hubbub about a disparity in our ages. They said then that he was twenty-five and I was fifty-eight. What of it? Love knows no years."

Thus spoke Mrs. Balone Manzke, a mother at sixty-two, or thereabouts, as she fondled the baby girl which some time ago came to their home in Milwaukee to gladden the declining years of the mother and to rejoice the heart of the youthful husband. And it was a real motherhood that Mrs. Manzke portrayed as she played with her own baby, a mother with her hair showing the advance of years in its suggestion of gray. Four years ago the couple went from Zion City to Kenosha to be married. The husband is an expert chemist in a Milwaukee laboratory which specializes on perfumery.

NAMES OAK FOR JACK LONDON

Birth City Honors Memory of Famous California Author Who Died Recently.

Oakland, Cal.—An oak tree in the Plaza, in front of the city hall here, has just been dedicated to Jack London, famous California author who died recently, and henceforth will be known as the "Jack London Oak."

At the dedication ceremonies, the following resolution, adopted by the city council, was read by Mayor John L. Davis:

"Proud his city, that there came a lad who lived and grew to world renown by striking chords that until his coming had been unsung. "Sad his city that life for him was a narrow vale, wherein he spoke and gave a radiance for all humankind, sad that his life was short, a sacrifice for experiences that remain aglow for you and me.

"Glad that we can confer this mite of honor by dedicating this oak to him who grew with this city—that this sturdy sentinel may stand to the memory and to the honor of Jack London."

Rutherfordton will keep the county seat of Rutherford county. The bill to move it to Forest City was killed by the Legislature.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

COMPLIMENTARY TO MRS. GUNTER.

Miss Catharine Faircloth most delightfully entertained at a three-course luncheon at the Franklin Hotel Wednesday night in honor of Mrs. C. W. Gunter, who has been spending some time in Gastonia and who is returning to her home in Martinsville, S. C. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gunter, Rev. E. N. LeBlanc, Misses Edith Burke and Cora D. Yount, Captain W. A. Kent and Mr. Louis Hagermann.

HOME ECONOMICS COMMITTEE TO MEET.

We are requested to announce that the home economics committee of the Woman's Betterment Association will hold its regular February meeting on Saturday afternoon of this week, February 17, at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. E. McConnell on West Second avenue. This meeting was not called for Wednesday afternoon on account of the Week of Prayer services at the First Presbyterian church. Plans will be made at this meeting for the celebration of "Reciprocity Day," and it is very important that all members should be present.

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF MISS LUCY BOYCE.

Mrs. W. L. Wetzell delightfully entertained the Original Thirteen Club Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Lucy Boyce, whose marriage to Mr. Cleveland Welch, of May-worth, will take place in the early spring. Rook was played at four tables, after which a salad course was served. The Valentine idea was carried out in the refreshments, everything being served in heart shapes. The score-cards also indicated valentines. At the close of the party the hostess presented Miss Boyce with a red satin heart which contained a dainty piece of lingerie for her trousseau. The home was tastefully decorated with narcissus and primroses.

MRS. MOORE HOSTESS TO THE STUDY CLUB.

At her home on West Airline avenue Tuesday morning of this week Mrs. H. B. Moore was hostess at a most enjoyable meeting of the Study Club. Although the weather was cold only one member was absent. There were many interesting current events followed by a program which was rendered as follows:

"The Palaces of London and Royal Family," a paper by Mrs. D. E. McConnell.

"A Welcome to Alexandria" from Tennyson, was read by Mrs. J. M. Sloan.

The round table on "The British Museum" was conducted by Mrs. D. A. Garrison.

When the splendid program was finished the hostess led the way to the dining room and seated her guests around a table which, with its golden decorations, appealed much to the Study Club. A large basket tied with ribbons and filled with jonquills formed the centerpiece, and tiny ones holding mints were at each cover, while nuts, dates and sandwiches were served from baskets and baskets in embroidery decorated the mats and doilies. All were surprised and pleased to find that this was Mrs. Moore's birthday. A delicious two course luncheon was served and "many happy returns of the day" was the wish of each guest for her hostess.

MUSIC CLUB MET WITH MRS. H. B. MOORE.

Mrs. H. B. Moore charmingly entertained the Music Club Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in honor of Miss Marie Torrence, former president of the club. The entire membership was in attendance with the exception of four. The program opened with roll call, the first number following being a paper on "Polonaise Form" by Mrs. B. T. Morris. Miss Carrie Morris played beautifully. "The Military Polonaise," by Chopin, and Miss Torrence exquisitely rendered "Springs Awakening" by Sanderson.

Miss Torrence was heard with keen pleasure and appreciation and her clear, sweet notes were heard to great advantage in this lovely song of Sanderson's. Mrs. Will Wetzell gave a piano number that closed the regular program. The guests were then asked to the dining room, which presented a picture of loveliness with the handsome table covered with dainty tablecloths, crocheted and Dresden embroidery, the centerpiece being an exquisite basket of that lovely herald of spring the jonquil, with an airy bow of tulle, adding a touch of beauty to the whole. Baskets of jonquills and fern adorned other parts of the room, while stately yellow roses were artistically arranged on the mantel.

Miss Torrence graced the head of the table and looked lovely in an imported gown of rose velvet and Georgette crepe, and those gathered for this afternoon of rare pleasure felt that it was good to have the popular member back again. Elaborate refreshments were served by Mrs. W. H. Poole and Mrs. Jane Norment, who charmingly assisted Mrs. Moore in entertaining. At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Moore presented the honor guest with a lovely basket of jonquills and fern. In graceful fashion, Miss Torrence expressed her pleasure and appreciation for the charming courtesy extended her by Mrs. Moore.