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## "PATHFINDERS" COMING

### ARE GOING OVER BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

The Pathfinding Party of the Bankhead Highway Association to Start from Washington Next Tuesday—Trip to Atlanta Will Take Five Days.

Special to The Gazette.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Oct. 25. — The details for the Pathfinding party that will leave Washington en route to Atlanta to inspect and consider the Eastern Route of the Washington-Atlanta Division of the Bankhead National Highway which traverses from Washington to Los Angeles, Cal. are rapidly being worked out at the headquarters of the Association. It is definitely decided that the Pathfinding party and their distinguished guests will assemble at the Capitol steps at the head of Pennsylvania avenue on Tuesday morning, October 30th, at 9 o'clock.

President Wilson has been invited and is expected to deliver a short speech of greetings and good wishes for the success of the party that will start on their journey to Atlanta. Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker and Secretary of Agriculture, D. S. Houston are both expected to deliver short addresses. After these speeches, short responses will be made by United States Senator John H. Bankhead and ex-Congressman T. S. Plowman, president of the Bankhead National Highway Association.

A large number of prominent men in official life in Washington and a number of United States Senators and Congressmen, prominent good roads advocates and automobile representatives will be present at the start of the Pathfinders. It is also understood that a number of progressive cities in Virginia, North and South Carolina will send special decorated cars to Washington to join in escorting the Pathfinders through their respective states.

The official scout car in charge of Mr. J. A. Rountree, Secretary of the Bankhead National Highway Association, who will have charge of the party and master of ceremonies of the Pathfinders and distinguished guests, will lead the Pathfinders down Pennsylvania avenue on their journey to the South. The start will be made promptly at 9:30 a. m. Short stops at all the important cities and towns between Washington and Atlanta via Fredericksburg, Petersburg, Richmond, South Hill, Boydton, Clarksville, Virginia; Oxford, Henderson, Durham, Raleigh, Hillsboro, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Salisbury, Anderson, S. C., Hartwell, Athens, Winder, Lawrenceville, Decatur, Stone Mountain, on to Atlanta.

It will take the Pathfinders five days to make the trip from Washington to Atlanta where they will reach Saturday night. Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the party will board the Birmingham Special over the Southern Railway arriving at Greensboro, N. C., Monday morning where they will be met by automobiles and escorted over the Western Route of the proposed Bankhead National Highway from Greensboro to Washington, Charlottesville on to Washington where Pathfinders will disband.

REACH HERE NOVEMBER 2ND.

United States senators, engineers representing the War Department, a representative of the American Automobile Association and metropolitan newspaper correspondents, comprising the Bankhead National Highway pathfinding party, will arrive in

## NOW LACKS JUST \$21,300

### NEARLY 900 SUBSCRIBERS SO FAR

Up to Present Gaston County People Have Subscribed for \$568,100 Worth of Liberty Bonds, Leaving Only \$21,300 to be Raised by Tomorrow Night—Committee Gratiified at Large Number of Individual Subscribers—Expect Total Number to Go to 1,100.

Up to 11 o'clock this morning Gaston countians had subscribed for Liberty Bonds of the second issue to the extent of \$568,100. The actual assessment against Gaston county for this issue is \$589,400, which leaves \$21,300 yet to be taken. The time within which subscriptions to this issue can be made expires tomorrow night. The above figures are given out by Manager J. M. Holland of the Central Liberty Loan Committee of the county who received reports from every township by phone this morning.

It is interesting to note that so far there are 864 subscribers in the county and the committee believes that by tomorrow night this number will reach 1,000. The committee is especially proud of the fact that such a large number of people have taken bonds. Emphasis has been laid from the start on the sale of the \$50 and \$100 denominations.

