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GASTONIA, N. C. FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 28, 1917.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

## DR. J. S. MOFFATT TO SPEAK HERE

Rev. Dr. J. S. Moffatt, president of Erskine College, Due West, S. C., will speak in the interest of the endowment fund for that institution Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the court house, this being the regular morning service of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Sunday night Dr. Moffatt will speak, probably on "Christian Education", at the First Presbyterian church. The congregations of the other churches have been invited to join in the night service. Dr. Moffatt is one of the most prominent ministers of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and is a most pleasing and forceful speaker.

### Mr. McArver's Funeral.

A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered at the First Presbyterian church at three o'clock Thursday afternoon to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Frank McArver, announcement of whose death was made in Wednesday's Gazette. The service was conducted by Mr. McArver's pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Gallo-way, of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Other ministers who took part in the service were Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College, and Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church. Music was rendered by the choirs of the First Presbyterian and the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The burial services at Oakwood Cemetery were according to the Masonic ritual, being conducted by Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. and A. M.

Speaking as a long time personal friend of the deceased, as well as his associate in an official capacity, Rev. Mr. Lindsay spoke very highly of Mr. McArver's splendid traits of character. In addition to the positions held by Mr. McArver mentioned in Wednesday's Gazette, he was president of the Star Grocery Company, in which enterprise he was associated with Mr. J. R. Baber and Mr. J. E. Lindsay.

### UNDER FIRE FROM GERMAN AIRMEN.

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 27.—The American engineer regiments have been under fire from German airmen, who approached during the darkness dropping bombs and riddling the barracks with machine-gun fire. The Americans took refuge in dugouts, and not one received a scratch. The men calmly played poker by candle light until the attack was over.

### TRAVELS 3,000 MILES TO RESPOND TO DRAFT.

(By International News Service.) DENVER, COLO., Sept. 28.—Traveling 3,000 miles to avoid being branded as a slacker, A. M. Cullen arrived here this week to appear before a draft board for examination for service in the National Army.

After registering in this city on June 5, Cullen accepted a position with a Seattle firm, who had sent him to Alaska on business. Receiving a telegram from his brother that his name was about to be posted as failing to respond for examination, Cullen immediately started for Denver. He was in Wrangell, Alaska, and the trip back included a 1,000-mile sea voyage to Seattle.

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## NEW HOPE FAIR BIG SUCCESS

"One fine fair" was the verdict of Gastonia people returning Wednesday evening from attending the community fair at New Hope. It was a splendid fair and was largely attended not only by residents of the community but from many sections of Gaston county. Enthusiastic and unanimous was the vote to hold another fair next year when Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair asked the question.

There were so many exhibits that four judges instead of two had to be used in order to complete the awards in time. Mr. W. G. Yeager, of Davidson county, Miss Annie Lee Rankin, of Mecklenburg county, Miss Susie O. Elliott, of Cleveland county, and Mr. W. K. Scott were the judges. Miss Georgia Copeland and Mr. C. F. Thomasson were in charge of the work of entering exhibits. County Agent John B. Steele was at the fair all day, rendering valuable assistance in many ways.

The arrangements of the exhibits was excellent and the space assigned for the purpose was crowded. The exhibits of canned goods, fancy work and field crops were all high-class and attracted much attention. There was also a very creditable art exhibit, several paintings being shown.

The officers who had charge of the work of preparation for and the holding of the New Hope fair were: Mr. Fred B. Faires, secretary; Mrs. Dave Harrison, vice-president; Mrs. L. B. Davis, secretary. Chairman of committees: Mrs. Chalmers Elmore, canning; Mr. T. L. Allison, field crops; Miss Florida Faires, cooking and home industries; Miss Mary Glover, garden vegetables; Miss Lillian Elmore, fancy work.

On display at the offices of the chamber of commerce is a fine exhibit of velvet beans, shown at the New Hope community fair Wednesday by W. T. McLean. President J. H. Seppark of the chamber of commerce brought the exhibit in and it was placed in the display window as an evidence of what Gaston county soil will produce in velvet beans. It will doubtless form the nucleus of an exhibit of the varied agricultural resources of the county.

### FOR HIGHWAY CAMPAIGN.

Formation of a County Unit of Bankhead National Highway Commission to Be Considered Monday by Special Committee of Chamber of Commerce.

