

NEWS HAPPENINGS Of Kings Mountain

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Items Of News Will Be Appreciated—Phone 177—

The teachers training class, consisting of about one hundred teachers from Cleveland and Gaston counties which convenes here every other Saturday at the Central school auditorium enjoyed an outing and picnic lunch at the Kings Mountain battleground last Saturday. This class is under the instruction of Dr. Heyworth, a most efficient teacher sent out by Lehigh-Rhine college. Dr. Heyworth read a most interesting account of the battle and events leading up to it, written by himself. Mr. Blanks was present with his moving picture camera. He made several pictures of the class and places of interest on the battleground.

The Colonel Frederick Hambricht chapter D. A. R. was hostess to the members of the third district here last Thursday. This district includes chapters from Charlotte, Gastonia, Shelby, Lincolnton and Kings Mountain. A large number attended. Mrs. O. B. Carpenter, local reciter, presided over the opening exercises. "America the Beautiful" was sung by all, followed by invocation by Mrs. Arthur Hay, the chaplain. Following this was the flag salute and American creed.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin presented greetings to the visitors and Mrs. C. R. Hoey of Shelby responded. Mrs. J. M. McGinnis charmingly rendered a vocal selection. Another feature of the meeting was a poem entitled "A Tribute to the Battle of Kings Mountain," composed and read by Mrs. Helen Hay of Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter. Mrs. J. A. Houston of Charlotte, district leader, had charge of the business session. Reports were given by the various committees. Splendid addresses were made by Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham of Charlotte, vice president general and the state regent, Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker of Southern Pines.

A delightful luncheon was served in the dining room of the A. B. Presbyterian church. Each guest was presented with a favor in the form of a paper cutter which had been made by a local Boy Scout, Jacob Cooper, out of laurel from the battlefield. The ladies felt very much honored to have present with them Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson, sister-in-law of the beloved war president, the late Woodrow Wilson who made a most interesting talk.

Mrs. George R. Wilson of Gastonia was elected new district leader and Mrs. Frank Summers of Kings Mountain was elected as secretary.

The following young ladies, daughters of members of the local



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to back up little Tommy in his answer to the physiology teacher when he asked him what he knew about the stomach. Said Tommy: "It's where I am sore all the time in the summer from climbing apple trees and eating green apples."

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Although born in a family that had been engaged for several generations in the manufacture of matches, Kreuger early in life turned to engineering as a career. Graduating from the Stockholm Technical college, he made a tour of the world to gain practical knowledge in his chosen field.

He landed in New York in 1900 with \$100 in his pockets. The World's Fair attracted him to Chicago, where he obtained a job as a real estate salesman. Three weeks later he sold a lot and made \$50.

The "Talkies."

The milk cans rattle on the street: And on the pavement horsehoofs beat; And roisterers, returning late, Make noises as they celebrate: In the east it's growing light: Gone the stillness of the night: In the skies the sun reflects: Comes the dawn, with sound effects! —Judge.

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against the nine grades that the 1853 class had had.

Old Method Faculty.
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"This paper of 1853 was given at that time to a selected group of twenty pupils who were going to continue their academic training, and sixteen of them passed it. Only twenty-five errors were allowed, yet no mistakes in spelling or punctuation were counted. Today an examination paper plainly states at the top of it that such mistakes are taken into consideration and discount the standing of the pupil.

