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GASTONIA, N. C. FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 17, 1918.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Mr. J. Lawrence Beal has accepted the chairmanship of the Gastonia steering committee for the Red Cross drive next week. This assures that it will be a success, in the opinion of Township Chairman A. E. Woltz and other members of the county organization. Mr. Beal has organized a splendid force of workers for an intensive campaign and has asked that they meet at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Monday morning at 9 o'clock, to receive assignments and supplies.

GASTONIA CITY COMMITTEES.

Ward 1: J. L. Beal, chairman, G. W. Smith, W. E. Todd, W. Y. War-

Ward 2: G. R. Spencer, chairman, W. F. Pearson, J. M. Shuford, W. M. Morris, Crown W. Wilson.

Ward 3. G. H. Marvin, chairman, N. W. Gilliam, R. A. Baker. Ward 4: W. D. Anderson, chair-

Ward 5: J. W. Timberlake, chairman, J. White Ware.

Ward 6: W. B. Morris, chairman, C. C. Armstrong, D. M. Jones, J. W. Carroll, Chas Ford, R. G. Rankin, A. K. Winget, G. B. Mason, E. J. Raukin, F. L. Smyre, R. C. Patrick, J. R. Rankin.

Ward 7: R. M. Johnston, chair-man, E. N. Pegram, Clyde C. Mc-Lean, G. G. Willis.

POSTOFFICE BOOTH.

Under the direction of a committee of young ladies, of which Miss Lowry Shuford is chairman, a Red Cross booth will be maintained in the lobby of the postoffice tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday. Saturday this booth will be used as an advertising bureau, literature on the big drive being handed out by the young la-dies. Monday and Tuesday sub-scriptions to the Red Cross will be taken at the booth.

Following are the young ladies who are to be in charge: Saturday morning: Misses Maude Rankin and Louise Wallace.

Saturday afternoon: Misses Nellie Rose Sloan and Margaret Morris. Monday morning: Misses Lavinia Hunter and Lillian Watson.

sie Adams and Jennie Pegram. Tuesday morning: Misses Gayelle Boone and Margaret Louise La Tuesday afternoon: Misses Myr-

tle Gray and Lois Torrence. GASTONIA TOWNSHIP COMMIT-

Crowders Creek: Ed Petty, H. F. Forbes, John Neely.
Mount Olivet: Ed Rhyne, William Jenkins, M. A. Shannon.

Pisgah: J. R. Carson, John An-

thony, Oscar Torrence. Ferguson: James Adams, W. M. Crawford, W. Z., Ferguson.

Spencer Mountain: George Pat-terson, J. F. Lowe, W. G. Francis. Tanyard: John C. Robinson, C. P. Robinson, T. E. Robinson.

Pleasant Ridge: Frank Hawkins, Ed Crawford, John Lee, Earl Ratchford.

Mountain: Raymond Robinson, M. C. Davis, H. S. Dickson, J. O. McArwer. W. M. Boyce.

Bradley School: Mrs. S. W. Bradley, W. C. Pearson, Bonner Pearson.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE SECURED \$431,850 FOR LIBERTY LOAN

The Woman's Committee of Gaston County for the third Liberty loan campaign secured subscriptions to the amount of \$431,850. This splendid result was accomplished by the hearty support and co-operation of the women of the county and the splendid work of the county chairman and the chairmen of the various districts. Especially fine work was done in some of the rural districts. Mrs. Latham, State chairman, has expressed her appreciation of the work of the women of Gaston county, stating that the work done here has placed Gaston county in the front rank of North Carolina counties. Seven million dollars has been credited to the National Woman's Committee and the splendid efforts of the women of Gaston county contributed very materially to this rec-

Y. P. C. U. Conference.

On Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock there will be a conference of the Young People's Christian Unions of the Fourth District in the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of this city. Mrs. E. W. Neal, of Kings Mountain, district leader, will be present, and a large number of delegates from the various unions in the district are expected to attend. Especial attention is called to the hour of meeting, which is 10:30 o'clock, and not 10 o'clock as previously announced.

N. C. FEDERAL JUDGE BILL

IS PASSED BY SENATE. Washington, May 16 .- A bill by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, providing for the appointment of an additional federal judge for the North Carolina western district was assed today by the senate and goes to the house.

HUGHES CHOSEN TO **AID INVESTIGATION**

Washington, May 16 .- President Wilson has summoned Charles E. Hughes to act with Attorney General Gregory in the investigation of criminal charges made in connection with aircraft production, Mr. Hughes' acceptance of the task was announced today at the White House, and he will come to Washington in a few days to go over plans with the attorney general.

This announcement overshadowed in interest another development which created a stir at the capitol. In a letter to Senator Martin, the Democratic leader, the President earlier in the day had emphatically reiterated his opposition to the phrasing of a pending resolution authorizing further inquiry by the Senate military committee into aviation and other phases of war preparations. He declared he would regard the passage of such a resolution as a vote of want of confidence in the administration, and virtually as an attempt to take over the conduct of the war.

The letter to Senator Martin was the subject of heated discussion. Senator Chamberlain, who introduced the resolution of inquiry, called before the senate expenditures committee considering it, declared there was no intention of investigating the 'conduct of war" and that the resolution was worded as it was only to give the military committee, of which he is chairman, authority to resume its previous investigations.

The expenditures committee, by vote of three to two, amended the resolution by striking out references to the conduct of the war, and adding a proviso specifically limiting the scope of the committee's activities. If the senate refuses to adopt the resolution, as amended, Senator Chamberlain indicated he would drop the investigations planned.

The choice of Mr. Hughes to act with the attorney general was met with expressions of satisfaction on all sides at the capitol. Some Republican senators voiced surprise, but there was not a suggestion of disap-

Monday afternoon: Misses John- At The Churches

SPECIAL SERVICE AT THE

EAST BAPTIST CHURCH. The series of services at the East Baptist church is being largely at tended and Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell is being heard with a great deal of interest. Many souls have been saved and lives dedicated to God's service. The services are being held daily at 3:30 p. m. and 8:15 p. m. You are cordially invited to hear Dr.

On Sunday, May 19, at 3:30 Dr. Blackwell will deliver a special discourse on "Our God and the War" or Does the God of Heaven Care Anything About the World-War. Is He blind to the blood and tears? Is He deaf to the groans and sobs?

Dr. Blackwell has delivered this address in Richmond, Washington, Norfolk and many other cities. The press places it among the greater utterances on the present world crisis. Do not fail to hear this address. The meeting is open to all provided you come early enough to get a seat. J. W. WHITLEY, Pastor.

MAIN STREET METHODIST.

At Main Street Methodist church next Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. H. H. Jordan, will preach a special sermon on the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. war work, touching especially on the need of workers rather than on the need of funds, which will be brought before the people in the Red Cross drive next week. All members of the church are especially urged to be present at this service. There will be no service at Main Street Sunday night on account of the union mass meeting on Red Cross work to be held at the First Presbyterian

Supporting French Orphan.

Two Gastonia young ladies who request that their names be not published are contributing monthly through the Southern Woman's Magazine to the support of a French war orphan. They have recently receiv-

ed the following letter: Nashville, Tenn., May 8, 1918. My Dear Misses

I thank you very much for your check for \$3.00 and for your pledge for a year's care of a French orphan. I take pleasure in enclosing you the name of the child: (Victor Phelis, boy, born March 29, 1904, Fleury-sur-Aire, par Beauzee, Meuse, France). Sometimes there is a little delay in hearing personally from these children, but you may be sure that the food is gotten to them at

Cordially. ANNE RANKIN. Editor Southern Woman's Magazine.

the earliest possible moment.

Information was received this morning by his homefolks here that Mr. Zeb V. Pearson had arrived 'over there." He is in the coast artillery, having volunteered in the regular army about a year ago.

ALL IS IN READINESS FOR BIG RED CROSS DRIVE

With enthusiasm evident in every township, all is in readiness for the beginning of the drive for the second war fund for the American Red Cross Monday morning. County Chairman S. A. Robinson has an excellent organization perfected and everything in readiness for the launching of the

Chairman J. H. Separk of the speakers committee has a dozen or more well known men lined up for assignment to any point in the county where there is a call for a speaker.

Mr. Separk is also chairman of a committee having charge of the mill solicitation work. It is proposed this time throughout the United States that operatives in any large industry contribute one day's pay to the Red Cross, this being a most fair way of fixing the amount to be contributed by them. This plan is meeting with popularity in Gaston and will undoubtedly prove a success.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

RHYNE-STROUPE WEDDING TUESDAY.

A wedding which came as a surprise to their many friends, was that of Miss Blanche Stroupe, of Ranio, and Mr. Claude L. Rhyne, of Benton, Ala., which was solemnized Tuesday afternoon, May 14th, at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stroupe. The parlor, where the impressive vows were taken, was beautifully decorated in American beauty roses and sweet peas. The bridal party entered the room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March skilfully rendered by Miss Vera Rhyne, sister of the groom. First came Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Allen, latter a sister of the bride, then Miss Kate Cox and Mr. E. L. Stroupe, followed by Miss Stroupe and Mr. Rhyne, the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Dietz, of Gastonia.

The bride was beautifully gowned n Lampagne Georgette crepe ing a corsage of sweet peas. The bride, always beautiful, was never more lovely than on this her wedding day. Mrs. Rhyne is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stroupe. and is deservedly popular among a wide circle of friends. For the past two years she has successfully taught in the county schools. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Rhyne, of route two, but for the past two years has been making his home in Benton, Ala., where he is successfully engaged in farming. The happy young couple left on No. 29 Wednesday morning for their home in Benton. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

BIG RED CROSS MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday night, May 19th, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, there will be a mass meeting of all the citizens of Gastonia and vicinity, without reference to denomination, in the First Presbyterian church, for the purpose of presenting the cause of the Red Cross drive to be conducted throughout the nation during the following

It is especially emphasized that at the Sunday night meeting no contributions or subscriptions will be asked. The purpose of the meeting is purely inspirational and informative, and the matter of asking for contributions will be attended to by the solicitation committees who will start their work Monday. On account of this union mass meeting, other uptown churches will hold no services Sunday night.

Following is the program which has been arranged for the Sunday evening service.

Invocation, by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor First Presbyterian church Red Cross Announcements.

Introductory remarks, by Mayor A. M. Dixon. Address, by Hon. W. P. Murphy,

of Salisbury. Music. Address, by Dr. Charles Lee Ra-

Closing Announcements. Benediction, by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor First Baptist church.

-Miss Jane Morris left this morn-ing for Rock Hill, S. C., where she will spend the week-end visiting friends and attending the chautau-

-Gaston Superior Court will convene next Monday, May 20th, for a one week term for the trial of criminal cases with Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, presiding.

BAPTIST GRANT WOMEN **EQUAL LAY RIGHTS**

At the sixty-third annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Hot Springs, Ark., an amendment to the constitution was passed Wednesday by an overwhelming vote granting to women full and equal rights with men in the conven-Women are now entitled not only to represent their churches in the convention but also to hold any office in the convention, which is the highest administrative organization in the denomination. Report of the board of foreign missions showed that for the first time the churches had contributed more than one million dollars for foreign missions within the convention year. The denomination has one or more camp pastors in each of the army cantonments in the South.

At yesterday's session a resolution was passed endorsing President Wilson's proclamation for a day of fasting and humiliation on May 30th. The sum of \$50,000 was appropriated to aid the negro Baptists of the South in building a theological seminary. A committee on the legal status of the churches, headed by the Attorney-General of Georgia, reported that the incorporation by the convention in 1845 was legal, entitling the convention to own property and exercise every right of ownership therein. Reports of the laymen's work aroused lively interest and showed remarkable progress during the past year.

DR. F. N. PARKER DECLINES THE OFFICE OF BISHOP

In addition to the three bishops elected Tuesday by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South in session at Atlanta, namely, Dr. John M. Moore, of Nashville; Dr. W. F. McMurry, of Louisville, and Dr. U. V. W. Darlington, of Barbours ville, West Va., the general conference on Wednesday proceeded to the election of three more bishops. The balloting resulted in the election of Dr. F. N. Parker, professor of theology in Emory University, Dr. H. M. Dubose, formerly Epworth League Secretary, and Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, of the South Georgia Conference. Later in the day Dr. Parker declined to accept the position, declaring that after careful and prayerful consideration he did not feel that he was called to the office and the confer ence Thursday elected Dr. James A. Cannon, of Blackstone, Va., in his stead.

The following connectional officers were re-elected for a term of four years: Rev. T. N. Ivey, of the Western North Carolina Conference, editor of The Nashville Christian Advocate; E. B. Chappell, of the Tennessee Conference, editor of Sunday school literature, and W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, secretary of the board of missions.

At yesterday's session the majority report of the committee on church relations was adopted, which calls for a continuation of the work of the commission on unification of the northern and southern churches. The conference voted 185 to 44 in favor of a committee report recommending that the church be divided into fourteen episcopal districts. Rev. H. A. Boaz, of the Central Texas Conference, was elected secretary of Church Extension to succeed Bishop-elect W. F. McMurry.

DR. JAMES I. VANCE WAS ELECTED MODERATOR

At the opening session of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, which convened yesterday at Durant, Okla., Dr. James I. Vance. of Nashville, Tenn., was elected moderator of the assembly. Rev. W. Murray, of Georgia, and Rev. J. B. Carpenter, of Tennessee, were elected assistant clerks. The report on foreign mission showed that during the past year all previous records have been broken. There was an increase of \$116,000 in the total receipts of this department of church work. The remainder of the day's session was taken up with the hearing of routine reports, all of which showed encouraging progress.

Rev. Dr. J. Frank Smith, of Dallas, Texas, was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States at its annual session in Columbus, O., yesterday.

Rev. Charles H. Walton, of Los Angeles, Cal., was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at the first day's session of the 88th general assembly in Dallas, Texas, yester-

-Mr. Joe H. Adams, of Pineville, was here yesterday on a visit to his brother, Mr. John H. Adams.

—Misses Nell Blanton and Julia Burton, of Marion, are expected to arrive in the city this afternoon to be the guests for the week-end of Miss Maude Rankin at her home on South Broad street.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY ARTILLERY IS ACTIVE LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Route 1, May 16 .- Miss Ethel Featherstone and Mrs. Jack McLean spent last week with rela-

tives in Charlotte. Misses Floride Faires and Mary Glover are at home from Sunderland School, where they were students the p astterm.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Ratchford spent Sunday in Gastonia. Miss Laura Jackson was at home Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Burwell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harrison Wednesday. Miss Ella Dixon is visiting Mrs.

Chalmers Elmore. Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Ratchford and Miss Floride Faires spent Wednesday in Gastonia.

Misses Lacy and Ruth Faires attended the closing exercises of Sunderland School at Concord.

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Route 2, May 16.-Mrs. Grady Kiser, who was taken to Lincolnton Hospital for treatment several days ago, is improving

Mr. Columbus Harmon was in Charlotte Tuesday on business. There will be all-day services at Concord Methodist church next Sunday. Children's Day exercises the morning and two addresses the afternoon.

Mr. George Ross and sister. Miss Blanche, were the guests Sunday at the home of Mr. Sid Kiser. Miss Zoe Kiser spent Sunday with Miss Pearl Stroup.

Mrs. B. R. Biggerstaff spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. B. H. Miss Carrie Lee Carpenter was the

guest Sunday of Miss Lizzie Harmon.

Long Shoals Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LONG SHOALS, May 17.-Miss Lillian Clarke, primary teacher of this place, returned to her home in Gaffney, S. C., after teaching a very successful school.

"Mothers Day" was celebrated here at the Wesleyan Methodist church last Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Brown, of Charlotte, sited Mr. and Mrs. John F. Carpenvisited Mr. and Mrs. John F. Carpenter, of near here, the past week, and Mrs. Spargo Carpenter accompanied her home.

Mrs. Ina Reep, of near here, died last Thursday. She was buried at Webb's Chapel Baptist church. Rev. D. P. Water's conducted the funeral. Misses Ella and Pearl Kiser and Zelda Carpenter attended the Bessemer City commencement.

Mr. Miller Rhyne, who is in military training at Camp Jackson, was at home last week.

RED CROSS ...DEPARTMENT...

ATTENDANCE RECORD.

Tuesday morning, May 14: Supervisor, Miss Mary Ragan; workers, Mesdames J. H. Matthews, Boyce M. Weir, L. F. Wetzell, D. M. Jones, J. Lee Robinson, A. M. Dixon, Miss Lowry Shuford, Mrs. Pharr.

