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GASTON A COUNTY OF COTTON MILLS

Leads the South in Number of Plants in Operation--List of Mills.

Transformed in a generation's time from one of the largest whiskey producing counties in the United States, a county in which the people were poor and there was much lawlessness, into a prosperous, law-abiding county boasting of more cotton yarn spindles than any county in America, the history of Gaston, is a romance of prohibition and industrial growth unsurpassed anywhere and referred to on the printed page in many tongues.

A generation ago there were over forty licensed distilleries in Gaston county. From that condition the county developed into a few years time into an absolutely dry territory, and was one of the first in North Carolina to be made bone-dry. Backed by splendid public sentiment, capable officers have had no trouble in strictly enforcing the prohibition laws in Gaston for many years.

It was away back in 1848 that the cotton yarn industry first came to Gaston, when the Mountain Island Mill was built over on the Catawba. This mill was destroyed by the flood of 1916 but its place is soon to be taken by a modern and up-to-the-minute finishing plant and mill.

Development of the industry came slowly until the county began to be dry. The consequent stabilizing of labor, together with the splendid Piedmont climate, the ideal health conditions, the cheap hydro-electric power and other causes, soon brought the cotton yarn industry into being in its present high state. Today there are in Gaston county seventy-nine textile mills, counting the different mills owned in one group, as separate plants. The yarn industry in Gaston county last year did a gross business of over one hundred million dollars, it is estimated. An enormous sum was cheerfully paid in war taxes by the mills this year to the federal government.

The following is a partial list of the mills of Gaston county now in operation or under construction:

GASTONIA.

MYRTLE MILLS, Inc.: Fine yarns; incorporated 1918; under construction; J. Lander Gray, president; J. Lee Robinson, vice president; J. H. Separk, secretary-treasurer; spindles 18,000.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MILLS, Inc.: Yarns, incorporated 1918; C. B. Armstrong, president; C. C. Armstrong, vice president; W. T. Rankin, secretary-treasurer; spindles 4,000.

ARLINGTON COTTON MILLS: 50's to 70's, Combed Peeler Yarn, 36's to 120's Combed S. I.; incorporated 1900; erected 1889; J. Lee Robinson, president; S. N. Boyce, vice president; J. H. Separk, secretary-treasurer; spindles 23,000.

ARMSTRONGCOTTON MILLS CO. Combed yarns, 8's to 20's single and ply; incorporated 1913; erected 1913; C. B. Armstrong, president-treasurer, A. K. Winget, secretary and assistant treasurer; spindles 4,500.

AVON MILLS, Inc.; 40's to 60's

single and ply yarns; incorporated 1896; erected 1896; J. C. Rankin, president; W. T. Love, vice-president; S. M. Robinson, secretary-treasurer; spindles 10,080.

CLARA MFG. CO.: Combed yarns, 40's to 80's; incorporated 1907; erected 1906; C. B. Armstrong, president and treasurer; A. K. Winget, secretary and assistant treasurer; spindles 9,700.

DUNN MANUFACTURING CO.: Combed yarns, 40's to 80's; incorporated 1908; erected 1909; C. B. Armstrong, president and treasurer; A. K. Winget, secretary and assistant treasurer; spindles 10,500.

FLINT MANUFACTURING CO., Inc.: Combed Peeler yarns, 40's to 80's; L. L. Jenkins, president; S. N. Boyce, vice president; J. H. Separk, secretary and treasurer; spindles 23,000.

GASTONIA COTTON MANUFACTURING CO.: Yarns and serims; incorporated 1888; erected 1888; W. T. Love, president; J. L. Love, vice president; Robt. A. Love, secretary-treasurer; spindles 12,500.

GRAY MANUFACTURING CO.: 50-2 to 80-2 combed peeler yarns; incorporated 1905; erected 1905; L. L. Jenkins, president, T. L. Craig, vice president; J. H. Separk, secretary-treasurer; spindles 18,000.

GROVES COTTON MILLS, Inc.: Fine combed yarns; incorporated 1916; erected 1916; A. G. Myers, president; A. G. Mangum, vice president; H. H. Groves, secretary-treasurer; spindles 11,000.

HANOVER THREAD MILLS, Inc.: Combed yarns; incorporated 1916; erected 1917; W. T. Rankin, president-treasurer; G. E. Marvin, secretary; spindles 4,000.

LORAY MILLS, Inc.: Print cloth and sheeting; incorporated 1901; S. W. Cramer, president; W. D. Anderson, treasurer; W. A. Julian, assistant treasurer; spindles 57,000.

MODENA COTTON MILLS, Inc.: 30's yarns; incorporated 1893; erected 1894; J. O. White, president; B. H. Parker, vice president; H. B. Moore, secretary-treasurer; spindles 17,500.

MUTUAL COTTON MILLS, Inc.: Yarns; incorporated 1916; erected 1917; C. B. Armstrong, president-treasurer; A. K. Winget, secretary-treasurer; spindles 6,000.

OSCEOLA MILLS, Inc.: 20's to 60's combed yarns; incorporated 1916; erected 1916; W. T. Rankin, president-treasurer; Geo. E. Marvin, secretary; spindles 8,000.

OZARK MILLS, Inc.: 30's to 60's combed peeler yarns; incorporated 1899; erected 1899; Frost Torrence, president; Jno. C. Rankin, vice-president; S. M. Robinson, secretary-treasurer; spindles 29,000.

PARKDALE MILLS, Inc.: 30's to 60's two and three ply combed peeler reversed twist yarn; incorporated 1916; erected 1916; J. Lee Robinson, president; J. L. Gray, vice president; J. H. Separk, secretary-treasurer; spindles 8,200; now being added 8,000.

PIEDMONT SPINNING CO.: 20's combed peeler yarns; incorporated 1906; erected 1907; C. B. Armstrong, president-treasurer, A. K. Winget, secretary and assistant treasurer; spindles 2,300.

PINKNEY MILLS, Inc.: Fine combed yarns; incorporated 1916; erected 1917; R. G. Rankin, president-treasurer; A. G. Myers, secretary; spindles 2,300.

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GASTON A COUNTY OF GOOD ROADS

Gaston county prides itself on its good roads. It was one of the first counties in the State to go into the building of good roads on a large scale. In connection with road building it has also paid especial attention to the building of bridges, not only over the Catawba river, which separates Gaston and Mecklenburg counties, but over the South Fork river and the numerous smaller streams in the county.

For the purpose of carrying on this work road bonds totalling \$400,000 have been issued. These are county bonds, all work being done as a whole for the county instead of by townships as is some times done. To pay the interest on these bonds and to create a sinking fund there is an annual tax of 25 cents on the \$100 worth of property. This special tax is levied on \$21,000,692.75 worth of property and yields a total annual revenue of \$52,673. In addition to the property tax there is a special poll tax of 75 cents for roads which brings in the sum of \$4,948.50 per year. A special county automobile tax, ranging from \$2 to \$50 per machine, yields a revenue for road work of about \$3,000 a year.

The road money of the county is expended under the supervision of the board of county commissioners. The county has a most efficient superintendent of roads in the person of Mr. T. L. Ware, who devotes his entire time to this work. Under his supervision during the past few years the roads have been very materially improved and much new road has been constructed.

Gaston county's total mileage of roads is right around 500 miles. Of this amount 100 miles is macadam and about 250 miles is sand clay and top soil. Gaston has five miles of asphalt paving and 25 miles of cement sidewalks. The average cost per mile for the construction of Gaston county's macadam roads ranges from \$3,500 to \$5,000. The cost of the top soil and sand clay roads has ranged from \$500 to \$1,800, depending on the width of the road, the topography and the length of haul of the soil.

Gaston county has eight bridges across the South Fork river, all except three of these having been constructed since the great flood three years ago. The county has 27 iron bridges ranging in length from 20 feet to 300 feet, also five covered wooden bridges in addition to a large number of small wooden bridges. Up till June, 1916, these were built out of the road and county funds. Since then, however, they have been built from funds derived from the sale of special bridge bonds. At present the county has \$100,000 outstanding bridge bonds.

Up to 1914 the county roads were kept up by the labor of farmers who were appointed to supervise the work by sections. Since that time, however, the county has constructed portable camps for the convict force and most of the work is done in this manner. Regular patrolmen are kept for the roads, the county furnishing the stock and the tools and having each patrolman to look after the roads in his district. There is nearly always a demand for some new road construction and when the convict forces are not engaged on repair work they are put to building new roads.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MT. HOLLY, Aug. 15.—The Misses Beaver and Moore, of Mount Pleasant, are visiting Miss Edna Rhyme at her home, Hillcrest.

During the past ten days a revival has been conducted at the Baptist church, the preaching being done by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, of Neosho, Mo.

Mr. Boyden Nims, who taught last year in the eastern part of the State, is at home enjoying a vacation. So also his sister, Miss Dorothy Nims, who taught last year at Mt. Airy.

Miss Mabel Bacon, of Newton, spent yesterday in town. Miss Bacon will again be a member of our high school faculty.

The Sunday school room of the Methodist church is nearing completion. It will be roomy and of great service.

Rev. E. H. Kohn and family have returned from a ten days vacation spent with his brother in Columbia, S. C., and with relatives at Little Mountain, S. C.

Mrs. Suggs, Miss Helen West and Miss Alliene Seahorn, all of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. P. E. Leutz and family.

Mr. George Frank Moore, who is doing chemical work at Sheffield, Ala., will return to his duties tomorrow after spending a few days here.

Miss Lillie Killian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Killian, died at her home Monday and was buried Tuesday at Unity cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Frank Drennan.

The sixth annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, will convene August 21st with the church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. E. H. Kohn, pastor. The convention will hold three days. Delegates will be from South and North Carolina and Virginia. The foreign field is in the southern part of Japan, and the home field lies in the states in which the Lutheran

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST CONTAINS 112 NAMES

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15th—Today's casualty list contains 112 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action, 17.
Severely wounded, 95.

Severely wounded: Lieut George McConnell, of York, S. C.; Pvt. Luther Allen, of Alpine, Ala.; and Williams Merriweather, of Stockbridge, Ga.

FRENCH HAVE TAKEN LASSIGNY RIDGE

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Aug. 15 (Noon)—The Germans in the Lassigny sector are retiring across the Divette river, leaving only a screen of machine guns behind, says a dispatch from the French front. Fighting for two days in gas masks, the French took all of Lassigny ridge, dominating the German positions. As the French artillery was brought up the Germans were forced back still further.

MAN-POWER BILL REPORTED TO THE SENATE

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15th—The man-power bill, making the draft age limits 18 to 45, was reported to the Senate today by the Military Affairs committee. It will be taken up next Monday and will probably be passed by Saturday. The House will hold a special meeting next Monday to consider the bill. It is not believed it can pass the house before August 28th.

GERMAN LOSSES HAVE BEEN HEAVY.

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, Aug. 15—Henry Bidot, noted military critic, today says that a conservative estimate of German losses since July eighteenth is 350,000 killed and wounded and 70,000 taken prisoners.

CANNONADING REPORTED IN THE LASSIGNY SECTOR.

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, Aug. 15 (Official)—Cannonading was reported last night in the Lassigny sector between the Oise and the Avre. The Germans attempted a raid in the Marquise sector of the Champagne, but failed. Lieut. David Putnam, of Brooklyn, Mass., a member of the LaFayette escadrille, now credited with gringing down ten German airplanes, has been decorated by the French.

GERMAN OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED IN RUSSIA.

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Aug. 15—It is reported that Herr Von Hengbusch, a German official at Wenden, Russia, has been assassinated. The murderer escaped.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The cotton market opened this morning with October contracts selling at 30.50, January at 29.90.

Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CROUSE, Aug. 13—Miss Mary Withers, of Gastonia, is spending the week with Miss Annie May Alexander.

A large crowd attended the farmers' institute at Landers Chapel Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Kaiser and children spent several days last week with relatives in this section.

Miss Alma Kiser, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday with Miss Audrey Kiser.

Mr. J. A. Tritt, who has been quite ill, is improving.

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Tennessee synod works.
Dr. C. L. Brown, who is on furlough and is dean of the missionaries of the Lutheran church in Japan, will be present and speak on the needs of the work.

Dr. Taylor and family are back from the mountains, where they spent a delightful vacation.

Mrs. A. Fredricks has gone to New Orleans to see her husband, who is in camp. She will also visit her father at Natchitoches, La.

MORRISON SPOKE ON COUNTY TAXATION

This morning's session of the State Association of County Commissioners was featured by an able address by Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, "County Government and Taxation." Mr. Morrison is a close student of government in its various relations and is a speaker of much more than ordinary ability. He did not discuss special war taxation, dismissing that subject with the assertion that the people of America will gladly contribute all the money that is necessary to defeat the Huns and make the world safe for democracy. This assertion brought forth loud applause. The speaker stated that county government in North Carolina was carried on, and carried on splendidly, with the smallest per capita taxataion prevailing in any State in the union.

"We are living in perilous times," said Mr. Morrison, "and there are all sorts of propaganda advocating new and novel systems of taxation." He warned the county governments against a too liberal attitude towards these schemes, at the same time advising that whatever tax is necessary in order to give the people good, progressive modern government should be imposed.

The delegates heard Mr. Morrison with great pleasure and profit.

Following Mr. Morrison, Mr. E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, Federal district agent for farm demonstration work for the Western district of North Carolina, delivered an address on the importance of this work. He reviewed briefly the progress and growth of farm demonstration work in the State and told of the wonderful benefit it had brought to those counties which have demonstrators. He outlined the terms on which farm demonstrators are to be secured and urged the importance of this work on those counties which have not as yet adopted it.

A warm welcome was extended to the visiting commissioners at the court house last night by Mayor Dixon and Mr. O. F. Mason, both of whom made splendid addresses which elicited hearty applause from the delegates. Mr. A. M. McDonald, of Charlotte, responded to these addresses in a happy manner.

Mr. J. C. Carpenter, representing the government, then made an address on "Federal Aid for Road Building," explaining the various features of the assistance which the Federal government gives to counties in the matter. Much of the information Mr. Carpenter brought to the convention was new to the delegates and the presentation of this subject will doubtless result in many more counties availing themselves of the opportunities the government offers in this line.

Mr. W. S. Falls, State Highway Commissioner, and Mr. W. A. McGirt, of New Hanover county, are to speak at this afternoon's session on "Highways." Following the afternoon session the delegates will be given an auto ride over some of the county's good roads by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. At the night session the feature will be an address by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College and a member of the board of county commissioners of Gaston county.

Following tomorrow's session, which will adjourn at noon, the delegates will be given an auto drive to Armstrong Park where they will be guests of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce at an old-time barbecue.

The principal speakers for tomorrow's session will be Mr. Frank Parker, who will speak on "Farm Demonstration" and Dr. W. S. Rankin, president of the State Board of Health, whose subject will be "Public Health."

Up to this morning there were sixty-five delegates registered. Others arriving during the day has brought this number up to about one hundred.

The German Beatitudes.

It is not known whether the following creed was composed by a German or by a foreign student of Germanism. It has the ring of genuineness; it is not far-fetched or overdrawn. The military masters of Germany have acted upon this creed, and the German Army, their disciples, has lived up to it.

"Ye have heard how in olden times it was said, 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth'; but I say unto you, 'Blessed are the valiant, for they shall make the earth their throne.' And ye have heard men say, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'; but I say unto you, 'Blessed are the great in soul and the free in spirit, for they shall enter into Va'halla.' And ye have heard men say, 'Blessed are the peacemakers'; but I say unto you, 'Blessed are the war makers, for they shall be called, if not the children of Jehovah, the children of Odin, who is greater than Jehovah.'"

If you get a sample copy of The Gazette it's an invitation to subscribe.

CITY HAS A LIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gastonia's Chamber of Commerce is the clearing house for Gastonia's civic activities. And it is fast becoming the same for Gaston county, nearly all county-wide movements of importance being conducted through its medium.

The Chamber of Commerce is four years old. A number of the men who have made Gastonia one of the most progressive cities on the map, organized the chamber back in 1915. Col. T. L. Craig was made president, and served capably for two years. A. O. Lloyd, now secretary at Chester, S. C., was secretary for that period and J. M. Holland treasurer. J. H. Separk was made president for 1917, serving ably, and W. H. Adams was treasurer and still holds that place. C. W. Roberts, now secretary of the Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Board of Trade succeeded Mr. Lloyd as secretary, and he was in turn succeeded by Miss Lillian Ferguson. She was followed in the secretaryship by Fred M. Aiken who now holds the place. Col. C. B. Armstrong was elected president for 1918 and is proving a strong leader. J. H. Kennedy is first vice-president this year and F. L. Smyre second vice-president. Other directors are A. M. Dixon, J. W. Atkins, E. N. Hahn, W. T. Rankin, D. M. Jones, J. H. Separk and J. O. anklin.

Through well organized committees and departments the chamber of commerce is accomplishing a vast amount of good for Gastonia, working along a score of different lines for the city's advancement. The membership is large and is live and energetic, responding willingly to all calls for aid in the work for the city and county.

"Co-operation" is the word the organization lives up to.

Fred M. Allen, executive secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, assumed that office on August 30th, 1917, coming here from the secretaryship of the Orlando, Fla., Board of Trade. He was also secretary of the South Florida Chamber of Commerce and connected with the management of the Sub-Tropical Mid-Winter Fair at Orlando. Born in Apopka, Fla., and schooled at St. Petersburg, he entered newspaper work while still a student, later receiving his training on Southern dailies and as a legislative and political correspondent.

For six years he was news editor of The St. Augustine Record at the



same time representing several metropolitan dailies and two press associations. He is a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries' Association, executive secretary of the Big Gaston County Fair, county chairman of the Four-Minute Men, executive secretary of the county Liberty Loan committee, price reporter for the United States food administration, and generally serves as executive secretary for Gaston county of war fund campaigns.

HOSPITALS ARE PROVIDED FOR IN REYNOLDS' WILL.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 13.—The will of the late R. J. Reynolds, which was filed with the clerk of the superior court here yesterday afternoon, provides \$120,000 for the establishment of another white hospital in Winston-Salem and \$120,000 for a negro hospital of this city.

Mrs. Katherine S. Reynolds, widow of deceased, is named as executrix. One-third of the entire estate is left to the wife and two-thirds to the four children, two daughters and two sons.

To Mrs. Reynolds, W. N. Reynolds and the city officials is left the duty of selecting sites, plans and details of the two hospitals to be erected.

No estimate is given as to the value of the estate, which consists largely of real estate, stocks in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., cotton mills in this and other states, etc.

SUCCESSOR APPOINTED TO MINISTER VON CAPELLE.

(By International News Service.)
ZURICH, Aug. 15.—(By Agence Radio)—Vice Admiral Von Behencke has been appointed by the Kaiser as Marine Minister to succeed Von Capelle, says German dispatches.

Buy War Savings Stamps and help lick the Kaiser.

THE PROGRAM

State Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th.

3 P. M.—Registration of Delegates at Arlington Hotel.

8 P. M.—Opening session at Court House Auditorium.

Prayer.

Address of Welcome by Hon. O. F. Mason.

Address of Welcome by Hon. A. M. Dixon.

Response by Hon. A. M. McDonald.

Address, Farm Demonstration Work, by Mr. E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville.

Minutes by Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Informal Discussion.

Thursday, August 15th.

(All sessions at County Court House.)

10 A. M.—Address, "County Government and Taxation," by Hon. Cameron Morrison.

General Discussion.

2:30 P. M.—Address, "Highways," by Hons. W. S. Falls and W. A. McGirt.

5 P. M.—Auto drive over county roads.

—Address by Commissioner A. T. Lindsay, of Gastonia; informal Discussion; Smoker.

Friday, August 16th.

11 A. M.—Address, "Farm Demonstration," by Hon. Frank Parker.

Address, "Public Health," by Dr. W. S. Rankin.

Election of officers.

Adjournment.