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MILL SUPERINTENDENTS DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

Mr. J. H. Separk Principal Speaker at Banquet to Cotton Mill Superintendents of County Here—Situation in Textile Trade Reviewed—Everyday Problems Discussed.

A most enjoyable event was the banquet tendered the members of the Cotton Mill Superintendents' Association of Gaston County at the Armington Hotel Saturday at 1:30 p. m. by the treasurers of some of the local mills. Not only was the repast provided by the hotel's culinary department up to the standard set by this hostelry on previous occasions of a similar character, but the talks and informal discussions of problems confronting the cotton mill superintendents were illuminating and helpful.

Mr. R. F. S. Austin, president of the association, was master of ceremonies and the secretary, Mr. H. G. Winget, was present and looking after the comfort and interests of the guests.

Mr. J. H. Separk, head of the Separk-Gray chain of mills, was the principal speaker and his address was an intensely interesting one. Just back from a business trip North where he had an opportunity to study market conditions at close range, he told his hearers that the textile trade was facing a serious situation just at this time. The yarn market, he said, was demoralized to a considerable extent and the trade is in a more or less critical condition as a result of the transition from war to peace conditions. Notwithstanding these facts, however, the speaker's address was optimistic in tone and he predicted that the present chaotic conditions would not last long. Mr. Separk's address was a thoughtful and conservative presentation of the status of the manufacturing business, especially in the textile line, and a plea that superintendents, officers and operatives co-operate in an effort to bridge the present dull period to the best possible interest of all concerned.

Following Mr. Separk's address several of the superintendents present responded to calls by the toastmaster and talked on the practical problems confronting the mills. All stressed the point that it is more imperative now than it ever has been that each mill turn out the very best article possible. Attention was also called to the importance of urging upon operatives the folly of moving from one place to another during times like the present.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the treasurers who provided the banquet. A committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of two members of the association who have recently died, Mr. John R. Winters, who was superintendent of the Flint Mill, and Mr. Minor Ray, who was superintendent of the McAden Mills.

This association includes in its membership most of the cotton mill superintendents of the county who meet for the discussion of practical problems and the interchange of ideas. The next meeting will be held at Belmont on the first Friday in February.

MR. C. LEE GOWAN NEW FARM DEMONSTRATOR

Mr. C. Lee Gowan, of Stone Mountain, Ga., has been elected county farm demonstrator to succeed Mr. J. B. Steele, who recently resigned to go into farming operations for himself. Mr. Gowan is here and has already assumed his new duties. He comes highly recommended as an experienced and thoroughly competent man in this line of work.

A REQUEST.

The committee having in charge the completion of the Central School Honor Roll are very desirous of having the roll absolutely complete. If any person knows of a name which has been omitted they will confer a great favor upon the members of the committee by notifying the chairman, Mrs. D. R. LaFar, at phone 293-J.

Dr. Kemp Plummer Battle, former president of the University of North Carolina and professor emeritus of history since 1907, died at his home in Chapel Hill Tuesday afternoon, aged 87 years. Funeral services will be conducted in Raleigh Thursday afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Evidence that the British and French authorities have tightened control over Constantinople reached the State Department today in a diplomatic dispatch. Thirty-five leading members of the "unity and progress committee," which had been advising the Sultan, were arrested.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Two transports with 3,192 soldiers aboard arrived at noon. Two others with 2,000 aboard are due late this afternoon. Among them are the Samarinda with a casual company of 133 from Georgia.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.—It is reported that the Bolshevik Premier Lenin is willing to surrender if the Allies will grant amnesty to the Bolsheviks, says a dispatch from Helsingfors today.

CONFIDENCE MEN ARE SWINDLING MANY

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Secret service agents are today en route to Florida to round up what is declared to be the greatest gang of confidence men located in years. It is believed that this gang has beaten rich Florida tourists out of millions of dollars annually by wire tapping the race betting system. W. F. Collins, one of the latest victims, whose home is at Washington Court House, Ohio, is reported to have been swindled out of \$50,000. He turned over two drafts for \$25,000 each to confidence men at St. Petersburg, Fla. He gave another for \$30,000 but his niece, learning about the swindle, stopped payment.

COUNTY FATHERS TRANSACT BUSINESS

At its regular monthly meeting Monday the board of county commissioners transacted business as follows:

Ordered that a bridge be built across Long Creek at Rock Furnace provided the parties interested deliver the material to the proposed location of the bridge.

The road committee was instructed to look over a proposed location of a road and bridge in Cherryville township near the R. A. White place.

A. T. Lindsay and T. L. Ware were instructed to go over a proposed road from Ed Ferguson's place to Unity church and, if practicable, to accept the proposition of the petitioners for this road.

Alfred Harmon was given permission to go to the county home.

The sum of \$200 additional was appropriated for the completion of the Love Crawford road in Crowders Mountain township.

Mrs. Will Weaver was given an outside pauper allowance of \$5 per quarter.

The salary of the county farm demonstrator was fixed at \$75 per month.

It was ordered that the road committee investigate a road petitioned for by John W. Houser and others in Cherryville township and report its findings to the next regular meeting of the board.

Tax releases were granted as follows: Albert Ford on \$500 erroneously charged; R. C. Dameron, poll tax erroneously charged; J. L. Jones, dog tax, erroneously charged; Carl Rozelle, poll tax and property tax on \$20, erroneously charged; D. W. Moss, poll tax, erroneously charged; W. L. Walters on \$400 erroneously charged.

A jury for the March term of court was drawn as follows:

M. P. McAvoy, W. W. Goodson, John W. Gaston, Z. T. Hallman, D. E. McLane, H. C. Johnson, E. L. Alderholdt, A. A. Farrar, David Huffstetter, Ezra Harris, D. E. G. Pascoe, James A. Alderholdt, George S. Falls, Jasper L. Clemon, D. G. Buckner, C. F. Lazonby, E. L. Hendrick, J. Miles Holland, C. C. Armstrong, David A. Dellinger, M. C. Arrowood, Miles A. Shannon, Parks Huffstetter, R. B. Riddle.

This year will see the greatest peace in history concluded. Keep up with the progress of the peace conference by reading The Gazette three times a week.

Pay Your Pledge.

United War Work Fund subscribers who have not yet paid on their pledges are urged to do so at once as County Chairman A. E. Woltz has received a request from state headquarters in Durham that a list be sent in of all delinquents on the 15th of the month, a week from Saturday. The county organization desires that the list sent in be as short as possible and urges that payment be made at once. The pledge cards are still at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce and payment may be made there.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Another unique honor was paid President Wilson today when he was publicly received on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies. It is 70 years since a similar honor was paid to a visitor to France.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 3.—The Bolsheviks have captured Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, says a Moscow dispatch today. Many prisoners were taken. Swedish volunteers are reported to have landed at Libau, on the Baltic coast.

LAWRENCE, MASS., Feb. 3.—Twenty thousand textile workers struck today. Several thousand others refused to strike. There was no violence.

PATTERSON, N. J., Feb. 3.—Several thousand silk workers were locked out today.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 3.—Operatives numbering over 50,000 in the textile mills of Rhode Island will walk out at the end of eight hours today, according to union leaders. The real test comes tomorrow when they report again for eight hours work.

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FARMERS CAN STILL GET NITRATE OF SODA

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The time for filing application for nitrate of soda by farmers was today extended to Feb. 15th. It costs the farmers \$81 per ton plus the freight, which is cost to the government.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. R. C. Warren is able to be out again after a week's illness.

Mrs. M. M. Ratchford is confined to her home on South Chester street by illness.

Mr. E. W. Scott has accepted a position as salesman with W. H. Wray, the automobile dealer.

Mrs. T. J. Sprouse is spending some time in Lexington on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. E. Sheppard.

Rev. W. J. Roach, pastor of the Lorraine Presbyterian church, is confined to his home by a mild attack of influenza.

His friends will regret to learn that Mr. A. E. Woltz is ill at the City Hospital, suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Lavinia Hunter returned home Monday after spending several days in Rock Hill, S. C., visiting Mrs. Ralph Armstrong.

Friends of Mrs. A. J. Kirby, who has been ill for the last two weeks, will be glad to know that she is considerably better today.

Mrs. Carl E. Carpenter left Monday for Baltimore where she will undergo treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was accompanied by Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. O. E. Mason, who has been confined to his home by illness for the past two weeks, is able to sit up. His many friends hope to see him out again soon.

