

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE

PUBLISHED EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

VOL. XXXVIII. NO. 102.

GASTONIA, N. C. MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 8, 1917.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

GASTON COUNTY FAIR BEGINS TOMORROW AT 6 P. M.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

STATE U. D. C. CONVENTION.

Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. T. W. Wilson and Mrs. E. C. Wilson will leave this afternoon for Kinston to attend the annual State convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which convenes there Tuesday night and remains in session until Friday. Mrs. Clifford goes as president of the Gastonia Chapter, and Mesdames Wilson are delegates from the local chapter. Mrs. T. L. Craig, who is entitled to go as leader of the J. D. Moore Children's Chapter, and Mrs. J. F. Thomson, who is vice-president of the State chapter, are unable to attend this session. A special honor has been paid to the local chapter in that Mrs. T. W. Wilson is to read a paper before the State meeting on "Bits of History of Our Old Southern Songs". The representatives of the Gastonia Chapter go up to the State meeting this year with an unusually splendid report, as the chapter has been quite active along all lines during the past year.

At the close of the convention Mrs. Clifford will go to Dunn on a visit to the family of Mr. Clifford's brother, Mr. J. C. Clifford, and from there to Raleigh to visit Miss Annie Clifford, who is a student in Meredith College. She will return to Gastonia about the last of October.

WILKINSON-ROBINSON WEDDING.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Oct. 5.—On Thursday at high noon at the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson, Mr. Lawrence Hamlett Wilkinson, of Charlotte, and Miss Kate Evelyn Robinson, of Lowell, were united in holy matrimony. Rev. William S. Golden, of Sanford, officiating.

The wedding, though necessarily marked by utmost quietude and simplicity by reason of recent bereavement in the family, was one of beauty and elegance. The ceremony was solemnized in the drawing room before the improvised altar of ferns, amylax and lilies. As the notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march were beautifully rendered by Miss Moena Hand, cousin of the bride; the maid of honor, Miss Edith Robinson, the bride's sister, entered, beautifully gowned in white georgette with picture hat and carrying a shower bouquet of Richmond roses. Next followed the groom with his best man, Dr. D. Heath Nesbit, of Charlotte. Then, leaning on the arm of her father, the bride, never more strikingly beautiful though lovely at all times, in her gorgeous gown entrain of Duchess satin, elaborately trimmed with pearls and real lace, entered. During the ceremony, "O Perfect Love" was softly and sweetly played.

Immediately after a two-course luncheon the bride and groom left by auto for a two-weeks tour of the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Conspicuous among the hundreds of handsome and costly gifts including numerous pieces of silver, cut glass and china, were a lovely chest of silver and a mahogany dining room suit. The gift of the groom was a baby grand Knabe piano.

Besides the immediate members of the family the following were present: Mrs. R. A. Miller, of Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Margaret Hudson, of Waxhaw; Mr. James McEachern, of Brainbridge, Ala.; Rev. William S. Golden, of Sanford, and Dr. D. Heath Nesbit, of Charlotte.

Miss Robinson is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and

HOME GUARDS TO BE ORGANIZED

A meeting of the Gaston County Branch of the National Council of Defense will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Citizens National Bank building for the purpose of consummating plans for the organization of a company of home guards as recently directed by the State. Chairman C. B. Armstrong will preside. The other members of the council are A. G. Myers, R. L. Stowe, C. E. Hutchison, A. Q. Kale, A. T. Lindsay and Dr. W. H. Houser. The Gaston county company has been designated the Fifteenth Company North Carolina Reserve Militia and will consist of 50 men who are to be selected by the council. After the men have been appointed a meeting will be called and they will elect their officers. Men between the ages of 31 and 45 are designated. Men of draft age may be enlisted but are still subject to draft. This company is to be organized primarily for service in this county should occasion arise but are subject to call anywhere in the State should their services be needed at any time. The State furnishes uniforms, guns and other required equipment.

OFFICERS GET ESCAPED CONVICT

After successfully dodging the local and county officers for seven months, during practically all of which time he has been in and around Gastonia, Will Weaver, white, an escaped convict, was arrested Saturday night and is again behind the bars. Weaver was arrested by Policemen Terrell and Hord and Deputy Sheriffs Kendrick and Cole. He was taken at his home in Gastonia, where he was in hiding in a garret. He made no effort to resist arrest and was promptly locked up and later turned over to the county authorities to be returned to the county chain gang to serve out an unexpired term of six months for selling whiskey.

Weaver is designated by the local officers as a bad character. Indictments are now hanging over him for assault with a deadly weapon, selling liquor and for other offenses. He has been in trouble on numerous former occasions. At the recent term of Superior Court Judge J. L. Webb signed an order making Weaver an outlaw but the notices required had not been posted, hence the order had not become operative.

