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GASTONIA, N. C. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 6, 1918.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

COUNTY FATHERS HELD MONTHLY SESSION

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session for March Monday and transacted business as follows:

Mrs. J. T. Owens, wife of an invalid Confederate veteran, was given permission to peddle without license.

J. C. Grissom was released from tax on dog erroneously charged.

Maggie Shipman was declared an outside pauper at \$15 per quarter with Carroll Bros. as agents.

The following committee was appointed to inspect a proposed road as petitioned for by A. P. Deck and others: J. W. Kendrick, A. T. Lindsay and T. L. Ware.

A. M. Hoffman was released of tax on \$150 real estate, erroneously charged.

The Catawba Mfg. & Electric Co. was released of tax on \$18,000 property erroneously charged and its assessment was reduced to \$32,000.

Will Langley, of Mount Holly was relieved of payment of poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

The A. M. Smyre Mfg. Co. was released from tax on \$7,233 worth of property erroneously charged.

Jurors for the April term of court were drawn as follows:

FIRST WEEK.

H. T. Hovis, Dallas.
H. A. Rhyne, Mt. Holly.
Brady Johnson, Gastonia.
C. L. Grigg, Gastonia.
W. M. Auten, Mt. Holly, R. F. D.
Martin L. Rudisill, Cherryville.
Avery Ballard, Gastonia.
Fred Rhyne, Belmont.
George Ratchford, Lowell.
W. G. Thomas, Gastonia.
Ed Torrence.
A. L. Putnam, Cherryville.
W. G. Stroup, Cherryville.
D. Lee Self, Cherryville.
Worth Carpenter, Worth.
W. M. Glenn, Lowell.
M. L. Fisher, Mount Holly.
S. N. McKnight, Belmont.
Frank W. Morris, Stanley.
W. B. Craig, Belmont.
M. P. Shetley, Bessemer City.
J. P. Guffey, Bessemer City.
Hudson Craft, Cherryville.
Henry Sadler, Alexis.

SECOND WEEK.

David E. Lineberger.
W. Newt Craig, Lowell.
R. L. Jenkins, Mt. Holly.
J. Arthur Rhyne, Mt. Holly.
Monroe Bell, Dallas.
D. L. Arrowood, Bessemer City.
D. Webb Beam, Cherryville.
Victor Black, Stanley, R. F. D.
J. Grier Jenkins, Gastonia.
C. W. Harmon, Bessemer City.
Hugh Pursley, Clover.
J. G. Rutledge, Stanley.
R. A. McGill.
W. C. Hicks.
Clay Kiser, Crouse.
J. Henry Cox, Lowell.
T. C. Cloninger, Dallas.
O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly.
Mike A. Friday, Dallas.
J. Z. Bumgardner, Mt. Holly.
Chas. B. Craig, Gastonia.
W. Sloan Spencer, Gastonia.
G. F. Blanton, Cherryville.
M. C. Auten, Mount Holly.

It was ordered that no charge be made the A. R. P. church for the use of the court house.

Dawson Glenn was declared an outside pauper at \$5.00 per quarter, with R. S. Armstrong as agent.

It was ordered that T. L. Ware survey a proposed road in Crowders Mountain township as petitioned for by W. N. Davis and others and report at the next meeting of the board.

Dock Hurd was declared an outside pauper at \$5.00 per quarter.

John W. Groves was released of tax on \$1,700 personal property erroneously charged.

Upon petition of Luther Costner for a cartway, the sheriff was instructed to summon a jury to lay off the same, said petitioners to be charged with all costs of the same.

It was ordered that County Farm Demonstration Agent Steele be allowed to purchase a picture machine and that the county board of education pay one-half the expense thereof.

Accounts were audited and ordered paid as follows:

SALARIES.

Carl Finger, treasurer, \$100.
J. Henry Craig, jailer, \$50.
Miss Nell Pickens, home demonstration agent, \$40.90.
W. N. Davis, sheriff, \$125.
L. E. Rankin, auditor, \$100.
J. B. Steele, farm demonstration agent, \$65.
W. M. Nolen, janitor, \$50.70.
J. W. Kendrick, services as commissioner, \$17.20.
R. K. Davenport, services as commissioner and committeeman and extra compensation, \$110.20.
R. L. Stowe, services as commissioner, \$12.
A. P. Rudisill, services as commissioner, \$18.50.
W. T. Love, services as commissioner, \$21.
O. B. Carpenter, register of deeds, salary and clerk hire, \$241.67.
C. C. Cornwell, clerk superior court, salary and clerk hire, \$241.67.
T. L. Ware, superintendent of roads, salary and expenses, \$144.53.
C. C. Craig, keeper county home, \$50.

