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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1 A YEAR in ADVANCE

42 YEARS

IN KINGS MOUNTAIN

Esq. W. A. Mauney Celebrates his 42 Anniversary in Locality

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was a banquet given at the Mountain View Hotel last Thursday night by Esq. W. A. Mauney in celebration of his forty-second anniversary in the town of Kings Mountain.

Seated at the festal board were the following who enjoyed the hospitality of their host and the pastime attendant thereunto: Rev. C. K. Bell, presiding at the head of the head of the table Capt. F. Dilling and Miss Virginia Mauney, Esq. W. A. Mauney and Mrs. Mauney, J. S. Mauney and Mrs. Mauney, R. P. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts of Cherokee Falls, S. C., G. W. Cornwall and Mrs. Cornwall, M. M. Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter, C. E. Neisler and Mrs. Neisler, Y. A. Ridenhour and Mrs. Ridenhour, D. Hunter Mauney and Mrs. Mauney of Cherryville, W. Sylvanus Mauney and Joe Garrett, Dr. J. Sydney Hood and G. G. Page.

Rev. C. K. Bell invoked God's blessing upon those assembled and upon the bountiful repast of which the guests were soon to participate. When we say that the meal was prepared and served at the Mountain View Hotel that bespeaks the quality of what was set before that hungry twenty-three. The superior quality of the various ingredients entering into the menu and the excellence with which it was prepared and served was altogether above criticism. Capt. Dilling stated that he had sat with three hundred in the Waldorf in New York behind a twenty-five dollar plate which had failed to bring the satisfaction to his inner man that this meal had done.

The meal over and the board cleared the cigars were passed and speech-making begun. Esq. W. A. Mauney and Rev. C. K. Bell exchanged seats and Mr. Mauney became toast master. In his opening remarks Mr. Mauney stated with feeling that he was indeed thankful that there were a few of the first settlers still alive and that they could get together and recount the thing of days gone by, renew old associations and rehearse some of their experiences of younger days. He reviewed all his guests and found that all belonged to his party either by family ties or seniority except Messrs Bell, Hood and Page. He stated that he wanted the preacher to ask the blessing, the doctor for service in case of overeating and the editor to tell about the meeting. The doctor was the only one of the three who was not called upon to perform his assigned function. Everybody ate and the probability is that everybody ate too much doctor and all, but the hour of laughter and fun which followed took care of any extra digestion.

It was the forty-second anniversary of Esq. Mauney's sojourn in his favored spot. Capt. Dilling preceded him by nearly a year and J. S. Mauney and W. S. Mauney came about the time of the acquire or soon thereafter. They were followed by Squaire Mauney's family and J. S.

NEW FIRM

HERNDON BROTHERS

Two popular bankers launch Real Estate and Insurance business

We are glad to announce that a much needed institution in this community has come into existence. There has been a long felt need in Kings Mountain for a real estate medium. An agency or company whose business it is to help the homeless to buy homes and to aid those who wish to dispose of their real estate to do so to the best advantage. Heretofore we have been dependent upon imported agencies. They come in and get options on property and then put up a big auction sale which in the end amounts to very little except a big expense to the land owner and a bonus to the agency. It is the poorest way in the world to determine the value of property and the advice of the Herald to people dealing with such agencies is to turn their business to the home institution.

The new firm is known as the Herndon Real Estate & Insurance Company and is launched by Messrs M. E. and P. D. Herndon, two of the town's cleanest and most efficient business men. They are both young and vigorous and have gone into the new business for the purpose of building up the community as well as adding to their daily stipend. They will buy and sell real estate on commission basis. This is the fair way to transfer property for the middle man has no chance for graft. They have already some good bargains to offer in the shape of farms and town property. Read the ad in this issue of the Herald and then watch it from week to week. They will be continually quoting on desirable property and some day they may offer the very thing you have been looking for. The company will also do a fire insurance business.

An automobile will come into play so that the promoters will be able to take prospects out to see their property. You will find the Messrs Herndon at the People's Loan & Trust Company where they are respectively cashier and bookkeeper.

All together for a Greater Kings Mountain and the support of every home institution!

Book Club with Mrs. Lovell

On Thursday afternoon, April 1st, at her home on Kings street, Mrs. Lovell most delightfully entertained the members of the Book Club and a number of invited guests.

The hostess greeted her friends at the door and invited them into the dining room where they were served hot chocolate and marmalades by Mesdames J. E. Lipford and R. C. Baker.

When all were gathered in the reception hall and living room an interesting program was given: Reading, "German Life," by Mrs. G. V. Patterson, "Selections from the History of Germany," Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell, and "The Russian Jew Americanized," by Mrs. C. E. Neisler.

Mrs. Lovell had prepared a pleasing "Flower Contest" and at the conclusion of the program an hour was given over to this which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. After the contest delicious cream and cake were served.

