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FLORAL FAIR A SUCCESS

CHRYSANTHEMUMS WERE BEAUTIFUL

Hundreds of People Visited the Annual Floral Fair, Given Under Supervision of Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association Yesterday. — New Feature Was Food Conservation Booth—Complete List of Prizes for Flowers, Fancy Work, Canned Products and Candy—Was Success Financially Also.

Gastonia's 1917 Floral Fair was a decided success from every standpoint. Hundreds of Gastonians and many out-of-town people visited the Heath building where the fair was held between the opening hour, 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the closing last night about 10:30 o'clock. For several hours the building was so crowded that the visitors could not be accommodated at the tables or with seats. The receipts totaled \$564.20, of which amount about \$350 represents profit, which goes to the fund used by the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association for various public purposes.

The showing of chrysanthemums was excellent and was considered in every respect the equal of past fairs, which is saying quite a good deal. During the eight or ten years since this fair was established as an annual event, it has earned the reputation of making the finest showing of chrysanthemums that are to be seen anywhere in this part of the country. The ladies are proud of this success along this line, as they have just cause to be. A new feature this year was the food conservation booth where were shown a large variety of jellies, jams, preserves and canned vegetables of various kinds. It was an excellent showing and attracted much attention and favorable comment. The fancy work and candy booths were up to the usual standard. Music by the local orchestra was a pleasing feature during the evening.

Following is a list of the prizes awarded:

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

- First best collection No. 3, Mrs. D. M. Jones.
- Second best collection No. 2, Mrs. B. F. Ormand.
- Third best collection No. 11, Mrs. Hanks.
- First best vase of chrysanthemums, No. 3, Mrs. D. M. Jones.
- Second best vase of chrysanthemums, No. 3, Mrs. D. M. Jones.
- Yellow collection, No. 3, Mrs. D. M. Jones.
- White collection, No. 7, Mrs. H. B. Moore.
- Odd variety, No. 8, Mrs. W. W. Glenn.
- Third best D Appleton No. 5, Miss Lowry Shuford.
- Third best yellow No. 12, Mrs. J. L. Beal.
- Best fern, No. 6, Mrs. Albert Rankin.
- Third best cream chrysanthemums No. 10, Mrs. G. W. Wilson.
- Third best pink No. 8, Mrs. W. W. Glenn.
- Third best lavender No. 7, Mrs. H. B. Moore.
- Best single bloom No. 8, Mrs. W. W. Glenn.
- Second best single bloom No. 12, Mrs. J. L. Beal.
- Third best bronze No. 3, Mrs. D. M. Jones.
- Third best white No. 3, Mrs. D. M. Jones.
- Best vase roses No. 17, Mrs. V. E. Long.
- Best dahlias No. 16, Mrs. Robert Ford.

FANCY WORK.

- Best old calico quilt, a prize, Mrs. J. P. Reid.
- Second best old calico quilt, a ribbon, Mrs. W. W. Glenn.
- Best old counterpane, a prize, Miss Birdie Duff.
- Second best old counterpane, a ribbon, Miss Eula Glenn.
- Best coverlet, a prize, Miss Lucy Wilson.
- Second best coverlet, a ribbon, Mrs. Albert Rankin.
- Best silk or wool quilt, Mrs. R. M. Johnston.
- Second best silk or wool quilt, a ribbon, Mrs. Leventis, Chris Leventis' mother.

SCHOOL CHILDREN.

- Best work by school domestic science department, Miss Myrtle Warren.
- Best piece of embroidery, Mrs. W. T. Rankin.
- Best piece of crochet, Mrs. S. H. Johnson.
- Best piece baby apparel, Mrs. Wehr.
- Best miscellaneous article, Mrs. Charles Ford.
- Best towel, Mrs. Estridge.
- Best handkerchief, Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

CANDY.

