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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

"What You Want To Do In Kings Mountain Is To Grow" Says Mr. Kuester

Charlotte's chief booster gives Kings Mountain people a big lesson in city building - Takes people - Conditions must be good before the town will attract settlers - Good Water, Sewerage and Schools essential

"The main thing is Co-operation," said Mr. C. O. Kuester in his speech to the Progressive Association here last Thursday night. "Go right on working," is the only way to make Kings Mountain the town it should be declared the speaker.

The joint meeting of the Progressive Association and the Law and Order League held in the Opera house here last Thursday night was a decided success and marked an Epoch in both Organizations. Many declared that the town hadn't had such a meeting before.

The presence of Mr. C. O. Kuester of Charlotte and R. B. Babbington of Gastonia and their very practical addresses added stimulus to the whole movement for progress and civic righteousness.

It was no place for the chronic grouch and habitual kicker. If any man went into that meeting with any trace of skepticism in his character we feel sure that he was made ashamed of himself and left the house a convert to commercial and civic progress. No man with a thimble full of brains or a trace of gray matter in his cranium could attend such a meeting and then publicly oppose organized effort for the social and commercial development of the community.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by M. E. Herndon, President of the Progressive Association and cashier of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company, who presented Editor G. G. Page of the Herald and called upon him to introduce the speaker.

Mr. Page said in part, "Ladies and gentlemen; The Kings Mountain Progressive Association has made good. It has qualified as an organization which is filling a need, a long felt need in the commercial life of the town of Kings Mountain and vicinity. It is no longer an experiment but an established necessity. It has come through its initial year with honors and now stands out as the commercial dynamo of this section.

"But we have now come to the point where we need a teacher. We need a pastmaster in city building to come to us and tell us how its done. Such person is with us this evening and will give us the benefit of what he has learned during his very successful career in helping to build the city of Charlotte.

Mr. C. O. Kuester, founder and first president of the Greater Charlotte Club and president of the Kuester-Lowe Company of Charlotte, is the man chosen by this association to give us a lesson in city building.

Mr. Kuester is a competent adviser. He has been a traveling salesman since he was fifteen. He has been in Kings Mountain when there was only one brick store here and he was a knee pants boy. He has the stick-to-itiveness about him

that tells, "I take pleasure in presenting Mr. Kuester."

In part Mr. Kuester said: Ladies and gentlemen:—

"I appreciate all the nice things Mr. Page has said about me. I feel as though I knew the people of Kings Mountain, and I do know a good many of them. You have been good to me, and if I can return any favor whatever it will be a pleasure of my part to do it.

"I am not a public speaker, but I trust that I can say something in the course of twenty minutes that will amount to something.

"First—In order to have a town you must first have what?—people. Now remember a town don't make the people, the people make the town.

"Young men, you have wonderful opportunities to do something for Kings Mountain; to be progressive. The first question people ask about a place is about conditions. There is the question of water and light and sewerage, and of course that concerns the health. I think you have water, light and sewerage here in Kings Mountain. If you have not all, you are preparing to have them soon I am sure.

"The second question asked is—How about the school facilities? It shows you are up to date when a town has these things. And then finally a good community is wanted. It takes people to make a town, no other people but the people here can make Kings Mountain.

"Now if you fellows hear of anything that will benefit Kings Mountain, go after it. You are not going to find many people who will come to this town and sink their money, unless you are willing to put yours with it.

"Be a dreamer, imagine something. Dream what Kings Mountain will be twenty years from now. Now, you may not be here then, some of you, but it is your duty as a citizen of Kings Mountain to do all you can for the town.

"Fellows, there is just as great a future for Kings Mountain as any other town in this part of the country, provided the people get together, and do things.

"You have a splendid organization here I understand, with forty members, but the town of Kings Mountain ought to have one hundred. Now everybody does not believe in this organization work, because they do not know about it. Everyone has to do his part, and, therefore, fellows get it into your mind that your home town is the best town. It is a good business to co-operate and be among the people of your town. You don't have to get into politics. It is bad business for the business man to go into politics. You never win out. You need co-operation work.

