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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

CHILDREN'S PARTY TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

Invitations have been received by a number of the little folks of the city to a children's party to be given by little Misses Katherine and Elizabeth Robinson at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Robinson, on the Union road tomorrow afternoon. Automobiles will call for the guests at 2:30 to take them out, and they will return to the city in the late afternoon in saw wagons. A delightful time is being anticipated by those invited.

S. AND O. CLUE ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the first business meeting of the S. and O. Club for the season held Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. L. F. Wetzel at her home on Oakland street, officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, Mrs. S. A. Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. P. W. Garland; secretary and treasurer, Miss Laura Page. It was decided to hold one social meeting each month, at which very light refreshments will be served. The club will continue its Red Cross activities throughout the season.

ENTERTAINED FOR TEACHERS YESTERDAY.

At her home on East Airline avenue yesterday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 Mrs. W. T. Story was hostess at a very pleasant informal reception in honor of the teachers of the East Gastonia graded schools. During the reception refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake, wafers and coffee. The teachers present were Misses Carrie Potts, Pearl Gallant, Annie Laurie Council, Lula Parrish, Rebecca Stinson, Alice Poole and Wynifred McLean. Besides the teachers the other guests were Mrs. J. O. White, Mrs. Z. V. Harmon, Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, Mrs. J. M. Hampton, Mrs. H. C. Skak and Miss Emily Lorraine. Prof. H. C. Skak is principal of the East Gastonia schools.

WILKINSON-ROBINSON CARDS ARE OUT.

Handsome engraved invitations reading as follows have been received in Gastonia: Mr. and Mrs. Sloan McLean Robinson request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Kate to Mr. Lawrence Hamlett Wilkinson on the afternoon of Thursday, the fourth of October at four o'clock at their home Lowell, North Carolina. The bride-to-be is a most attractive and popular young lady and has a host of friends in Gastonia. The groom-elect is a prominent young business man of Charlotte.

U. S. ENGINEERS TO REPAIR SIBERIAN R. R.

(By International News Service.) PARIS, Sept. 20.—A leading article appearing in Le Matin suggests that the Trans-Siberian Railway, under the control of American engineers, can be greatly improved, enabling the Russian garrisons in Siberia to be relieved by Japanese troops. The released armies will be able to play a useful part at the front, while the journal adds, there is nothing to prevent Japanese units from being sent to aid, by their courage and devotion to duty, the Russian soldiers who have been undermined by pacifist propaganda.

If a sample copy of The Gazette falls into your hands it is an invitation to subscribe. It's Gastonia county's great home newspaper.

WOULD SOLVE HOUSING PROBLEM

Need of immediate attention to the housing problem in Gastonia was given thorough consideration at an important meeting of the department of civic affairs of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held Thursday morning at the offices with Chairman J. M. Holland presiding. In a report presented by the secretary the need of an apartment house and of more houses generally for either sale or lease was stressed. The matter was discussed thoroughly. It was brought out that in order for Gastonia to grow as rapidly as possible the housing problem must be solved at once.

A sub-committee composed of H. B. Moore, H. Rutter and J. M. Shuford was named to go thoroughly into the question and to make a report back to the department with recommendations. An interesting report covering the canning demonstration work in Gastonia the past summer was presented by Chairman Holland and given hearty approval. This will go to the board of directors from the department, the work assigned in that direction having been completed.

TO CONSIDER RETAIL TRADE

General betterment of retail trade conditions was the chief topic considered at a largely attended meeting of the department of mercantile affairs of the Chamber of Commerce held at the offices of the chamber Thursday afternoon. Chairman W. B. Morris presided. A sub-committee composed of J. F. Thomson, W. E. Haynes and Ed C. Adams was named to consider what the merchants should do during fair week to secure the best results in stimulating trade. This committee will report back to the department Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock meeting at 4:30 and preparing a report to be submitted.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT.

Negro from Liberty, S. C., Arrested Near Belmont Wednesday Night.