- Mrs. J. M. Caldwell and Mrs. J. L. Beal tied for first prize so two are

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SUING SOUTHERN FOR \$30,000

Mr. Bismark Capps returned Wednesday from Asheville where, in conjunction with ex-Governor Locke Craig, of the Asheville bar, he instituted suit in Buncombe Superior Court against the Southern Railway Company for damages for personal injuries sustained recently by Richard Norment, the nine-year-old son of Mrs. Jane Norment, of Gastonia. The suit will probably come up for hearing at the next term of Buncombe court for the trial of civil causes.

Richard Norment, who is attending a school at Balfour, near Hendersonville, lost his right arm and right foot on October 9th when he was struck by a train near Balfour. He was taken to a hospital at Hendersonville where for several days his life hung in the balance. He is recovering and, though maimed for life, is getting along as well as one in his condition could be expected to.

Papers in the case were filed yesterday. It is alleged by the plaintiff's attorneys that the accident in which young Norment sustained such fearful injuries was due to the negligence of the railroad.

CLUB HELD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the club rooms on the seventh floor of the First National Bank building Tuesday night. The president, Mr. A. M. Dixon, presided. Five members of the governing board to serve for the coming year were chosen. They were W. T. Griggs, Lee Johnson, M. A. Turner, W. T. Rankin and R. B. Babington. A resolution was passed to the effect that all members of the club who have joined the army have their dues remitted for the period of the war or their stay in the army and retain full membership without charge. The secretary was instructed to notify all of them to this effect.

A committee composed of W. T. Rankin, G. B. Mason and Dr. Lee Johnson was appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Dr. R. M. Reid, for many years a faithful and beloved member of the club, who recently died. These resolutions will be published in the Gazette and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

The constitution and by-laws were so amended as to admit to membership persons who have attained the age of eighteen instead of twenty-one, which has heretofore been the age limit. This amendment provides that the application of any person of eighteen and under twenty-one must be submitted to and approved by a majority of the board of governors before it can be submitted to the club membership for ballot.

S. A. Robinson was appointed a committee to request Mrs. Lella S. Reid, widow of the late Dr. R. M. Reid, long a prominent member of the organization, for permission to hang a portrait of Dr. Reid in the club rooms.

A committee composed of W. T. Love, W. C. Adams and O. B. Carpenter was appointed to have installed in the club rooms a clock.

UNIVERSITY MEN DISLOYAL

(By International News Service.)
CHAMPAGNE, ILL., Nov. 2.—Federal Agent Kirck is today preparing to file charges of disloyalty against eight members of the faculty and one student of the University of Illinois. It is alleged that they opposed the Liberty Loan and other government war plans.

FRENCH REINFORCE THE ITALIANS

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The French reinforcements have arrived at the Italian front, according to the official dispatches today. It is believed that most of the decisive battles of the war will be fought along the Tagliamento river. The British office found the Italian moral much better than he expected. The Germans now advance and will face a greatly intensified artillery fire.

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PATHFINDERS WERE HERE

HEARTY WELCOME TO BANKHEAD PARTY

Public Reception Held at Court House for the Pathfinders of the Bankhead Highway Association—Short Speeches by Distinguished Visitors—Gastonia County Has Largest Membership in the Association Between Washington and Atlanta.

Arriving in Gastonia somewhat late at 11 o'clock this morning the pathfinding party of the Bankhead Highway Association found a large and enthusiastic gathering of citizens of the city and county assembled at the court house for the informal exercises to be held there in the interest of securing this great highway for Gastonia and the county.

A large number of Gastonia good roads enthusiasts had met the pathfinders at the Catawba river near Belmont and accompanied them to the city. The speeches were necessarily brief, on account of the delay in reaching the city. Mayor Dixon, for the city, President J. H. Separk, for the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and Supt. F. P. Hall, for the county, welcomed the visitors. Chairman, R. K. Davenport, of the county board of commissioners, presided. Mr. J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Bankhead Association, introduced the president of the association Mr. T. W. Plovman, who responded to the addresses of welcome. The principal speech of the occasion was by Senator J. H. Bankhead, of Alabama, who was greeted with great enthusiasm and made a most splendid address within a brief compass of a few minutes. Though 75 years young, as he expressed it, the distinguished senator spoke with a vigor and forcefulness which showed his deep interest in the enterprise for which he stands as the leading sponsor, the establishment of a great national highway from Washington to Los Angeles, passing through the most progressive districts of the South.