Plans for the forming of a county Bankhead Highway Commission and the launching of a strong campaign to insure the passing through Gastonia of the highway will be launched at a meeting of the special Bankhead highway committee of the Chamber of Commerce called by Chairman C. C. Armstrong this morning to be held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the offices of the chamber. By that time some data and blanks will be on hand from headquarters in Birmingham so that the work may be taken up in earnest.

Besides Chairman Armstrong the committee consists of W. H. Adams, S. A. Robinson, W. T. Rankin, W. L. Balthis, J. W. Atkins and R. G. Rankin.

### CAMP FIRE GIRLS OF WINONA CAMP.

By calling at the manse of the First Presbyterian church you can get your books. No further meetings will be held until these books are taken out and the necessary reading done. After you have studied a bit things will necessarily begin to happen.

LILLIAN A. FERGUSON, Guardian.

## HEARING HELD HERE JUDGE WEBB RESERVES HIS DECISION

Attorneys in the Means Case Appeared Before Superior Court Here Yesterday to Argue Petition that John T. Dooling of New York Be Cited for Contempt—Judge Webb Will Announce His Decision on the Question in Charlotte Monday.

A large number of attorneys engaged on both sides of the big legal battle which is raging around the indictment of Gaston B. Means, of Concord, for the alleged murder of Mrs. Maude King on August 29, arrived in Gastonia yesterday shortly after noon and appeared before Judge James L. Webb, who is presiding over the current term of Gaston Superior court, to argue an action brought by Attorney E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, of counsel for Means, asking that Attorney John T. Dooling, of the New York district attorney's office, be cited to appear in Salisbury on October 8 to answer to a charge of contempt of court for failure to deliver to the defendant's attorneys certain papers and documents which are alleged to have been seized in Means' New York apartments. After hearing the arguments of counsel, Judge Webb stated that he would announce his ruling on the action in Charlotte Monday.

Attorneys for Gaston B. Means also argued for a rule requiring Solicitor Hayden Clement and Attorney General J. S. Manning to appear at the same time and show cause why the papers have not been delivered as ordered in a rule issued by Judge Cline in Salisbury recently. Among these papers is supposed to be the now famous second will of J. C. King, by which Gaston Means is said to have hoped to be able to secure for Mrs. King another large portion of the millionaire lumberman's estate. Solicitor Clement, however, told the court that the alleged second will was not among the papers now in the hands of the attorneys for the prosecution. Solicitor Clement appeared voluntarily before the court to answer the complaint made by Means' attorneys so far as he was personally concerned, and was also representing Mr. Dooling, of New York, who presented affidavits to the effect that he and other witnesses from New York had turned over to Solicitor Clement all papers in the case which they had brought into this State.

Attorneys for Gaston B. Means, of whom Mr. E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, was spokesman, averred that the defendant Means was only asking for his legal rights in demanding possession of the papers involved in this action, which he declared had been wrongly taken and withheld. He scored the methods used by the New York district attorney's office in getting possession of these papers heavily. At the conclusion of Mr. Cansler's speech Judge Webb announced that he would give his decision in the action Monday at Charlotte, where he is to preside next week over a term of Mecklenburg Superior Court.

In the party here for the hearing were Messrs. J. W. Danahy, J. J. Canovan, E. K. Meecle, Alva Johnston and Ross D. Whytock, representing The New York World, The New York Times and The New York Sun; W. T. Bost, of The Greensboro News; James Bain, of The Charlotte Observer; D. H. Littlejohn, of The Charlotte News; Solicitor Hayden Clement, of Salisbury; Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, of New York; Attorneys L. T. Hartsell, of Concord, and Frank I. Osborne and E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte. It is probable that there were also here representatives of the Federal government. Several members of the party came in on No. 37, which did not reach here until 12:45 and others came on the P. & N. and by automobile.

### FAIR-WEEK TRADE.

Merchants to Meet Monday Night to Discuss Ways and Means of Getting Best Trade Possible During Week of County Fair.

How to secure the best trade possible during Fair week so as to open up new trading territory for Gastonia, and many other timely subjects, will be placed before the retailers at a meeting called for next Monday night at 8 o'clock by the department of mercantile affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce offices. The attendance of every retailer is strongly urged as it is desired that all have a part in any decisions made.

The inclement weather interfered with the attendance last night and Chairman Morris and the others present decided to postpone the meeting until Monday as it was desired to have all present. Those who attended went over the various questions thoroughly.

