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BOY SCOUTS TO GIVE MINSTREL PERFORMANCE

Gastonia Boy Scouts will give a minstrel performance in the auditorium of the Central school tonight.

Following is the programme: Opening Overture, by the entire company. Singers: Grady Ratchford, Edwin Walker, Sam Davis, Dan Brawley, Francis Mangum, Murray Grier, Sam Johnson, Buster Fry, Frank Kincaid, Percy Fayssoux, Lawson Spencer, Sam New, Edwin Rockett, Giles Neal, Ralph Falls, Ed Men, Herbert S. Glenn and Roger M. Grier.

OLIO: Mr. Herbert S. Glenn in his latest monologue, "Hoodoo Quartette 'Hoodoo They Do! Do What! Sing!'; Two of a Kind, Grier and Glenn; Quartette 'Just a Little Nonsense'; 'Nigger in the Graveyard'; Dr. Katchem, Warren Gardner; His Assistant, Herbert S. Glenn; Isidore Open, Roger M. Grier.

LIEUT. WHITESIDES LANDS IN FRANCE

Mr. Monroe Whitesides received a card this morning notifying him that his son, Lieut. Francis A. Whitesides, had landed safely at a European port. So far as is known Lieut. Whitesides is the first commissioned officer from Gaston county to reach France. He is a lieutenant in Company A, Third Division Supply Train.

FINALS AT CHERRYVILLE.

Cherryville's Public Schools Close a Successful Year—Superintendent Joe R. Nixon Goes to Edenton Next Year.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, May 2.—The commencement exercises of the high school here closed with a play entitled "Princess Chrysanthemum," a Japanese operetta. This was the best rendered and most interesting program ever put on by the school. About 100 pupils took part in the play, including all the high school. The costumes were varied and unusually elaborate for a high school entertainment. The attendance was fine. Miss Elizabeth Fewell, of Rock Hill, S. C., music teacher, receives much praise for the part she took in setting up the play. Other teachers gave their time also.

Saturday afternoon the hundreds of school children gave an open air drill on the school grounds. This was well rendered and enjoyed by many of the people of the town and community.

Saturday night the high school gave a patriotic play, "Claim Allowed." The school is known to be intensely patriotic, having bought liberally of Liberty bonds, war savings stamps, and more than done its part in the smileage book campaign.

Sunday morning the sermon was preached by Dr. M. L. Kesler, general manager of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Dr. Kesler delivered one of the best sermons ever preached here. Rev. J. F. Moser and Rev. D. P. Putnam assisted in the service.

Monday morning the graduating class, composed of six young women and six young men, rendered a splendid program. This was followed by the literary address by Dr. R. L. Fritz, president of Lenoir College.

The school for the past year has been a marked success. Prof. Joe R. Nixon, of Lincoln, closes his sixth successful year. He will not remain for the seventh year, having been elected superintendent of the Edenton graded schools and has accepted. The school and town at large are proud of the service flag at the school building showing stars representing nearly 20 of the boys in the service.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

(By International News Service.) PARIS, May 2.—The Germans broke the lull in the infantry fighting last night on the Picardy front, attacking Thennes, ten miles east of Amiens. They were repulsed. The Germans attacked north of Chavignon and Northwest of Rheims, but were unsuccessful. It is believed that Americans are fighting in the Thennes sector.

The Fuel Administration has issued a warning against the use of domestic sizes of hard coal by industrial plants. Representatives of the musical-instrument industry have agreed to a curtailment of their output to 70 per cent of normal during April and May.

Miss Mary Glenn, a trained nurse of Asheville, is spending a few days with homefolks in the Union section.

Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. John W. Holland, of Mt. Holly, and Mr. George Stowe, of Belmont, attended a State Red Cross conference held in Charlotte yesterday.

DR. ORR TO DELIVER MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS

Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, of Charlotte, has been secured by the Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy to deliver the address on Memorial Day, May 10th. The chapter considers itself very fortunate in being able to secure Dr. Orr for this occasion. Interesting exercises are being planned and a good dinner will be served the veterans. The Daughters are especially anxious that all veterans who can possibly do so attend these exercises. A full program will appear in The Gazette next week.

GERMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MRS. KING.

