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## LOCAL BOOK CAMPAIGN IS LAGGING SOMEWHAT

Sixty-six books have so far been contributed by Gastonia people in the campaign now on to secure books for the army camps. The campaign is still on and the committee in charge hopes that the people of the city and surrounding territory will contribute many more books. Five hundred books is a reasonable estimate of what Gastonia should contribute for this purpose, according to the committee's views. Books may be sent to the public library, to the Chamber of Commerce or, if the donor cannot bring the books to either of these places, a Boy Scout will be sent for them if Miss Lottie Blake, librarian, is notified of the fact by phone or otherwise.

These books will be placed in the library at the Y. M. C. A. but at Camp Chronicle here. There are about 2,500 men at this camp and they are looking to Gastonia to supply them with an ample supply of good literature.

Standard magazines for the year 1918 are also wanted. Some of these have already been contributed and are being placed temporarily at Military Police headquarters in the Armory pending the completion of accommodations for a reading room and library at the camp Y. M. C. A. hut.

Donations of books so far have been made by the following persons: Mrs. R. S. Loughridge, Mrs. Carl Storey, Miss Nettie Brown, Dr. J. C. Galloway, Rev. J. C. Deitz, Mrs. M. J. Castles, Mrs. Flay Davis, Miss Bessie Aiken, Miss Madge Hanna, Miss Lena Hanna, Miss Blanche Carson, Gilmer Kincaid, Miss Lillian Atkins, Miss Annie Galloway, Miss Catherine Mason, Miss Alma Bostic, Miss Marie Smith, Mrs. Pressley, of Clover; H. P. Stowe, Mrs. M. J. Millen, E. L. Sandifer, C. Hill, Study Club (29 volumes), Miss Mildred Lineberger, W. L. Smith, Miss Pearl Lineberger, Miss Lottie Blake, Mrs. J. Y. Miller.

## THOUSANDS OF RAT TAILS NOW COMING IN

"Rat tails are coming in by the peck", said County Farm Demonstration Agent Steele to The Gazette this morning. "Hundreds of people in the county are sending in thousands of them", he continued. "I had no idea there were so many rats in the county. If this keeps up I'll have to employ an assistant to help me count the things", said Mr. Steele.

As noted recently in the Farm Demonstration Column of The Gazette, Mr. Steele has inaugurated a campaign looking to the extermination of rats in the county. To encourage the killing of rats he offered several prizes. These consist of five pieces of \$5, \$4, \$3, 2, \$1 and 25 cents in War Savings Stamps to the individuals bringing or sending in the five largest numbers of tails and four silk flags, one of the United States, one of Great Britain, one of France and one of Italy to the public school sending in the largest number. The War Savings Stamps are donated for this purpose by the Gaston Loan & Trust Company, while the Bank of Gastonia is donating the flags.

## MERCHANTS MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

For the purpose of getting a thorough understanding of the change of time effective next week and its effect upon present practices in trade, the merchant members of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the offices of the chamber, the call being issued by Chairman E. N. Hahn of the Department of Mercantile Affairs. Various other matters of interest may also be brought up for discussion.

County Agent J. B. Steele sold a car load of pigs Monday. They were also disposed of without any trouble. Two was the maximum number any person was allowed to purchase. The price was 23 cents per pound. This is the second car load of pigs to be placed in the county recently. The Loray Mills brought in a car last week and sold them to the mill's employees. Mr. Steele says that there is considerable interest among the farmers of the county in the matter of producing more hog meat this year.

A single front, a single army a single people.  
Every individual is on the police force of the food administration. His first vigilance should be to see that his own service is all that it should be, then police his family and his neighbors.

## UNITED STATES MUST RAISE ARMY OF 5,000,000

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, March 25.—An army of 5,000,000 men must be raised by the United States. This positive assertion was made by General Leonard Wood, just back from the Western front in France, before the Senate military affairs committee today. From this number from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 must be sent to France with the least possible delay.

**PATROL SHIP SUNK.**  
(By International News Service.)  
AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 26.—An American scout patrol ship was sunk off the North Atlantic coast today. The vessel struck a rock about 4 o'clock this morning and sank within four hours. All the crew reached the shore in life boats. The ship was a total loss. The cause of the wreck was not announced.