HONOR ROLL

FOR TWO SCHOOLS

List of those who have won distinction in our schools.

Kings Mountain Graded School

First Grade—Hord, William Jackson, Ethel Lackey, DeWitt Cornwall, Ernest Adersholt, Fay McGinnis, Margaret C. Cornwall, Gladys Wright, Jamie Gamble, Bright Richardson.

First Grade A—Ollie Barrett, Charlie Falls, Lawrence Styers, Roland Hutchins.

Second Grade—Pearl Styers, Clyde Wright, Roy Navy.

Third Grade—Margaret Lackey, Julia Catherine Mauney, Annie May Ware, Ruth Wilson, J. M. McGinnis.

Fourth Grade—Hunter Neisler, Howard Pursley, Thomas Mercer, Agatha Hord, Callie Harmon, Lucile Cornwall, Emelyn Dilling, Manuon McGinnis, Helen Shumaker, Inez Abbott, Nell Watterson.

Fifth Grade—George Hord, J. D. Hord, Gertrude King, Winnie Vera Mauney, Olessa Goforth.

Sixth Grade—Lawrence Falls, Fay Wilson, Sara Fulton, Kate Harmon, Mary Plonk.

Seventh Grade—Marvin Lecford.

Eighth Grade—Lillian Ramsaur, James Hambricht, Willie Ramsaur.

Ninth Grade—Oliver Ramsaur, Mary Fulton, Nina Hunter, Mary King, Mattie Ware.

Tenth Grade—John Floyd

R. A. YODER, Sup't.

CARE OF TEETH HONOR ROLL

East Kings Mountain Graded School.

Miss Irma Willeford's Room.

Eva Ballard
Eva Payseur
Will Pearson
Houston Stowe.

Miss Estelle Willeford's Room.

Annie Roberts
Earlie Atkins
James Ballard
DeWitt Hull
Raymond Strout

Miss Carlyle Ware's Room.

Nora Sisk
Wade Short
Earlie Howe
Reed
OdeH Bennett.

East Kings Mountain

We are getting better over in this part of off town. Spring is almost here. Things are looking fine for the future. Everybody seems to feel good and the boys say the girls look better in the Spring than any other time or it looks that way in East Kings Mtn. the boys all claim one.

We are practicing for the Singing Convention which is to come off before long at the First Baptist Church.

We are glad to note that Mr. J. J. Alexander is out again. He has been very sick but is able to correct our mistakes in singing. We all love J. J.

We are glad to note that the Cora Mill base ball team played the Old Mill team last Saturday and the score stood 9 to 5 in favor of the Cora Mill boys. Our boys are out to play ball this summer and we hope they will make good.

LOCAL ITEMS

NOTES OF INTEREST

Picked up here and there and boiled down for busy readers

Miss Gussie Beatty spent a few days in Yorkville, S. C. last week.

Misses Eloise and Irma Willeford, Marie Moss and Otto Hord went to Gastonia Friday afternoon.

Attorney E. L. Campbell and son, Charles Campbell and Mrs. McGinnis form an automobile party which left here Friday for Lumberton and other points in Robeson county. They are expected back tomorrow.

Mrs. Lizzie Bullets left for her home in Centralia, Penn., last week after an extended visit to her father, John W. Howell near Bethlehem.

J. R. Champion of Oak Grove was in town Saturday riding in a new automobile all his own.

Misses Ethel Davidson, Lee Mode, Bessie Phifer, Edith Davidson, Mrs. W. B. Phifer and Lloyd Phifer, all were Gastonia visitors last Tuesday.

E. C. Caldwell is making his headquarters at Elkin for a while.

Rev. G. L. Kerr spent Friday till Monday at Brady, S. C. assisting his brother in preaching.

A good many of the local Presbyterians attended presbytery at Gastonia last week. C. E. Neisler was appointed a delegate to the General Assembly.

Capt. F. Dilling left Saturday for a trip to Charlotte and Rock Hill.

Miss Gussie Beatty visited Mrs. Bludworth at Yorkville last week.

Miss Sarah Watson spent Sunday and Monday in Charlotte visiting home folks and attending the Chapman-Alexander meeting.

Dr. W. O. Raddock spent Sunday in Gastonia.

Harvey O. Mode returned Monday from Hopewell, Va., where he had been in the employ of the Dupont Powder Co.

(crowded out last week.)

Rev. E. O. Cole, Mrs. Cole and Miss Adna Garlington, all left Monday for Charlotte where they are attending the Chapman-Alexander meetings.

R. T. Cansler is operating a moving picture theatre in Gastonia for colored people.

Mr. Gross Hamilton of Greensboro is visiting his brother, C. A. Hamilton, here.

Work on the building of the First Baptist Church was resumed Monday and it is expected that it will be rushed to completion.

Bill Hamilton spent the weekend here with his brother, C. A. Hamilton.