Tuesday afternoon, May 14: pervisor, Mrs. F. L. Smyre: directors, Mesdames S. A. Robinson and J. L. Gray: workers, Mesdames W. C. Davis. J. A. Smith, J. F. Bess, Rob Padgett, W. F. Michael, F. M. Allen, L. C. Torrence, D. A. Cline, J. H. Matthews, B. M. Weir, Robt. Moton, T. J. Lancaster, R. J. Smith, C. J. Story, G. C. Hopper, Misses Eunice Spencer, Willie McKemy, Sallie Morton, Lena Wilson, Blanche Wilson; knitting, Mrs. J. C. Galloway, Mrs. Blake, Miss Mary Ragan, Mrs. R. M. Johnston.

Tuesday evening, May 14: Supervisor, Mrs. J. H. Kennedy; director, Mrs. R. D. Atkins; workers, Mes-dames B. T. Morris, E. D. Atkins, Misses Lowry Shuford, Willie Mc-Kemy, Irene Barringer, Lucy Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, Mildred Falls, Agnes Thomas, Jamie Murrey, Lillian kins, Miss Harrison; visitor, Miss Frances Atkins.

-The "Boy Preacher" will preach at McAdenville next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and also Sunday ev-

ening at 7:30.

-Misses Iva Lineberger, Jeanette Ford and Ollie Ratchford, of the City Hospital Training School for Nurses returned last night from Raleigh where they stood examination before the State Board of Examiners for license to practice as registered nurses. Miss Wray Ramsey, of Durham, who completed the course at the hospital here recently, also took the examinations. There were more than a hundred applicants before the board.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, May 17 .- Great artillery activity developed on both sides last night in the sector of Pacaut Wood and the district north of Hinges on the Flanders front. The Germans increased the intensity of their bombardments between Locond and Hinges and in the region of Meteren and the Niepphe Forrest. A German raiding party was repulsed last night off south Arras.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SIGNS FIFTY-YEAR TREATY

(By International News Service.) ZURICH, May 17.—The solution of the Austro-Hungary German Polish question is about to be reached. Austria-Hungary signing a 50-year military convention with Germany. A close union between Austria-Hungary and Poland is imminent. It is believed Emperor Charles will accept these conditions.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, May 17.—The British steamship Glenmackey was sunk Sunday in a collision off Gibraltar. The crew was saved.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST. (By International News Service) WASHINGTON, May 17.—Casual-ties reported this morning include 15 killed in action, six died of wounds, four died of disease, one died of gas poisoning. Twelve were severely wounded and 60 slightly wounded, 80 are missing in action. Fred Harshaw, of Murphy, N. C., died of dis-ease. Corporal John Wilson, of Gaff-ney, S. C., and Private Less Knight. of Macon, Ga., were slightly wound-

LIFE IN THE DUGOUTS

The Yorkville Enquirer of today

In relating the story of his experi-

ences in France, Lieutenant Baxter C.

Riddle gave quite an interesting

scription of life in the dugouts in and behind the front line trenches. He told how for quite a while his home was in an underground cave that had been made sometime in the past in limestone rock. Just what these were intended for he did not know exactly; but was under the impression that probably they had been used as champagne cellers or possibly in connection with cheese making; but he was not concerned about that. What concerned him was that they were now being used for military purposes, to afford security against heavy German shells. He had more or less intimate knowledge of two of these caves. One of them was his home for several weeks. It was quite a large underground room, with square walls, the overhead ceiling sustained by columns that had been left for the purpose by the quarrymen. Inside were all manner of conveniencies and comforts, electric lights, stoves, fans, tables, chairs, etc. The region of these caves had changed hands two or three times and the Germans had been driven out only a short time before the arrival of the Americans to a line some twelve miles further back toward Germany. In this particular cave there was room for several thousand men. The principal discomfort of living in the cave was caused by numerous rats. More than once, said Mr. Riddle, he had been waked up by rats crawling over his face. But it was about another cave some four or five miles from this one that Lieutenant Riddle told a striking story. It appears that when the Fr pushed the Germans back in the last previous big drive, the occupants of this other cave held their ground so stubbornly that the French were unable to oust the defenders. The Germans simply would not surrender. The French took a part of the cave. however, and the Germans having made their stand in an adjoining corner that could not be forced, the French finally settled the matter by sealing up the entrance. Some 1-300 Germans were thus entombed, and said Mr. Riddle, "They are there

-Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, finds time from his pastoral duties to cultivate one of the finest gardens to be found anywhere. He gathered yesterday fine large Irish Cobbler potatoes, head lettuce, cabbage, peas and onions, all of them large and well ma-

yet!