Tomorrow will witness the final round-up and the committee will put forth every effort to run the total amount up as high as possible. They feel confident that the entire quota will be raised and that the amount subscribed will, in reality, go above the required figure. As yet very few of the farmers have subscribed for Liberty Bonds and the committee is hoping that a large number of Gaston farmers while in town tomorrow will subscribe and thus manifest their interest in their government and its activities.

## GARFIELD URGES SAVING OF COAL

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. — "Make every piece of coal do its bit." Fuel dictator Garfield thus charged twenty State fuel administrators today. "There must be no huge coal piles in the possession of any person or corporation while others lack fuel," he declared. He also counseled that drastic action be taken against any person found with more than enough coal for immediate needs.

—Misses Sara Alexander, of Huntersville, and Hattie Gibson have been employed as teachers for the New Hope school.

Gaston Friday, November 2nd, and will make a 20-minute stop here, according to advices just received from headquarters by Fred M. Allen, secretary of the Gaston County Bankhead National Highway Association.

Over three hundred members have been secured in Gaston county for the association but it is highly important that more join at once as it is through the number of members secured that most influence can be brought to bear to secure the highway. (Not only is Columbia endeavoring to get the highway routed that way but a movement is now on foot, it has been learned, to route the highway by another way in North Carolina which would miss Gastonia.)

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

### —Last call for Liberty Bonds.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Carpenter are spending several days in Charlotte as the guests of Mrs. Carpenter's aunt, Mrs. C. C. Kennedy.

—Mrs. Fred Seagle, of Asheville, and Miss Grace Eaton, of Salisbury, are the guests of Miss Ethel Pierce for the week at her home on South Oakland street.

—Mrs. Thomas B. McNeely, of Charlotte, is spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeely and is assisting the sales force at McNeely's during the busy season.

—Mr. J. B. Steele, county farm demonstration agent, left Wednesday night for Monroe, where he will be one of the judges at the Union County Fair which is being held this week.

—Gastonia was well represented in Charlotte yesterday. Everybody, of course, went to hear Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. It was just an accident, you know, that Barnum & Bailey's circus was on the boards.

—Many soldiers are seen on the streets daily. Most of them are from the rifle range near Mount Holly. All are Northwestern troops. They are splendidly behaved fellows and have made a splendid impression on Gastonia people.

—Mr. R. B. Babington went to Charlotte this morning to attend a rally in the interest of a fund being raised for the maintenance of Y. M. C. A. work in the various army camps. Governor Bickett is one of the principal speakers at the rally.

—Charles A. Long and Thomas VanDyke have bought the tinning business of VanDyke Brothers and will continue it under the firm name of VanDyke & Long. They will continue to occupy the quarters occupied by the old firm.

—Mr. John H. Williams, of Opelika, Ala., was in the city a short while Tuesday shaking hands with old friends. John was formerly in the furniture business here but has been gone some eight or ten years. He is now a knight of the grip, selling furniture.

—Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Page left Wednesday night for Little Mountain, S. C., to spend a day or two with Mrs. Page's relatives before returning to their home at Nashville, Tenn. They were here two or three days. Mr. Page has just completed a round of the military camps where Tennessee boys are in training, for the purpose of making sketches from life for his paper.

—Mr. C. L. Chandler, who recently returned to Gastonia from Rhodhiss, has purchased the residence of Mr. T. J. Alexander at 115 West Fourth avenue and is occupying it. Mrs. Chandler having joined him here this week. Mr. Chandler was formerly connected with the Loray Mill here and went a year or more ago to Rhodhiss to superintend a mill. He resigned his position there, however, to return to Gastonia and enter the real estate field. Their many friends will extend them a warm welcome back to the city.

—Mr. Charlie Dunn received last night from his son, "Bill" Dunn, who is a member of the Ninety-First Aero Squadron of the United States Army, a group photograph of his squadron. It was taken in front of the squadron's barracks on Long Island, New York. The picture showed them to be a fine looking set of men. Bill writes that they are flying day and night and that there are hardly ever less than 15 machines in the air at a time. He says he is the oldest man in the squadron except the officers, and he is only 24. His friends here will be delighted to know that he is pleased with the aviation work. They expect to go to France about the first of the year.