Get a Rand-McNally War Map at The Gazette office; 15 cents.

Mrs. S. M. Robinson, of Lowell, the former being one of the leading mill men of the State. She was educated at Queens College, Charlotte, and Anderson College, South Carolina, being a gifted musician in voice and piano.

Mr. Wilkinson is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, the former being vice-president and cashier of the Merchants & Farmers National Bank of that city. Mr. Wilkinson, who is a graduate of Davidson College, is a man of sterling qualities and one of the leading young business men of Charlotte. He is at present assistant treasurer of the Elizabeth Mills, Charlotte.

ROUNTREE WAS PLEASED

WITH THE EASTERN HIGHWAY ROUTE

Secretary of Bankhead National Highway Association Reached Birmingham After Traversing Proposed Route Between Washington and That City. Distance of 1,400 Miles—Will Make Report at Once—Plans Forming for Trip by Party of Pathfinders Which is to Leave Washington October 30th. Special to The Gazette.

BERMINGHAM, ALA., Mr. J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Bankhead National Highway Association, arrived at headquarters Monday morning after a two-weeks tour in an automobile escorted by committees from various towns between Atlanta and Washington inspecting the two proposed routes of the Bankhead highway between those cities.

Secretary Rountree has traveled over 1400 miles, visited 60-odd towns and cities, delivered addresses in 48 towns, consulted with mayors, committees of Chambers of Commerce, automobile and good road clubs in regard to the Bankhead highway and arranged details with them in regard to the official pathfinding party that will start from Washington on October 30th to officially designate the Bankhead highway.

Secretary Rountree is quite pleased over his preliminary inspection of the Bankhead highway and speaks in the most glowing terms of the enthusiasm and interest manifested by the people along the route. He was shown many courtesies, being escorted by special committees from city to city. Six banquettes were given in his honor, besides being entertained by mayors and leading citizens of different towns. Secretary Rountree will proceed to prepare a report of his inspection and forward to Washington and he will also commence to arrange details of the pathfinding party which will officially designate the Bankhead highway.

The tentative plan is for the party to leave the capitol steps at Washington on Tuesday morning, October 30th, at 9 o'clock. Before departing, it is expected that President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, will all make short talks and extend messages of good wishes for the success of the pathfinding party which consists of two government engineers, two distinguished citizens living east of Washington, a representative of the American Automobile Association, ex-Congressman T. W. Plowman, President and J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Bankhead National Highway Association. As guests of the association accompanying the party will be Senators Bankhead, of Alabama; Martin, of Virginia; Overman, of North Carolina; Smith, of South Carolina; Hoke Smith, of Georgia; and congressmen whose districts are traversed by the Bankhead highway. There will also be in the party a number of road experts and newspaper correspondents representing some of the leading metropolitan dailies and magazines. It will probably be the most distinguished party of pathfinders that ever traversed a proposed National highway.

The pathfinders will inspect the Eastern route from Washington to Atlanta, passing through Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg and Clarksville, Va.; Oxford, Hillsboro, Durham, Raleigh, Henderson, High Point, Greensboro, Lexington, Concord, Spencer, Salisbury, Charlotte, Gastonia, N. C.; Spartanburg, Gaffney, Greenville, Anderson, S. C.; Hartwell, Royster, Athens, Winder, Lawrenceville, on to Atlanta. The pathfinding party will stop at all these cities en route, make short speeches and be entertained at many of these places with banquets and luncheons.

After the party reaches Atlanta they will return to Greensboro, N. C., starting on an inspection trip of the Western route, which passes through Reidsville, N. C.; Danville, Monte Vista, Lynchburg, Oak Ridge, Charlottesville, Orange, Culpepper, Manassas, Alexandria, Va., on to Washington.

SEENA OWEN STARS IN "ADAME BO-PEEP."

"Madame Bo-Peep," the new Tri-angule play, featuring Seena Owen and adapted from O. Henry's well-known story, "Madame Bo-Peep of the ranches," will be exhibited at the Ideal Theater tomorrow.

It is a thrilling play in which the east and the west meet, the greater part of the action taking place in the west. Miss Owen appears first as a society debutante and finally as the proprietor of a sheep ranch in the wild and woolly west. Being a splendid horsewoman Miss Owen felt very much at home in the role.

As the ranch boss she is annoyed by the attentions of a designing foreman, who thinks he can take advantage of her girlish unsophistication. Finally she is forced to flee from him and seek protection. Her escape on horseback is one of the exciting features of the play.

TO-DAY'S COTTON MARKET. (By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The cotton market opened with January contracts selling at 25.65, July 25.92.

