

# THE GASTONIA GAZETTE

PUBLISHED EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

VOL. XL. NO. 77.

GASTONIA, N. C. FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 27, 1919.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## GOOD ROADS MASS MEETING TO BE HELD HERE JULY 7TH

Citizens of the County Are Urged to Express Themselves on Question of Better Roads at Gastonia Meeting—Commissioners Would Issue Road Bonds in Sum of \$500,000.

Citizens of Gastonia county are urged to attend a mass meeting at the courthouse Monday, July 7th, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of obtaining an expression from the Gastonia citizens as to the sale of road bonds in the sum of \$500,000. This expression from the voters is desired by the county commissioners in order that this county, one of the most progressive in the State, may not fall behind neighboring counties in road construction.

If the sentiment of the representative citizens of the county, which is to be interpreted from this mass meeting, favors the issuance of these road bonds, the county commissioners will call an election at which time the matter will be voted on.

Gastonia county, it is stated, has no available money to spend on the construction of additional roads, and it is imperative that this bond issue be put over if the county is to keep pace with other sections of the State in this work. Mecklenburg is to vote \$1,000,000 for good roads; Lenoir has already voted \$2,000,000; Robeson, \$1,500,000; Union, \$500,000; Nash, \$400,000, and other counties are to follow the lead set by the more progressive counties.

Federal aid is to be given in a like amount as that sent by the counties and it is in order to avail themselves of this assistance that the county commissioners are urging the sale of the bonds.

A representative gathering of Gastonia county citizens is expected at the meeting.

## FINAL NOTICE IS GIVEN OWNERS TO LIST PROPERTY

Great Number Have Failed to Make Their Tax Returns for This Year—Time Limit is Very Short—Monday the Last Day.

Property owners within the city who have not yet listed their taxable property for the year 1919-20 are given final notice in today's Gazette by Mr. V. G. Grier, city tax list taker, to make their returns on or before June 30th. Those failing to do so are liable to all the penalties provided by law and after that date the law will be strictly enforced.

The records show that there are 304 white and 124 colored property owners who have not yet made their returns for this year. The law provides a very severe punishment for those who fail to list their taxable property within the allotted time and the city tax list taker is giving this final notice so that this matter will not be overlooked. It is the intention of the city authorities to adhere strictly to the law.

Mr. Grier is at the city hall every day in the week for the purpose of receiving the returns.

## MAN CHARGED WITH CASHING BOGUS CHECKS BADLY WANTED.

Sheriff J. W. Carroll is Looking for Man by Name of J. J. Hall Who is Wanted by Oklahoma Sheriff.

Sheriff J. W. Carroll is in receipt of a letter from the sheriff of Custer county, Oklahoma, stating that he holds a felony warrant for the arrest of one J. J. Hall who is wanted on the charge of passing bogus checks. Hall, the letter states, is posing as a commercial traveling man and is a fast worker, his record in the past being that he has fleeced a number in every town he has operated in. Hotels and merchants are the ones Hall specializes on in passing his worthless checks. He is described as being about 40 years old, weighs 140 pounds, is five feet 11 inches in height and has dark hair and is dark complexioned. The Oklahoma sheriff states that Hall is badly wanted.

## Clara Bests Boogertown.

In a fast and snappy game yesterday afternoon Clara Mill defeated the Boogertown team by a score of 4 to 3 on the Clara diamond. Parker featured for the winners with a circuit clout. Batteries were: Clara—Parker and Broome; Boogertown—Robinson and Lineberger.

## WINGET MILLS ELECTS OFFICERS JUNE 24TH.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Winget Yarn Mills company, held June 24th, the following officers were elected: President, C. B. Armstrong; vice-president and assistant treasurer, C. C. Armstrong; secretary and treasurer, A. K. Winget. With the officers the following constitute the directors: D. M. Jones, H. G. Winget, W. B. Roddey and A. G. Myers.

## First Cotton Bloom.

The first cotton bloom to be reported from Gastonia county is from the fields of Mr. John Eimore, of Belmont. He found a white one and a red one Wednesday morning.

## GERMAN CROWN PRINCE STILL IN HOLLAND

(By International News Service.) LONDON, June 27.—It is officially announced at the Hague that the former German Crown Prince is still at the Island of Weerlingen says a Reuter dispatch today.

## NEGRO HANGED AND BURNED.

John Hartfield, Mississippi Negro, Lynched by Mob at Scene of Crime—Confesses His Guilt.