"Now you have some kickers

and some knockers maybe. Send for these fellows to come to the meetings. Send for them to come, and then give them something to do. Every man who is a kicker or a knocker, just put him to work, and you have put him in the right way for good business. You have to learn to love people by associating with them in this work.

"Remember there is no man in this world who has brains cornered. So you may be able to get an idea from a man who hasn't a dollar in the world, but he may be a good, honest, straight forward, hard-working fellow.

"And then if a man tries a little, if he only does it half way, put him on the back, and next time you will get a better job. Kindness will win every time.

"Now, what you want to do in Kings Mountain is to grow. I go to picture shows for one reason. I think I see something alive. I want to see things move.

"G-R-O-W G means Go. R Right, be sure you are right. Be sure of your ground, and do not send out statements that you cannot back up. Be sure and state facts. Always be sure you are right.

O O — go right on; get right on the job and stay right there.

W Work — go right on working. You need works, and finally you need co-operation, the greatest word in the English language. There is no one man who can build Kings Mountain, no two or three men.

"Now, in order to make your town attractive it must be clean. You ought to clean up the streets. You ought to have new playgrounds. Plant flowers on your streets, and make things look attractive. Then set aside a day to whitewash your fences, paint them; clean up and fix up, and you will have an attractive town, and the people will be attracted to it.

"Now newspapers— you have the man right here. You have him to send out the news. Give me a good newspaper man in a town, with just five men and five women, and I will show you progress; five men men and five women, and a newspaper, they will get to work.

"Fellows, you have got the newspaper, and a man behind it, who will be only too glad to send this out over the country, to people, and doubtless they will be benefitted by it. A great many people do not know that Kings Mountain is on the map.

"Now, I thank you for your attention, and hope you have (Continued on the back page.)

E. M. PENNY

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Southern agent at Pacolet, S. C. takes his life - Shot himself

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Baker had a message Saturday that Mr. E. M. Penny of Pacolet, S. C. who married Mrs. Baker's sister was dead. They began immediately preparations for going to Charlotte on 41 and before leaving here they learned that it was a case of suicide. Mr. and Mrs. Baker accordingly went and found things as they had heard. Mr. Baker returned Sunday but Mrs. Baker remained and will come back the latter part of this week.

The following account of the tragedy is given in the Spartanburg Herald of Saturday.

E. M. Penny, for 11 years agent for the Southern Railway at Pacolet, shot and almost instantly killed himself last night about 7:30 o'clock in the station building at Pacolet.

About ten minutes after train No. 41 had left the yards, Mr. Penny went into a small room in the depot and, seating himself on a box, took a pistol and shot himself three times. Two bullets entered his head, the third pierced his breast just above the heart. Neighbors, hearing the shots, rushed to the station and found Mr. Penny still alive, though unconscious. He died within eight minutes, without making a statement. Worry over financial troubles is said to have brought about a melancholy state of mind which led to the deed. An inquest will be held by Coroner Turner this morning.

Mr. Penny was extremely well known throughout this section. He was originally from Abbeville but for 20 years was agent for the Southern Railway at Jonesville. He stood well personally and had a wide circle of friends to whom the deed of self-destruction was a great shock. He was about 52 years of age.

McGinnis—Smith

A beautiful home wedding of unusual interest was celebrated last Sunday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Mary J. Smith when Mr. Henry W. McGinnis led her daughter, Miss Cora, to hymen's altar and Rev. C. K. Bell pronounced the ceremony which made them one flesh. There were quite a number of relatives and friends of the contracting couple present and Mrs. A. Hunter Patterson played the wedding march.

The groom is a member of the firm of McGinnis Brothers hardware dealers and tinners of Kings Mountain and is easily one of the towns most highly respected business men.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary J. Smith of the eastern part of town and is very popular.

Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis have set up housekeeping on Fulton street.

Mrs. J. J. Wheeler left for her home at Oxford Saturday after spending two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Abbott.

Mrs. K. L. Provence was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.

Mrs. G. G. Page spent Saturday and Sunday in Gastonia with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McMillan.

OTHER FOLKS AT ELBETHEL

IN NEARBY SECTIONS

Items of interest about people in nearby communities

Yorkville Epiphany
Mrs. T. P. Whitesides is ill at her home on Yorkville No. 1.