The Mount Holly local of the Farmers Union will hold a meeting at the Mt. Olivet school house on Saturday afternoon of this week, February 5th, beginning at 7 o'clock. The subject for discussion at this meeting will be "Better Livestock." All members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Anthony and daughter, Mrs. Barbara Goforth, of Shelby, and Miss Callie Harmon, of Kings Mountain, spent Tuesday in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Plyler. They were en route home from Rutherford College, where they visited Mr. Paul Anthony.

At the mid-week prayer service at Main Street Methodist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock the pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, will deliver the first of a series of talks on "The Unhappy Life" which will furnish the topic for the prayer meeting services during the month of February. His subject tonight will be "Why Should We Pray?" Immediately after prayer meeting the board of stewards will hold its regular monthly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Detwiler, of Aledo, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beal at their home on North Marietta street, having arrived Monday from Charleston, S. C., where they visited relatives. Mr. Detwiler is a brother of the late Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, for many years a prominent member of the Western North Carolina Conference and at one time the beloved pastor of Main Street Methodist church here.

DEATHS

BENJAMIN S. HAMILTON.

Following a long illness Mr. Benjamin Steele Hamilton died at his home on Popular street Wednesday, January 29, aged 21 years. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Wesleyan Methodist church on East Franklin avenue by Rev. C. A. Hendrix, of Long Shoals, and the body was laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery. Deceased was a son of Mrs. J. J. Hamilton, with whom he made his home. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends. Beside his mother, the deceased is survived by one brother, Mr. G. G. Hamilton, of West Gastonia, and four sisters, Mrs. A. J. Beacham and Miss Stella Hamilton, of Dallas, and Misses Jennie and Ethel Hamilton, of Gastonia.

MISS ADDIE WALLACE.

Miss Addie Wallace, a well-known maiden lady of Bethel, died suddenly Monday of apoplexy at the home of her niece, Mrs. Eunice Cole, whom she was visiting, in Columbia, S. C. The body was brought to Bethel for burial and funeral services were held at Bethel Presbyterian church at noon yesterday. Rev. Mr. Nickel, the pastor, conducting the services.

Deceased was a woman of splendid Christian character and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She was an aunt of Lieut. Hugh A. Query, now in France.

THROW RED PEPPER IN EYES OF STRIKEBREAKERS

(By International News Service.)
LAWRENCE, MASS., Feb. 5.—Women strike sympathizers this morning threw red pepper into the eyes of workers reporting at the Arlington Mills. Several girls were among the pepper victims. There were several numerous small disorders in the vicinity of the Arlington Mills this morning.

WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

Mr. W. Y. Warren has just received a card from Lieut. Ben E. Douglas, of Co. A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, in which he says: "Greetings from Italy. Am in Nice on leave. Expect to be home soon."

A telegram was received by relatives here yesterday stating that Zeb Pearson, of H. A. S. Co., 60th Reg. C. A. C., had landed in New York from France. It is expected that he will come home at an early date.

Mr. W. D. Anthony received a telegram yesterday from his son, Private Luther Anthony, of the 6th Company, 20 Service Regiment, stating that he landed in New York Monday and was at Camp Mills. Private Anthony hopes to obtain his discharge from the service within a short time.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Feb. 4.—Sergeant Henry Linsberger, after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. B. Linsberger, has rejoined his company.

Miss Mabel Bacon, teacher in the graded school, has gone to her home in Newton to recuperate after an extended illness with influenza and pneumonia.

Miss Durham, of Dallas, spent the week end here as the guest of Miss Mary Leutz.

Mr. Lonnie Rawlings, who has just returned from France and received his discharge from the military service, has been spending a few days with friends here. He will resume his former work with headquarters in Charlotte. Mr. Rawlings speaks of his experiences in such a way as to leave the impression that he had a pretty thrilling time of it. He was in the push which put the Germans beyond the Rhine.

Messrs. A. P. Rhyne and John W. Holland have returned from a week's visit to the Northern markets. They do not think the yarn market will have an upward tendency for some time but it is going to come.

Mr. R. C. Balk has bought of Mr. R. J. Jenkins, the Ford agent a Ford range car with wire wheels.

Mrs. R. W. Jenkins, who has been as we say "under the weather" for a couple of weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. Luther Long is building a neat six room bungalow in the south eastern part of town. This is the part of town developed some years ago by Mr. R. G. Rhyne.

Two business changes were made during the past month. The firm of Rhyne & Linsberger is succeeded by R. G. Rhyne & Son, dealers in heavy and fancy groceries. Mr. Carl Detter has purchased an interest with Mr. R. L. Jenkins in the Mount Holly Garage. Mr. Detter brings a big stock of business experience to the new firm.

The many friends of Mr. J. W. Cole regret that he met with so serious a casualty in the discharge of his duties. It is to be hoped that he will recover soon and that the party who shot him will be caught and dealt with as the case deserves. I often wonder if the laws bearing on the punishment of the lawless are strict enough. Fines should not be laid on. Establish the whipping post, whip and then slap the culprit on the chain gang for 'steep years. Let the county get the benefit by improving the roads.

DOROTHY GISH'S "THE HOPE CHEST" SUPERB PICTURE.

Story Brings to Light Many Big Problems for Young Married Folk.

Suppose you were just married. Suppose you were looked upon as one with high social standing, and you had promised to love honor and provide for one of your father's working girls, without his knowledge. Suppose your father found it out and forced you to separate from your wife. Suppose your cousin, who is in love with you, tells you that your wife has been seen at 12 o'clock at night saying goodbye to one of the most widely known rogues of the city. Suppose you later found your wife in his arms. What would you do?

These are the problems that confronted Tom Ballantyne, in "The Hope Chest," Dorothy Gish's second Paramount picture which will be shown at the Gastonian Theatre tomorrow.

Miss Annie Galloway has accepted a position as clerk in the local offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

BETTERMENT TO MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
The regular meeting of the Betterment Association will be held in the auditorium of the Central school building Friday, Feb. 7, at 2:30. We are fortunate in having a number of good things for this meeting and hope that every member will make a special effort to be present and to bring some one with them.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, State Commissioner of Iliteracy, will be one of the principal speakers. Miss Kelly is a splendid talker and will have something worth while to say. Miss Maude Barnard, of Raleigh, a well-known "Story Teller," has agreed to tell some stories. Mr. W. A. Thomas, a special "bug" man from the Department of Agriculture, will tell some interesting facts about the life and habits of the bugs and insects that destroy our gardens and yards and how to get rid of them.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MRS. J. Q. HOLLAND.

On Saturday evening, February 1st, Mrs. S. N. Boyce gave a 6 o'clock dinner for her mother, Mrs. J. Q. Holland, in honor of her seventy-second birthday. She had as her guests Mrs. Holland's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, the latter numbering five.

The dining room was attractively decorated with violets and primroses. The number 72, wrought in violets, being a conspicuous part of the center-piece. The place cards were hand painted in violets. With the last course a beautiful basket, tied with tulle and violets and filled with appropriate gifts, was brought in by two of her great grandchildren, Anna Boyce Rankin and Peter Woods Garland. This was a great surprise to the guest of honor and was presented by the little folks with many good wishes for her birthday. An elaborate dinner was served and the guests spent a most delightful evening.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Feb. 5.—Mr. S. M. Robinson returned Monday from Philadelphia, where he spent several days on business.

Mr. A. B. Titman left last week for Hickory, where he will work in the future. Mrs. Titman and children will follow later.

Mrs. J. H. Ransour spent last week in New London, where she visited her mother, Mrs. Ivay.

Mr. W. H. Holmes left Sunday for Washington, D. C., where he will represent this district of the order of railway telegraphers.

Miss Claudia Baker left last week for Charlotte where she entered the Presbyterian hospital to take training to be a nurse.

Mrs. C. M. Mendenhall who is in charge at Hickory Grove, spent the week end with her family.

Corporal Gennett, of Camp Jackson, passes through last week. He had been given an furlough to go to Shelby to help fight the flu epidemic. Corp. Gennett is a registered pharmacist and while on a furlough will be back on his old job at the Kendall Drug Co.

Mrs. J. R. Trotter catered Monday evening at a luncheon. Those present had quite an enjoyable time. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ransour, Misses Lottie Ivay and Elsie Wilson and Mr. Joe Patrick and Lieut. Gaston.

On Friday evening, January 21, Mrs. Fred Ford delightfully entertained in honor of the graded school faculty at her home near McAdenville. Many guests were played after which the guests enjoyed many dainty viands which had been exquisitely prepared by the hostess.