Among the other speakers were Congressman E. Y. Webb and Col. Benehan Cameron. The official pathfinders, Mr. J. O. LaGorge, Mr. M. O. Eldredge and Mr. A. S. Batchelder, were merely introduced to the audience, lack of time making it impossible for them to make speeches. The entire party of pathfinders was constituted as follows:

Senator J. H. Bankhead, Congressman E. Y. Webb, ex-Congressman T. S. Plovman, president of the Bankhead National Highway association; Dr. H. M. Rowe, president of the American Automobile association; J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Bankhead National Highway association; John Olive La Gorce, chairman of the pathfinders commission and editor of the National Geographic Journal; M. O. Eldridge, United States office of public roads, and member of the pathfinders commission; A. S. Batchelder, member executive committee, A. A. A. and member of pathfinders commission; C. E. Ireland, assistant secretary of Bankhead National Highway association; Mrs. Ruth Kramer, member woman's board, United States Good Roads association; Miss Selene Rountree, Birmingham; Col. Benehan Cameron of Raleigh; W. S. Fallis, state highway engineer; Clarence Hazelwood, of Washington, and Mrs. L. Randolph, of Jefferson, Ga.

The enthusiasm of the local audience, which filled the circuit court room, was greatly aroused by some of the compliments paid the city of Gastonia and county of Gaston by the speakers. Most gratifying to all was the statement made by Secretary Rountree that Gaston county had the largest unit of membership in the association between Washington and Atlanta. Senator Bankhead, although not one of the official pathfinders, declared himself heartily favorable to the location of the highway through Gastonia. Congressman Webb also made the statement that the audience gathered here to welcome the party was the largest they had had at any meeting held in day time since leaving Washington.

At 11:40 the party left for Kings Mountain and Shelby, from which point they go to Spartanburg, and then to Greenville, where they are to spend the night.

THAW HEADS FLYING SQUADRON

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, Nov. 2.—Lieut. William Thaw, of Pittsburgh, is now in command of the LaFayette Escadrille and Lieut. Verdier has been placed second in command.

Winding Up Year.

Presiding Elder J. F. Kirk of the Shelby District will be here Sunday for the purpose of holding the fourth quarterly conference of Main Street Methodist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Kirk will preach at this church Sunday night at the usual hour, this service marking the close of the protracted meeting which has been in progress here for the past two weeks.

The Gazette goes all over Gaston—and then some. Only three-a-week paper in the State. Two dollars the year, and cheap at that.

U. S. TRANSPORT IS TORPEDO

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The American transport Finland was torpedoed by a German submarine while on its way home from France, the Navy Department announced today. The Finland was only slightly damaged and returned to port under her own steam. No mention is made of casualties in the brief report from Admiral Sims.

EIGHT KILLED 21 INJURED

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Eight people were killed and 21 injured in the air raids on London last night.

ANOTHER BIG LOAN TO ENGLAND

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The United States today loaned Great Britain \$435,000,000.

NEW DEVICE OF FRIGHTFULNESS

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Nov. 1.—A relay shell and a bouncing aeroplane bomb are the latest German inventions of frightfulness. The shell is fired from a big naval gun. When it explodes it puts forth fifty small bombs which themselves go a great distance and then burst. The "bouncing" bomb, dropped from an aeroplane, bounces six feet into the air before exploding and thus does great damage instead of just making a hole in the ground.

NEGROES ARE NOW ON TRIAL

(By International News Service.)

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 1.—Inaugurating what promises to be one of the most notable trials in the United States military history, 63 negro soldiers of the 24th Infantry went on trial before a courtmartial here this morning for murder and mutiny for participating in the Houston raid. Death by hanging or before a firing squad is regarded as almost certain for those convicted. Seventy-five others went on trial at El Paso on lesser charges in connection with the same raid. The trial court will fix the punishment.

Fires.