ROAD AND BRIDGE WORK.

Carl Finger, treasurer, interest on road bonds, \$4,610.
J. R. Carson, scraping roads, \$116.60.
J. R. Carson, work on Henry Foy

NO FRICTION WITH JAPAN NOW ANTICIPATED

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 6. — There will be no serious friction with Japan over Siberia. Officials made this positive statement today. They declared that reports that the United States had protested against the military action of Japan was unfounded. That the President, because he believes Russia will remain a factor in the war, has not consented to action by Japan is admitted but, although withholding assent, the President has not done anything to arouse resentment by Japan. Meanwhile confusion resulting from secret diplomatic moves by the United States continues to increase. High diplomatic officials insist that they do not know what the plans and policies of the United States are. Until the President chooses to make a statement of our position, speculation regarding the situation must continue.

FOUR DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN ELECTED.

New York, March 5. — Control of the house of representatives was regained by the democrats today when they elected their candidates from four districts in Greater New York at special elections called to choose successors to four members of that party who had resigned their seats in Congress.

New York women had their first chance to vote since they won the right at the polls last November. It was significant that they cast 31,858 votes out of a total of 78,192 in the four districts. They voted early seemed to have made up their minds what they were going to do before they received their ballots and they asked few "foolish questions."

The successful candidates were: Seventh district, Kings county, John J. Delaney, to succeed John J. Fitzgerald.

Eighth district, Kings county, William E. Cleary, to succeed Daniel J. Griffin.

Twenty-first district, New York county, Jerome F. Donovan, to succeed Murray Hulbert.

Twenty-second district, New York and Bronx counties, Anthony J. Griffin, to succeed Henry Bruckner.

UNION ORGANIZES W. S. S. SOCIETY.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

UNION, March 4. — On February 22nd there was held a meeting at Union school house for a double purpose, to commemorate the birthday of the Father of His Country and to organize a War Savings Stamp society. There were no speakers from a distance, but Miss Sledge, principal of the school, announced that the address of the afternoon would be made by Rev. G. A. Sparrow. He spoke of George Washington and of patriotism after which a society was organized with the following officers: Miss Jennie Patrick, president; Miss Jennie Huffstetler, treasurer; Mr. Ike Bigger, secretary. Up to the present \$65.77 has been taken and invested in Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

road, \$34.25.

T. L. Ware, road scraping in South Point, \$139.60.

T. L. Ware, rock for Belmont-Lucia road, \$288.75.

T. L. Ware, car hay, \$528.40.

R. F. Lay, bridge work, \$295.18.

J. S. Black, \$309.53.

W. H. Crawford, \$57.40.

T. L. Ware, chaingang expenses, \$1,132.47.

W. H. B. Lineberger, \$265.96.

R. A. McArver, wagons, \$50.

E. R. Rhyne, \$199.58.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sixty-three outside paupers, \$374.85.

J. C. Grissom, dog tax refunded, \$1.00.

U. G. Black, burial expenses of W. M. Black, pensioner, \$20.

Mrs. Bertha Lowe, burial expenses of Mrs. H. Funderburk, pensioner, \$20.

A. B. Peeler, examination of tunatic, \$12.

Carl Finger, court stenographer, Miss Rose Kennedy, \$62.50.

Carl Finger, loan to A. U. Stroupe, \$4,000.

S. S. Morris, fees State vs. Columbus Cosby, \$2.50.

R. H. Mingus, capturing stills, \$40.

Lottin & Co., printing, \$13.50.

W. N. Davis, conveying prisoner to Raleigh, \$26.30.

Ford Undertaking Co., coffin for pauper, \$7.50.

C. C. Cornwell, supplies, \$7.23.

J. H. Craig, supplies for jail, \$194.34.

A. B. Hord, capturing escaped convict, \$10.

C. C. Craig, supplies for county home, \$288.84.

City of Gastonia, liabilities, \$59.