Lieut. Harley B. Gaston arrived home last week. He spent the latter part of his stay in France in a hospital, having received injuries last July during the big battle of Chateau Thierry. But he is all right now and looks equal to any occasion. Lieut. Gaston had charge of the opening exercises of the graded school Friday morning and also addressed quite a large crowd Sunday morning at the Methodist church, both times he gave graphic accounts of things that happened at the front and pictures of vivid description of the many things he saw and in every instance made clear the pluck of which an American soldier was made. We welcome him back in our midst and feel proud to know we have with us one of the bravest who helped put the Huns to flight.

Miss Kate Padgett left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., to spend a few days. She will return next week to Laurens, S. C., to resume her position as milliner.

Jack Bridges and Randolph Stephens, the two white men wanted for shooting Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole and for whom the county is offering a reward of \$500, are still at large but the officers believe they will eventually be caught. Wide publicity of the reward is being given by Sheriff Carroll throughout the whole western part of the State. Solicitor Wilson requested Governor Bickett to add another \$500 to the county's reward but so far has gotten no satisfaction from that source.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Bolshevik government in Russia is calling all classes between the ages of 29 and 45 to the colors. They are preparing for war on all fronts, says a dispatch from Helsingfors today. The Bolsheviks are aiming to bring about a general revolution. Three hundred were massacred by the Bolsheviks at Kharkov, Ukraine, following the taking over of control by the Reds at Kharkov.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Blizzards which are sweeping the northwest are scheduled to overspread the Central States this afternoon with snow and cold.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Representatives of the big five powers are today considering the Balkan problems involved in the claims of Greece, following the hearing of Greek Premier Venizelos yesterday. President Wilson is satisfied with the progress being made toward the formation of a League of Nations. There must be complete agreement upon the constitution however, before any public announcement is possible. This is expected by the end of the week.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, Feb. 4.—Several thousand textile workers here and at Saco were locked out this morning.

LAWRENCE, MASS., Feb. 4.—It is reported that 25,000 operatives are idle today on account of the textile strike. Two minor disturbances took place this morning, but none was seriously hurt.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—President Devalera, Sinn Feiner of Ireland, has escaped from prison, according to an unconfirmed report this morning. He was first sentenced to death for participation in the Dublin uprising but later his sentence was commuted.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 4.—It is seven below zero here with two inches of snow.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—It is indispensable that a commission of control should be immediately sent to the Texhean coal fields in Austrian Silesia to prevent any conflict between the Czechs and Poles, according to signatories to an agreement in the form of a truce until the peace conference settles the rival claims. The signatories are Wilson, Lloyd George, Clemenceau, Orlando and the Polish delegate. Military guards will be distributed along the Texhean railway for the civil administration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The new revenue bill levying six billion dollars will be reported to the House late today and will probably be called up Friday, following an agreement of the conferees upon all points in dispute. It is understood that the Senate reduced the House proposals for 29 and 10 per cent luxury taxes, completely removing the tax on men's suits. The Senate gave up the amendment to second-class postage rates, which means that the present zone law remains effective.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—General Hammerstein has succeeded General Winterfield, who resigned the presidency of the German armistice commission on account of the new armistice terms imposed by General Foch.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—If Greek territorial claims are granted by the peace conference it will nearly double the Greek population, giving them eight million. Venizelos asked for the internationalization of the Danubian delta and that Constantinople be made a free city.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Thirty-one awards of congressional medals of honor for 29 enlisted men and two officers were announced by the War Department today. Among them are Sergeants Richmond Hilton, of Westville; Carey Foste, of Inman; First Lieut. James Bozier, of Rock Hill, and Corp. James Herritt, deceased (medal to his mother) of Providence, all in South Carolina. There were no other southerners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A propaganda invasion of the United States by the Bolsheviks is in full swing and is making great headway. Senator Kellogg said

that the Americans will be given a real way to understand what Bolshevism means. The Senate adopted a resolution enjoining the powers of the Senate propaganda investigation committee to authorize a probe of alleged Bolshevik propaganda, who backs it and where the money comes from.

HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 4.—Connecticut is the first State to refuse to ratify the federal prohibition amendment. The Senate this afternoon refused to pass the resolution by a vote of 20 to 14.

His hosts of friends over the county will be delighted to know that Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole, who was shot and seriously injured last Thursday night by Jack Bridges, is getting along nicely at the City Hospital. His recovery now seems assured.