MANY NEW MEMBERS

THE BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION IS BUSY

Numerous Items of Business Transacted at Friday's Session—Committee to Confer With Merchants as to Remedying Certain Abuses in Retail Business—Liberal Donations for the Library—Other Matters. (Reported for The Gazette.)

The regular monthly meeting of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association was held in the Central school auditorium Friday afternoon. This was the educational meeting and the program was in the hands of the educational committee.

The usual business of the association was first attended to, the president, Mrs. R. C. Warren, being in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Prof. W. P. Grier. The minutes were read and reports were heard from the various committees. The membership committee reported a large number of new names for membership and these were cordially received.

The chairman of the library committee reported a number of donations of cash with which to buy books for the library. Among these donations were \$50 from Mr. L. L. Jenkins, \$50 from the Lora Mill, \$25 from Mr. J. O. White for the Modena Mill. Promise of a number of other substantial gifts were reported.

A letter was read from the Music Club, asking the co-operation of the betterment for a community Christmas tree. Also an invitation from the directors of the State Fair Association extended to all the women's clubs of the city to attend the State Fair in Raleigh.

A very interesting announcement was made of an honor coming to one of the members of the betterment, Mrs. T. M. Brockman. Some time ago the Josephine Burr Inglewood Club of New Jersey offered a prize of \$100 for the best poem written by a member of any federated club in the United States. Mrs. Brockman submitted a poem in this contest, and a letter was read from the judges who officiated in this contest, stating that honorable mention was extended to the work of Mrs. Brockman, a notable honor, which is shared by the association of which this gifted writer is a member.

A committee of the business men of the city was heard, asking the co-operation of the members of the betterment in reforming certain practices in connection with the retail business in Gastonia, such as the unrestricted sending out of articles on approval and other measures that would help to make it possible for the merchants not to raise prices further. A committee will be appointed to take this matter up with the merchants.

The meeting was then turned over to the educational committee and the chairman, Mrs. T. C. Quickel, took the chair. The following interesting and informing program was rendered: General topic, "The Needs of the Schools". Mrs. John R. Rankin read a splendid paper on the kindergarten. This was followed by the thoughtful paper of Mrs. A. F. Whitesides on limiting the number of students assigned to each teacher. Prof. J. S. Wray made a short but forcible address on the necessity of a high school building for Gastonia schools.

There was much regret by reason of the absence of Dr. D. E. McConnell who was to have spoken on manual training, and Col. C. B. Armstrong, who was to have addressed the meeting on the need of a high school building, but was compelled to be out of the city.

Altogether this was an important meeting and the admirable program was much enjoyed.

YOUNG BOY BADLY INJURED

Mrs. Jane Norment received the very distressing news Saturday evening that her young son, Richard Norment, aged 9 years, who is in school at Balfour, two miles out from Hendersonville, had been seriously injured in an accident. Particulars regarding the accident are meager. Beyond the fact that the boy lost his right arm near the shoulder and his right foot just above the ankle in a railroad accident at or near Balfour nothing is known. His mother is at home here and unable to go to him at this time.

Saturday morning Mr. H. B. Moore, an uncle of the boy, left for Asheville going by way of Spartanburg, to spend the week-end with Mrs. Moore, who is visiting in Asheville. It was their intention to return home today but the accident is detaining them at Hendersonville where the injured boy is in a hospital. As he passed through Balfour Saturday morning about 10 o'clock Mr. Moore saw his nephew at the train, the boy having come to the station to see him and get a package from home. It was about four hours after this that the accident occurred. Mr. Norment passed through Gastonia today en route to Hendersonville to be with Richard.

BANKHEAD ASSN. ORGANIZED

Following a brief but vigorous and enthusiastic discussion of the proposed coast-to-coast highway known as the Bankhead National Highway, a permanent organization to be known as the Gaston County Bankhead Highway Association was organized at the court house Friday night. The meeting had been called by a committee which had been appointed for the purpose a few days previous by the Chamber of Commerce. Despite the rain the attendance was good. The officers of the association are R. K. Davenport, of Mount Holly, president; T. L. Craig, of Gastonia, vice-president; Fred H. Allen, of Gastonia, secretary, and A. G. Myers, of Gastonia, treasurer.