Miss Elizabeth Finley of Yorkville is visiting friends in Lancaster.

Miss J. M. Byrd of Yorkville is visiting relatives in Yorkville.

Miss Anne Stevens of Yorkville, was a visitor in Lancaster this week.

Mrs. J. Harvey Witherspoon of Gallatin, visited relatives in Yorkville this week.

Miss Emily Wright of Clover, visited relatives and friends in Yorkville this week.

Mr. N. M. McDill of Hickory Grove, is spending a few days in Washington on business.

Miss Margaret Neil of Clover, is visiting Misses Fannie Price and Clara Alexander at Bethune, S. C.

Miss Maude Good has returned to her home in Hickory Grove after a visit to her sister in Gaffney.

Miss Stella Cain who has been teaching at Conway, S. C., has returned to her home in Sharon.

Mrs. W. I. Barber of Chester, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Montgomery, in Yorkville.

Mrs. E. H. McKinnon and children of Roland, N. C., are visiting the family of Rev. J. M. McLain in Clover.

Mr. M. C. Willis, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Willis, in Yorkville, this week.

Prof. W. R. Koon of Bethany attended a meeting of the state board of education in Columbia, this week.

Mrs. Sallie Griffith has returned to her home in Charlotte, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. W. Lewis, in Yorkville.

Mrs. J. J. Hunter and N. C. McCorkle of Yorkville attended the funeral of Robert Craig in Gastonia, Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Smarr who has been teaching school at Walterboro, S. C., has returned to her home near Hickory Grove.

Mrs. Jas. A. Page and children have returned to their home in Clover, after a visit to relatives and friends in Kings Mountain.

Mr. Andral Whitesides of Linwood College, N. C., visited the family of his father, Mr. Jeff D. Whitesides, on Sharon No. 1, this week.

From Gastonia.

The Gazette Friday,

Mr. Edwin Costner, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Costner, left Wednesday for Goldsboro, where he has accepted a position with a drug firm.

Prof. H. A. Quarry and the Belmont high school debating team left Wednesday morning for Chapel Hill to take part in the final contest for the cup.

Eugenis, the 13-year-old son of Sheriff and Mrs. Davis, had the

QUARTERLY MEETING

Meets Saturday and Sunday - Dinner on the grounds Saturday

The Second Quarterly Conference will be held at Elbethel next Sunday, Rev. W. E. Abernethy will be present and preach at eleven o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds and the business session will be held at 1:30 p. m. or 2:00 p. m. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. Fannie Davis.

Lincolnton, April 14—Special Mrs. Fannie Davis died last Tuesday at home of her daughter, Mrs. Estess, in Nashville, Tenn., where she was visiting. She was before her marriage, Miss Fannie Henderson, daughter of Mr. C. C. Henderson. She was raised in Lincolnton.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lature of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. R. H. Randal of this city. The body arrived on the C & N-W Railway yesterday and the funeral services were held this afternoon.

while playing Tuesday afternoon and broke both bones of her right arm at the wrist. The injury was painful but not serious. Dr. R. M. Reid was called and set the fracture and the patient returned to her classes in school the following day.

Mr. A. F. Watts and Miss Ethel Moore were united in marriage Tuesday night at eight o'clock by Rev. J. J. Becc's, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist Church, at his residence on East Airline avenue. Mr. Watts formerly lived in Stanley but now holds a position with the firm of D. H. Campbell & Co. at the Flint Mill. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, who live on Ozark street.

Dr. W. H. Hoffman, who has been spending the winter as usual at Miami, Florida, arrived in the city Tuesday to spend a while before going north for the summer. Dr. Hoffman is one of Gastonia's pioneer citizens, and his many friends are glad to see him in excellent health and spirits.

Mrs. D. M. Jones arrived in the city Tuesday from Lake Saranac N. Y., where she and Mr. Jones have been spending the past several months, and will spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smyre. Mr. Jones, whose health is very greatly improved, will remain in the Adirondacks until Fall.

On Easter Sunday Rev. G. P. Abernathy, pastor of Dallas and High Shoals Baptist churches officiated at three weddings. At 10 o'clock Sunday Morning he pronounced the ceremony of Mr. Ed Probst and Mrs. Thorneburg in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W.