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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

GASTON FAIR

TO BE THIS FALL

Chamber of Commerce plan for a big fair this fall.

Gastonia, June 4.—At a joint meeting Wednesday night of the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce, and Mr. W. L. Rankin, president of the Live Stock Association, it was decided to have a county fair, and to submit a report of the meeting to the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, requesting that a county fair be held either in September or October of this year.

The idea was most favorably received, and will be of wide interest through out Gaston county as it is a subject that has already been much discussed.

A committee is out looking for grounds for the fair, and when a suitable location is found there will be a joint meeting of the agricultural committee and the board of directors to decide the final details of the fair. The ground is to be leased for five years.

For this year the exhibits will be shown under tents, principally, with perhaps, one or more permanent buildings, and the exhibits will consist of live stock chickens, canning clubs and a manufacturers exhibit that will be hard to excel. Also a midway that will have many new attractions combined with those of the old, that will delight the hearts of young and old.

The Gaston county fair, as it will be known, is under the direction of the chamber of commerce entirely and already promises to be a great success.

REV. J. T. PHARR SUPPLIES PASTORATE OF REV. C. L. BRAGAW.

Rev. J. T. Pharr of Charlotte has been employed as supply to the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Bragaw of the Presbyterian Church here, at Bessemer City and Long Creek. His services have been engaged until the middle of September when it is expected Pastor Bragaw will be able to resume the work.

Rev. Mr. Pharr is a student of one year at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., having graduated at Davidson College before entering the Seminary.

He is the son of Mr. J. W. Pharr, a traveling man, of Charlotte and is a native of Charlotte.

Until last summer Mr. Pharr expected to study medicine but felt the call to the ministry and entered the seminary.

The young minister is being favorably received here and we sincerely hope that his sojourn within our gates will prove a benediction to both him and all the people.

He is taking meals at Mrs. B. R. Hunter's and rooming at E. W. Barnes'.

Mrs. E. L. Ware and Miss Carolyn Ware are in Greenville, S. C. visiting relatives.

Mrs. Coy Smith of East Kings Mountain has been sick for several days.

HAIL STORM

WEST OF SHELBY

Biggest in history of County—Much damage done to crops and property

One of the severest hail storms in the history of Cleveland county visited an area west and north-west of Shelby Monday afternoon and did damage amounting to thousands of dollars to the growing crops. The hail was accompanied by wind and rain. The stricken district begins above Eskridge Grove church (colored) on the Shelby-Lattimore road and extends to George Spurlin's store on the Shelby-Falston road. Wheat and oats were blown flat off the ground as if they had been rolled down. Wheat grains were beaten from the head as if the seed were sown broadcast over the fields.

Trees were uprooted, especially from Mrs. Doggett's to Crawford Hick's on the old Roach Poston place, promising fields of corn and cotton were so washed that it is impossible to tell which way the rows ran.

The wind lifted Mr. L. P. Yarboro's barn off his mules and left them standing where the stalls were. His crib was blown off his corn and many trees uprooted in his yard. His crops are almost totally ruined.

A part of Mr. Flay Cabaness' new house was blown off its pillars six feet.

A tree blew down on Fate Warren's roof on the old John Poston place, between the river and Brushy creek.

A tree was blown down on Neville Kendrick's automobile at the brick yard.

Henry Bess who works for the Piedmont Telephone Company stopped his horse and wagon under a shed at George Spurlin's store. Mr. Bess went in the store to get a soft drink when the shed was blown down on the horse. Had he remained in the seat of the wagon he certainly would have been injured, possibly fatally. The horse was pinned flat on the ground but the wheels of the wagon held up the roof and prevented injury to the animal. The wrecked timbers were removed and the horse was unhurt.

Farmers who suffered most from the hail are: Reinhardt Doggett, L. P. Yarboro, Fate Warren, and John E. Jonas on Blanton Brothers plantations, Crawford Hicks, Cling Justice, Monroe, F. A. and Reilly Wellmon, Zeb Blanton, John B. Hambrick, Dan Brooks, Frank McSwain, Mrs. Poston, Albert Dedmon, Yan Weathers, Will Metcalf, Beatty Philbeck and dozens of others living in the neighborhood of the above farmers. Some are damaged more than others. Some cotton fields are absolutely ruined. The corn may recover, but many cotton fields will be plowed up and planted in something else. In addition to the field crops, orchards and timbers were badly damaged.

Fortunately the area was not larger than it was.

Mrs. E. F. Hamilton of Charlottesville, Va., left Monday after a visit to Mr. Hamilton's brother, Esq. C. A. Hamilton.