Concord, N. C., May 1.—A warrant for the arrest of Otto Schumann, an interned enemy alien, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was issued here today. The warrant alleges that Mrs. King was killed by a bullet fired at Gaston B. Means. The death of Mrs. King occurred at Blackwelder spring, near here, last August. The local prosecuting attorney, who caused the warrant to be issued, stated two persons claim to have seen Schuman hurry away from Blackwelder spring after Mrs. King was shot.

The warrant was issued by Police Justice A. B. Palmer, on affidavit made by M. H. Caldwell, who appeared for Means in his trial last fall on charge of the murder of Mrs. King, of which charge he was acquitted at the end of three weeks.

Mr. Caldwell, who is prosecuting attorney for the city of Concord, issued a lengthy statement today setting forth what "we expect to prove." He says that in July, 1917, following Means' severance of his relations with German interests he called upon the representatives of those interests in New York in connection with profits Mrs. King and himself "had in the custody of those interests, derived from the shipments of rubber and copper to Germany" long prior to the declaration of war by the United States. Means' profits in these transactions amounting to about \$85,000 and Mrs. King's to about \$115,000.

DR. HOUCK OUSTED FOR DISLOYALTY

Greensboro News.

Morganton, May 2.—Yesterday Dr. Albert Houck, of Caldwell county, terminated his connection with the State hospital here after a residence of 10 years as assistant physician, his resignation growing out of an investigation made by the hospital executive committee of reports reaching them of Dr. Houck's pro-German utterances and sympathies. The executive committee met in special session on Thursday of last week for the special purpose of investigating the matter, a special request having come to them from Governor Bickett that they look into certain reports and complaints which had reached him. A report of their findings was made at a regular meeting of the board Friday. Dr. Houck having tendered his resignation during the investigation, the board accepted it, feeling such a course advisable in the light of facts which were shown in the report.

A secret service man was here all the time of the hearing Thursday, but found that no indictable offense had been committed. Dr. Houck denied any intentions of disloyalty, claiming of the only things that he admitted as having said that they were said in a joking manner. After careful consideration of all the evidence, the board voted to accept Dr. Houck's resignation effective May 1.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, May 1.—Mr. John Raper, of Camp Sevier, spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. Vernon Harrelson.

Miss Annie Lee Craft, who has a stenographic position in Wadesboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craft, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Rudisill are spending the week in Philadelphia and New York.

Miss Cleo Raper, of High Point, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Vernon Harrelson, this week.

Miss Pauline Harrelson is spending this week in Brevard with her sister, Miss Verona Harrelson, who is in school there.

Word has been received in town to the effect that the truckers in Florida have suffered some loss again owing to their crops being drowned.

GERMAN PLANE SHOT DOWN.

(By International News Service.) PARIS, May 3.—A German airplane was shot down by Swiss gunners near Basle, says a Matin dispatch today. The aviator was uninjured.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

A SURPRISE WEDDING AT LINCOLNTON.

His hosts of friends here and elsewhere will be interested to learn that Mr. Paul G. Caldwell, the popular manager of the Loray Bros. Company's store in West Gastonia, was married Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock in Lincolnton, his bride being Miss Lula E. Williams, of Hickory. The ceremony was performed at the manse of the First Presbyterian church there by the pastor, Rev. Dr. W. S. Wilson. The marriage was a surprise affair and only a few relatives and very close friends witnessed the ceremony. The groom was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Eugene Caldwell.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Caldwell and his bride came to Gastonia through the country by automobile and went to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Caldwell, on South Columbia street, where a reception was tendered them and where they received the congratulations of many friends. They are making their home for the present with the groom's parents. The bride has made her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamot, at Hickory and has for the past three years been a teacher in the Hickory schools. She is pleasantly remembered here, having visited friends in Gastonia frequently. The groom is a prominent young business man and has a host of friends who will extend a warm welcome to his bride.

U. C. HELD DELIGHTFUL MEETING WITH MRS. GRAY.

(Reported on The Gazette) In spite of the downpour of rain about fifty ladies met Tuesday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mrs. G. A. Gray to enjoy another historical-social meeting of the Gastonia Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The program was in charge of the historical committee of which Mrs. T. W. Wilson is chairman. Mrs. Wilson was not able to be present, to the regret of all, but Miss Lowery Shuford, in a most delightful manner, filled her place.

