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## BETTERMENT HAD SPECIAL PROGRAM

Had Address on Illiteracy by State Agent—Miss Darnard Told Stories—Talk by a "Bug" Man—Business Transacted.

(Reported for The Gazette.)

The regular meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association was held in the auditorium of the city schools Friday afternoon, Mrs. R. C. Warren presiding. Prof. Abernethy led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. Three new members were reported by the membership committee. Mrs. Quickel, chairman of the educational committee, announced that a parent-teacher meeting would be held Friday, Feb. 21, to which the public was cordially invited.

The library committee reported that the next library attraction, the Navy Girls, would appear Thursday evening, Feb. 13, one of the very best attractions of the series.

The library committee reported that they had sent two boxes containing about 275 books, to the military hospital at Newport News, Va.; \$50 was appropriated to the educational committee. The sum of \$50 was also ordered sent to Prof. Joe S. Wray in the army Y. M. C. A. in France, to be used by him at his discretion in helping any of our boys in the army there.

All the dishes, cutlery, kitchen utensils, etc., owned by the local Y. M. C. chapter were donated to the home economics committee, in order that lunches may be served at the city school. This presentation was very happily made on behalf of the Y. M. C. chapter by Mrs. S. A. Kindley.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Nell Pickens, chairman of the home economics committee. Miss Elizabeth Kelly, State commissioner of illiteracy, was introduced. Miss Kelly has a very charming presence and personality and made a deep impression by her address on illiteracy in North Carolina, and the influence necessary to the proper rounding of the nature and character of children to produce the perfect triangle of physical, mental and spiritual development.

Miss Maude Darnard, the story teller, followed Miss Kelly, and by her story-telling greatly delighted her audience. Miss Darnard unquestionably "has the gift."

Mr. M. A. Thomas, "the bug man," was then introduced. Mr. Thomas is connected with the State Department of Agriculture, and made a very practical and really useful talk on household and garden pests. He told about the bugs, vermin and insects that infest the house and work injury in yards and gardens, and gave instructions as to how to exterminate them. Mr. Thomas offered his services to any and all who desired information as to getting rid of these pests. This aid will be furnished free to any persons who will communicate with him at Raleigh.

After an unusually interesting meeting adjournment was taken until the time of the next regular meeting in March.

## Dallas Dots.

(Correspondence of The Gazette.)

DALLAS, Feb. 10.—A most enjoyable, interesting and profitable visit was made to Todd's Bakery in Gastonia last Friday by the domestic science class of Dallas, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Marion Thompson. Miss Muriel Bulwinkle, high school teacher, and Mrs. Joe Gribble. The class, numbering about 30, were taken in automobiles by Messrs. Puett Hoffman, Pasour, J. L. and L. D. Viribile and Rev. W. S. Hamiter. The process of bread, pie and cake making, explained by Mr. Todd as the flour was followed from the sack until placed in the oven, is worth any one's time to see. The old method of guess work is entirely done away with and standard weight and measures used. All ingredients are strictly in keeping with the pure food law. The class is much indebted to Mr. Todd for entering to the whims of a good cook in being allowed to taste of a delicious pound cake which he generously served. Papers will be written on what was seen at the bakery and the best one will be published in The Gazette at an early date.

Mrs. F. P. Hall, of Belmont, chairman of the Charlotte District, was here Friday in the interest of the Blue Triangle Investment Campaign. The members of the school faculty, and Misses Corinne and Arlelee Puett were secured as helpers in this drive that is now on and will continue until the 17th. No definite quota was assigned Dallas, but it is hoped a generous sum will be given this important work, the facts and aims of which were clearly stated in Friday's Gazette.

Mr. Rankin in England.

Mrs. W. T. Rankin received a cablegram Saturday from Mr. Rankin advising her of his arrival in England. He expects to go at once to France.

Sixty-five members of the National Woman's Party were arrested by military and civil officers in Washington last night after they had burned President Wilson in effigy in front of the White House as a protest against the threatened defeat of the equal suffrage resolution which comes up in the Senate today.

## CROWN PRINCE DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR

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WIRENGEN, HOLLAND, Feb. 10.—

In a remarkable interview Frederick William, the late Crown Prince of Germany in exile here, today disclaimed all the responsibility for himself or the Kaiser for the war, declaring that the seeds of the conflict were sown when the Entente cordiale was established between England, France and Russia. He declared he wanted to make peace two months after the war started, when high German officers blundered, but was overruled. He said Germany would have won if the United States had not entered the war. He insisted that Germany cannot pay for the war, suggesting that the League of Nations make Russia, the richest country in the world in natural resources, pay for the war by its development by the League of Nations. He does not object to a German republic and he doesn't want a crown. He desires to go to America to live if the Entente don't execute him.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Dr. Frank Robinson, of Lowell, was in the city on business Saturday.

Mr. Bryan Smith has purchased T. G. Beaumgard's interest in the shoe business of the Howell Armstrong Co.

Private Luther Todd, of Camp Jackson, is spending a week's furlough with friends here.

Messrs. R. B. J. S. and R. F. Riddle, of the Bethel section, were in the city on business Saturday.

Mr. H. B. Pursey, of Clover, route one, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Col. and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong returned home Saturday night from a stay of several weeks at Florida resorts.

Mr. P. L. Pyle, who has a position with the Railway Administration at Camp Greene, Charlotte, is spending a few days with homefolks here.

Col. W. A. Kent, commanding officer of Camp Greene, and Mrs. Kent were visitors in the city for a short while Saturday.

Mr. D. L. Friday, of Dallas, has accepted a position with the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. as clerk in the accounting department.

The annual meeting of the stock holders and directors of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. will be held at the general offices here Wednesday morning.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Hendelrite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, preached Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church at Cherryville for Rev. W. J. Roach, the pastor.

News this morning from Mr. W. B. Riddle, who has been seriously ill at his home at Bowling Green for some days, is to the effect that his condition is somewhat improved.

Sergeant Leonard Niell, who has been on a furlough for the past two weeks, has returned to Camp Wadsworth, where he will continue under treatment at the base hospital.

Senator A. G. Mangum introduced a bill in the State Senate last Wednesday providing for an additional appropriation of \$30,000 for building purposes and \$12,500 per year for two years for maintenance for the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital to be built here.

Dr. L. N. Glenn returned Friday from Rochester, Minn., where he spent a bout three weeks at the Mayo Hospital. He reports Mr. D. M. Jones, who was operated on January 25th for the removal of one of his kidneys, as getting along nicely. Mr. Jones, he thinks, will be able to return home within the next ten days or two weeks. It was 10 below zero at Rochester when Dr. Glenn left there.

## WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

Private Frank Rawlings arrived in the city last Friday from Camp Lee, Va., where he had on Thursday received his final discharge from the military service. Private Rawlings landed in this country some three weeks ago, having been detached from his company, Company D, 105th Engineers, and sent back to the States to recover from illness.

The degree of doctor of law was conferred on President Wilson Sunday at Paris by the University of Athens. A delegation headed by a member of the faculty of the university waited on the president and conferred the degree.

North Carolina Republicans will hold their State Convention in Greensboro the 15th. At Salisbury Saturday the Republicans of Rowan county held a county convention. One hundred Republicans volunteered to go to the State Convention and all were appointed delegates.

## UNDESIRABLE ALIENS ARE DEPORTED TO RUSSIA

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—A special train from Seattle and Spokane bearing 30

alien agitators for immediate deportation to Russia, Norway, Sweden and Finland is expected to arrive this afternoon. These aliens will be deported from the local station with several additions to the ranks from New York. The men from the Pacific coast included Bolsheviki, I. W. W. leaders and ring leaders of the Seattle strike disturbances. The train was strongly guarded through the entire trip and special precaution was taken against an attempted rescue. It circled a round Helena and Butte, where I. W. W. leaders had prepared a rescue demonstration. Most of the party have been under surveillance by government agents for a year.

Mr. H. M. Van Sleen and little son, Bobbie, are spending the week with friends in Atlanta and Moultrie, Ga.

Mr. F. M. Francum, the real estate man, sold last week to Dr. Henry F. Glenn, a 32-acre farm southeast of the city near the New Hope road.

## GAVE TURKEY DINNER AT MOOREPLACE.

At their home, Mooreplace, on West Franklin avenue, Messrs. Martha Moore and Annie Welch delightfully entertained a number of their friends Saturday at a 6 o'clock turkey dinner. The table was spread with lace mats and lighted with shaded candles, the place cards being hand-painted joupills. The centerpiece was of fruit and joupills. Courses were carried out in the color scheme, this being yellow. Those present were Misses Elizabeth Woltz, Elizabeth Garrison, Maude Caldwell, Frances Robinson, Elizabeth Ragan, Jennie Craig Watson and Rachel Hendelrite.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

Report of the Gastonia Public Library for the month of December, 1918:

Books.  
Number of books, Dec., 1918..... 2269  
Added (adult 26, juvenile 24)..... 50

Total number Jan. 1, 1919..... 2319

Circulation.  
Number adult books circulated..... 884  
Number juvenile books circulated..... 658

Total books in circulation..... 1542

Borrowers.  
Number new borrowers registered during January..... 28  
Total number of borrowers..... 1463

## FRIDAY'S CASUALTY LISTS CONTAINED 1,044 NAMES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

### SECTION ONE.

Wounded severely, 143; among whom the following North Carolinians are listed: Corporal Ollie Benjamin Garris, Pee Dee, and Private KING D. TAYLOR, GASTONIA.

### SECTION TWO.

Killed in action, 25; died of wounds, 17; died of accident or other cause, 5; died of disease, 49; missing in action, 15; total, 111.

The following North Carolinians are listed in section two:

Died of disease: Lieutenant Collier C. Olive, Greensboro.

Wounded, degree undetermined, previously reported killed in action: Private West E. Williams, Acraeoke.

Returned to duty, previously reported missing in action: Sergeant Carl A. Jackson, Salisbury.

### SECTION THREE.

Wounded, degree undetermined, 108; wounded slightly, 276; total, 384.

The following North Carolinians are listed in section three:

Wounded, degree undetermined: Privates Tillmon T. Page, Lillington, and Guy G. Reid, Rutherfordton.

Wounded slightly: Corporal Joseph S. Wooten, Princeton; Privates Oscar Evans, Hillsboro, and Dixon Walsh, Purlear.

### SECTION FOUR.

Wounded, degree undetermined, 172; wounded slightly, 234; total, 406.

The following North Carolinians are listed in section four:

Wounded, degree undetermined: Corporal Luther Rook, High Point; and Private Harvey O. Earley, Vein Mountain.

Wounded slightly: Sergeant Gurley Fields, Evergreen; Corporal Gilbert H. Joyner, Magnolia; Privates Clarence L. Whitehurst, Stokes, Joseph Herring, Tarboro, Alton M. Jenette, Middleton, Claud P. Jordan, Lumber Bridge, and Marvin Autry, Steelman.

Mr. D. W. Meacham, of Lowell, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

Mrs. S. A. Wilkins, of Dallas, was in the city shopping Saturday.

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.

## GASTON MILLS TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION

Most of Seventy-Odd Textile Plants in County Begin Curtailment This Week—Believed Conditions Will Soon Improve—Several Thousand Operatives Affected.

Beginning with this week the cotton mills of Gastonia and Gaston county will go on a schedule of four days and three nights per week. Under this schedule, which will remain in operation until market conditions improve, the mills will be closed Thursday night, Friday, Friday night and Saturday. It is the hope of the manufacturers that the conditions which render this curtailment necessary may soon change. At present the finishing mills in New England and the East, which use the product of the Southern mills almost in its entirety, are running on a considerably curtailed schedule.

It is stated that a few mills in the county will not go on this schedule; this week as they have some contracts on their hands that must be filled immediately to prevent cancellations. As soon as these contracts are completed, these mills will go on the same schedule observed by the others.

There are nearly 80 textile mills in Gaston county and this curtailment will affect several thousands of employes.

Those who are in close touch with market conditions do not seem to think that the present slack conditions will continue long.

## Landers Chapel News.

(Correspondence of The Gazette.)

LANDERS CHAPEL, Feb. 8.—Miss Audrey Kiser entertained a number of her friends with a singing last Saturday night.

Miss Sallie Workman spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Annie Mae Alexander.

Mrs. Zona Carpenter is spending this week with homefolks near Bessemer City.

Mr. Hiram Kiser and daughter, Callie, spent Sunday at Mr. J. F. Carpenter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alexander spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Spargo Carpenter.

We are glad to say so many of the boys are coming home from the camps to stay.

Mr. Anderson Kiser arrived home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard spent the week out in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Boyd, of Gastonia, spent Sunday at Mr. L. A. Ralston's.