The meeting will open at eight o'clock sharp and will last but a short time, not over an hour.

COMMUNITY FAIR DATES.  
• Today—Union.  
• Tomorrow—Sunnyside.  
• Monday, Oct. 1—South Point.  
• Tuesday, Oct. 2nd—Lander's Chapel.  
• Wednesday, Oct. 3—Panhandle.  
• Thursday, Oct. 4th—Costner.  
• Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5th and 6th—Cherryville.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

### New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette. NEW HOPE, Sept. 27.—The New Hope fair was held yesterday, and everyone seemed agreeably surprised—the fair being so much better than was expected. Every department was good. The display of fancy work was especially good. Among the things that helped out the appearance of the fair were some large hand-painted pictures made and exhibited by Mrs. L. K. Ratchford. The agricultural department had a display of corn, hay, potatoes, grains, fruits and almost everything that could be thought of. Quite a crowd was present, including a number of visitors. Dinner was served in picnic style. After dinner Mr. C. B. Armstrong talked for a short time on the necessity of raising more wheat. About 2:30 Mr. Holland asked all to come outside to draw for the five dollar gold piece and the season ticket. After short talks by one of the judges and Mr. Steele, the tickets were drawn. Mr. Mott Dixon receiving the five dollars and Master Garland Ford the season ticket. Mr. Holland also gave the little boy who drew out the tickets a season ticket. Mr. Holland asked the people of the community if they wanted a 1918 fair, and it was quickly settled that they did.

Soon the work of taking down exhibits and putting out the things for the county fair was begun. Almost all the winners were willing for their exhibits to go to the county fair in the community exhibit.

### Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LINCOLNTON, ROUTE 5, Sept. 26.—The choir of Mount Beulah Baptist church is expecting to join the singing convention which convenes at Oak Grove next Sunday. There will be choir practice at Mt. Beulah next Friday night.

Sorry to note that Mrs. W. S. Carpenter is quite sick at this writing. Quite a large number of young people enjoyed a party given by Misses Vera and Carrie Carpenter Saturday night.

Misses Bessie and Pearl Ramsey spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Luther Carpenter.

Messrs. Alonzo Rhyne and Sammie Cauble and Misses Jennie Cauble and Willie Rhyne were guests at the home of Mr. Herbert Carpenter Sunday.

Mr. W. S. Carpenter was a Lincolnton visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Biggerstaff and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carpenter were in Bessemer City and Gastonia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holland spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. Frederick Carpenter.

### News From Route Three.

Correspondence of The Gazette. GASTONIA, ROUTE 3, Sept. 27.—Mr. Walter McArver and Mr. Walter Carson are putting up a sawmill on the W. N. Davis farm and will be ready to run in a few days.

Messrs. L. E. Dickson and R. N. Holland are building houses to store sweet potatoes in.

Mrs. W. S. Holland leaves this afternoon for Ashboro, Va., to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Brown.

One of Mr. Neal Hawkins' children is sick.

### THE PISGAH FAIR.

Community Spirit Exhibited in Splendid Showing of Canned Articles, Fancy Work and Field Crops—Several Timely Talks Made.

Well rounded in every respect was the community fair held at Pisgah Thursday. And enthusiastic and unanimous was the vote to hold the fair again in 1918. Interesting addresses were made in the afternoon by Col. C. B. Armstrong on the need of producing more wheat, and by Secretary J. M. Holland, of the Gaston County Fair, County Agent John B. Steele, and Mr. W. G. Yeager on various topics, timely in their nature. Pisgah is determined, too, to make a big showing at the county fair.

The canning, cooking, fancy work and field crop exhibits were all high-class and the entries were numerous. Miss Georgia Copeland and Mr. C. F. Thomasson supervised the making of entries. Miss Eunice Penny, of Davidson county, Miss Elliott, Mr. Yeager and Mr. Scott did the judging.

Many Gastonia people attended the fair during the day and there were throngs from other communities. As each fair is held and interest aroused the attendance increases noticeably from other sections.

The hustling officers of the Pisgah fair are the following: Mr. W. D. Anthony, president; Mr. R. M. Falls, vice-president; Mr. Charlie Pearson, treasurer; Miss Margaret Pearson, secretary. Chairmen of committees: Mr. J. R. Anthony, agriculture; Mr. Oscar Torrence, live stock; Mrs. S. T. Whitesides, canning; Mrs. S. W. Bradley, fancy work; Mrs. W. O. Pearson, cooking and home industries.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The cotton market opened with October contracts selling at 24.55, January 23.75.