**GERMANS TAKE BAPAUME.**  
(By International News Service.)  
BERLIN, March 25.—Bapaume, which has been the storm center of fighting on the Western front for the past 24 hours, has been captured by the Germans, the Berlin war office claimed this afternoon. The statement added that this puts the Germans in possession of important ground.

**SHOTS FROM LONG RANGE  
GUN ARE INEFFECTIVE.**  
(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, March 25.—Paris is still under bombardment today. From unseen sources shells began falling upon the city at 7 o'clock. The people are going about their daily routine. The responsibility for the bombardment is still a mystery. The report that a gigantic gun had been located 70 miles from Paris is not confirmed. Many French experts believe that German airmen, flying at high altitudes, are dropping the shells. Attention is directed to the fact that the shells have no force when they strike. They explode and make small holes about four feet in diameter and two feet deep.

## GERMAN FORCES CAPTURE BAPAUME

(By International News Service.)  
BERLIN, March 25.—Bapaume and Nostie, where the fighting has been raging for 24 hours on the Western front, have been captured by the Germans, the war office claims. The official statement also says that the number of Allied prisoners has been increased to 45,000.

## "VICTORY FLYING SQUADRONS" TO WORK WAR SAVINGS.

Squadrons Will Visit Counties of the State and Give Practical Demonstration in War Savings Work—A Working and not Speaking Campaign.

WINSTON-SALEM, Mar. 23.—The "Victory Flying Squadrons" is the name of three rapidly moving corps of War Savings workers, each squadron composed of six or more practical, efficient, energetic men who will visit practically every county in the State for the purpose of giving aid in a practical way to county organizations in the work of the War Savings Campaign. The squadrons will make their approach and do their work without any great noise or public speaking as the purpose of the organization is to give a practical demonstration in presenting War Savings to the people.

The plan of the organization that has been effected at State Headquarters calls for the squadron to remain in a county one day, generally at the county seat, and there meet the county War Savings Committee when a plan of making a personal canvass of the town, and the county too, as far as time and circumstances will permit, will be made for the purpose of soliciting pledges to the War Savings Campaign, the pledges to be in cash, paid by the week, month or at the subscribers convenience during the year. It is expected that the movement of personally canvassing the citizens of the county as started at this time will be continued by the county committee until the county's quota has been pledged.

## BIG GERMAN BANK ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OVER BY PALMER.

Washington, March 26.—One of the largest single amounts of cash thus far received by the alien property custodian was turned over by him to the treasury in the form of a check for \$5,077,000, representing the principal of an account held by German interests in a bank in one of the larger cities. The name of the bank was withheld. The enemy character of the account was established by the state department. The money will be held in the treasury until the end of the war.

We have to put every ounce of effort behind the men behind the guns.

## BRITISH CAN FALL BACK MANY MILES YET

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, March 26.—The termination of the world's greatest battle is far from being in sight. All advices reaching here over night and today indicated this fact. The German offensive slackened in the face of a stubborn Anglo-French resistance but is again increasing in volume at certain points, reports show, while only meagre information is obtainable here as to the plans of the offensive. Officials say that the British have several miles left to fall back on before reaching the dead line, after which there will be no retreating. There has been no further word from General Pershing regarding the participation of American forces.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

### POSTPONED FOR A MONTH.

The local historical meeting of Gastonia Chapter U. D. C., which was to have been held at Mrs. G. A. Gray's residence on Friday afternoon, has been postponed for a month. The regular monthly meeting of the chapter, however, will be held Friday afternoon, March 29th, in the chapter room at 3:30 o'clock.

### ATTENDING MISSIONARY UNION IN ASHEVILLE.

Mrs. C. V. Blake, Mrs. W. H. Poole, Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Miss Regina Coon and Miss Nellie Miller left Tuesday for Asheville to attend the annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, which will be in session until Friday. They go as representatives of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Young People's Union of the First Baptist Church.

### ENTERTAINMENT WAS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

The entertainment given last night in the auditorium of the Central graded school by local talent, under the auspices of the "M. M. 8" Club for the benefit of the local Red Cross chapter was well attended. Practically all the seats were filled and about \$125 was taken in, all of which went to the local Red Cross except about \$12 necessary expense.