(By International News Service.) BELMONT, Sept. 20.—Henry Parker, alias John Oglesby, an escaped negro convict from Liberty, S. C., was arrested near here last night by Chief of Police Black, of Liberty, and local officers Mingus, Perry and Brigman. The negro was located in a small shanty on the Catawba river near Sloan's ferry bridge and he put up a stiff fight when approached by the officers, it requiring the combined efforts of the four officers to subdue him.

According to Policeman Black Parker, alias Oglesby, has a lengthy criminal record. He was recently arrested here in connection with an attempt to blow up the temporary toll bridge at Sloan's ferry but was freed in the courts as the evidence was mainly circumstantial. Policeman Black left last night with his prisoner.

MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. HOLLAND.

The Music Club held its first meeting with Mrs. J. M. Holland Wednesday afternoon. It was well attended and all were very enthusiastic over the new fall work. A delightful salad course was served. Besides the regular members, Miss Baithis was present.

Miss Mary Galloway has gone to Due West, S. C., where she has accepted a business position in the offices of The Associate Reformed Presbyterian, of which her uncle, Mr. A. S. Galloway, is publisher.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

Mr. Luther Abernethy Passed Away Wednesday Night at Brother's Home in McAdenville — Funeral at Hickory Grove Thursday.

(By International News Service.) McADENVILLE, Sept. 21.—Following an illness of five weeks with appendicitis, followed by peritonitis, Mr. Luther Abernethy, of the Hickory Grove neighborhood, died Wednesday night at the home of his brother, Mr. Laban Abernethy, of this place. Deceased underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Peter's Hospital in Charlotte five weeks ago. After the operation peritonitis set in, and he was brought to the home of his brother here.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Hickory Grove Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. B. McClure, of Alexis, followed by interment in the Hickory Grove cemetery. A cousin of the deceased, Rev. G. P. Abernethy, of Gastonia, assisted in the service.

Mr. Abernethy was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Abernethy, and is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. Frank, Laban and Hester W. Abernethy, Mrs. A. D. Lee, Mrs. Lloyd Hope, Mrs. Roscoe Loftin and Mrs. Pearl Smith, all of the Hickory Grove neighborhood. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends in the untimely death of a promising young man, who was subject to the draft, and was expected to be called into military service.

Mount Holly Matters.

(By International News Service.) MT. HOLLY, Sept. 20.—Miss Rebecca Coleman, of Shelton, S. C., was elected Thursday to relieve crowded conditions in the sixth and seventh grades. Miss Coleman is a graduate of Winthrop College and she comes highly recommended.

Dr. J. L. Vipperman, of Columbus, Miss., is conducting a meeting in the Baptist church. Much interest is being shown and the people are very active in taking part.

Misses Myrtle and Blanche Gray, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Paul Efford, of Columbia, S. C., were the guests of Miss Ada Dunn a few days ago. Miss Hattie Byze, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. W. O. Gardner.

Mrs. L. G. Marlin and children and Miss Margaret and Master James Edwin, of Charlotte, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jenkins. The many friends of Rev. H. L. Rozelle will learn with pleasure that his health is much improved since he has been in the western part of the State. A new experiment in connection with the school is being tested by the county board of education. The children of Mountain Island and Rankin schools are transported to Mount Holly school, and in the event the experiment is a success other schools will be added to the list. Many of the patrons of other schools are interested to the extent that they are co-operating in furnishing means of conveying their own children to school. Practically the entire township is represented in school here, besides a number of students from Lowesville.

Landers Chapel News.

(By International News Service.) LINCOLNTON, Route 5, Sept. 19.—Work is being done on the road between Bethel church and the Gaston and Lincoln lines. Several members of Mr. Cephas Carpenter's family have had hay fever, but are improving.

A party was given at Mr. John Ramsey's Saturday night in honor of Mr. Lee Hayes. It was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Misses Vera and Carrie Lee Carpenter were the guests of Misses Bessie and Pearl Ramsey Sunday. Mrs. Ernest Payne entertained a number of young people Saturday night in honor of Misses Ferrie and Ora Froneberger, Ada Rayfield and Essie Biggerstaff.