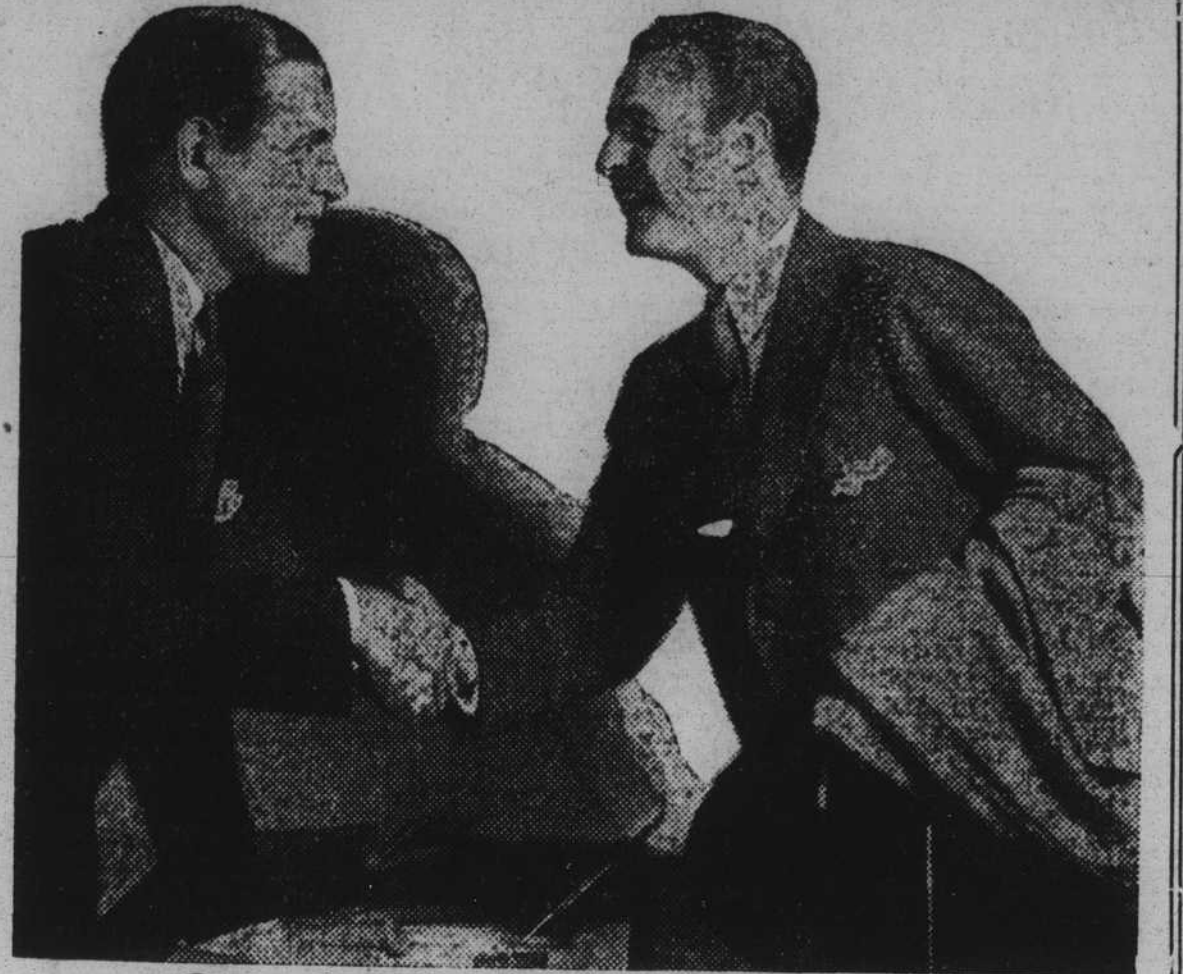
"I gave this test to twenty selected pupils in ten different districts of the city and I gave it to them myself, with no warning or preparation. I corrected the paper myself, and the results have been highly enlightening and seem to refute any idea that our boys and girls are not as bright as the school children of other days. And it likewise seems to give the lie to the idea that the schools are devoting all their time to fads."

The examination paper of 1853 was devoted to fifteen questions on arithmetic, seventeen on geography and eleven on grammar. "I found that the boys are much improved today and that the girls are as good in arithmetic as the boys, but that they are excelled by them in the field of geography, Mr. Fish stated.

"The old examination is narrow, factual and more of a memory test, while the tests of today are more interested in the 'why' of things, the reasoning power of the children. I found that the arithmetic problems were simple compared to the ones that the children are prepared to solve today in taking examinations for high school.

"We hear a lot of criticism of the schools of today and statements that the children are not as well grounded in fundamentals as they used to be. We look at the pupils through old men's glasses and forget that we are not only the product of a common school education, but of experience. We are not entitled to judge. This giving of an old examination merely confirms my opinion that the boys and girls of our day are just as well equipped in the three R's as the children used to be."

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