L. Clay Harrison, conveying Jane Wacaster to Morganton, \$12.50.

John W. Groves, refund of tax, \$24.65.

O. B. Carpenter, supplies, \$92.38.

J. B. Steele, stenographic work, \$12.90.

Mrs. M. B. Henry, room rent for jury, \$1.00.

Miss Nell Pickens, expenses, \$21.92.

E. N. Huffstetler, conveying Lewis Hickman to Morganton, \$16.05.

MR. SHERMAN'S FATHER DIES IN RUSSIA

Mr. Alex Sherman received a letter Monday from his mother bringing to him the sad intelligence that his father, Solomon Sherman, died near Tobolsk, Siberia, on October 29th. The letter was in the mails for four months.

This was the first news Mr. Sherman had received from his parents in about six months. Deceased was 62 years old and was a tailor by trade. Their home was at Tokory, Kovno, Lithuania, before the war began. There they had a comfortable home and the elder Sherman had a prosperous tailoring business. When the war gong sounded they, with most all the other residents of Lithuania, sought refuge in Greater Russia. They went to Odessa, to Chernigof and numbers of other places in search of safety, food and work. Finally they started on a long journey which had as its objective Tobolsk, Siberia, where, they were told, there was plenty of food to be had if one had the wherewithal to buy it. They were within a day's journey of that city, the letter stated, when the father became very ill and had to leave the train at a small town. There he died and was buried. Where the widow and three small children, aged nine, twelve and fifteen are now, Mr. Sherman does not know, though he supposes they are still in the vicinity of Tobolsk.

Exposure to the severe cold of Siberia together with grief over a young son who had been impressed into service in the Russian army and from whom they had received no word for a year, caused Mr. Sherman's death. The son, then sixteen years old, was on a visit to Moscow soon after the war started. He was impressed into service and was sent to the front. Up to a year ago occasional letters were received from him but for a year now the family had had no word from him. What has been his fate is altogether a matter of conjecture.

Mr. Alex Sherman has not seen his parents since he left Russia thirteen years ago. Two brothers are here with him, Louis, who came from Russia eleven and a half years ago and Myer, who came over six years ago.

The Messrs. Sherman have been in business here for a number of years past and have many friends who sympathize with them very deeply in their sorrow.

JAPAN TO MAKE KNOWN HER PLANS AND PURPOSES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5. — Japan will let her intentions regarding Siberia become known during the next twenty-four hours, it is understood here. The Entente Ambassadors at Tokio have asked Japan, on requests from their governments, to protect the Allied interests in all of Siberia. That the Mikado's government has consented to do so is certain. This move, however, has not been participated in by the United States. At present officials think there is no doubt that Japan will act with a force sufficiently large to dominate the situation. Meanwhile administration officials have been urging President Wilson to state the definite position of the United States in order to prevent conjectures and misunderstandings.

Read "Over the Top."

COIN LODGED IN THROAT CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH

Geneva Turner, aged two years, died at the City Hospital at an early hour yesterday morning following an operation performed for the purpose of extracting a five-cent piece from the little sufferer's throat. The coin was lodged in the child's throat last November before the family moved to this county from Arkansas.

The parents suspected that there was a probability that the child had swallowed the coin but physicians where they lived failed to locate it. As the child continued to suffer and grow worse they brought it a few days ago to the City Hospital here. An x-ray examination showed the coin lodged in the little sufferer's throat. An operation was performed but the patient's condition was such that she did not recover.

Funeral services were held at Long Creek Baptist church yesterday afternoon and the body was buried in the cemetery there.

MORE CASUALTIES REPORTED FROM FRIDAY'S BATTLE.

Washington, March 5. — General Pershing today cabled the war department the names of another lieutenant and three more enlisted men killed and five additional men severely wounded March 1, the day of the German assault on an American trench near Toul. This brought the total casualties of that date thus far reported to the department to three lieutenants and 17 men dead; one captain, one lieutenant and 16 men severely wounded and 10 men slightly wounded.

The men reported today as killed were:

First Lieutenant David K. Summers, Jonesboro, Ga., and Privates Knute Olson, Stoughton, Wis., and Bruno Sikowski, Joliet, Ill., and Lloyd W. Spetz, Bismarck, N. D.

General Pershing also reported that Second Lieutenant John Flenniken, Lynn, Mass., was killed in action February 27, and that three privates of a machine gun battalion were severely wounded February 28.