Mr. W. T. Rankin called the meeting to order and asked Mr. R. K. Davenport, chairman of the board of commissioners of the county, to act as temporary chairman. Mr. Davenport called on Secretary F. M. Allen of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to tell something about the proposed highway and the object of the meeting. This Mr. Allen did in a very brief and plain way. After some discussion it was the unanimous opinion that the organization should be a county-wide one with local committees working in each township. The power to appoint these committees was delegated to the officers. They have been appointed and are as follows:

- Kings Mountain, F. Dilling, O. G. Falls, C. E. Neisler.
- Bessemer City, C. J. Huss, A. T. Lindsay, R. C. Kennedy.
- Dallas, Dr. S. A. Wilkins, R. S. Lewis, John W. Puett, A. P. Rudisill.
- Belmont, R. L. Stowe, F. P. Hall, D. P. Stowe.
- McAdenville, R. R. Ray, I. F. Mabry, George Wright.
- Lowell, S. M. Robinson, Dave Mitchem, T. P. Rankin.
- Mayworth, H. L. Moore, C. D. Welch, S. W. Cramer.
- Mt. Holly, C. E. Hutchison, J. M. Springs, J. A. Costner.
- Lucia, A. U. Stroup, J. H. Underwood, W. T. Connell.
- Stanley, J. M. Archer, James Reinhardt, J. Graham Rutledge.
- Tuckasee, W. W. Glenn.
- Union, J. R. Henderson, W. C. Wilson, G. A. Sparrow.
- New Hope, J. D. B. McLean, T. L. Allison, E. S. Forbes.

The Gastonia committees are being made up by a committee composed of S. A. Robinson, W. L. Balthis, and W. T. Rankin and will be announced Wednesday.

Attending this meeting were many of the leading business men of the town and county, all of whom believed that the proposed highway would be a splendid thing for this section and that it behooved Gaston county to get in behind the proposition and push it for all it is worth. It was explained that the annual dues to the National Bankhead Highway Association was \$1. This is all the fee that the members are called on to pay. It all goes to the central organization for expenses. Practically every man present enrolled as a member of the Gaston County Association and it is expected that within the next week or two the membership will be 5,000 in this county.

Use our free rest room at the Fair Grounds. The latch string hangs on the outside, you are welcome. Gastonia Furniture Co.

GO to the big fair and use our free rest room. Gastonia Furniture Co.

CAMPES IN NORTH FOR NEGROES

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Negroes drafted into the National Army from the Northern States will be trained at a camp, Wrightstown, Annapolis Junction, Chillum, Rockford, Des Moines and Fort Riley, the War Department decided today. Captains and lieutenants will be negroes, but all officers above the rank of captain will be white men.

POPULAR ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA

(By International News Service.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 8.—Election of members of the National Congress will be held without delay. Regulations for the balloting will be published on October 16th. All disorders throughout the country have been put down.

MOMENTOUS WEEK IN GERMANY

(By International News Service.) THE HAGUE, Oct. 8.—This promises to be a momentous week in Germany. Dispatches received here from Berlin state that Germany's war aims and peace terms will be included in the public debate which begins in the Reichstag this afternoon. The Von Tirpitz party is frantically trying to prevent any peace talk, but the indications are that these efforts will fail completely.

WANTED—Fifty thousand people to visit our free rest room at the Fair Grounds. Gastonia Furniture Co.

Eph Houser Arrested. Local officers Saturday arrested Eph Houser, a white man of Cherryville, on the charge of selling liquor. He is to be given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate S. S. Morris today.

Buy York Mill. A number of Gastonia business men have purchased a controlling interest in the Lockmore Cotton Mill at York, S. C. Among those interested are Messrs. Eli Kendrick, C. B. Armstrong, A. G. Myers, W. H. Adams, C. C. Armstrong and D. M. Jones. Mr. Eli Kendrick has been elected President and manager of the company, and left today for York to take charge of the mill, which is a 6,000 spindle mill and has been in operation since 1909. Major W. E. Moore, who resigns as president and manager to be succeeded by Mr. Kendrick, retains a financial interest and will continue as a member of the board of directors.

Contained 93 Per Cent Alcohol. In Municipal Court this morning, before Municipal Judge A. C. Jones, S. W. Grayson was found guilty of selling Jamaica Ginger containing 93 per cent alcohol. Sentence will be passed at tomorrow morning's session of court. Grayson, it is stated, runs a store in West Gastonia.

FREE rest room at Fair Grounds all week, furnished by Gastonia Furniture Co.

ADMISSION TO
The Big Gaston County Fair
October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917

Adults: Day 35c, Night 25c.
Children: Day and Night 15c.

Gaston County School Children Free October 10.
No Extra Charge For Autos and Buggies.

15c Round Trip

Square to Fair Ground or Fair Ground to Square

Buy Your Ticket and Avoid Rush. Uptown Ticket Office, Corner Marietta and Main.

J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary

Buy Your Tickets---Avoid Rush
UPTOWN TICKET OFFICE

Corner Marietta and Main

15c Round Trip

Square to Fair Ground or Fair Ground to Square

5 Big Days

Recreation Fun Amusement

The Big Gaston County Fair
October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917

J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary