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METHODISTS ASK FOR REV. H. H. JORDAN'S RETURN

Special Committee Will Ask Bishop To Return Pastor of Main Street Church For a Fifth Year — Projected Developments in Suburbs Basis For Strong Plea — Gastonia Methodism Has Had Good Year.

Gastonia Methodists will go to the annual conference at Charlotte this week with a strong plea to the bishop and his cabinet for the return to Main Street church of Rev. H. H. Jordan for a fifth year. At the fourth quarterly conference held last week resolutions were unanimously adopted asking for Mr. Jordan's return under the new law enacted by the General Conference at its session in Atlanta last May which provides that a pastor may be returned to a pastorate after his quadrennium has expired provided a unanimous request comes from the quarterly conference and that a majority of the bishop's cabinet, which is composed of the presiding elders, favors his return. So far is known the action of the quarterly conference of Main Street Methodist church in asking for Mr. Jordan's return is the first under the new regulations in the Western North Carolina Conference.

A special committee appointed by the board of stewards of this church will go to Charlotte tomorrow afternoon to present to the bishop and his cabinet the resolutions adopted asking for Mr. Jordan's return and to make a personal appeal for his reappointment.

It is felt by the official board of this church that it is imperative that Mr. Jordan be returned to this work for another year because of the fact that several suburban developments are under way under the supervision of Main Street church which he can probably handle better than any other man, inasmuch as these new churches were projected under his pastorate and he is familiar with all of the details. It is felt by Gastonia Methodists that there is a bright future before Gastonia Methodism provided the plans contemplated are carried out. During the past year building sites have been secured at Ranlo, east of the city; at South Gastonia, in the neighborhood of the Pinkney and Hanover Mills, and on Eighth Avenue, a section which serves the Armstrong group of mills, including the new Seminole and Osceola mills. Mr. Jordan carries to Charlotte with him deeds for these properties together with applications which will be laid before the board of church extension for donations to assist in the erection of buildings. With these donations or loans granted it is practically assured that within the coming year at least three new Methodist churches will be erected.

A further forward step was taken by Main Street church last week when the board of stewards memorialized the conference to send an assistant pastor here, an experienced man, who will be paid a good salary. Sunday morning Mr. Jordan gave a brief resume of the past year's work and also of the entire four years work at Main Street church. The report showed the greatest progress for any similar period in the history of the church, both in point of increase in membership and in finances. The budget for the year just closed was more than raised, and amounted to about \$10,000.

There is a strong desire on the part of Gastonia Methodists for the return for another year of their pastor and the belief is general that the conditions here will so appeal to the bishop and his cabinet that they will return him.

West End charge, including West End and Franklin Avenue churches, has experienced a most successful year under the pastorate of Rev. E. P. Stabler, who has just completed his second year on this charge. He is popular with his people and they are hoping for his return. East Gastonia under the pastorate of Rev. A. Burgess, has also experienced a good year. Mr. Burgess has won a warm place in the hearts of his members and the work has grown and progressed under his direction. His congregation hoping for his return for another year.

Mr. M. F. Kirby, of Gastonia, is one of the delegates from the Shelby district to conference and left this morning for Charlotte where he will remain through the sessions.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION MEETS AT BELMONT.

The annual meeting of the South Fork Baptist Association, which was postponed from earlier in the month on account of the epidemic of influenza, will convene in the First Baptist church at Belmont tomorrow morning and be in session Thursday and Friday. All the Baptist pastors of Gastonia and a number of lay members will attend. Mr. J. F. Click, of Hickory, is clerk of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wetzell left Monday morning on an automobile trip to Jacksonville and other points in Florida. They will be joined there in a few days by Mr. Ralph Armstrong and his bride, who will spend a part of their honeymoon in Florida.

ALLIED ARMY OCCUPIES BRIEY ORE FIELDS

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, Nov. 20. — The army of occupation which is advancing in the grand Duchy of Luxembourg, now occupies the whole of the Briey Basin and its rich ore fields.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF GERMAN CROWN PRINCE

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20. — An aeroplane of unknown nationality bombed the chateau where the former crown prince of Germany was interned, demolishing the tower, says an unconfirmed report here. The Germans were uninjured.

HENRY MERRILL WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Merrill Fell in Battle on October 8th — Another Son, Reid Merrill, Reported as Wounded in Battle — Have Another Son in Army in This Country.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Merrill, of this city, received a telegram last night from the War Department announcing that their son, Private Henry C. Merrill, of the infantry, was killed in action on October 8th. Young Merrill was about 24 years old and enlisted in the infantry about a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have two other sons in the army, Reid J. Merrill, who is with the expeditionary forces in France and who was recently wounded, degree undetermined, a telegram to this effect having been received a few days ago by his parents; and Rush Merrill, of the 25th Battery O. A. R. D., Camp Hill, Newport News, Va.

SOLDIERS TO GIVE MINSTREL SHOW TONIGHT

Entertainers From Camp Greene Will Pull Funny Stunts at Central School Tonight For Benefit of Gaston County Red Cross.

Gastonia's fun lovers will have an opportunity tonight to enjoy a number one minstrel show. It will be given in the auditorium of Central school at 8 o'clock by men from the medical units of the base hospital at Camp Greene, Charlotte. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Gaston County Chapter of the Red Cross. Following is the program:

FIRST PART
Opening Chorus, Ensemble.
Song, "There's a Lump of Sugar Down in Dixie", Sgt. Barth.
Song, "Hello Central, Give Me No-Man's Land", Cook Cote.
Ballad, "Little Mother of Mine", Sgt. Lange.
Song, "When Alexander Takes His Rag-Time Band to France", Pvt. Leahy.
Song, "When I Get Out in No-Man's Land", Sgt. Reel.
Ballad, "Until" Pvt. Gates.
Song, "I Miss That Mississippi Miss That Misses Me", Pvt. Arn.
Song, "Smiles", Sgt. O'Malley.
Song, "Belinda", Pvt. Meyers.
Song, "Mammy's Chocolate Soldier", Cpl. Lawlor.
Specialty, Pvt. Meyers and LeRay.
Closing Chorus, Ensemble.
Intermission of ten minutes.

SECOND PART.
Base Hospital Quartette: Sgt. Donovan, first tenor; Pvt. Gates, second tenor; Sgt. Lange, baritone; Sgt. Dalquist, bass.
Comedy sketch, "The Crap-Shooter's Paradise," Sgt. Adams, Cpl. Lawlor, Pvt. Leahy.
The Banjo Fiends, Cooks Severino, Barnes and Lavorgna.
Grand Finale, "March of the Allies," Ensemble.

GASTONIA TOWNSHIP OVERSUBSCRIBES IT QUOTA.

Chairman A. E. Woltz, of the United War Work committee for the county, reports today that enough subscriptions are in sight to put Gastonia township well over its quota. Dallas township has doubled its quota, and Riverbend, South Point and Crowders Mountain townships have covered theirs, leaving Cherryville the only township not yet over. It is confidently expected that the final report from Cherryville township, together with over-subscriptions in the other townships, will show the county quota of \$20,000 not only fully met, but generously oversubscribed.

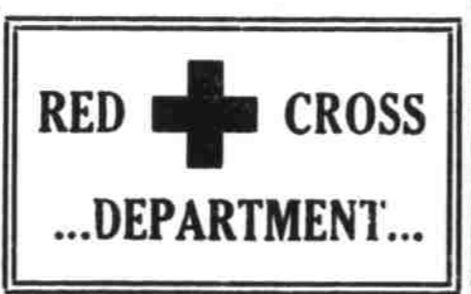
Take on new thoughts, throw off old habits, and there is no danger of old age.

AUSTRIA ASKS ITALY TO PUT DOWN ANARCHY

(By International News Service.)
ROME, Nov. 20. — As a result of anarchy in Vienna the new national government of Austria today sent a communication to the Italian government asking that an army of occupation be sent to Vienna immediately. A News dispatch says that a communist-Bolshevik plot has been discovered at Vienna and that a hundred leaders have been arrested.

GERMAN CASUALTIES TO OCT. 31 WERE OVER SIX MILLION.

(By International News Service.)
COPENHAGEN, Nov. 20. — The German casualties to October 31st number 6,320,000, says Vorwaerts, of Berlin. The number killed 1,580,000, wounded 4,000,000, prisoners 490,000, and those whose fate is unknown 260,000.



WORKERS NEEDED.

We are requested by the ladies in charge of the local Red Cross work room to make an effort to impress strongly upon the ladies of the city that the Red Cross still needs workers. The mere fact that the armistice has been signed and actual hostilities have ceased has not in any degree lessened the demands upon the Red Cross for supplies of all kinds. Surgical dressings and hospital supplies are still needed and will continue to be needed in large quantities for many months. No allotments have been cancelled, and there is as great a task ahead of the workers for some time yet as there was while fighting was at its height. It is hoped by the committee in charge of the local work room that this appeal will be heeded and that workers will attend regularly and strive to keep the output of supplies right up to the demand, which is a heavy one.

CHRISTMAS BOX LABELS.

There ought by this time to be no further misunderstanding in regard to the matter of sending Christmas packages to the members of the United States army who are in service overseas. The following points, however, will bear re-stating:

1. The mailing date has been extended to November 30, so that labels which have been delayed may still be used on or before that date.
2. One label will be furnished by the Red Cross to the nearest relative of a soldier whose label was lost in the mail or for any reason was not received by November 21st. Do not ask for a label before November 21st, however. You will be required to make affidavit that you are nearest relative of the soldier to whom you send your package, and that no other label will be used for sending him a package, even if it should be received.

As will be seen from the above, every possible step is being taken by the War Department and the Red Cross to insure that every soldier shall receive a Christmas box, but care is being taken to provide that all such fare alike and no duplicates be sent.

DEATHS

DANIEL SYDNEY SMITH.

Following a brief illness Mr. Daniel Sydney Smith, a resident of North King Street, West Gastonia, died at the City Hospital at noon yesterday while on the operating table. Mr. Smith was taken suddenly ill Monday night with locked bowel and an operation was decided on as a last resort in an effort to save his life, but he was unable to stand the shock. Daniel Sydney Smith was born in Cleveland county, and was 62 years of age. He was married on November 18, 1879, to Miss Mattie Jane Williams. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. J. M. Kimball, Mrs. George W. Pearson, Miss Lodie Smith and David S. Smith, all of Gastonia, and Platt D. Smith, who is now a member of the United States Navy, being stationed on the U. S. S. Houston.

Deceased will be buried at New Prospect Baptist church in Cleveland county. He was a member of the First Baptist church, of Gastonia. Funeral arrangements are being deferred in the hope that Mr. Platt D. Smith, whose ship arrived in Brooklyn harbor yesterday morning, will be able to reach the city in time for his father's funeral.

Perhaps a clean shave and a haircut would help Russia as much as anything.

WILL BE NO CHANGE IN PRESENT METHODS

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. — Following a lengthy conference at the White House last night between the President and the Democratic leaders, it is learned that the so-called "reconstruction program" of the Republicans will meet strong opposition. It is understood that the President informed his conferees that, until the peace treaties are actually completed, any change of method might prove disastrous. As a result an effort will be made to continue the war trade board and other agencies of

TWENTY GERMAN U-BOATS SURRENDER TO THE BRITISH.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Nov. 20. — Twenty German submarines surrendered to the British thirty miles off Hardwick today.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Nov. 19. — The initial meeting of the newly organized Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held Sunday evening. The study at this time is the Mountaineer and Mountain Mission Schools of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Devotionals were conducted by Mr. C. C. Craig, and discussions of the topic was led by Miss Corinne Puett. It is very urgent that the attendants of this church be present and visitors are extended a cordial welcome, meetings will be held each Sunday evening at 5:45.

The Red Cross Auxiliary completed the November allotment of 60 surgical dressings at Friday's meeting and are ready for the new assignment of work.

Rev. R. A. Taylor and Mr. E. D. Ballard will attend the Western North Carolina Conference which convenes in Charlotte this week. At the last quarterly conference held in the Dallas Methodist church, a unanimous vote was cast for the return of Mr. Taylor, which action is highly endorsed by the people of this community, and we trust he may be allowed to continue his good work among us.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at the colored Dallas Baptist church Sunday evening. Mr. J. H. Separk, of Gastonia, spoke in the interest of the War Work Fund, and \$52 was paid in cash for this fund as well as paying \$12 on the pastor's salary and a \$33 payment on the new piano lately placed in the church. The colored people of Dallas have been patriotic and loyal to all the causes and the women are to be commended for their faithful work for the Red Cross.

Prof. J. B. Henson is very much elated over the arrival Thursday of a fourth son, and is thinking seriously of bestowing upon him the distinguished name of Marshal Foch.

Rev. W. S. Hamiter, of Blackstock, S. C., was the guest at dinner Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gribble. Mr. Cecil Cornwell, of Wofford College, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornwell. Misses Mille and Annie O'Brien and Miss Chole Payne, of Bessemer City, are visiting at the home of Mr. W. N. Pasour this week.

Miss Nancy Wylie spent the week-end at her home in Winnsboro, S. C. Mr. H. N. Wells, of the U. S. Marines, stationed at Pelham Bay, N. Y., en route to his home in Murphy, N. C., stopped over in Dallas Saturday to visit Miss Mildred King, whose home is also in Murphy, and who is teaching here this winter.

Much pleasure is anticipated in the coming concert to be given by Miss Ruth Mason, accompanied by Miss Nellie Rose Sloan, at the school auditorium December 13th. Further information will be given later.

Mr. C. E. Rhodes, of Camp Jackson, spent a two-days furlough this week visiting friends and homefolks here.

Miss Mary Belle Rhyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rhyne, died at her home here Monday night from pneumonia and other complications following an attack of influenza. She was 33 years old and had lived here all of her life. Funeral services were held at the grave in the Lutheran cemetery here this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Deltz, of Gastonia, officiating. Her parents, five sisters and one brother survive. She had been a faithful member of the Lutheran church since girlhood.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gribble and children spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Waxhaw.

WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McLean yesterday received a cablegram from their son, Sgt. Robert S. McLean, of Co. A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, reading as follows: "Am well and happy. Love." The message was sent from Trouville, France. Sgt. McLean's many friends will be delighted to know that he is safe and well.

If the work you are doing is useful it will return you a good living.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. C. C. Craig, of Dallas, superintendent of the county home, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. J. Daly Derr, rural mail carrier on route two from Dallas, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Mr. George V. Anderson, of Lynchburg, Va., spent the week-end here with his brother, Capt. J. A. Anderson.

—Dr. O. G. Falls, of Kings Mountain, former chairman of the board of Gaston county commissioners, was in the city on business yesterday.

—First Lieut. J. C. Whitener and bride spent Friday night with Mrs. Pat H. Smith. They were en route to Camp Mercedes, Texas, where Lieut. Whitener is stationed.

—Misses Espy and Ila Craig left this morning for Greenville, S. C., to see their brother, Sgt. Alfred Craig, who is at Camp Sevier. They will be absent from the city for several days.

—Esquire A. R. Anders and Mrs. Anders left this morning for Charlotte to attend the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference. While in Charlotte they will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frank R. Anders.

—The Gazette is requested to state that the regular preaching service Sunday at Pisgah A. R. P. church will be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon instead of at the usual hour, 11 a. m. The W. P. C. U. will hold its regular meeting at 4 p. m.

—Capt. J. A. Anderson left last night for Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga Park, Ga., after spending a ten-day furlough here to assist the Local Exemption Board in conducting physical examinations.

—Rev. J. A. Peeler, formerly pastor of the West End Methodist church here, but stationed at Hickory during the past year, passed through Gastonia yesterday afternoon en route to Charlotte to attend the meeting of the annual conference.

—Apple trees in Gaston county have a way of bearing twice a year. Mary Sutton, colored, sends The Gazette several bunches of well developed second crop June apples. These are from a tree which bore a large crop in June and is now bearing a generous second crop.

—Friends of Mrs. A. Q. Kale, of High Shoals, will be glad to know that she is now able to be up after a very serious attack of influenza. There are a number of other cases of influenza at High Shoals, but all are reported as being of a mild form and most of the patients are rapidly recovering.

—Mr. C. E. Huffstetter has accepted a position as salesman with the Kirby-Warren Company and will move his family to Gastonia, having purchased a bungalow on East Third avenue from Dr. L. N. Patrick. On Thanksgiving day Mr. Huffstetter will have an auction sale at his farm of farming implements, stock, etc.

—Rev. Dr. Plato Durham and Mrs. Durham, of Atlanta, are expected to arrive here tonight for an extended visit to Dr. Durham's brother, Mr. Stonewall J. Durham. Dr. Durham, who is dean of the Theological Department of Emory University, is resting from his work for awhile, recuperating from a recent very serious illness.

—Mr. Ralph Hood, son of Rev. J. B. Hood, of Pisgah, came home last night from Due West, S. C., because of the closing for two weeks of Erskine College where he was a student, on account of an epidemic of influenza. Erskine had escaped the epidemic up until Monday when 20 cases developed in the dormitories where the S. A. T. C. students are quartered. Mr. Hood has two other sons at Erskine. They are in the S. A. T. C. and are held there by the quarantine.

WELFARE MEETING CALLED.

All Interested in Community Welfare Work Invited to Attend Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Saturday Afternoon at Three O'clock.

To The Editor of The Gazette.
All community workers, physicians, nurses, teachers, ministers and missionaries and others either actively engaged or interested in the welfare work of Gastonia and vicinity are cordially invited and respectfully urged to attend an informal meeting of these forces Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, looking to a permanent organization, for the exchange of ideas and uniform preparedness along lines of hygiene, sanitation, prevention of physical and moral diseases. Organization and system mean efficient service.
Educational and training mean health and prevention.

