THREE CHILDREN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Little Alice McLean, aged seven years, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. McLean, lies in the City Hospital in a very serious condition as the result of injuries sustained yesterday morning about 8 o'clock when the McLean automobile was wrecked on the New Hope road opposite the A. J. Kirby place, about two miles from town. At first it was feared that her wounds would prove fatal but an x-ray examination later in the day revealed the fact that her injuries, while very serious, were not as bad as was first thought by the physicians. Barring the possibility of internal injuries or other complications, it is believed that she will

Lean Leslie, aged about 15, and J. D., aged about nine, her brothers. were both painfully injured but their wounds are not of a nature to cause any apprehension as to their condition. The former suffered a bad cut on the chin while the latter suffered an injury to one of his legs. All three sustained numerous painful

The McLean children attend the city schools and come in every morning from their home about four miles south of the city on the New Hope road in an auto. Lean Leslie was driving the car. When they reached a sharp curve near Mr. A. J. Kirby's place the one driving saw a rock in the road and attempted to dodge it. by slowing up and steering around He probably became somewhat excited, however, and turned the wheel too quickly. At any rate the machine turned a somersault and landed bottom upwards, pinning all three of the youthful occupants underneath. A negro who works on the Kirby farm was nearby and ran to their assistance, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Ratchford, of the neighborhood also arriving quickly on the scene. The children were brought immediately to the City Hospital. On account of their bloody condition they were apparently more seriously injured than they were found to be later. The boys were taken to their home later in the day. The little girl remains at the hospital where it is believed today that her chances for recovery are good. The parents of the unfortunate children have the sympathy of many friends in their

PLANS ARE MADE FOR WAR GARDENS

Plans for the stimulating of backyard and vacant lot planting in gardens were inaugurated, J. W. Atkins was elected councillor in the United States Chamber of Commerce with J. H. Separk as alternate and other matters of importance were taken up at the meeting of the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held Monday afternoon at the offices. Present were President C. B. Armstrong, Vice President J. H. Kennedy, Directors J. W. Atkins, A. M. Dixon, J. O. Rankin, E. N. Hahn, D. M. Jones and J. H. Separk.

Owing to the food situation the planting of all available space in gardens will be advocated. This was referred to the Department of Civic AIfairs to work out.

Messrs. J. O. White, A. C. Jones and S. A. Robinson were named a committee to consider Referendum No. 23 submitted by the national chamber, relating to trading with Germany after the war.

Messrs. J. H. Kennedy, J. H. Separk and D. M. Jones were named a special committee to raise a special fund for publicity and advertising. A resignations committee was

named to have a part in the holding firmly together of the membership. This committee is composed of Messrs. J. O. Rankin, A. M. Dixon and E. N. Hahn.

Nineteen new members were elected to membership, including three Philadelphia firms, one New York City firm and 15 Gastonia business and professional men.

The membership in the past few months has grown from slightly over 100 to 182, and will soon pass the 200 mark.

SOME BIRD "Now, children," said the new teacher, "for your lesson this morning I want each one of you to write a little composition about something you have at home. You may choose anything you please,

Little James went busily to work, and at the end of the hour handed m his result with an air of proud satis-

A Chicken -- A chicken is a very large bird. It can't fly because it has so many feathers. It has three toes to the East and one to the West. It has a point on its face which it ears with. - Progresive Farmer.

North Carolina coal deposits will be developed by the Cumnock Coal Mining Co., Cumnock, N. C., which has been incorporated with \$1,000,000 capital by officials of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to furnish the Cumnock coal as fuel for the railway mentioned. This new cor-poration is supplemental to the Piedmont-Cumnock Company, which the same officials recently chartered with \$500,000 capital and later increased to \$1,000,000. Norfolk and New York capitalists control the two

TODAY IS WHEATLESS DAY TOMORROW One Wheatless and One Meatless Meal

A. B. HORD TEMPORARY

Policeman Adam B. Hord was chosen by the city council, in regular monthly session last night, to act as chief of the police department temporarily, Chief J. W. Carroll being granted a temporary leave of absence in order that he might make the race for sheriff in the coming campaign. Mr. C. L. Hord was elected policeman to serve in Mr. A. B. Hord's place during the latter's term as chief.