## "LITTLE WOMEN" A CHARMING PICTURE.

Famous Story Is Picturized With Great Success.

A finely produced screen version of "Little Women," the famous story written by Louisa M. Alcott fifty years ago, and which has scored an unexampled literary success the world over, will be shown at the Gastonia Theatre today. Filmed at Miss Alcott's home in Concord, Mass., where she wrote her immortal novel, the photography is one of exceptional human and historic interest.

## County Convention.

Chairman E. L. Houser, of the Republican County Executive Committee, has called a county convention to meet in the court house at 1 p. m. on Friday, February 14th, to elect delegates to attend the State convention to be held in Greensboro on Saturday, February 15th.

## Better Service Campaign.

Beginning today the American Railway Express Company, composed of all the express companies in the United States will institute a "Better Service Campaign" to last through the week. An endeavor will be made to educate the public to the need of preparing their shipments in such a way that they will not be come damaged or lost in transit, and express officials and employes will be urged to make special efforts to give better service in every way.

Mr. C. Lee Gowan, farm demonstration agent, and Miss Nell Pickens, home demonstration agent, are in Raleigh attending an important conference of demonstration workers from all parts of the State which begins tomorrow and will be in session for three days.

## Mender on the Mend.

"I understood you to say the other day that your wife was ill, but I suppose she is better. I saw her this morning sitting by the window sewing," said one man to another. "Quite right!" replied the other. "As you observed today she is on the mend!"

## Evolution.

Said the almost-philosopher: "The fellow whose pap used to drive 25 miles to see a balloon ascension will heartlessly call his kids out of the street while they're watching an airplane."

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FOR SALE: Second-hand Five-passenger Ford car, in good condition. F. M. Francum. 14c3

## FRIDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Practically half of the draft of the proposed society of nations was approved by the special peace conference commission, it was officially announced this afternoon.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The Polish national committee today announced that the Czech-Slovak have broken their recent agreement with the Poles and are invading Galicia from the South. Premier Paderewski has telegraphed an appeal for the immediate dispatch of the Polish army to save Poland from a great calamity. At Weimar the Ebert government is preparing for a conquest of Hamburg similar to the campaign against the Spartacists at Bremen. The cabinet has decided to control the ports because of the expected arrival of food ships from the Entente. Spartacists at Hamburg are reported as frantically organizing for defense. Four civilians and one sailor were killed and 12 wounded. A clash between government troops and Spartacists occurred at Hamburg today.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—It is considered certain today that the Russian Bolsheviki government will eventually be represented at the peace conference. It is believed arrangements will be made at the Matignon conference whereby Bolsheviki and other Russian factions can send representatives to Paris to accept the plan for the restoration of representative government for the whole Russian empire. It is understood the Americans are opposed to complete occupation. Germany is taking the attitude that the Berlin government is strong enough to control its own people. President Wilson is urging that United States forces in Europe be reduced to a minimum without further delay. The aggressive attitude toward the Entente in Germany since the defeat of the Spartacists was discussed at a meeting of the supreme inter-allied war council today. The Germans will be asked to explain the meaning of the advance of German troops against Poland and the interference with the movement of supplies toward Poland through Danzig, as stipulated in the armistice. The council is discussing several developments held to constitute a new provocative attitude on the part of Germany.

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—No move was made today toward the settlement of the general strike in Seattle and Tacoma. There was no ripple of violence anywhere. Thousands of persons are marooned in their suburban homes and other thousands are down town unable to reach home. Industry is utterly paralyzed. Mayor Hanson is urging citizens to "operate your business, open your stores, publish your newspapers and I will see you have ample protection," grimly stating that a thousand soldiers had arrived from Camp Lewis at the order of the government and he says a thousand special police have been armed with machine guns mounted on automobile trucks. Only one newspaper has been published since yesterday morning. Street cars, elevators, and trams have stopped, restaurants and stores are closed. The situation in Tacoma is practically the same.

ATLANTA, Feb. 7.—Flying 2,000 feet high, four huge Curtiss airplanes on the return trip from New York to San Diego continued westward without stopping. They left Columbia at 7:30 this morning and passed Atlanta at 9:20.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Seven large ships have been withdrawn from active service and will be used to carry food to Europe, announced the shipping board this afternoon.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Secretary Lansing today formally announced that the United States welcomes and recognizes the union of Jugoslavia and Serbia into greater Serbia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Senate this afternoon refused to consider a resolution favoring the withdrawal of Americans from Russia.