## BIG ENEMY PLOT UNEARTHED

(By International News Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—A widespread plot against the United States has been unearthed by Federal agents here. Five members of the United States aviation corps, two navy ensigns and an army recruiting officer are said to be involved. A German naval lieutenant, Erwin Schneider, and Theodore Kaesinger, a German, have been arrested. The plot is said to have involved military information and the escape of interned German and Austrian officers.

## WILL HEAD U. S. PEACE COMMISSION

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Colonel House will head the American peace commission when it is named. This was the interpretation placed today on the selection of the colonel to gather political, commercial and geographical data to be utilized when a peace conference is held. The State Department emphasized, however, that the appointment does not indicate a belief that peace is yet in sight.

## KORNILOFF SENT TO NEW PRISON

(By International News Service.) PETROGRAD, Sept. 28.—General Korniloff and other high officers implicated in the recent revolt have been transferred to Bykogh.

## GULF HURRICANE STRIKES INLAND

(By International News Service.) NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 28.—The gulf hurricane struck inland at Pilot, a town 80 miles southeast of here. The wind here is 80 miles an hour and increasing. No loss of life has yet been reported. Communication with the points to the South has been broken. The center of the storm apparently will pass slightly to the eastward of New Orleans.

## TO RUSH WORK ON AIRPLANES

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Greater rapidly in aeroplane production is the motive for a conference of manufacturers which is to begin here Sunday. The standardization of parts and other engineering problems will be discussed. It is predicted that construction will go forward by leaps and bounds after this conference.

"The Princess' Necklace," "The Puzzling Billboard," Broadway today

A Change.

Going to make a garden this year? No, I have boarded grubs, worms and insects long enough.

Hugh?

I'll keep chickens this year and let the aforesaid grubs, worms and insects board them.—Kansas City Journal.

## ROUNDING UP THE SLACKERS

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The round-up of draft slackers has begun. The Government is offering a reward of \$50 for each slacker arrested.

## BIG BATTLESHIP ON THE ROCKS?

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN PORT, Sept. 28.—News has reached here that an American dreadnaught is ashore somewhere along the Atlantic coast calling for help. All ships in the vicinity have been ordered to its assistance.

## GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Sept. 28.—German counter-attacks last night near Zonnebeke were repulsed. The region south of Tour Hemlets and Polloguin was cleared of the enemy. Only isolated points are now offering resistance.

## CHOSEN DIRECTOR OF U. S. SHIPPING

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Edward F. Cary, former president of the Haskell & Barker Car Co., of Chicago, has been appointed to direct the operations of the American merchant marine.

## GERMANS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Sept. 27.—Germany has secretly communicated to the Pope the fact that the Central powers will go much further to obtain peace than was indicated in recent diplomatic notes. It was pointed out that Germany and Austria had been conservative with a view to preventing their enemies from learning their secrets.

## WILL NOT REVEAL PEACE PLANS

(By International News Service.) AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.—Chancellor Michaelis has abandoned his plan to speak plainly on the peace question before the Reichstag. This move followed a conference with the military leaders. Leaders of the majority parties are greatly disappointed.

Age Won't Matter Then.  
The Boy—I shall be glad when I am old enough to do as I please.  
The Man—And about that time you'll go and get married, so it won't do much good after all.—Chicago Herald.

## Gaston County Leads State Community Fairs Going On

UNION	PANHANDLE
Friday, Sept. 28th	Wednesday, Oct. 3rd
SUNNYSIDE	COSTNER
Saturday, Sept. 29th	Thursday, Oct. 4th
SOUTH POINT	CHERRYVILLE
Monday, Oct. 1st	Friday, Oct. 5th
LANDER'S CHAPEL	Saturday, Oct. 6th
Tuesday, Oct. 2nd	

SEE COLLECTIVE EXHIBITS AT  
The Big Gaston County Fair  
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J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary

## New Entry Tags Show Winner After Judging is Complete

A Lot of Satisfaction to know who has won and to have others know you have been successful  
You Will See a Lot of Things You Have Never Seen Before At

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Don't Miss the Big Free Attractions

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