I have taken upon myself the liberty of extending this invitation to the interested public; as many workers are not known to me and it was impossible to extend the courtesy of a personal invitation to each.
Respectfully,
GEO. R. GILLESPIE.

A suggestion: A general hospital would be the grandest memorial we could build for "our boys".

Study the ways of the marathon runner—he puts his best effort into every lap.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF RECENT BRIDE.

Miss Lois Torrence entertained delightfully yesterday afternoon at her home on South York street complimentary to Mrs. William Gilmer Hamner, Jr., a recent bride. The patriotic idea was carried out both in the decorations and in the refreshments. The guests were delighted with several vocal selections rendered by Miss Ruth Mason.

MISS MORRIS GAVE RECITAL LAST NIGHT.

A small but appreciative audience heard Miss Jane Morris at the East graded school last night in a recital she gave for the benefit of the Victory Boys and Girls Club of that school. The program was a most excellent one and consisted of patriotic and folk songs and recitations. Miss Morris is a talented singer and reader and has recently been accepted by the Red Cross for entertainment work overseas.

OFF FOR A HUNTING AND FISHING TRIP.

A party of Gastonia business men consisting of Messrs. D. M. Jones, W. T. Rankin, R. G. Rankin, A. G. Myers, W. W. Glenn and A. K. Winget, together with Mr. W. S. Dilling and son, of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Henderson, of Charlotte, will leave the city tomorrow for a two weeks hunting and fishing trip to their fishing grounds on Hilton Head Island off the coast of South Carolina south of Beaufort. Messrs. Jones, Myers, Winget, Henderson and Dilling will make the trip by automobile, and will be joined on the way by Messrs. Smith and Dantzier, of their company, at Orangeburg and by other members of their company.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

At a public meeting of the Mothers' Club to be held in the Soldiers' Club Friday afternoon of this week, November 22, beginning at 3:30 o'clock, to which special invitations have been given by members of the club to mothers of the city who are interested in this work, the following program will be rendered:

Song, "America"; Prayer by Rev. Dr. James H. Henderlite; "Origin and Aim of The League", by the president, Mrs. A. E. Woltz; Motion Song; "Relation of the Child's Home Training to Church Influence", by Rev. Dr. James H. Henderlite; Song, selected, by Miss Jane Morris; "Relation of Child's Training to School Work", by Principal W. P. Grier, of the Central Graded School; "Placing the Child Conservation League's Books in the Public Library", by Mrs. J. Y. Miller.

TOTAL COST OF THE WAR TWO HUNDRED BILLIONS.

Direct Cost to All Belligerents Up to Last March 1 Reported at About \$175,000,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 19. — The direct cost of the war for all belligerent nations to last March 1 was reported at about \$175,000,000,000 by the federal reserve board bulletin, issued today, and it is estimated that the cost will amount to nearly \$200,000,000,000 before the end of this year. These calculations were compiled by the board from various sources and, while their accuracy is not vouched for, the board believes the figures are substantially correct.
For purely military and naval purposes, it is estimated that all belligerents had spent about \$132,000,000,000 to May 1, or about three-fourths of the total war cost. The balance represented interest on debt, and other indirect war expenses.

How the cost mounted as the war grew in proportion from year to year is illustrated by tabulations showing that the mobilization and the first five months of the war in 1914 cost all belligerents about \$10,000,000,000. In 1915 the expenses jumped to \$26,000,000,000; in 1916 they increased to \$38,000,000,000 and in 1917 they were estimated at \$60,000,000,000. This year, expenses have run only a little above the rate last year.

About \$150,000,000,000 of the total war cost has been raised by war loans of various nations and comparatively little by taxation. The public debt of the principal entente allies is calculated at approximately \$105,000,000,000, or more than twice as much as the aggregate debt of the central powers, set at \$45,000,000,000. This does not take into consideration debt incurred since last May.

The enormous size of the war costs and debt is further illustrated by comparison with the ante-war debt of the seven principal belligerents, which did not exceed \$25,000,000,000. The cost of supporting this debt was only about \$1,000,000,000 a year. Hereafter the annual burden to pay interest and sinking fund allowances will be not less than \$10,000,000,000 and probably much more.

Meeting Will Close.

The very successful revival meeting which has been in progress for the past ten days at the Lora Baptist church will come to a close tonight. Rev. C. A. Caldwell, who has been doing the preaching for the pastor, Rev. G. P. Abernethy, will leave tonight for his home at Morganton. The results of the meeting have been very gratifying to both pastor and people.