The council took final action on the ordinance drawn up last month allowing an increase in the price of gas from \$1.40 to \$1.75 for one year. The ordinance was passed, the new rate becoming effective for February service.

The committee appointed some time ago to investigate the cost of installing a sewage disposal plant reported that it had not yet completed its investigations and was continued.

There was some discussion of a proposition recently agitated for a change in the hog-raising ordinance that would permit people in some of the restricted districts to raise hogs. No action was taken. From what can be learned as to the personal views of the councilmen it is hardly probable that there will be any letting down of the bars in this matter

BRITTAIN HEADS LUTHERAN WAR WORK COMMISSION

The National Lutheran Commission for soldiers and sailors welfare has planned to raise \$750,000 to care for the spiritual welfare of the more than 190,000 boys now in the United States service. This movement has the hearty approval and endorsement of President Wilson, Secretary Baker and many State governors and other high officials throguout the nation.

The amount to be raised is apportioned to the several States in proportion to the Lutheran population and the States are subdivided into districts, each having a chairman to look after the work. Mr. E. B. Brittain, of Gastonia, has been appointed chairman for that part of the work included in Gaston, Cleveland and Lincoln counties. Mr. Brittain called all the pastors included in this territory to meet in Mt. Holly last Monday. All were present except two. The Rev. W. H. Lauer who is now at Camp Greene, as camp pastor, was also present and gave much useful information. It was decided to appoint a local chairman in each congregation who, together with the pastor, will appoint a committee to make the canvass at once to raise the amount expected from this terri-

Following are the local chairmen appointed: Mt. Holly, Rev. E. H. Kohn, pastor Church of the Good Shepherd, and J. A. Costner; Gastonia, Rev. J. C. Dietz, pastor Holy Trinity church, and C. E. Carpenter: Stanley, Rev. A. L. Boliek, pastor Christ Church, and John Smith; Lutheran Chapel, J. O. McArver; Dal-las, Rev. C. E. Fritz, pastor Holy Communion Church, and J. B. Henson; Philadelphia, Thomas Rhyne; Antioch, Sylvanus Thornburg; St. Paul's, H. A. Costner; Kings Mountain, Rev. C. K. Bell, D. D., pastor St. Matthew's, and S. A. Mauney; Cherryville, Rev. B. D. Wessinger, pastor St. John's, and D. A. Rudisill; St. James', C. W. Beam; Crouse, Rev. O. W. Adderholdt; Bethpage. A. J. Heavener; St. Mark's, M. L. Rudisill; Bethel, J. E. Carpenter; St. Paul's, L. L. Reynolds; Lincolnton, Rev. Enoch Hite; Emanuel's, C. S. Little; St. Luke's, G. R. Shook; Reepsville, Rev. L. L. Lohr, D. D.; Daniel's, Jesse Coon; Grace, Enloe Yoder.

THE FIRST CHANCE .

Washington Post.

When tactiurn, slow-speaking Tom Bixby lost his wife, in 1915, he went to live with his son, Jim, whose wife talked at the rate of 30 words a minute practically all the time she was awake. After a few attempts Tom quit trying to say anything. There never was an opening in the conversation wide enough to get in a word. In 1916 Mrs. Jim went away for a

visit.
"Pa," chuckled Jim, upon his reyou started to say last spring?"

According to information received in Washington, butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$2.11 a pound, and Ivory soap at five bars for \$1.12.

Interned Germans numbering 420 from the Philippine Islands have been sent to the internment camp at Hot Springs, this State. Wives and children of some of the Germans were sent to Ellis Island, N. Y.