## MRS. ROBINSON ENTERTAINED S. AND O. CLUB.

Mrs. S. A. Robinson entertained the S. and O. Club Friday afternoon at her home on South York street at a business meeting. The club decided to give \$5.00 to the Y. W. C. A. campaign which begins this week. This club has been unusually active in Red Cross work during the past year and a committee consisting of Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Mrs. L. F. Wetzel and Mrs. R. M. Johnston was appointed to plan further work along this line.

The officers of the club are: President, Mrs. S. A. Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. P. W. Garland; secretary, Mrs. W. F. Michael; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Adams.

Mr. William E. Wilson, ticket agent for the Monongahela Valley Traction Co. at Clarksburg, W. Va., is spending a few days here on business and visiting relatives. He is the guest today of Mr. E. Lee Wilson and family. Mr. Wilson is a son of the late Samuel Wilson, who was for many years a prominent citizen of the county.

## SATURDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Married persons or heads of families must pay a tax of thirty dollars on a twenty-five hundred dollar income under the revenue bill agreed to in conference. The same class on a five thousand dollar income must pay one hundred and eighty dollars. The ratio increases to \$35,030 tax on a \$100,000 income and trebles the present rate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Americans missing in action on the battlefields of France are being reduced one to two hundred daily and it is expected that when the final reports are in the number of missing will be nominal, declared General March this afternoon. Last week the number of missing was ten thousand; this week it is less than eight thousand.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Seattle began to awake to industrial activity after eight o'clock this morning following the announcement by Mayor Hansen that every business house would be protected. A few restaurants, barber shops and the municipal street car lines resumed business. The big car system is still idle. A thousand extra police are ready to quell any disturbances but the town is quiet. The city government is firm in its demand that the strikers return to work before they begin negotiations for decisions on the demands of the workmen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—That the department of justice is investigating charges of graft, waste and extravagance running into millions, some reports say as high as eight millions, in the construction of the government nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Alabama, was revealed today. The probe was started September 18th. Officials refused to state whether criminal charges will be brought. These facts are known. The appropriation for the plant was thirty-five million; its cost to date has exceeded sixty-five million. War Department officials in charge of the work admit waste and extravagance, and there may have been petty graft. This was all due to high pressure of the war rush to meet the big emergency. It is not believed criminality involving any large sums will be revealed, although the total in the case may reach a considerable sum. It is said that a number of cases of payroll padding, and larceny of material on a small scale have been found. The actual construction of the plant was done by the Air Nitrates Company, of New York, a corporation formed for this purpose.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Several clauses in the constitution of the League of Nations have been omitted for clarification, it is officially announced. The committee resumed its sessions this morning to speed up the work. The big five representatives will hear the Belgians Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—As a result of war activities the twelve reserve banks of the country had a net earning of seventy two and 1/19 per cent on their capital during the year just closed, says the annual report of the Federal Reserve Board. Their large earnings were due largely to the issue of currency to meet war demands and discount rates had to be maintained to support government financing. Rates will be lowered after the next loan.

ROME, Feb. 8.—An American military mission from Paris is here to study the needs of foodstuff for the Italian armies and the liberated populations.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Railway strike has been settled, it is officially announced today. The subways are expected to resume operations as soon as possible.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Sermons will be preached all over England and Wales tomorrow on the need of a League of Nations. Petitions will be circulated in sixteen thousand churches for signers of a League of Nations union, which is backing President Wilson and others for the creation of the League. Over twelve thousand churches are already represented in the union.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The transport George Washington has arrived at Brest and is being loaded with fuel and supplies. She will take on a full complement of troops and await President Wilson's desire to return to America. It is expected the President will leave not later than February 15th.

A general strike in Tacoma, Wash., was called off, ending at 8 o'clock this morning. It is stated that the strikers had no public sympathy in their demands.

Premier Lloyd George returned Saturday night to London from Paris, where he has been for the past several weeks attending the peace conference.

Joe King, one of the founders of The Durham Herald and for 30 years its editorial writer, died at his home in Durham yesterday from pneumonia, aged 56. King was known as one of the most brilliant paragraphers in the South.