The city fire department was called to the Loray Mill at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to extinguish a blaze in the picker room on the fourth floor of the mill. The fire was confined to that room and the resultant damage was small, the damage being practically altogether to cotton in the room. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning the department was called to West Gastonia but was unable to reach with its hose a house belonging to the Gray Mill and located well outside the city limits and outside the range of the city's water system. The chemical extinguishers were used to protect adjoining houses. The burned house was a four-room structure. Tuesday night about 6 o'clock the department was called to the Realty building where an awning had caught fire. The damage was confined to the awning.

MILLS DAMAGED BY FIRE.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The Champlain silk mills, making gunpowder bags for the government, were seriously damaged by fire, the origin of which is unknown.

IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Nov. 2.—The British have improved their positions South and West of Paschaendele and south east of Poelcabelle, as a result of the minor operations, the war office announced.

TODAY'S COTTON.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Cotton opened January, 26.45, May 26.10.

B. J. Brawley, formerly a traveling salesman, was yesterday elected chief of police of Charlotte to succeed Chief Horace Moore.

TO RALEIGH NEXT YEAR

PRESBYTERIANS SELECT THE CAPITAL

Synod Transacts Much Business at Fayetteville — Dr. James Sprunt Gives \$30,000 for New Church at Chapel Hill — Interesting Reports From Home Mission Workers — Memorial Services for Ministers Who Have Died During the Year.

Fayetteville, Nov. 1.—Raleigh was selected as next year's meeting place of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod this afternoon, by a vote that indicated a large majority over Red Springs until the vote was made unanimous, when Dr. C. G. Vardell, who invited the synod to Red Springs voted for the capital city when he saw Raleigh would win. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy invited the body to Raleigh.

The date of the meeting will be left to the selection of the moderator, stated clerk and the minister of the First church of Raleigh, and will be governed by the date of the State fair. The synod finished up its work at the night session and adjourned.

The synod this afternoon placed itself on record as endorsing the action of Dr. J. M. Wells, as moderator of the general assembly, in appointing committees in each synod to cooperate with the national government in the food conservation campaign.

The synod listened to an interesting talk by Dr. W. T. Elmore, of Hamilton, N. Y., in charge of Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene, Charlotte.

The report of the Barium Springs Orphanage was made by Dr. H. G. Hill, president of the board of regents. The orphanage supports 231 children. Dr. Hill reported an increase of \$5,000 in the endowment fund, and that institution has a balance of \$440 on hand, despite the increased cost of maintenance.

Fayetteville, Oct. 31.—The announcement of a donation of \$30,000 by Dr. James Sprunt, of Wilmington, for the erection or equipment of a new church building at Chapel Hill, where the Presbyterian church, serving the Presbyterian element among the student body of the University of North Carolina, is supported by the synod, was made by Dr. R. M. Williamson, of Greensboro, at the morning session of the second day of the Presbyterian synod of North Carolina here. Dr. Williamson represented the committee having in charge the work at educational institutions owned by the state and spoke particularly of work being conducted in the university community. An endowment of \$25,000 had been contemplated, but owing to the unsettled condition of affairs at the present time, the raising of this endowment has been indefinitely deferred, he announced. Work on the new church edifice made possible by Dr. Sprunt's generous benefaction would begin within a short time, said Dr. Williamson.

At the night session, Rev. A. W. Crawford, of Greensboro, presented the work of the home mission committee. This committee had in its employ for the year 33 men, including the superintendent, Rev. Mr. Crawford; the general evangelists of the synod, Dr. William Black, of Charlotte; Dr. O. G. Jones, Greensboro, and Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro. These men, supported wholly or in part by the synod's committee, supplied 84 weak churches, 65 mission stations, reported 2,291 professions of faith and 1,056 additions to the Presbyterian church, besides hundreds of additions to churches of other denominations. The synod spent for this work \$13,210.19 and received for its support \$15,416.85. The surplus reduced the indebtedness carried over from former years to \$2,000.

Each of the seven presbyteries constituting the synod has its own particular mission work, and theirs and the synod's work combined show the following condition in the state, 88 men employed:

Two hundred and forty-one weak organized churches.