## POSTAGE RATES

### UP NOV. 1ST

Postmaster John R. Rankin asks The Gazette to again call the attention of the public to the change in rate of postage which becomes effective November 2nd. First-class mail will be 3 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof; this meaning, of course, that all letters will require 3 cents where they have heretofore required 2 cents. Drop letters—that is letters for persons served by this postoffice or on the rural routes emanating from this postoffice—will remain as heretofore, namely 2 cents per ounce or fraction thereof. There is no change in the rate on third-class matter.

## HERE FROM VIRGINIA ON VISIT

Rev. L. L. Huffman, pastor of a group of Lutheran churches at Toms Brook, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley, arrived in Gastonia Wednesday and will spend three or four weeks in the county with Mrs. Huffman's relatives and friends. He was accompanied by Mrs. Huffman and their little ten-weeks-old son. Mrs. Huffman is a daughter of Mr. C. W. Beam, of Cherryville. Mr. Huffman was formerly pastor of a group of Lutheran churches in this county and left here about a year ago for Virginia. He has a host of friends who are delighted to see him and his wife again.

Asked as to the roads, Mr. Huffman said that they were good most of the way but that he hit some mighty bad roads in places. They made the trip in 25 hours.

## YOUR LAD AND MY LAD.

Randall Parrish, in The Chicago Tribune.

Down toward the deep blue water, marching to throb of drum, From city street and country lane the lines of khaki come;

The rumbling guns, the sturdy tread, are full of grim appeal, While rays of western sunshine flash back from burnished steel;

With eager eyes and cheeks aflame the serried ranks advance; And your dear lad, and my dear lad, are on their way to France.

A sob clings choking in the throat, as file on file sweeps by, Between those cheering multitudes, to where the great ships lie;

The batteries halt, the columns wheel, to clear-toned bugle call, With shoulders squared and faces front they stand a khaki wall.

Tears shine on every watcher's cheeks, love speaks in every glance; For your dear lad, and my dear lad, are on their way to France.

Before them, through a mist of years in soldier buff or blue, Brave comrades from a thousand fields watch now in proud review;

The same old flag, the same old Faith—the Freedom of the World— Spells Duty in those flapping folds above long ranks unfurled.

Strong are the hearts which bear a long Democracy's advance, As your dear lad, and my dear lad, go on their way to France.

The word rings out; a million feet tramp forward on the road, Along that path of sacrifice o'er which their fathers strode.

With eager eyes and cheeks aflame, with cheers or smiling lips, These fighting men of 17 move onward to their ships.

Nor even love may hold them back, or halt that stern advance, As your dear lad, and my dear lad, go on their way to France.

## KNITTING MILL

### CHANGES HANDS

By the terms of a business deal consummated yesterday the Standard Knitting Mills, Gastonia's newest enterprise, passed to the control and management of a new group of men. Messrs. W. H. Adams, G. R. Spencer, M. A. Turner and J. White Ware purchased the interest of Mr. A. B. Cook and assumed charge of the plant. At an organization meeting held yesterday W. H. Adams was elected president, M. A. Turner vice-president, and G. R. Spencer secretary and treasurer.

The plant of the Standard Knitting Mills has just been completed and operations were commenced yesterday morning with 25 machines running. Another 25 machines have been purchased and will be installed and put into operation as soon as they arrive. With its present equipment the mill is turning out about 3,500 men's Sox per day. This, of course, will be doubled as soon as the other machines arrive. The product is a sock that retails at 35 cents and is made entirely from yarns manufactured in Gastonia. It is unofficially stated that the mill has its product sold ahead for some months.

