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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. W. T. RANKIN.

The regular meeting of the Music Club will be held at 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of this week, October 17, with Mrs. W. T. Rankin at her residence on West Main avenue.

SHOWALTER-SOWERS MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Bessie Sowers, who has charge of the millinery department of the H. P. Stowe Company, was married last Tuesday in Charlotte to Mr. Claude H. Showalter, of Winchester, Va., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines. The groom is a prominent druggist of Winchester. He will leave tonight for his home while Mrs. Showalter will remain with the Stowe Company through the present season.

RUTHERFORDTON VISITORS AT THE FAIR.

Last week's Rutherfordton Sun says: "Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Robinson, chaperones, Misses Evelyn Lynch, Laura Abrams, Ester Jordan, Ocie Wilkie, Nell Hester, Mrs. York Coleman, Misses Stacey, Benton and Morris, Messrs. O. C. Proffitt, Frank Mills, Frank Oates, Stewart and Dr. F. W. H. Logan, composed a jolly auto party to Gastonia last evening to attend the Gaston County Fair, returning last night. They report a splendid fair and delightful trip."

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Frank P. Hall, of Belmont, chairman of the Woman's Council of National Defense for Gaston County, has appointed the following Liberty Loan Committee for the county: Mrs. George W. Ragan, of Gastonia, chairman; Mrs. A. A. McLean, of Gastonia, vice-chairman; Mrs. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, secretary; Mrs. S. A. Robinson, of Gastonia, Mrs. J. F. Thomson, Gastonia; Miss Muriel Bulwinkle, Dallas; Mrs. George Gullick, Belmont; Mrs. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City; Mrs. P. P. Murphy, Lowell; Miss Mamie Ray, McAdenville; Mrs. M. L. Mauney, Cherryville; Mrs. C. E. Hutchison, Mount Holly; Mrs. Howard R. Thompson, Stanley. This committee will hold a meeting at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of making a start upon their work at once. It is hoped to get the people of the county thoroughly interested in the campaign for the Liberty Loan which is now being conducted throughout the entire county.

A PATRIOTIC WORK FOR WOMEN.

The Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of Gaston County is making plans to start a campaign for the sale of the second issue of Liberty Bonds. This committee works in co-operation with a State committee which is under the direction of the National Woman's Liberty Loan Committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and of which Mrs. W. F. McAdoo is chairman. These committees throughout the United States are inaugurating a nation wide campaign for the sale of these bonds. It is the aim of each local committee to interest every woman in that community in Liberty Bonds and to sell, if possible, a bond in every home in that community. It is not principally an effort to reach the woman with means, but every class of women are urged to show their patriotism and faith in our Government and its policies by investing of their means in these bonds. School children also are urged to have their share in this great movement.

Women everywhere are wanting and even clamoring to do patriotic service. Here is a great opportunity to help in the sale of these bonds. Buy one at least if you possibly can. If you cannot, do the next best thing, get someone else to buy. This will be genuine patriotic service. Remember that when you buy a bond, you are helping to provide food, clothing and shelter for our soldiers and sailors. Every bond you buy will mean just that much help in winning this world for freedom. The Liberty Loan is a sacred obligation, patriotism and a promise to those who fight for us and with us in the struggle of right against right. You cannot afford not to "do your bit" in this matter. Remember that in doing this for your country, you are also making for yourself a good investment, paying as high interest as the usual savings account, and being free of National, State and county taxes.

Serve your country and yourself in this national crisis by buying these bonds.

Pollyanna, Central School Auditorium, Friday Night. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Missionary Address.

At Main Street Methodist church on Wednesday night of this week Rev. C. H. Deal, a missionary to Korea, will deliver an address on his work in that country. The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views. This will take the place of the usual Wednesday evening prayer service and the public is invited to attend.

MR. S. M. MORRIS DEAD

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN PASSES

Member of Firm of Morris Brothers and City Treasurer Succumbs Suddenly After Apparently Slight Illness of Few Days—Identified With City's Business Life for More Than Thirty Years—Funeral and Burial This Afternoon.

Gastonia was shocked Saturday night when the news was spread that Mr. S. M. Morris, known to everybody as Mack Morris, had died suddenly at his home on West Airline avenue. His death occurred at 6:10 p. m. and was due to an attack of apoplexy. For some time Mr. Morris had been feeling unwell but had been at work at Morris Brothers store up until Wednesday prior to his death. Wednesday afternoon he went home and, while not confined to his bed, was not at all well. However, neither his family nor his physician had any apprehension that he was even seriously ill, hence his sudden death came as a great shock to all.