The meeting was opened by singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Miss Nellie Rose Sloan was at the piano and the song was led by Miss Jane Morris, all who could join in with enthusiasm. Mrs. J. K. Dixon led in prayer, remembering one of the number who is very sick.

The audience was delighted to hear Miss Jane Morris sing. She sang two songs most beautifully. Mrs. J. S. Wray read a splendidly prepared and interesting paper on one of the South's greatest men—Commander Matthew Fontaine Maury.

Mrs. George Patterson read a most delightful paper on Albert Sidney Johnston and was followed by Mrs. M. E. Kirby with another very instructive paper on J. E. B. Stuart. These papers were all very interesting, well prepared and as they were read they made our hearts burn within us to hear of these wonderful men and their great deeds.

Mrs. F. L. Wilson led the round table and had for discussion three very influential and prominent men in the South during the war and for years after but who are little known. Joseph E. Johnston, William Preston Johnston and Bushrod Rust Johnson. Many questions were asked and answered by the different members in a most interesting way. Miss Margaret Louise LaFar, in a most charming manner read one of William Preston Johnston's poems.

The singing of the first verse of "America" and the verses "God Save Hold and Keep our men" brought to a close one of the most delightful of these meetings.

DETAILS OF THE SINKING OF LINER CITY OF ATHENS

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, May 2.—With a rigid investigation being made into the sinking of the Savannah liner City of Athens by a French cruiser off the Delaware capes early Tuesday, the death toll today remains at sixty seven. There were a hundred and thirty-five aboard, of whom sixty-nine were passengers. Seventeen French sailors were drowned. The ships were making fair speed in a thick fog. There were numerous cases of seasickness. The wireless operator stuck to his post until the ship sank. One was rescued and one was drowned. The Southerners reported lost were Richard Boleiner, of Mobile; Edward Clug, of Savannah, who saved Mrs. Boshiner; Dr. A. J. Kemp, of Tifton, Ga.; and J. R. O'Brien, of Savannah.

LINER SUNK A SUBMARINE

(By International News Service.) AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 2.—A British liner which recently carried many American troops to France, returned today and reported having sunk a submarine on the return trip. Twelve passengers and a number of Canadian and British soldiers aboard watched the encounter. The submarine missed the liner twice with torpedoes. The liner fired fourteen shots, sinking the submersible.

—Mr. J. Mack Holland, of the Holland Real Estate Company, is able to be out again after being confined to his home by illness for two or three weeks.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

BESSEMER SCHOOLS CLOSING THIS WEEK

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, May 2.—The Bessemer City graded schools are in the midst of commencement exercises. The declamation contest takes place tonight at 8:30 o'clock with six boys contesting. The program will be interspersed with musical numbers.

Tomorrow evening the recitation contest will be held with seven girls competing and with musical numbers interspersed.

Rev. J. C. Deltz, pastor of the Lutheran church at Gastonia, will preach the annual sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock the school will present a play entitled "Claim Allowed." The class exercises will be held Tuesday evening, when the annual address will be delivered by J. G. Clinkscales, L.L.D., of Spartanburg, S. C. There are 12 in the graduating class. They are: Boyce Gallo-way Carson, Alma Corrine Frencher, William McKinley Gantt, Lena Theresa Guffey, Lida Blanche Huffstetler, Emma Frances Kennedy, Henry Lester Kiser, Barbara Lorena Kiser, Rachel Juanita Oates, Maudie Lee Thyme, Juanita Rollins, Dewey Jefferson Wolfe.

Under the direction of Prof. J. D. Rankin, as superintendent and an able corps of teachers the Bessemer school has had one of the best years in its history.

BELMONT COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises Will Begin With Annual Sermon by Rev. J. H. Henderlite Sunday Night—Literary Address Wednesday Night by Lieut. Gov. G. Max Gardner.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, May 1.—Belmont High School is planning a big commencement. The exercises will begin next Sunday night with a sermon by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Gastonia. Monday night will be society night, the two societies of the school taking an equal part in the program. This celebration is intended to represent in part the work done by the societies during the past year. The program for this night will be as follows:

- 1. Music, by the Glee Club.
2. Address of Welcome, by the President.
3. Declaration, by Price Leeper.
4. Recitation, by Catherine Stowe.