One hundred and thirty-one other mission stations supplied.

One thousand seven hundred and forty-two additions to the Presbyterian church.

Presbyteries expended in this mission work \$31,708. The congregations also did extensive mission work in their bounds at a cost of \$33,457, making a total expended for home mission work, in one year of \$80,687. Short talks by various pastors of churches where meetings were held followed the presentation of Dr. Crawford's report.

Following the observance of communion, a memorial service for members of the synod who have died during the year was held. The eulogy of Dr. John W. Davis, a veteran missionary to China, was delivered by Dr. Byron Clarke, of Salisbury; the eulogy of Dr. John M. Rose, was spoken by Dr. H. G. Hill, his lifelong friend and co-laborer; that of Rev. K. A. McLeod, of Fayetteville, by Dr. K. J. Hill, of Red Springs, and that of Rev. W. M. Shaw, of Southport, by Dr. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington.

Stephane Louzanne, editor of Le Matin, of Paris, one of France's best known papers, was the guest yesterday of Durham where he delivered an address last night on "Fighting France."

Rev. Baylus Cade, inventor of the Cade typesetting machine, has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Lenoir and will go to Philadelphia to make his home. He will devote his time to looking after the manufacture of the machine which bears his name and which is now being made ready for the market.

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MEANS TRIAL TO PROCEED

(By International News Service.)

CONCORD, Nov. 2.—Gaston B. Means won the first tilt in his fight for life in Cabarrus Superior Court when Judge E. B. Cline this morning overruled a motion of the prosecution for a change of venue. The trial will proceed immediately.

CLEMENT WANTS CHANGE OF VENUE

(By International News Service.)

CONCORD, Nov. 1.—Gaston B. Means, against whom the grand jury this morning returned a true bill for the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Kling, the widow of a Chicago millionaire, whose death near here on August 9 is still shrouded in mystery, promptly entered a plea of not guilty in Cabarrus Superior Court today. Solicitor Hayden Clement immediately began a fight for a change of venue, declaring that it is impossible to secure a fair trial here because of the great prominence of the Means family in this community for the past 100 years.

RUSSIA WILL STAY TO THE END

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The statement of certain morning papers that Russia has quit the war is branded as "almost criminal" by Secretary of State Lansing. Russia has no intention of quitting or letting the allies shoulder the burden of the conflict, it is officially stated. Kerensky has always maintained that aid from the allies was necessary and this aid is being furnished. It may be some time before the effects are felt, but Russia will remain in the war.

4,000,000 WOMEN SIGN PLEDGE.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Over 4,000,000 women throughout the country have signed food pledge cards, it is officially announced. Eight states as yet not heard from.

GERMAN INFLUENCE FELT IN RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

(By International News Service.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 2.—The German intelligence bureau is spending large sums and exerting all possible influence in the elections to the Russian constituent assembly. The Germans are backing the extremists who favor an immediate peace, as revealed in information received here today.

U. S. CONGRESSMEN LAND SAFE IN FRANCE.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—American congressmen here to visit the war zone left for France today. They will visit the American and British forces in the trenches.

ITALIAN SITUATION CLEARING.

(By International News Service.)

ROME, Nov. 1.—Italy's army is no longer retreating, dispatches from the front today declared. They state that the Austro-German advance is being halted at every point. General Cadorna has effected his movement of troops with very small loss. Reserves have been brought up to the Tagliamento river line and a great struggle is impending there.

RENEWED FIGHTING ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

(By International News Service.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 2.—The renewal of fighting on the southwest front is reported today near Polesny. The Germans captured some Russian positions, but were driven out by counter-attacks. The Russian artillery silenced the guns of their opponents. Russian airmen bombarded Tarnopol.

NEW CHANCELLOR PROMISES BALLOT REFORM.

(By International News Service.)

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2.—Chancellor Von Hertling is reported to have accepted the demands of the Reichstag for a reform in the Prussian ballot. As vice-chancellor it is stated that Helfferich will be succeeded by Von Bayer, a progressive, but this is not confirmed.

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