Funeral services are being held at Main Street Methodist church this afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of the church, is conducting the services. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Morris was a native of Gaston county, having been born near Dallas June 19, 1856, and was hence in his 62nd year. He was the son of Amos Morris. Thirty-three years ago, together with his brother, Mr. B. T. Morris, he came to Gastonia to go into business. They established the firm of Morris Brothers, the oldest mercantile firm in the city. For the larger part of that time their store was at the corner of Main and South, now occupied by Kennedy's. A year or two ago they sold that property and moved to their present location further east on Main avenue. Prior to coming to Gastonia the Messrs. Morris conducted a mercantile business in Dallas. In addition to his interest in this business Mr. Morris held considerable cotton mill stock and real estate. He was a business man of ability, as was evidenced by the fact that he had served the city for several years as city treasurer, a position which he held at the time of his death. Altogether he had served the city as a member of the city council for 18 or 20 years.

Surviving are his widow and five children, W. M., Amos, Frank, Roy and Fred Morris. All of these were at home except Roy Morris, who is a student at the Fishburne Military School in Virginia. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. B. T. Morris, of Gastonia, and J. A. Morris, of Stanley, and two sisters, Mrs. E. C. Withers, of Gastonia, and Mrs. J. A. Alexander, of Beaverdam.

Mr. Morris was a leading member of Main Street Methodist church and had been a member of the board of stewards of that church since its establishment about 30 years ago. He was a man of the highest Christian character and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was interested in his town and everything that tended to its upbuilding and had been closely identified with every forward move since he came here a third of a century ago. His death brings a keen sense of loss to a large number of people not only in the town but over the country.

STORES CLOSE.

Out of respect to the memory of Mr. Morris the stores of the city closed at 2 o'clock for the funeral.

40,000 VISITED THE BIG FAIR

Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair Association states that the total attendance at the third annual fair, which closed Saturday night was, in round numbers 40,000 or about twice last year's attendance. Of this number about 25,000 were paid admissions and about 15,000 free admissions, mostly school children. Saturday's attendance was the largest of the five days. The other days ran in the neighborhood of 6,000 each day. The fair was a decided success, both financially and from the standpoint of exhibits. It drew to Gastonia thousands of people from other sections, many of whom had never been in Gastonia before.

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PLAN FOR RUSSIAN ELECTION.

(By International News Service.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 13.—The second meeting of a special legislative conference for the purpose of working out plans for the elections ended today. The plans formulated will not be published until Kerensky returns from the front. His return may be delayed by illness.

An advertisement in The Gazette reaches more people for the cost than you can reach in any other possible way. Rates on application.

TAKES OVER MERCHANT SHIPS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—American merchant ships were conscripted for war work by order of the shipping board which this morning requisitioned all privately owned vessels of 2,500 tons and over. Approximately 450 ships are affected. An order requisitioning all vessels of 2,000 tons will be issued soon and this will be followed by a third order taking over all vessels of 1,500 tons. Most of the ships will be turned back to their owners to be operated under freight rates fixed by the National Shipping Board.

MUNITION PLANT BLOWN UP

(By International News Service.)

CAMDEN, N. J., Oct. 15.—The nitroglycerine plant of the DuPont Co. at Gibbston blew up this morning.

KNOWS NOTHING OF KIDNAPPING

(By International News Service.)

MARSHFIELD, MO., Oct. 13.—Claude Piersol, testifying in his own behalf today denied all knowledge of the Baby Keet kidnaping. Questions asked by Piersol's attorneys were calculated to show that "Scarface" Riley, who has disappeared since Piersol's arrest, was the principal in the kidnaping.

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Highway Committee Meeting.

For the purpose of planning work in Gastonia for the widening of the membership of the Gaston County Bankhead Highway Association the city executive committee recently named will meet at the chamber of commerce Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, and not tonight, as previously announced. All are asked to be present promptly tomorrow night as the meeting is one of great importance.

FINE WEATHER FOR TODAY'S GAME

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The weather is ideal for the sixth game in the world's series. It is clear and warm.

TO HELP US SOLVE LABOR PROBLEM

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—England's mistakes with labor in the early stages of the war will be laid before American employees and labor leaders by British officials in an effort to end the nation-wide labor unrest. Four members of the British munitions ministry will leave Washington early next week to tour the middle Western and Eastern States. Many informal conferences will be held with employers and workmen on the tour under the auspices of Secretary of War Baker as head of the Council of National Defense.

\$5,000 FOR BOMB IN BERLIN

(By International News Service.)

MANCHESTER, ENGL., Oct. 13.—W. H. Veno, a wealthy local man, today offered \$5,000 to the first British aviator who drops a bomb on Berlin.

MAY EXCEED THE FIVE BILLIONS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—With thirteen days to go on, the Liberty Loan is hitting a stride that is expected to take it well over the five billions. Not more than a third of the subscriptions are accounted for in the figures given out by Secretary of the Treasury last night. The returns show that all conditions of people are investing heavily.