The names of the eight men who have been slightly wounded in action also were reported.

Cadet George Phillippoteaux, New York city, died February 25, as the result of an airplane accident, the war department was also advised. Private Edward B. Crane, of Malden, Mass., died February 24 from gunshot wounds.

Six deaths from natural causes also were reported.

Robust Job, Anyway.

At the farmers' conference in the country store the talk drifted to the work done by the various wives of the committee present.

"Wal," contributed Uncle Ez, "my wife is one in a million. She gets up in the mornin', milks seven cows, gets breakfast for ten hard-working men before 6 o'clock, by heck!"

"She must be a very robust woman," volunteered the commercial traveler who happened to be present.

"No, stranger, she ain't what you'd call so strong; she's more pale and delicate like. Gosh," with a burst of enthusiasm, "if that woman was only strong, I don't know the work she could do!" — Denver News.

Second Lieutenant Henry T. Crosby, a native of Philadelphia, died at the base hospital at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., Sunday night of pneumonia.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

RHYNE COMMUNITY CLUB WILL MEET THURSDAY.

The Rhyne Community Club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. P. Lineberger on the Union road tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstration agent, will meet with the club. All members are requested to be present.

U. C. CLUB MET WITH MRS. G. W. WILSON.

The U. C. Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. George W. Wilson Thursday afternoon, February 28th. The club is studying "As You Like It." Miss Ida Pursley read an interesting paper on "Characteristics of Rosalind." Several scenes of the play were read. At the conclusion of the program a pleasant social hour was spent, during which the hostess served delicious refreshments.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLUB ORGANIZED AT RANLO.

At the home of Mrs. A. C. Stroup at Ranlo on Friday afternoon, March 1, a Domestic Science Club was organized with 16 members. Mrs. Chas. H. Pugh was elected president, Miss Blanche Stroup, secretary. A committee consisting of Mrs. S. A. Lanier, Mrs. B. L. McArver and Miss Ferrie Rhyne were appointed to select a program for each meeting. A practical talk on home economics was given by Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstration agent. The club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. S. A. Lanier on March 15th. At this meeting there will be a demonstration of war breads.

LOCAL SINGERS CHARMED AUDIENCE.

The concert given last night in the Central school auditorium for the benefit of the Red Cross was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience. Miss Morris was in fine voice and her high notes were taken with the ease and poise of the true artist. In the dramatic numbers, Miss Morris was especially fine, having room to display her wonderful range of voice.

The dialect group was especially pretty and appealing, and the house showed its appreciation by numerous recalls. The numbers given by Mr. Marion Budd Walker proved him to be an artist of wonderful ability and a pleasing, charming stage manner. He was especially good in the "Requiem" and "A Son of the Desert A. I."

Both of these artists, just from the New York School of Music, and artist pupils of Mr. Ralph Leech Sterner, are a credit to that institution and teacher.

Following the concert an informal reception was given in honor of the singers, Miss Jane Morris and Mr. Marion Budd Walker, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Barkley on West Second avenue. The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Parker and Mrs. H. B. Moore, and were introduced to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, Miss Morris and Mr. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris, Mrs. H. Rutter ushered the guests into the dining room, where they were served tea and sweet wafers. Miss Nellie Rose Sloan and Miss Lillian Atkins poured tea, assisted by Miss Pearl Gallant and Miss Margaret Morris. Quite a few friends of the singers and members of the Music Club called during the evening.

Tommy's Tanning Process.

Tommy had been told that to toughen his hands and feet he should soak them in a tub of salt water.

One morning a friend of Tommy's chanced to drop in while Tommy was engaged in this interesting process.

"Billie!" said Tommy, after he had duly explained the thing to his wondering playmate, "it's pretty near time for me to get a licking, and tomorrow I'm goin' to sit in it."

—Youth's Companion.

Is Yours as Bright as This?

"Didn't you promise never to do it again?"

"Yes, sir."

"And I said I'd whip you if you did, didn't I?"

"Yes, pa; but as I didn't keep my promise I won't hold you to yours."

—Cleveland Leader.

The University of Virginia base hospital unit, with 152 members, has been sent to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., for training preparatory to overseas service.