The audience was well pleased from the beginning of the "Tom Thumb Wedding" to the last part of "The Spinners' Club." All parts were well played. Those who trained the players were Mrs. S. B. Dole, Miss Margaret LaFar, Miss Gaynelle Boone and Miss Nellie Rose Sloan.

### BAND CONCERT AT AUDITORIUM TONIGHT.

No musical event of the year has been looked forward to with so great interest as centers around the band concert to be given tonight by the 77th Artillery Band from Camp Greene, assisted by Lieut. Henry Meeks, of Camp Chronicle, this city. Reports from Charlotte, Statesville and other cities where they have given concerts indicate that there is indeed a treat in store for Gastonians tonight.

The musicians will arrive in the city at 5 o'clock on the P. & N. and will be given an auto ride over the city. They will be entertained at supper in the homes of a number of citizens. Returning they will leave for Charlotte on the 10:30 interurban, which will be held until the close of the concert.

In view of the patriotic cause for which this concert is given and the high praise which these musicians have received everywhere, it is safe to predict that they will play to a crowded house tonight.

### TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED IN A SEAPLANE ACCIDENT.

Washington, March 26.—Ensigns Michael Joseph Delehanty and Thos. W. Draper both of the naval reserves lost their lives in a seaplane accident at the Pensacola naval training station, the navy department announced today. Draper's home was Brighton, Md., and Delehanty's was Boston.

### AMERICAN MARINE SHOT TO DEATH IN SANTO DOMINGO.

Washington, March 26.—William R. Knox, an American marine, temporarily serving as captain in the national guard of Santo Domingo, was shot and killed March 24, presumably by a band of outlaws, the navy department today was advised.

Knox's home was in Montreal, Canada. His body has been recovered, and guards and marines are searching for the assassin.

### NEGRO WOMAN WAS AGED 100 YEARS AT HER DEATH.

Greensboro News, 27th.  
Application for a burial permit for Mariah Scott, an aged negro, was secured at the city hall yesterday. The woman lived here at 2096 East Market street. Her age was given as 100 years. She was born in Rockingham county, daughter of Aaron Fisher and Patsy Scott.

## AMERICANS ARE TODAY ON THE FRONT LINE

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, March 27.—American interest in the great battle of Picardy was very vital and personal today. American troops, all that General Pershing can spare, are on the front line, amalgamated with the French and British and are engaged near Roye, where the attack of the Germans is reported strong. Experts and government officials are closely scrutinizing reports received today from Generals Pershing and Bliss. The situation is still serious but far from disaster, is the way officials characterized the situation today. Officials who read the reports pointed out that after days of fighting the battle had now become one of reserves.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. W. B. Puett, cashier of the Bank of Belmont, was a business visitor in the city this morning.

—Hear the band concert at the Central school tonight. Proceeds go to the war relief fund of the D. A. R.

—Misses Octavia Houston, Rebecca Stack, Mary Griffith and Mr. Harry Blair, of Monroe, motored over to the range Tuesday.

—Mr. A. G. Myers, Mr. W. T. Rankin and Judge A. C. Jones have returned from a business trip to Troy, Montgomery county.

—Mr. W. E. Todd and daughter, Miss Harlee Todd, returned Monday from a two weeks visit to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Hot Springs, Ark.

—Mrs. Ellen C. Bryan, of Durham, arrived yesterday to spend a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. W. Y. Warren.

—Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Chamber of Commerce attended a luncheon given at Charlotte yesterday by the Rotary Club.

—A box supper will be given at Hoyle's Creek school house Saturday night for the benefit of the Red Cross. It is hoped a large crowd will be out.

—Capt. C. Q. Huffstetter and Privates Grover Stewart and George Wilson, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., spent Sunday with homefolks in the Union section.

—Misses Octavia Houston, Mary Griffith and Rebecca Stack and Mr. H. H. Blair, of Monroe, motored to Gastonia yesterday and spent the day here with friends.