A good number from around here attended the Mauney reunion Saturday and report the time well spent. Messrs. E. G. and Vaughn Rudisill, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adderholdt, Mrs. W. S. Carpenter and son, Lawrence, visited relatives in Bessemer City Sunday. Mr. E. H. Biggerstaff, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Biggerstaff and daughter, Miss Essie, are attending the Kings Mountain Baptist Association which convenes at Fallston Baptist church today.

Crouse Route One News.

(By International News Service.) CROUSE, Route 1, Sept. 20.—There was an ice cream supper Saturday night at the home of Mr. F. P. Payseur. A large crowd was present and all report a pleasant time. Mrs. Francis Kiser and little grandson, Amos, spent Saturday with Mrs. F. P. Payseur. Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kiser, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ross, a son. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carpenter and children are spending a few days at their farm about eight miles below Gastonia.

Union sets, 10 cents quart at Frohman Coffee Company's. 21p2

HE ATTEMPTED BRIBERY BERNSTORFF USED MONEY FREELY

Bomb Dropped on Congress Today When State Department Made Public Message Sent by Former German Ambassador in Which He Referred to Using Money to Influence Congress—Was in Itself Sufficient Cause for Break With Germany.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—That Ambassador Von Bernstorff spent money in an attempt to influence Congress was made known here today when the State Department gave out a message sent by the Ambassador to the German Foreign Office before his recall. The message was dated January 22 and reads: "I request authority to pay out \$50,000 in order, as on former occasions, to influence Congress through an organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent war. I am beginning in the meantime to act accordingly. In the above circumstances a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable, in order to gain the support of Irish-American influence here."

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The State Department has made no comment on the bribery exposure involving Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, mentioned in earlier dispatches, but an official has stated that this message alone was sufficient cause for breaking with Germany. He also stated that Bernstorff knew of the intention of Germany to renew its campaign of ruthless warfare for two weeks before this country was notified and did everything in his power to convert American officials to the German viewpoint.

The exposure fell like a bombshell on Congress. An investigation may be ordered. In some quarters it is believed that the exposure may have been made for the effect it would have on Argentina, where the pacifists in the House are successfully filibustering against a break with Germany. The department knows all about Bernstorff's activities and may expose the names of those who got money from him.

TWELVE FAIRS TO BE HELD

Gaston county leads the State with twelve community fairs. Work began on these last Spring. Each community was well organized at that time. Much hard work has been done this summer. Present indications are that each community will be fully repaid for the hard work done.

Mr. J. M. Holland, secretary of the county fair association, and Mr. John H. Steele, county agent, are closing this week a series of twelve meetings, one held at each school house where a fair will be held. Each of these meetings has been well attended and in many cases there were more present than could get seats. At each place much interest and enthusiasm was shown in their fair.

Indications are that each one of the twelve fairs will be a big success. Every department—fancy work, canned goods, cooking and home industries, field crops (and at several of the fairs there will be live stock) will show up well.

There will be many visitors not only from adjoining communities but from the towns of the county that will visit these fairs. It is understood that there will be a number of visitors from out of the county at some fairs, so thoroughly have they been advertised.

The first fair begins Monday, September 24th, and one will be held each day thereafter for two weeks, the last fair closing on Saturday, October 6th, just before the Gaston County Fair opens on Tuesday, October 9th.

Each community fair will bring a collective exhibit to the county fair and this will be one of the big features this year.

TODAY'S COTTON.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Cotton opened October 22.25, January 22.18.

—Mr. T. L. Clinton, whose illness has been mentioned in The Gazette this week, is reported today as being considerably improved.

ENDANGERING SOLDIERS' LIVES

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The recurring publications by certain press associations of the handling of American troops in France has brought a rebuff from the War Department with a demand that they cease printing this news. In a public statement Gen. McIntire declared that those responsible for such publications know that they are endangering the lives of American soldiers and the success of the Nation.

BRITISH WIN BIG SUCCESS

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Sept. 21.—Complete success has crowned the British offensive, the War Office announces today. The heavy German counter-attacks all failed. The new British positions were all consolidated and linked with the old line. In launching their counter assaults the Germans used mass formations and were mowed down in heaps, finally becoming exhausted, the survivors fell back and artillery duels began and are still raging.