Mrs. Virginia Edwards Bragg, widow of the late Gen. Braxton Bragg and sister of Mrs. Augustus Evans Wilson, the authoress, died at Mobile, Ala., yesterday. She was a member of one of Mobile's oldest and most prominent families.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

At the present time, owing to the great congestion of the railway and mail service due to the war, a delay in the delivery of The Gazette occurs now and then. It is impossible to prevent it. All newspapers and periodicals are suffering in the same manner. All of us must endure inconvenience. Wait a little before sending in a complaint.

TO ENROLL VOLUNTEERS FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

Mr. Bismarck Capps has been appointed chairman for Gaston county of the United States Public Reserve. The work of this bureau, which now has a representative in every county in the country, is to get in touch with workers of various kinds, both skilled and unskilled, and enroll them as reserves. There is great need in the shipbuilding plants, in the munition factories and in various kinds of manufacturing establishments engaged in turning out war materials for workmen. This bureau enrolls men who are not subject to draft, listing their names, occupations, the work they are best suited for and other necessary information. Complete records are kept by the government and these men are then called on as they are needed. There are many men not subject to draft who are patriotic enough to be willing to do what they can for their country's cause in this crucial period. One can serve in one place, and another in another. Lack of space forbids The Gazette going into details with reference to this branch of the service today. Any persons interested are requested to see Mr. Capps at his office on the second floor of the Realty building and he will take great pleasure in giving all the information available on the subject.

The following extract from a pamphlet on this branch of the national service, under the heading "For Whom The Reserve Is Intended," is of interest:

"For all men who want to work to help win the war.

"For men who are not content to be bystanders, but want to play their part in saving the world from the rule of brute force.

"For men who are ashamed to go on to the end of the war working just for themselves, while their neighbors go to the front to give their all—their lives if need be—for our country.

"For men who are ready, when the call comes, to give up jobs which are not vitally important in war times and take jobs where their country needs them and where they can count for victory.

"For men whose patriotism is more than mere words; whose professions, that they want to do something for their country, really mean business."

Most of the positions offered to Reserve members will be well compensated. Only occasionally does some branch of the Government want unpaid helpers.

BIG CROWD EXPECTED AT HEALTH NIGHT EXERCISES.

The ladies who compose the Health Department of the Woman's Betterment Association feel especially proud of the program which they have succeeded in preparing for the annual observance of Health Night on Friday night of this week, March 8th. The principal feature of the occasion will of course be the address by Major B. W. Brown, the chief medical officer of Camp Greene, Charlotte, who will speak upon the very important and interesting subject, "Modern Sanitation," but all the other numbers of the program are also of special interest to the people of the city. Admission to the lecture is free, and the hour for the beginning of the exercises has been set at 8:30 o'clock, so as not to interfere with the protracted services now being conducted at the First Baptist church by Dr. E. V. Lamb and Mr. E. L. Wolslagel. All who wish to do so can attend the church services at 7:30 and reach the auditorium in time for the Health Night exercises beginning at 8:30. Following is the complete program.

Prayer, by Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street M. E. Church, South.

Song by the High School Glee Club.

Reading of prize essay on "The Control of Communicable Diseases," by the winner.

Presentation of prize, by Dr. D. A. Garrison.

Vocal Solo, by Miss Jane Morris.

Introduction of Major Brown, by Dr. L. N. Glenn.

Address on "Modern Sanitation," by Major B. W. Brown, chief medical officer of Camp Greene.

Song, by the High School Glee Club.

Securing Leases on Range Site.

Following a conference here yesterday between the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce; Secretary E. N. Farris, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and Lieutenant Snow, aide to General Babbitt, the last named, together with Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the Gastonia chamber, and Col. C. B. Armstrong, the president, at once took up with the property owners the matter of leasing the tract of land lying six miles west of Gastonia and south of Kings Mountain, on which options were secured some time ago for an artillery range.

A contract was signed by authorized agents of both chambers of commerce binding these organizations to take care of their pro rata part of the annual rentals for the property in question.

The belief here is that the range will be in actual use within the next two or three weeks.

DAILY FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY
One wheatless meal.

MONDAY
Wheatless Day.

TUESDAY
Meatless---Porkless. One wheatless meal.

WEDNESDAY
All day wheatless.

THURSDAY
One wheatless. meal.

FRIDAY
One wheatless meal.

SATURDAY
Porkless day. One wheatless meal.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY SAVING FOOD!