—Mrs. C. A. Spencer, who has been quite ill with muscular rheumatism at her home in West Gastonia for the past two weeks, is reported as somewhat better, though not yet able to be up.

—Roy Rockett, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rockett, met with a very painful accident this morning when his right arm was broken at the wrist while he was attempting to crank an automobile.

—The prayer service at Main Street Methodist church tonight will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and will last only 30 minutes, giving opportunity to all who wish to go directly to the concert at the Central graded school.

—Mr. L. H. Balthis received a cablegram yesterday from his brother, Mr. W. L. Balthis, announcing the latter's safe arrival in France. Mr. Balthis sailed from New York about two weeks ago en route to Paris, where he will have an executive position with the American Red Cross.

—Gastonians are interested in the artillery practice which is now going on daily at the range west of the city. The roar of the guns can be heard distinctly in town. From the top of the First National Bank, on a clear day, the smoke from the guns is clearly discernible.

—Mr. G. R. Spencer, chairman of a committee appointed by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to cooperate with the Army Y. M. C. A. in equipping a hut at Camp Chronicle, has been at the camp today looking after the construction of a floor to the tent and other woodwork necessary. The hut, it is understood, will be ready for the men to use in a day or so.

## BIG EXPLOSION ON NEW JERSEY SHORE

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, March 25.—With a roar like the bombardment of heavy artillery six terrific explosions occurred this afternoon upon a row of docks on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River, just opposite down town New York. Flying debris was carried miles and fell in the middle of the business section of the city. Fire followed the explosion and a dense pall of smoke covered the city. Whether or not heavy casualties attended the explosions is not known. The explosions occurred at 3:30 o'clock. Communication with Jersey City was cut off by the wrecking of underground cables.

New York, March 26.—Fire following a series of unexplained explosions destroyed the six-story building of the Jarvis Warehouse Company, Inc., near the Erie railroad terminal in Jersey City late today and badly damaged the Erie repair shops. No loss of life had been reported tonight. The material damage was estimated by Jersey City policemen and fire officials at close to \$1,500,000. The goods stored in the warehouse, said to have included a quantity of chemicals, were a total loss.

The cause of the explosions has not yet been determined, though a rigid investigation was begun at once by Federal, State and city authorities.

The first of the terrific detonations, which occurred shortly after three o'clock shook windows in uptown Manhattan and caused considerable alarm. Burning cinders, which arose in the heavy cloud of black smoke, were carried by the wind across the North river and fell along the water front.

While the excitement was at its height the Erie ferryhouse, on the New York side of the river, was discovered to be on fire. A lighter close by loaded with several hundred bales of cotton, also was blazing fiercely and still further south, the Hoboken ferry slip of the Lackawanna railroad was on fire.

The Erie ferry house was aflame from the second story of the roof. These fires were easily extinguished. Employed in the Jarvis storehouse were between 40 and 50 men but the prompt alarm is believed to have enabled all to escape. Scores of persons in the streets were cut by falling glass. Hundreds of windows, some of them a mile away, were blown out by the blasts. Several small frame buildings were wrecked by the explosions.

Frightened women and children filled the streets on the congested section of Jersey City and Hoboken.

The fire spread with such rapidity that the Jersey City firefighters soon called for outside aid. Engines and other apparatus were sent from Hoboken, New York and other points. By desperate efforts, the firemen confined the flames to an area covering about two acres.

The storage warehouse of the National Calcium Carbide Company and the Union cold storage plant were saved by the firemen.

Ten employees of the Jarvis company suffered burns.

More than 200 employees, a number of them women, were at work in the Erie shops. All had time to escape before the flames reached the building. Not only were the shops badly damaged, but 10 or 12 locomotives were destroyed. In addition a dozen loaded and empty freight cars were burned. A large pile of coal also was ignited and was still burning late tonight.

## TRIANGULAR DEBATES FRIDAY NIGHT

Gastonia, Shelby and Lincolnton will contest Friday night for first place in the annual triangular debate. All of the contests are held on neutral ground. Teams from Shelby and Lincolnton will meet at the Central school auditorium here. Gastonia's affirmative team, composed of Miss Clara Brawley and Robertson LaFar, will go to Shelby. They will be accompanied by Miss Bradley and Miss Rankin, of the city school faculty. Gastonia's negative team, composed of Miss Myrtle Warren and Robert Boyd, will go to Lincolnton. Prof. W. P. Grier will accompany them.