- 5. Music, by the Glee Club.
6. Debate: "Resolved that compulsory military training should be adopted as a permanent policy by the U. S. Government." Affirmative: Earl Armstrong and Jonathan Gullick. Negative: Katharine Gaston and Mary Armstrong.

- 7. Music, by the Glee Club.
8. Mock Trial, being the case of the Widow Smythe.
9. Chorus, by the High School.

On Tuesday night, May 7th, the comedy, "A Private Secretary," will be given by the high school. This is a royalty play and promises to be one of the best ever given on the local stage. It is full of fun from beginning to end and will probably help give the people a rest from the more serious thoughts of the time.

Wednesday night, May 8th, will doubtless be one of the very best nights of the whole commencement. In view of the fact that Mr. O. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina is to deliver the address to the graduates, the auditorium is sure to be full on this night. The usual graduating exercises will be dispensed with and instead a short patriotic program will be given by the seniors. The names of the seniors follow: Clara Foster, Lena Garrison, Louise Gaston, Margaret Rowlette, Lottie Nichols, Iva Johnston, Lula Stowe, Maudie McKnight, Earl Armstrong and Leslie West.

No charge will be made for any of the exercises except the play Tuesday night, when the price of admission will be 25 cents.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, May 2.—The junior class of the Dallas high school gave a social Friday night for the completion of the seniors' education. The entire high school was to be present. All were greatly amused by the contests and games. Delicious sandwiches, cake and corn bread were served.

Mervin Clemmer, of Camp Jackson, was at home last week. Hughes Durham, of Camp Sevier, was here Saturday and Sunday. Will Clemmer, of Camp Sevier, was here this week.

The people of Dallas are cordially invited to attend the baccalaureate sermon at the school auditorium Sunday at 11 a. m.

—Her friends will regret to learn that Mrs. H. J. Floyd is quite sick at her home at 516 East Air Line avenue.

THREE TOWNS HAVE GONE "OVER THE TOP"

Belmont, Mount Holly and Bessemer City have gone "over the top" for the third Liberty Loan and have won their honor flags. With but 24 hours yet remaining Chairman W. T. Love and his county committee are bending every effort to put Gaston well over. By strong work all over the county and by subscribers continuing to come in and follow the example set by President Wilson by subscribing to still more bonds, the goal will be reached.

Cherryville had a large assessment to meet and Chairman M. L. Mauney and his committee are doing splendid work to meet it. County Chairman Love, County Secretary Allen, Attorney A. E. Woltz and Mr. J. W. Carroll attended a rally at Cherryville last night at which much enthusiasm was evident. Cherryville intends to reach her quota. Chairman S. A. Williams at Dallas is sure of an honor flag for his town by good work being done today and tomorrow. Gastonia will of course win but everyone must give all the help possible in order to do it. Gastonia's quota is high, totalling \$321,400, as it is based on banking resources and not on taxable values.

Honor flags have already been received from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for Belmont and Mount Holly. Mount Holly has more than doubled her quota and so is due a star in her flag.

If everyone will do their part tomorrow the county executive committee is confident of success.

FOURTEEN MEN GO TO FORT SCRIVEN, GA.

The Local Exemption Board of Gaston county will entrain on Friday, May 10th, the following men: Archie Cheek Beam, Cherryville; Willie Gibson, Lowell; Robert Lee Eaker, Kings Mountain; George Grady Hamner, Lowell; Columbus Fair Huffstetler, Bessemer City; James William Stowe, Mt. Holly; Thomas Shields, Gastonia; William Clyde Mauney, Gastonia; Albert Grady Sellers, Richmond, Va.; Jasper Robert Andrew, Atlanta, Ga.; Sidney Ervin Absher, Bessemer City; Columbus Gilmore, Gastonia; Lloyd William Salus, Gastonia; Furman Franklin Pace, Greenville, S. C.

All of the above are white men and will be sent over the Carolina & North-Western to Chester and from there on the Southern to Fort Scriven, Ga. Fort Scriven is just out from Savannah.