GREENWOOD BOUND OVER TO FEDERAL COURT

On Friday of last week under instructions from the Local Exemption, Board, Will Armstrong was arrested at Mayworth as a deserter, having been inducted into the military service, and having failed to perform required duties under the selective service law. On certificate from the local board he was taken to Camp Greene, the nearest military post, and at once turned over to the military authorities

Another arrest on the same day, formerly referred to in this paper, was that of Nat Greenwood, a white man who was one of the registrars in Buncombe county and also a registrant, but became delinquent under the selective service law, in that he left Buncombe county and went to parts unknown, without leaving any address to the local authorities, and in this way did not make out his questionaire or respond to other required duties. According to his own statement he came to Gaston county about a month ago and assumed the alias "Cap Carter", in order to conceal his identity and enable him to evade the draft. At the time of his arrest, which was by Gaston officers, at the instance of the local board, acting under the in-

structions of United State Marshal, Charles A. Webb, he was staying with a brother-in-law and a brother here. After his arrest under the instructions of the local board, he was taken from the custody of the local board by Deputy Marshal Williams, acting under the authority of a warrant sworn out by a Secret Service agent, charging him with desertion, and he is now in the custody of the Federal government, bound over to the April term of the Federal court in Charlotte.

TWENTY-SEVEN BECAME DOKIES HERE LAST NIGHT

Last night was Dokie night in Gastonia, twenty-seven Tyros crossing the hot sands by the aid of the brigands and officers composing the degree team of Suez Temple No. 73 of Charlotte. Of the 27 candidates for initiation into the mysteries of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan all but two or three were Gastonians.

Preceding the ceremonial, which commenced at 7:30 in the K. of P hall on West Long avenue, the members and candidates enjoyed a sumptuous banquet served in the armory by the ladies' guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church. This was preceded by a parade headed by the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps and consisting of the degree team, tyros and Dokies. There was a goodly crowd on the streets to witness the parade. Much amusement was also occasioned by the performance of various stunts on Main avenue by the candidates.

A good many Charlotte Dokies attended the ceremonial last night, returning home on a special car over the P. & N. shortly after midnight.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that only one-third of the marketable surplus of the potato crop had been moved by January 1, 1918. Last year's potato crop was the largest ever produced in the United States.

FARMERS EXEMPTED FRON

GASTONIA, N. C. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 18, 1918.

North Carolina farmers are now exempted from the recent order of the Food Administration which required them to purchase corn meal in equal quantities with flour, that is provided they have the meal at home and furnish the merchant from whom they purchase the flour a statement to that eyect in writing. This information is contained in the following letter which County Food Administrator Armstrong received this morning from State Food Administrator H. A. Page:

As a result of pressure brought to bear upon the Food Adminstration at Washington by the Food Administrators of other Southern States Mr. Hoover has granted an exception to the recent combination sales order of the Food Administration for the benefit of the farmer who has his own cereal substitutes and is using them.

Without discussing the wisdom of the ruling we have to announce that in order to pursue a uniform policy throughout the Southern States the same exception will be granted for the benefit of North Carolina farmers who produce and are using their own cereal substitutes. In order to keep this exception from destroying the effectiveness of the order of the Food Administration the following

formal ruling is announced: Retail merchants are hereby authorized to sell flour alone in quantitles not exceeding 24 pounds to farmer customers who sign a formal certificate stating that they have produced and are using corn meal, grits, hominy or other cereal substitutes contained in the list included in the recent order of the Food Administration to the same extent as they use flour.

Wholesalers, jobbers, millers and brokers are hereby authorized to sell to retailers flour alone in such quantitles as said retailers have sold to farmers under the ruling above stated, balancing against such sale of flour the certificates received by the retailer from the farmer. These certificates in turn may be used by the wholsaler or other dealer to balance against purchases of flour

from mills. We also desire to call your attention to the fact that, as announced by the Food Administration yesterday, retail feed dealers doing a bustness of less than \$100,000 are not subject to license Feb. 15th when such license becomes effective for all manufacturers and jobbers and for those retailers who do a business of \$100,000 per year.

Yours very truly, HENRY A. PAGE, Food Administrator.

RIGHT BADLY SHOT

New York World.

The old soldier was telling of his thrilling adventures on the field of battle to a party of young fellows. one or two of whom were skeptical as to his veracity. "Then," he said,"the surgeons took

me up and laid me in the ammunition wagon and---' Look here," interrupted one of

the doubtful listeners; "you don't mean the ammunition wagon: you mean the ambulance wagon.