A. E. Smith of Misenhopper, N. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. C. Smith in East Kings Mountain.

AT GRACE CH.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Celebrated with fine program—Good dinner—Dr. Stevens speaks.

[Crowded out last week]

On last Sunday morning, a bright and sunny morn, the young people of Grace M. E. Church East King's Mountain, caught the spirit of the morning and rendered in very beautiful style a well arranged and tastefully selected program.

These little folks, and they sure did have the most little folks the same size the writer ever saw, carried out their part exceedingly well. The Sunshine Exercise by four little girls was just like the day full of sunshine. "Little Lambs" was rendered by three little lambs. Then "four" little soldiers rendered "Little Soldiers."

Three girls told us what they knew about "I know a happy story." Then came "Send out the Word" by four little girls. The Reading by seven girls was very helpful. After this four boys told us about "The Seasons." Seven little girls in "Our Teacher" recited on the greatest Teacher. The Girls Penant Drill consisting of twenty Penants or College Colors of different Methodist Colleges throughout the United States, was worth going miles to sea. Each girl carried a banner with the name of a college or university. Then several of the Young Ladies told of the advantages held out to the people—not only to the Methodist but all denominations, they read the names of several Presidents, Governors and many other prominent statesmen and pulpiter orators who attended the colleges thus represented. Every person in this vast throng which flocked to Children's Day heard all that they could expect. Music! Never was this more vividly brought out than at Grace: That the man who is not moved by the concord of sweet sounds is fit for treason, etc., his heart is lark as Erubus. Especially was the blending of voices in the duet by Miss Nell White and Mrs. Non Lindsay very marked.

Then dinner time rolled around. Dinner? Yes and one of those old fashioned dinners spread out under the trees where all may eat who will. When all had satisfied the inner man Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor, announced that Rev. S. B. Stevens would address the people at the church. So we quit drinking lemonade and eating and went to hear his lecture. Rev. Stevens has been quite a traveler having been over most of the old world and parts of it several times. He was a Missionary in China during the Boxer uprising and is a very entertaining talker.

He remained in town and preached a forceful sermon that night. Mount Olivet, Smyrna, Gastonia and Penney's Chapel all were in attendance.

STILL "YORKVILLE" AND NOT "YORK"

Yorkville Enquirer.

Those people who tried to change the name of Yorkville could not prove that they have succeeded even by their own evidence. (Cont'd on back page)

LITTLE TOWNS

MAKE IMPROVEMENT

Small town put in water and sewerage—Produce healthful conditions

Old Fort and Hertford are the next North Carolina towns to make notable municipal improvement. Old Fort, the main gateway to the mountains proper, with a population of not over 1,000, has contracted for a sanitary sewer system to cost around \$10,000.

Hertford, the quaint old town on the Perquimans, has gone two farther. She has contracted for waterworks, electric lighting and a sanitary sewer system, together with street improvements on specified streets. Hertford is a town of about 2,000 people, some 60 per cent of which are negroes. The lowest figures for Hertford's improvements, not to include street improvement, will be about \$55,000.

The small towns of 1,000 or more inhabitants are today making the municipal improvements that towns of 15,000 or 20,000 inhabitants made just a few years ago. Regardless of war times these people feel that they can not afford not to make these principal safeguards in defense of health and safety. It is an encouraging sign when small towns realize that they must provide "safety first" for their people, regardless of the money cost. Attention: Kings Mountain.

KEPT MARRIAGE SECRET.

Forest City Free Press.

Friends of Miss Sarah Phillips and Mr. Collier Barber were surprised Sunday night when Rev. M. B. Clegg, pastor of the Carolina Methodist church, announced their marriage which took place in Kings Mountain the 6th of last June. Mr. Clegg was pastor of the church at Kings Mountain at that time and performed the ceremony. The young people were accompanied to Kings Mountain by two friends but these were pledged to keep the matter a secret for one year. This they did and no one dreamed that the young people were married. Mr. and Mrs. Barber will make their home at Cliffside.

THE McSWAIN TOUR BEGINS.

E. S. McSwain and family of Montgomery, Ala., began their cross-country tour last Saturday. They will visit the Exposition and other points west. Mr. McSwain is a brother of our neighbor, Loyd McSwain of Grover, and his wife is a daughter of Mr. Watt Herndon. He is to write up his trip for publication in the Herald. As Mr. and Mrs. McSwain are well known here Herald readers will anxiously await the article.

They are going the northern route via Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and through the Canadian Rockies, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Portland, steamer to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Denver, Kansas City, and St. Louis and will make stops at all points named as well as several other points of interest along the route.