The men have been ordered to report to the local board, room 201 Realty Building, at 2:15 P. M., on May 10th.

THURSDAY'S CASUALTY LIST

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 2nd.—This morning's casualty list is heavy. Eleven were killed in action; three in accidents; seven died of disease; two from wounds; three from other causes. Seven were severely wounded; six slightly; three are missing in action. Captain Capell and Lieutenants Miller and Jeffery, recently reported as missing, are now known to be prisoners in Germany.

810,000 ALREADY SUBSCRIBED

Special to The Gazette.

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, May 1.—On the eve of the special May campaign to bring the subscription to Weaver Hall at Rutherford College to \$25,000, the college is able to report more than \$10,000. Buy War Stamps and Bonds and give to Weaver Hall. Do double good with the same money.

SETTLEMENT REACHED

(By International News Service.) ROTTERDAM, May 2.—An influential newspaper announced that the transportation dispute between Germany and Holland has been settled. No details of the settlement are given.

AUSTRIA CLAMORS FOR FOOD

(By International News Service.) COPENHAGEN, May 2nd.—The Austrian press is violently attacking Hungary for not providing Austria with food. They declare Hungarian peasants have an abundance.

TODAY'S REPORT ON THE LIBERTY LOAN.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 3.—Total Liberty loan subscriptions, as officially announced today, have reached \$2,838,317,300. With the avalanche of subscriptions always to be expected at the end of a campaign, treasury officials are confident the three billion minimum will be far oversubscribed.

BRITISH STRIKE HARD ON THE PICARDY FRONT

(By International News Service.) LONDON (Noon) May 3.—With the artillery roaring along the Flanders front the British struck again in the sector of Villers-Bretonneux, on the Picardy front, gaining some local advantage. Villers-Bretonneux, now in British hands, is nine miles east of Amiens. The artillery was especially active in the region of Givenchy, near Loere and south of Ypres.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST CONTAINS 88 NAMES

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 3.—The casualty list with addresses issued this morning contained the names of 18 killed in action, five who died of disease, two of accidents, one of wounds, two reported missing, two severely wounded and 58 slightly wounded. Only one Southerner, Lieut. Thomas Mooney, of Texas, was in the list.

TWELVE AUSTRIAN PLANES SHOT DOWN BY BRITISH

(By International News Service.) LONDON, May 3.—Twelve Austrian and German airplanes were shot down by the British in sky battles over the Italian front, said an official statement last night. One hundred and nine Teuton airplanes have been accounted for since the British airmen arrived in Italy. The British have only lost 13.

PEACE PACT TO BE SIGNED AT ONCE.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, May 3.—A dispatch from Amsterdam quotes a German semi-official newspaper as stating that a peace pact with Roumania will be signed immediately, which will settle the Bulgarian and Turkish frontiers.

PRISONERS SAY GERMANS LOST HEAVILY.

(By International News Service.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 3.—Conditions on the Toul front have been extremely inactive for the past 48 hours. It is learned from a German Red Cross attaché, who was captured by an American patrol, that the Germans lost four-fifths of their force in the attack on Selcheprey on April 20th.

HEAVY FIGHTING EXPECTED SOON.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, May 3.—Heavy fighting is expected soon on the Plave river. It is believed the Germans are insisting upon an Austro-Hungarian offensive in an effort to relieve the pressure against the Germans on the Western front and prevent further sending of Italians into France.

CAPT. A. L. JENKINS REACHES FRANCE

Mr. J. Grier Love received a card this morning informing him that Capt. Archie L. Jenkins had arrived safely in France. Captain Jenkins is in the Quartermaster Reserve Corps. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins and a brother of Mrs. J. V. Harper, of Gastonia. Until recently he was stationed at the camp in Jacksonville, Fla.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, May 3.—The cotton market opened with July contracts selling at 25.60; October 24.65.

A Mrs. Huggins, whose home is at Lowell, became suddenly ill yesterday afternoon while waiting for a P. & N. car and was taken to the City Hospital. She is reported today as getting along nicely.

—Mrs. D. W. Padgett will leave tomorrow for Greenville, S. C., where she will spend several days with her son, Mr. Ralph Padgett, who is in the hospital at Camp Sevier.