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The Senate committee has notified LaFollette that he may appear before them Tuesday in his own defense.

JOFFRE REVIEWS U. S. TROOPS

(By International News Service.)

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Oct. 15.—Marshal Joffre reviewed the American troops today. The weather was cold. Four days of rain has turned the lowlands into lakes but the American barracks are on high ground and the health of the soldiers is good.

TO FILL UP GUARD QUOTAS

(By International News Service.)

ATLANTA, Oct. 13.—Gen. Swift has received orders to send as many men from Camp Gordon as necessary to Greenville and Macon to fill out the guard quotas. The balance here will go to Columbia. Their places will be taken by select men from Camp Ayer, Mass., Yaphank, N. Y., Wrightstown, N. H., Admiral, Mo., and Petersburg, Va.

GERMANY ADMITS LUXBURG CHARGE

(By International News Service.)

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 13.—Admission that Germany received the Luxburg telegrams through our Swedish diplomatic channels is contained in the German reply to Sweden's protest. Germany charges, however, that important sentences were changed. Germany expresses regret and says that the incident will not be repeated.

FILLING GAPS IN NATIONAL GUARDS.

(By International News Service.)

ATLANTA, Oct. 13.—The movement of select men to the National Guard camps to fill out guard regiments will begin tomorrow. The select men are packing up today. At the same time the influx of Northern men to Southern cantonments will commence. It is expected that about 75 per cent of the drafted men in the southeastern camps will be needed to fill gaps in the National Guards.

There must be more than war munitions in the hands we stretch across the sea. The cause of democracy must be fed as well as armed.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Correspondence of The Gazette. ALEXIS, Oct. 13.—The Alexis graded school opened last Monday, October 8, with an enrollment of ninety-one. Owing to the vast amount of late cotton in the community the opening was not so large as it might have been; however it surpassed the opening of last season considerably.

Farmers in this section of Gaston county are using every effort possible to save all the late seed and roughness on their farms. Don't you think that is a bright idea? People on the farm are picking cotton very largely, too. Since King cotton is selling exceedingly well, farmers are striving to gather their cotton crops as soon as possible so that they can have a few nickels and dimes for pocket change.

The teachers of the graded school faculty, Professor D. T. Ferrell, Misses Mary A. Ferrell, Edna Roberts and Edna Black, were visitors at the big Gaston County Fair last Wednesday. A large part of the school children also attended the fair. Commenting on the fair, the teachers of the school faculty were favorably impressed by the farm exhibits, canning club exhibits, the community fair exhibits and the educational exhibits. The mid-way attractions also added much to the success of the fair, the teachers stated.

Mr. Walter Abernethy, wife and children from Spencer Mountain were visitors at Alexis, Friday. They were in town to spend the week-end with relatives and friends.

Mrs. F. L. Howard of Alexis was a visitor at the big Gaston County Fair, Friday.

Miss Edna Roberts of the graded school faculty goes home Friday afternoon to spend the week-end. She is to return Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock via Seaboard Railway.

Mr. Jasper Hager, rural letter carrier, from Alexis and Professor D. T. Ferrell, principal of the Alexis graded school spent a short time at Stanley Creek Thursday afternoon on business.

The Literary Society of Alexis graded school has re-organized for another scholastic year and the following officers were installed: Loy Stroup, president, Sam Abernethy, vice-president, Ruby Abernethy, secretary, Lottie Abernethy, assistant secretary, Sue Banah Stroup, chaplain, Frank Abernethy, critic, Blain Cloninger, censor and Loy Lüneberger, Robert Abernethy and Miss Edna Roberts, program committee.

Mr. S. L. McAllister, postmaster at Alexis, was a visitor at the Gaston County Fair last Wednesday.

The Antonion Literary and Debating Society of Alexis meets Friday night, October 13, for the purpose of re-organizing again. This society did much and lasting good during last school year, and it is for the purpose of improving the art of public speaking that the society organizes again. The society is held apart from the schoolwork although the young boys and young men of the school, are expected to take an active part in its activities. The older men of the community, in fact all the boys and men of the entire community are invited to come out Friday night and to take part in the work of the society.

Farmers around Alexis are making great preparations for the fall grain crop. They have realized that that is an excellent way to help the United States Government whip the Kaiser. Don't you think that is a very bright idea? If the people everywhere would only do their bit in this world war, the doom of the Kaiser would soon be sealed.