But the old man shook his head. "No," he insisted, "I was so full of bullets that they decided I ought to go in the ammunition wagon."

Want ads bring results. Have you tried 'em? If not, now's the time.. One cent a word each insertion, cash with order.

BREACH WIDENS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS CORN MEAL PROVISION

(R; International News Service.) Washington, Feb. 13.-The breach between President Welson and the Congress over the conduct of the war still remained wide open today. Negotiations with a view to bringing about a reconciliation between the administration and its critics in both parties have failed to date. Every indication points to an early and vigorous renewal of hostilities. Meanwhile the President continues to summon Senators to the White House for frequent conferences.

GASTON BOY MAKES

The following item taken from a recent issue of The Phoenix (Arizona) Gazette sent to Mrs. S. W. Bradley by her daughter, Miss Martha Bradley, who is spending the winter there with relatives and attending school, will be of interest to many Gazette

"Sam Robinson, one of the Gazette news carriers, has earned the 100 per cent button, offered carriers for two months consecutive service without a single complaint being registered against them. Robinson delivers the Gazette in the district between Grand avenue and Van Buren street, just west of Five Points.

"This is a remarkable record, considering that during that period there was one week of muddy delivery, when a paper thrown into a puddle of water would cause a complaint to be registered.

"Robinson is one of the carriers in the employ of the Gazette who owns his route, thereby sharing to a large extent in the collections from his sub scribers. This system is in use on ever route in the city, and a large nortion of the country route of the

LONG BROTHERS TO ERECT

Ground was broken this morning for a new business structure which Long Brotners will e South street between Kennedy's and the Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co. It is to be 40 by 90 feet, two stories and basement. The ground floor will consist of two store rooms, one of which it is understood, will house a new and up-to-date care. The second floor will be used as a rooming house. It will contain fourteen rooms, each with hot and cold water, steam heat and all modern conveniences. It is to cost \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Plans for this building are being prepared by J. S. Zimmerman, architect, and a contract will probably be let for the construction within a few The front will be of pressed brick, with plate glass windows, marble base and tile entrances.

Messrs. Michael & Bivens are the lessees of this building, which will be ready for occupancy within the next two or three months.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY WILL BE THRIFT DAY.

Over 600,000 School Children Will Learn Lesson of Thrift-War-Savings Stamps Will be Sold-Societies Organized.

Washington's Birthday, February 22, will be celebrated this year in the Schools of North Carolina as War-Savings Day. The usual program of patriotic songs and speeches will be turned into a program of concrete patriotic service and definite action. At every school on that day will be a representative of the State War-Savings Committee nor only to explain the War-Savings plan, but to sell Thrift Stamps and War-Savings Certificates. Another feature of the program will be organizing War-Savings Societies both in the schools and in the school communities.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner announces that Thrift Day in the schools is only one of a series "Make, Save, Serve" Days that will be observed once a month for the remainder of the term. The public school army enrolled is 649,246 children commanded by 14,550 teachers. To teach this number of North Carolinians the lesson of Thrift and Economy, Dr. Joyner believes, will be a long step toward saving the State and providing for future prosperity. To this work he has called all superintnedents, principals and teachers in the name of their country and for the life of freedom. His request to his co-workers

"Superintendents, principals and teachers, in the name of your country, I call upon you, one and all, to respond to her call in this hour of need, and to marshal and to lead for the purpose of selling War-Savings Stamps and Certificates. Follow it up unremittingly until North Carolina's quota of \$50,000,000 has been sold. In a time like this, every school should be a patriotic associa-

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MISS LAFAR WINS HIGH COLLEGE HONOR.

mathematics.

It will be of interest to the friends of Miss Mary LaFar to know that she was recently selected for member-ship in the Mathematics Club of Brenau College, of Gainesville, Ga. The honor of membership in this club is reserved for those students doing exceptional and advanced work in

SURPRISE PARTY AT MISS CARRIE PEARSON'S HOME.