GENERAL SCOTT TO FRANCE

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—General Hugh L. Scott has been appointed to command a division in France.

U. S. ENGINEERS NOW UNDER FIRE

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 21.—The United States Army Engineers have received their "baptism of fire" in France. A regiment of engineers have taken over a section of the front military railroad. News has just been received that a German aeroplane pursued one train on a night this week, dropping bombs every time the fire box was opened, revealing the target. Finally the trainmen sought shelter and the German airship departed without having inflicted any casualties.

TEXAS CITIZENS OFFER BIG REWARD

(By International News Service.) GILBERT, TEX., Sept. 21.—A \$10,000 fund has been raised here as a reward for the capture, dead or alive, of the commander of the Eleventh German division, who recently offered a reward of 400 marks for the first American soldier, dead or alive, brought to his headquarters.

—Mr. Hazel Long left this week for Due West, S. C., to enter Erskine College.

GASTONIA AND GASTON LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Mr. McArver Ill. His many friends will regret to know that County Commissioner J. Frank McArver is seriously ill at the City Hospital, whether he was taken yesterday morning from his home on the Yorkville road. Mr. McArver had been confined to his home for a week or ten days but his friends did not know that his illness was of a serious nature. They hope for him a speedy recovery.

Pisgah Community Fair.

The Pisgah community fair will be held at the Pisgah school house next Thursday, September 27th. The Young People's Christian Union of Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will serve refreshments. A large number of entries is expected and the people of Pisgah community are expecting to have one of the best of the twelve community fairs to be held in the county.

May Organize Night Classes.

Prof. G. W. Adams, in charge of the commercial department of the city schools, asks The Gazette to state that his department will take a limited number of outside students in bookkeeping, shorthand, and typewriting. Several have asked for a night class also and this will be organized as soon as a sufficient number are interested. This class would meet four nights each week from 7 to 9 o'clock. A moderate rate of tuition will be charged. Any person interested should see Prof. Adams or Prof. Wray at once.

Panhandle Getting Ready.

Panhandle's community fair will be a big success. Judge the enthusiasm shown at the meeting of residents of that community held at the Panhandle school house Wednesday night. The preparations for a splendid fair are well in hand. Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair gave some important instructions relative to entries in an interesting talk and County Agent John B. Steele also gave timely advice regarding exhibits and some information of special importance on farming topics. Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce was also present.

More Teachers Needed.

On account of the unexpected increase in the attendance on the city schools, which recently opened, it is found that at least five more teachers will be required. The school board thought it had made ample provision for any reasonable increase but the initial enrollment at the schools was far in advance of the board's anticipations. One additional teacher has already been secured in the person of Miss Mary S. Brunson, of Florence, S. C., who arrived the first of the week and has been given sections of grades 4 and 5 at the Central school.

BELMONT BUDGET.

(By International News Service.) BELMONT, Sept. 21.—Ten car loads of material for the town's system of sewerage and waterworks, consisting of both terra-cotta and iron piping, have been received and unloaded. It is expected that the contractors, Messrs. J. B. McCrary & Co., of Atlanta, will begin the work of installation at an early date. This work has been held up for some time on account of the fact that the contractors equipment had been requisitioned by the Government in the construction of cantonments.

—Mrs. R. F. Littlejohn, who underwent an operation at the City Hospital Sunday, is reported today as getting along quite well.

Fancy Work Will Be Big Feature

Many ladies have been making fancy work.

Finest Array of Fancy Work Ever Gathered Together in This Section

Railing In Front Of Exhibit

This will keep the visitors from picking up the articles. Ground will be well sprinkled to keep down dust.

The Big Gaston County Fair

October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917

Gaston County School Children Free

Wednesday, October 10th

J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary

For several issues of The Gazette I have advertised a series of meetings at the school house in which it was expected a community fair would be held. A meeting was set to be held in Dallas on Saturday night, September 22nd, at 8 o'clock, at the school house, for the purpose of explaining how to select entries and fill out entry blanks.

THE MEETING I ADVERTISED WILL NOT BE HELD.

J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary
THE BIG GATTON COUNTY FAIR