GASTON MAN DIES IN WEST

A message was received Friday by Mr. J. R. Baber telling of the death on that day at his home in Pueblo, Col., of his brother, Mr. Sam Baber. No particulars were given. Deceased was 50-odd years old and went West fifteen or twenty years ago. He was engaged in railroad work. He leaves a widow. Surviving him are also his mother, Mrs. Eugenia Baber, who makes her home here, and the following brothers, viz: W. L. Baber, of York; J. R. Baber, of Gastonia; Robert Baber, of Lyons, Col.; J. D. Baber, of Iva, S. C.; John Baber, in the West, and one sister, Mrs. Barbara Smythe, of Fort Mill, S. C.

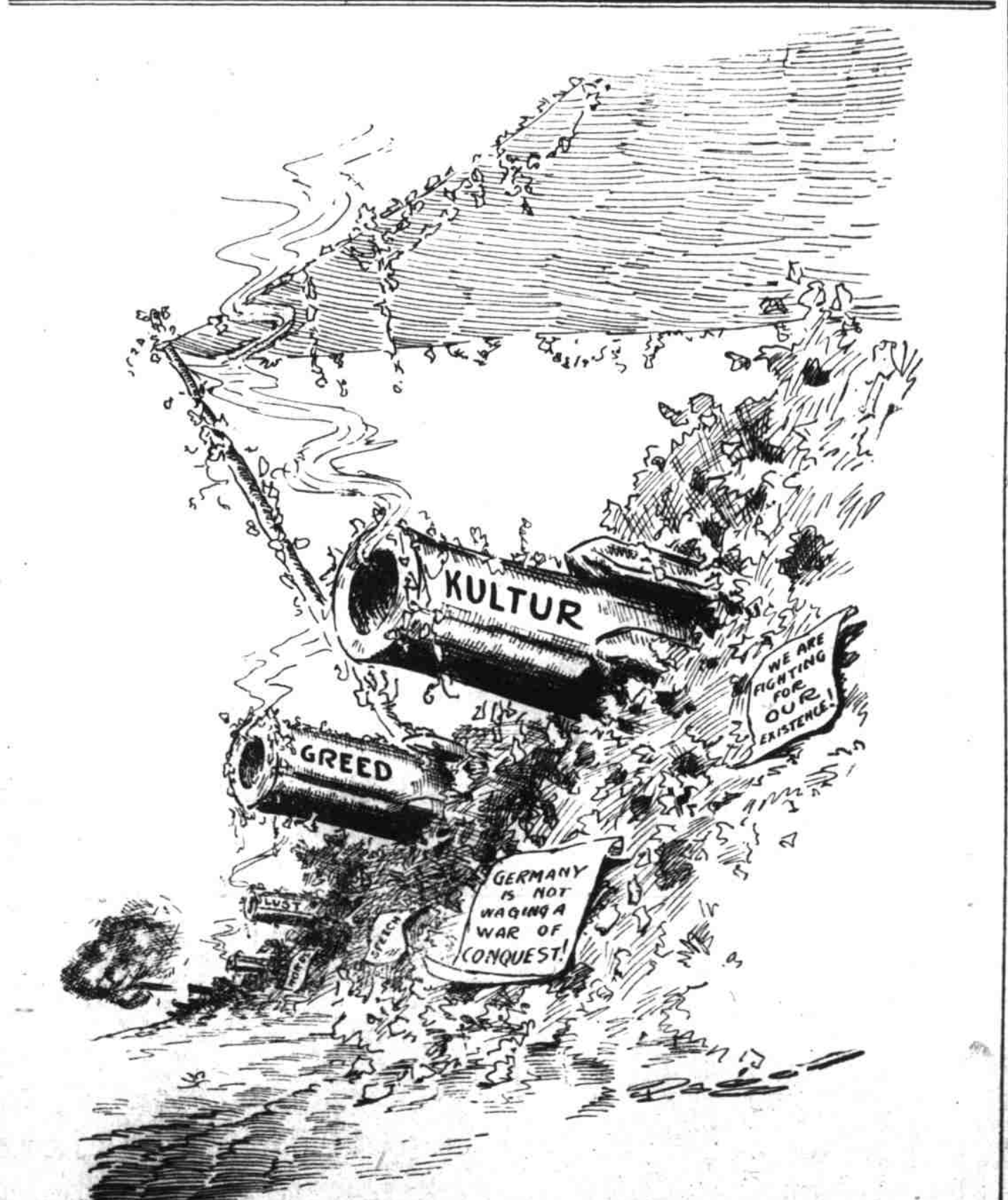
Deceased was a native of York county and is remembered by many friends in this section who will hear with regret of his death.

BRITISH CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 13.—The British remain in undisputed possession of the ground gained yesterday on the West Flanders front. The Germans have attempted no counter attacks, the war office announces. The British have consolidated their positions. The work was made difficult by heavy rains. Bad weather and demoralization combined to prevent the Germans from striking back.

GOT COLD RECEPTION.

(By International News Service.) BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 13.—A pacifist parade yesterday was coldly received by the populace.



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