## DR. STAIR HERE SUNDAY

Rev. George D. Stair, D. D., of Boston, Mass., will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, who has gone to Henderson to deliver an address on that day at a rally of all the Sunday schools in Vance county. From Henderson Mr. Henderlite will go to Fayetteville to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod which convenes on October 30th.

Dr. Stair is pastor of a Baptist church in Boston and is temporarily engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene, Charlotte, having been given leave of absence for a short period of time by his congregation that he might engage in this army work.

## LAND SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

A. C. Jones and O. F. Mason, commissioners, yesterday sold the Pink Moss farm, situated four miles south of Gastonia on the Union road. The sale was at public auction and was cried at noon at the court house by Mr. Jones. This was a re-sale. At the first sale the land, consisting of 78 acres, went at \$25 per acre. This was raised to \$27.50 at which figure bidding began yesterday. It was knocked down to A. E. Woltz at \$50 per acre.

Following this sale Mr. Jones resold two tracts of land belonging to the estate of the late J. W. Moore, of Spencer Mountain. The first tract offered was one in River Bend township, consisting of 167 1-2 acres. It was bid in by R. A. McArver at \$38 per acre. The second tract, consisting of 101 acres and located at Ranlo, between Gastonia and Lowell, was also bid in by R. A. McArver at \$40 per acre.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. Schneider, Miss Rosa Schneider, Miss Mamie Aiken, Mrs. J. L. Suggs, Mrs. E. Frohman and Messrs. A. R. and Myer Sherman attended the presentation of Ben Hur at the Academy of Music in Charlotte Wednesday night.

## CLEVELAND SUFFERS FROM BIG FIRE

### (By International News Service.)

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 26. — Fire this morning swept the Euclid Avenue district in the vicinity of the News-Leader and the old Arcade buildings. The property loss will total more than half a million dollars. Three of Cleveland's largest clothing stores were burned.

## SOUTHERN TRAINS COLLIDE IN GEORGIA

(By International News Service.) MACON, GA., Oct. 26. — Southern Railway trains No. 11 and No. 8 collided this morning near Reid station. One negro fireman was killed and several trainmen were seriously injured. The collision is reported to have probably been due to a heavy fog which caused the trainmen to fail to see the signal lights.

## BRITAIN TO VOTE TWO BILLION DOLLARS.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 26. — Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar-Law will move a credit of two billion dollars in the House of Commons next Tuesday. This amount will finance Britain's war operations until December.

## ITALIAN CABINET MAY RESIGN.

(By International News Service.) ROME, Oct. 25. — The resignation of the Italian cabinet is considered as being imminent today, as a result of the Chamber of Deputies, by a majority of 200, having rejected a resolution expressing confidence in the present ministry.

## SINN FEIN SITUATION HAS GROWN SERIOUS.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 26. — The Sinn Fein situation is under consideration by the cabinet. It is generally conceded that either force or conciliation must be used immediately to prevent revolutionary outbreaks.

## POTATOS SELLING AT THREE CENTS A POUND.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 26. — By arrangements with the State Food Administrator potatoes were placed on sale today at 3 cents a pound. Arrangements are being made for food regulation, including two meatless and two wheatless days each week.

## GERMANS ON DEFENSIVE ON THE WEST FRONT.

(By International News Service.) BERNE, Oct. 26. — Germany will concentrate against Russia and Italy from now on, according to the belief of diplomatic circles. It is expected that on the Western front Germany will content herself with defensive warfare and will retire from time to time in the face of the increasing pressure being exerted by the Allies.

## NEARLY EVERY SOLDIER OWNS A LIBERTY BOND.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. — When the Liberty Loan campaign closes approximately every soldier in the United States will be the owner of at least a \$50 Liberty Bond. This includes regulars, militia men and select men at the various camps. They have subscribed \$65,000,000 to date. The total of all subscriptions is approximately four billion dollars, but incomplete returns make a definite estimate impossible today.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 26. — The cotton market opened with January contracts selling at 27.10, May 26.50.

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