A surprise party at the home of Miss Carrie Pearson on West Airline avenue last night was a most enjoyable affair to the forty or more young people who gathered there. Various games were played and delicious refreshments were served. Among the guests were the following from out of town: Mr. Walter Clark, Mr. Vernon Davis and Mr. Harrell, of Charlotte, and Mr. Jasper Robinson, of Dallas.

MUSIC CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. PARKER.

The regular meeting of the Music Club for February will be held on Wednesday afternoon of next week, February 20, with Mrs. B. H. Parker, at her home on West Second avenue, at her home on West Second avenue. Following is the program: Patriotic Music, Roll Call, Musical Events; Descriptive Sketch, "Battle Hymn of The Republic," by Mrs. B. T. Morris; Chorus, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by the Club; Vocal solo and descriptive sketch, "The Vacant Chair," by Miss Mary Ramsey; Plano solo and descriptive sketch, "Hull's Victory," by Mrs. J. A. Page; Descriptive sketch, "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean," by Mrs. W. T. Rankin; Vocal quartet, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by Miss Harris, Miss Sloan, Miss Shuford and ris, Miss Sloan, Miss Shuford and Mrs. Frost Torrence; Piano solo, se-lected, by Mrs. F. D. Barkley; Vocat solo, selected, by Miss Jane Morris.

MR. ERIC HOOVER WEDS COLORADO GIRL.

The Gazette has received a handsomely engraved announcement card reading as follows:

Mrs. Mary Louise Bunker announces the marriage of her daughter Miriam Louise

Mr. Eric R. Hoover Thursday, January thirty-first nineteen hundred and eighteen Greeley, Colorado.

Accompanying the announcement was a clipping from The Greeter Tribune-Republican giving an count of the wedding. It is as follows:

Charming in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Miriam Bunker, the elder daughter of Mrs. M. A. Bunker, of 1226 Tenth street, to Mr. Eric Hoover, formerly of Greeley, now living in Akron, O., which was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in Park Congregational church.

About 75 friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Paul McReynolds. The church had been beautifully decorated and made a pleasing setting, with the feathery ferns and festoons of smilax intermingled with daisies, fuchsias and other choice flowers. The soft light from a myriad of gleaming candles which were used about the chancel and thruout the church added a pretty touch to the decorative scheme.

Misses Carolyn Edwards. Viola Otoupalik, Henrietta Woolf and Virginia Watson, as ushers, were daintily gowned in dresses of filmy white. As the guests were assembling Mrs. F. P. Matthews played "Romance" by Phome. Just preceding the entrance of the bridal party, Mrs. J. M. B. Petrikin sang "At Dawning" by Cadman, in her usual artistic man-

As the first notes of the Lohengrin bridal chorus were heard, played by Mrs. Matthews and Miss Lucy Delbridge, little Valla Bliss and Elizabeth Moody, dressed in dainty white and carrying baskets of sweetpeas, entered and preceded the bridal couple, who were unattended, to the altar. During the simple ring ceremony, Miss Lucy Delbridge played Shubert's Serenade, and at its conclusion as Mr. and Mrs. Hoover received the congratulations of their friends. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played.

The bride was becomingly gowned in her traveling suit of brown chiffon broadcloth, with chic hat to match, and carried a lovely bouquet of Ophelia roses. Mrs. Hoover, who is a talented pianist, will be greatly missed in musical and social circles, being a member of the Fortnightly Musical Club, the Billiken Club and other social clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover left on the late afternoon train for Denver and Akron, O., where they will make their home.

-Sgts, William Day and J. W. Hall of the British army will arrive tomorrow night to be the guests through Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

tion, ready to respond to every call of the Government for such service as it can render. If we lose this war, government of the people, by the people and for the people will perian from the earth. If Democracy dies. who lives! If Democracy lives, wh

DAILY FOOD AND FUEL CON-SERVATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

MONDAY

Wheatless Day. One Meatless Meal

TUESDAY

Meatless---Porkless. One wheatless meal.

WEDNESDAY

All day wheatless. One meatless meal.

THURSDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

FRIDAY One wheatless and one meatless meal.

SATURDAY

Porkless day. One wheatless and one meatless meal.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY SAVING FOOD AND FUEL!