PERSONALS

MATTERS OF INTEREST

Personal mention of Herald readers and their friends.

Mr. S. White of Grover was here Friday.

Arthur Kendrick came home Friday suffering with rheumatism.

Mrs. I. S. Hood and little daughter, Elizabeth Knox, are expected home Saturday from an extended visit to her parents in Wilmington.

Born, Tuesday June 8th, to Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anthony, a son.

Mrs. W. K. Hudgens of Pelzer, S. C., left Saturday after a visit to her mother, Mrs. I. B. Goforth. Little Miss Mirian Goforth went with her.

Henderson Long of Gastonia spent Friday night in town.

Miss Nettie Merritte of Charlotte, a Linwood College student, took part in "Miss Busbee's Boarders" at the music and expression finals here last week. She left Saturday morning.

A. A. Groves keeps adding a little to his shoe fixery. Some months ago he put in a huge sewing machine and last week he added a finisher. He is now well equipped.

Mr. Nick Abdolnour of Newton was here Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. Brown and daughter, Miss Irene Brown, left Saturday for Rock Hill, Yorkville and Tazewell where they will spend the summer with relatives.

Prof. R. A. Yoder, J. G. Cline and Mrs. Raymond Robinson of Hickory formed an automobile party which came down Thursday to attend the music and expression finals at the graded school. The car returned Saturday with Miss Essie Robinson taking Prof. Yoder's seat.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dilling left yesterday for Wrightsville Beach where they are attending the Bankers Association which meets today, tomorrow and Saturday. They will spend a few days on their return at Gallivants Ferry, S. C. as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hagood.

The expression and music finals here last week given by Misses Laura Plonk and Marguerite Stewart in five installments were said to form a series of high class entertainments. Ye old editor was so balladed up with rheumatism that he didn't get out to enjoy it, but those who went speak highly of it.

In the declamation contest, Horace Rudisill won the medal. In expression Miss Virgie Harmon won. The medal for improvement in music was awarded to Miss Mary Plonk. Miss Louise Cornwall took the medal in story telling.

Certificates were given the following which certify that a certain course in expression has been covered: Misses Kathryn Moss, Louise O'Farrell and Messrs Horace Rudisill and Carl Plonk. Miss Virginia Mauney was awarded a certificate in music.

The proceeds of the play Thursday night amounted to \$63. and went to the piano fund. This leaves a balance of \$53.00 due on the piano.

CHILD DIED

FAIRY FERGUSON

Died last Saturday after long and patient suffering

Special to the Herald.

Fairy Elizabeth Ferguson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferguson, died at their home Saturday morning about 1 o'clock. She was sick 3 weeks and 5 days and during her illness suffered much pain.

Fairy was only 7 years 3 months and 9 days old yet she bore her suffering with patience and cheerfulness as though she realized how her Master had suffered for her. When she was taken to her home on high she passed away very sweetly saying "Mama come to me."

She was a favorite loved by all who knew her and gave promise of a useful life. We can not understand why she was taken, our Lord often calls loved ones from our side when we can not clearly see the reason.

The flower that blooms for a few days completes its mission as well as the old oak that stands a century.

God knows when our work is done and it is time to say come up nigher. Those left behind sorely miss her but rejoice in the fact that she is waiting for them safe in her heavenly home.

SCHOOL FACULTY IS COMPLETE

Miss Edna Dixon of Philston, N. C. has been elected to teach the fourth grade in the Kings Mountain graded school. The second grade was the only grade open and at her request Miss Laura Mears, the fourth grade teacher, was transferred to the second grade thus making vacant the fourth grade which will be filled by Miss Dixon if she accepts. If Miss Dixon accepts the faculty will be complete with only two new teachers.

Later—Miss Dixon has accepted.

J. M. KESTER IS HONORED

In a letter from Rev. J. Marcus Kester he states that in the recent commencement at Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass., he received the B. D. degree and was honored as one of the six speakers of the senior class. Mr. Kester states also that he has been appointed "Fellowship Student" of Newton for next year and that if the war permits he will study most of the year at Oxford, England, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland. He will be home here in July.

Aurelius Black Dead

Wednesday morning at 10:45 Aurelius Black died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Black, on Virginia Avenue. Reel, as he was familiarly known, had suffered for a long time with Tuberculosis, though he was confined to his bed for less than a week. He had lived at Greenville, S. C. for the past five years, and had been here at his father's only two weeks. He was 36 years of age. He leaves a wife and four children. The burial took place this morning at 11 o'clock in the Bessemer City Cemetery.—Bessemer City Journal.