Mount Holly, Dallas and Belmont compose another triangle while Bessemer City, Cherryville and Kings Mountain constitute still another. There will be debates in all of these towns tomorrow night.

The subject for discussion in these debates is uniform. It is, "Resolved: That Congress Should Pass a Law Providing for the Compulsory Arbitration of Industrial Disputes."

Any school in any of the triangle both teams from which are victorious has the privilege of sending a team to Chapel Hill to compete against the State in the final contest.

Read "Over the Top."

**ON WHEATLESS DAYS**  
USE NO BREAD CRACKERS  
BISCUITS OR BREAKFAST  
FOODS CONTAINING  
WHEAT.



## DEATHS

### MRS. JENNIE CRAIG DUFF.

Mrs. Jennie Craig Duff, one of Gastonia's oldest and most highly esteemed residents, died Monday night about 7 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, on West Franklin avenue, where she had spent most of the time for the past several years. Death was due to paralysis. In December, 1916, Mrs. Duff suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. She recovered from it sufficiently to be up and around the house for some months. Just a year later, however, in December, 1917, she suffered another stroke and since that time had been confined to her bed. For weeks past she had been in a very precarious condition and her death was not unexpected.

Funeral services will be held at the Wilson home probably sometime this afternoon. The hour has not been set because it was not known just when her sons, Mr. Henry Duff, of Rochester, N. Y., and Mr. Forest Duff, of New York, would arrive here. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Jennie Craig was born in the Bethel neighborhood, York county, August 31, 1843, and was hence in her 75th year. She was the daughter of Newton B. and Margaret McCully Craig, of the old Bethel section. She was christened and later married by Rev. S. L. Watson, familiarly called by his parishioners "Father" Watson, who was for a great many years pastor of old Bethel. It is of interest, in this connection, to note that Father Watson performed the marriage ceremony for her father and mother and baptized and married the three children of the family.

On November 7, 1866, she was married to James Henry Craig Duff, also a native of York county. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Duff moved to middle Tennessee, locating at Mulberry, in Lincoln county. There they made their home until Mr. Duff died a number of years ago. Since his death Mrs. Duff has made her home most of the time here with her daughter.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Wilson, of Gastonia; Mrs. W. H. Burbury, of Sparta, Tenn., and Mrs. McDonald Creson, of Mulberry, Tenn., and three sons, Mr. Henry Duff, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. Forest Duff, of New York city, and Mr. Thomas Duff. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. C. Pegrum, of Gastonia, and Mrs. R. R. McCormick, of York, S. C.

Deceased was a woman of that strong type of character which not only manifests its influence in the home but in the community at large and upon all who come in contact with it. She was held in very high esteem by a wide circle of friends, all of whom will hear of her death with sorrow.

The funeral will be held at the home of Mr. T. W. Wilson at four o'clock this afternoon.

The pall-bearers will be S. A. Robinson, Frank L. Wilson, Sam S. Shuford, Ed J. Rankin, W. Y. Warren and J. P. Reid.

## GASTONIA SCHOOL PUPILS WIN PRELIMINARIES

Recently the pupils of the public schools all over the county have been busy with preliminary contests to select representatives for the coming county contests. So far in Gastonia township, the contestants from the Gastonia city schools have been successful. This township will be represented in the county contests by the following, who were the township winners:

Reproduction of oral story, first grade, Pansy McConnell.  
Reproduction of oral story, second, third and fourth grades, Miss Charlie Hoffman.  
Spelling, Evelyn Boyd.  
Disclaimer, grammar grades, William Kincaid.

Disclaimer, high school, to be chosen at contest to be held at Central school auditorium this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

Reciter, grammar grades, Mary Lee Mason.  
Reciter, high school, Elizabeth Woltz.

Debater, Robert Boyd.  
Gastonia's winners are all working hard to prepare themselves for victory in the finals which will be held at the close of school, the dates to be announced later.

Born  
On Monday, March 25, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hatcher, a son.

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