John Hartfield, confessed assassin of an Ellenville, Miss., young woman after having been trailed for ten days through three Mississippi counties, was captured and despatched yesterday morning, hanged to a tree at the scene of his crime and later burned to ashes.

Hartfield confessed his crime and the victim with her aged mother witnessed the hanging. He had been captured by the aid of bloodhounds in an old school house.

Hartfield was not taken to jail, although earlier reports were that he had been lodged there. From the doctor's office he was taken to the street and faced the crowd. "You have the right man," he reiterated. Then a mob found its way around his neck and the trip to a big gum tree was started, the crowd ominously silent.

Under the big gum tree Hartfield detained his victim all of the night of Sunday, June 15. It was under a limb of the same gum tree that Hartfield was hanged soon as the rope could be pulled up by hundreds of hands. Then occurred the first demonstration.

While the body was in its death struggles, pistols were produced by men in the crowd and fired point blank at the swinging form. Before the rope had been cut by bullets, burning faggots were thrown under the body and an hour later there was only a pile of ashes.

The victim, with her aged mother, witnessed the execution. When she reached her home 200 yards away, she was informed that more than a thousand dollars had been subscribed for her use by persons in the crowd.

No arrests were made after the lynching and tonight the little town was quiet. Most of the visitors from the surrounding country left for their homes.

## CHALKING OFF OF STREETS SOLVES TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

Laws Governing Mufflers and Dimmers Will be Enforced in the Future, Says Chief of Police Orr.

With the chalking off of the streets within the fire district of the city, instructions have been given to drivers of automobiles and auto trucks as to the only manner in which cars may now be parked, the congested condition of the traffic which for a long time gave the city police department considerable worry has been remedied. All cars must now be parked within the chalked lines, next to the curbs, and must be headed in to the right. This regulation is being complied with which gives additional space of from four to six feet in the center of the streets.

Another announcement made today by Chief of Police Orr that will be of interest to motorists is that in the future the laws governing mufflers and dimmer cutouts will be enforced. Chief Orr states that in view of the fact that these laws have not heretofore been rigidly enforced he desires to give all motorists fair warning. Drivers of autos are warned to familiarize themselves with all of the traffic ordinances.

PARIS, June 26.—A dispatch this afternoon, through News not officially confirmed but which will be generally accepted as true is confirmed, says that it is believed that certain of the Allies will immediately demand of the new German government the surrender of the Crown Prince as a matter of principle, regardless of whether he is to be brought to trial. It is believed possible that his escape is part of a dramatic coup by which the reactionaries of Germany hope to overthrow the republic and restore a monarchy by force of arms.

## MAN ARRESTED HERE WAS NOTED JAIL BREAKER.

Escaped from Jail After Being Convicted of Stealing Six Automobiles and Theft of Goods from Same Number of Stores.

Paul Goad, a young white man who was arrested by the city police department June 16th on a charge of beating a ride on a Southern train, and who was held here until Sheriff Gardner, of Reidsville, came for him, has a long string of charges facing him. Goad, who at times posed as Arthur Jones, was recently convicted of the theft of six automobiles and six cases of store-breaking. He was being held in the county jail awaiting to be sentenced when he made his escape. He is alleged to have broken jail on three different occasions.

Chief Orr, of the city police department, since Goad's arrest here has connected him with two additional cases of store-breaking and larceny in Rowan and Guilford counties. At the time of his arrest here he was in company with Er-

## RELIEF FOR HOUSING SITUATION IS ASSURED

Chamber of Commerce Complets Organization of Home Building Corporation—Charter Applied For.

Steps to alleviate to some extent the housing shortage in Gastonia will be taken at once as the result of the first successful culmination of the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to form a housing corporation, through a committee of which Capt. W. L. Baltus is chairman. Application was made today for the charter for the minimum capital stock having been subscribed. It is hoped to begin building homes at a very early date. How much can be done along this line will depend only on the additional stock subscribed by Gastonia people as the work will be carried as far as funds permit. With the reaching of this stage the Chamber of Commerce has completed its work and the Gastonia Housing Corporation becomes a reality.

Early in the year the Chamber of Commerce named a committee consisting of W. L. Baltus, chairman, C. C. Armstrong, C. D. Gray and J. White-Warner to take up the project. The stock required was nearly raised but fell a little short of the mark.

This week, however, the corporation as formed through its board of directors, consisting of Capt. Baltus, E. J. Rankin, C. C. Armstrong, M. A. Carpenter, W. D. Anderson, C. D. Gray, J. Lee Robinson and J. White-Warner, took up the matter actively again and the proposition was shovled over in the true Gastonia way.

The need has become more acute with the passing of every week and it is hoped that many more stock subscriptions will be taken in order that as many homes as possible may be erected. Mr. M. A. Carpenter, secretary, is in charge of the subscription books.

## BASEBALL LEAGUE MAY BE ORGANIZED

Gastonia, Spencer and Lincolnton Ready for League—High Point, Reidsville or Rockingham May Be Secured to Complete It—Association Formed Here Last Night—Game With McAdenville Tomorrow.

If plans now under consideration materialize, and there is a strong probability that such will be the case, Gastonia will have some dandy baseball during the remainder of the season. Negotiations are in progress looking to the formation of a league composed of the Lora team, of this city, Spencer and Lincolnton, and either High Point, Reidsville or Rockingham. Spencer and Lincolnton, both of which have crackerjack teams, are anxious to come into the league and have both signified their willingness to enter at once. If one of the other three towns named above can be induced to come in the league will be complete and Gastonia will have about three games of good baseball each week.

At a meeting of local fans in West Gastonia last night the Lora Baseball Association was organized with the following officers: W. D. Anderson, president; W. F. Riddle, secretary and treasurer; George W. Gamble, corresponding secretary; H. G. Settleover, Jesse Lookaby and R. A. Baker, advertising committee. The officers together with B. M. Tompkins, J. W. Rury, W. R. Tattersall and S. O. Walker, D. E. Short is manager of the team.

This afternoon Lora and Lincolnton will play at Lincolnton, tomorrow at Lora Park Lora and McAdenville will play and a good game is expected. This will probably be the last game McAdenville will play as that team will disband, it is understood, several of her best players having gone to other teams.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

(Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite, Pastor) Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. H. Rutter, Supt. Rev. Leonard Gill, superintendent of home missions of Mecklenburg Presbytery, will address the Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. On account of the revival services in progress in South Gastonia there will probably be no night service.

## ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 11 a. m. by Rev. E. A. Osborne, of Charlotte. The offering will be for the benefit of the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. There will be no evening service.

win Padgett who was wanted at Pomona for breaking into and robbing a store there.

## PRESIDENT WILSON TO SAIL SUNDAY NOON PROBABLY

(By International News Service.) PARIS, June 27.—President Wilson will probably sail for Europe shortly after 12 o'clock in a final form. He plans to sail immediately after the signing, probably Sunday noon, landing at New York a week later. He is expected to request a joint session of Senate and House Monday, June 27th, to address the members following the treaty to the Senate committee on foreign relations. Then he will commence a country-wide tour, presenting facts to the people. The American peace delegates are convinced that the former Kaiser will never be brought to trial because there is no such crime under international law as he is charged with.

PARIS, June 27.—President Wilson will probably sail for Europe shortly after 12 o'clock in a final form. He plans to sail immediately after the signing, probably Sunday noon, landing at New York a week later. He is expected to request a joint session of Senate and House Monday, June 27th, to address the members following the treaty to the Senate committee on foreign relations. Then he will commence a country-wide tour, presenting facts to the people. The American peace delegates are convinced that the former Kaiser will never be brought to trial because there is no such crime under international law as he is charged with.

## YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, June 26.—No confirmation of the reported escape of the former German Crown Prince from Holland had been received by Premier Lloyd George up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. Officials have some doubt as to its truth.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Whether the employees of the Western Union and the Postal who struck will be taken back is a matter resting with the managerial officers. Mr. Barless announced this afternoon following an hour's conference with a delegation from the American Federation of Labor. He stated that he would not direct their reemployment.

CHATTANOOGA, June 26.—Eight hundred German prisoners of war at Fort Oglethorpe start for Germany Sunday morning via Charleston. About 400 remain.

ELLSVILLE, MISS., June 26.—John Hartfield, a negro who kept a white girl in the woods all last night, and who was sought by hundreds with dogs, was caught this morning and the mob is preparing to burn him.

PARIS, June 26.—The Allies will hold the Germans strictly responsible for any disturbances in eastern Germany directed against the Poles according to a warning sent to Germany last night.

PARIS, June 26.—A sharp note warning that a repetition of such violations of the armistice terms as the recent sending of French flags in Berlin must have a very unfortunate effect upon future operations of the peace treaty was sent to the German government by the Allies, it was officially announced today. Notice was served that the Allies will demand reparation for these acts and will bring the responsible parties to trial before military tribunals.

PARIS, June 26.—Secretary Venhau of the German peace mission at Versailles today notified the Big Three that the new German peace delegation which will sign the treaty will be Minister of Foreign Affairs Mueller and Minister of Posts and Telegraphs Gumbel. Herr Lemert is now at Versailles. The other two are about to leave Berlin and will arrive at Versailles Saturday morning. Unless Mr. Wilson objects, it is now likely that the treaty will be signed on Sunday. It is believed that Mr. Wilson will consent.

LONDON, June 26.—Berlin is a great armed camp with the tension between the Communists and the Reactionaries so great that a single shot is likely to bring bloody civil war, says a Central News dispatch today. The Communists have distributed large quantities of arms and ammunition among soldiers and members and civilian adherents.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—A Senate committee with Mr. Lodge as chairman, the other members being Senators Moses, Harding, New, Swanson and Pomeroy, was appointed today to investigate the fitness of William Gonzales, of South Carolina, nominated by the President for ambassador to Peru.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hair arrived in the city Tuesday night. They are residing at 319 South Chester street.

—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dane S. Rhyne will regret to learn of the serious illness of their little daughter, Helen. Her condition this morning was thought to be slightly improved.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Earl Dear, convicted of the murder of his chauffeur, Rudolph Wolfe, was hanged at 9:27 this morning. The case was one of the hardest fought murder cases of many years in Chicago. Dear plead piteously for narcotics to the last.

## PLANS ABOUT COMPLETE FOR BIG CELEBRATION

"Skull and Cross Bones" Aeroplane is to Make Flights Over the City July 5—Committee in Charge of Celebration for Returned Soldiers Are Making Good Progress.

With the appointment of additional committees, definite action was today being taken by the various working committees having in charge the monster celebration, which is to be held in Gastonia on Saturday, July 5th, at which time a flying women will be given the most distinguished of their country's call in the great world war.

Instructions have been received by P. M. Allen, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stating definitely that the government aeroplane, the "Skull and Cross Bones," would be brought to Gastonia on the 5th and would make flights over the city. Mr. J. O. Dugan, of this city, who was commissioned a lieutenant in the aviation service prior to the signing of the armistice, is to be chairman of the committee for entertaining the army aviator. Mr. Geo. E. Coker has been named chairman of the committee for the fireworks display and Mr. W. T. Rankin is to have charge of the arrangements for the airplane flights.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the picnic dinner for the soldiers is to be held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. A. M. Dixon is chairman of this committee. Miss Nell Pickens has been appointed by the executive committee to supervise the scattering of picnic baskets from the towns outside of the city.

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, chairman of the committee in charge of the military feature of the day, was busy today with his committee making final plans for the part the returned soldiers are to have in the celebration.

The executive committee having charge of the celebration made it plain today that the celebration is not to be a Gastonia welcome only but one for every soldier in Gastonia county. It is expected that more than 1,000 men from all parts of the county will be in Gastonia in uniform.

At noon the picnic dinner will be served for the soldiers on Oakland street between Main and Franklin avenues. The entire block will be roped off and tables will be arranged the entire length so that all of the soldiers may be taken care of. Complete hours for the various numbers on the program for the day will be announced within a day or two.

## ORMAND-HOVIS PHIFER-JENKINS MARRIAGE.

Yesterday afternoon at Long Creek Presbyterian church, Rev. J. E. Berryhill, the pastor of the bride officiating, Miss Eva Ormand, daughter of Mrs. J. J. Ormand, of Bessemer City, was married to Mr. Sam B. Hovis.

The bride's attendants were Misses Edith Ormand, Ruth Davis and Blanche Huffstetter, all cousins. Miss Bessie Ransner, of Kings Mountain, was maid of honor. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Cossie Williams. The other attendants were Messrs. Theron, Fred and Harry Ormand.

Mrs. Hovis has been a member of the faculty of the Bessemer City schools for two or three years and is a young lady of charming features and personality. The groom has but lately returned from overseas service with the 30th Division and was formerly principal of the Samsville school near Bessemer City. Mr. and Mrs. Hovis left last night on a motor trip to Blowing rock and other points in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

They were accompanied on the wedding trip by another bridal couple of Bessemer City who were married last night at 8:30 o'clock, Miss Blanche Phifer and Mr. C. B. Jenkins, of Lowell. The ceremony was performed on the porch at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. L. Phifer, by Rev. J. E. Berryhill, pastor of the bride. Miss Phifer has been a teacher in the Lowell public schools for the past several terms and is an attractive young lady of decided charm and beauty of face. Mr. Jenkins is a rising young merchant of Lowell. After a trip through the mountains, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will be at home in Lowell.

## BESSEMER CITY SUFFERS FROM TERRIFIC STORMS.

Bessemer City, June 26.—This place experienced the most terrific downpour of rain in many a day at an early hour Thursday morning. The clouds approached from the northwest and south and for an hour it rained till every foot of level land was covered with several inches of water.

Streams are working havoc and leaving large devastated areas behind. There was practically no wind accompanying the storm.

There is fear that the deep railroad cut through Whetstone mountain will slide in, as the work of doubling the tracks through has been so recently completed and the blasting left large boulders and earth loose.

The streets are torn to pieces and it will require a large expenditure of money to make many of them traversable.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

### ENTERTAINED TEACHERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

At his home on South York street last evening Mr. James H. Kennedy entertained delightfully with a course dinner in honor of Mr. Kennedy's birthday, their guests being the teachers of the adult classes of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school. Their guests were Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Henderlite, Mr. H. Rutter, Mr. E. M. Allen, Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, Mr. J. W. Timberlake, Mrs. M. A. Rhyne and Mrs. Frost Torrence.

### MISS EMMA GLENN THE BRIDE OF MR. THOMAS J. ABERNATHY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn on North Highland street was the scene of a pretty wedding at 8:30 o'clock last evening when their daughter, Emma, was married to Mr. Thomas J. Abernathy. The bride's pastor, Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite, performed the ceremony using the ring service. Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy left after the ceremony on a brief visit to Mr. Abernathy's father at Shelby after which they will go to Asheville and other Western North Carolina points before returning to Gastonia where they will make their home.

Witnessing the ceremony were members of the bride's family and a few invited guests. Though simple in its appointments the wedding was most attractive one. The ceremony was said in the parlor which was attractively decorated for the occasion. As the bride and groom entered the ceremony room Miss Nell Mauney played the wedding march. The marriage vows were taken before an improvised arch of hydrangeas, ivy and ferns. The attendants were Miss Mary Glover, of Belmont, a cousin of the bride, and Mr. Robert Glenn, of Charlotte, a brother of the bride. Little Miss Ruth Glenn, a sister of the bride, was ring bearer. Preceding the ceremony Mr. Herbert Glenn, the bride's brother, sang "The Sunshine of Your Smiles," an accompaniment for which was played by Miss Nell Mauney.

The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of whiteorgette trimmed in satin. She is an attractive young lady of exceptional charms and has a wide host of acquaintances. She has been a member of the city school faculty for several years. Mr. Abernathy holds a responsible position with the Coker Machine & Foundry Works. He recently returned to the city from France where served for a number of months with the Shelby unit of National Guards of the 30th Division. He is a son of Mr. Thomas Abernathy, of Shelby, and is a young man of sterling worth.

The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alger Hamrick, of Shelby; Mrs. Kumball, of Charlotte; Mrs. M. S. Glenn and Miss Mary Glover, of Belmont.

### CRAWFORD-FALLS WEDDING.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. Meek Crawford south of town, the wedding was solemnized last night at 8:30 o'clock the wedding of Miss Bryte Crawford and Mr. Leslie Lee Falls. The ceremony was performed on the front porch of the Crawford home, beautifully decorated for the occasion, Revs. J. W. Carson and J. B. Peterson being the officiating ministers.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. R. G. Crawford. The bridesmaids were Misses Myrtle Falls and Nannie Whitehead, the ushers Messrs. Luther Anthony and Mott Crawford. Miss Alice Crawford, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The wedding march was played by Miss Ida Pursley and previous to the ceremony Mrs. J. G. Crawford sang "I Love You Truly" and "Love's Old Sweet Song."

After the ceremony Mrs. and Mr. Falls left for Washington and other Northern cities. The bride of last night is a daughter of Mrs. W. Meek Crawford and is a charming and attractive young lady of winsome personality. For several years she has taught in the county schools. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the county and is held in high esteem by his friends and associates.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, June 27.—The cotton market opened with contracts for July selling at 34.00, October 33.80, December 33.90, January 33.60, March 33.45.

### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED: Experienced stenographer. Easy hours and good pay. Must be prepared to begin service by July 1st. Apply at once to "A. T. B." care Gazette. 302c

LOST: Fountain pen, self-filling, with long black cord attached. Reward for return to Gazette office. 27c

FOR SALE: A good Dodge roadster. Apply to C. C. Harmon. 30p

FOR RENT: Five room bungalow on Rankin avenue, modern conveniences. For particulars phone 365-J. 403