Mrs. C. A. Hamilton has returned from a visit to relatives at Hamlet.

In his discourses on China at the Baptist church Sunday Rev. W. E. Crocker, the returned missionary, highly pleased the congregations both morning and evening.

Miss Katie Garrett attended the musical festival in Spartanburg and visited her sister Mrs. Barrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McGee were called to their home at Anderson S. C. on account of the death of his brother's wife.

County Line Political Pot Is Warming Up

Great Interest Taken By All Voters In Territory Affected--The Real Advantages to be Secured by Being Wholly in Gaston or Cleveland Must be considered--Decision to be Made at Saturday's Election.

On Saturday the Battle of Ballots will be on.

On that day the good people of Kings Mountain, No. 4 Township, Cleveland County, and a certain district of Gaston county will decide whether their territory shall become wholly a part of Cleveland county or of Gaston county.

The Town of Kings Mountain will remain, geographically, as it has always been. The other sections of the territory will remain as they have been, geographically. There will be no changing and moving of town and farms. An imaginary line dividing the two counties will be changed so that either one or the other of the two counties will gain considerable territory.

By this change Gaston county could secure approximately \$6,000,000 worth of taxable property; Cleveland county could secure about \$4,000,000 worth of taxable property. Either one or the other will secure several hundred new and desirable citizens, and you, Mr. Voter, will decide the question.

To the voter and taxpayer this question of county affiliation is one that needs the most careful consideration and attention; one where advantage must be balanced with disadvantage; one where the cost of securing the advantage must be considered and weighed. It is a question that must be given due consideration and thought and the ballot should be voted after weighing carefully every minute particle of evidence of advantage to be secured.

This question merits the thought and consideration of every man in the district affected. It is too important a matter to be decided upon hearsay or the opinion of another. Every voter owes it to himself and his community to get facts; that cannot be disputed; to study these facts, and, by studying them understand just what the real issues are, then vote as his conscience dictates to him.

Too often personalities and eloquent hour-long speeches circulated to hurt a just cause, are taken seriously and are given the attention of serious-minded and intelligent men, who should be wary of such stories in this election and consider nothing but substantiated facts bearing on the question.

While those most interested in the election to be held Saturday and which will change the line between the county of Gaston and the county of Cleveland, are those who live in the district directly affected by the outcome of the election, there is no denying that the people of both counties are greatly interested. Gaston county is interested for both a selfish and unselfish reason, and has been candid in explaining these selfish reasons to the voters of the territory affected, as well as pointing out the unselfish reasons and the advantages to be gained by being wholly in Gaston county.

It has not been the desire of Gaston county to endeavor to influence the voters to cast their vote for Gaston by misleading statements or statements that could be distorted and misinterpreted, but rather to give a plain statement of the facts concerning the advantages that the taxpayer and the property owner would secure by going to the polls on Saturday and voting to become a part of Gaston county.

In this paper last week a number of facts bearing on this question of county affiliation were given by Gaston county, and while many were not surprised that the position of the people of Gaston county was made plain, a number were interested in the information given on questions that had not been fully understood before.

The resolution of the board of county commissioners providing for the building, grading and constructing of a 20-foot road commencing at Ebenezer Church on the Kings Mountain and Cherryville road and running to the South Carolina line, in the event that the voters decide to become a part of Gaston county, dispelled many rumors that this resolution did not specify a certain time for the commencing or the completion of the road building.

The publication of this resolution also dispelled from many minds the contorted story that in the event this road was built by Gaston county that the taxpayers in the district affected by the election would have to stand the blunt of the taxation to provide for the cost of the road, inasmuch as it specified clearly that the tax levies on real and personal property in the territory included in Gaston county, if the election shall be in favor of including all of such territory as affected by such election in Gaston county, as aforesaid, SHALL NOT EXCEED the taxes on such property of the same kind and character in any other portion of Gaston county.

This provision is made it clear that the taxation of all property acquired by Gaston county shall be equalized with that property already in the county. It cannot leave room for doubt or for misimpression that may have crept into the minds of some citizens, prior to the publication of the resolution, that assessments and taxation would not be equalized.

Back of this resolution is the bond of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars signed by forty good citizens of Gaston, their guarantee that the board of county commissioners will carry out to the letter the provisions of the resolution.

The bond goes further than this. It names two trustees, Mr. C. E. Neisler and Mr. J. M. Patterson, both residents of the territory affected, and makes it their duty to collect the proceeds for the completion or building of the road in case of failure on the part of the board of county commissioners to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

While many people no doubt appreciate this action of the board of commissioners and the guarantee of the citizens that makes it plain that this was not simply an election promise to be forgotten immediately after the election, their appreciation will be even greater when it is realized that at an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners of Gaston county, held in the court house at Gastonia, on Thursday, April 15, 1915, (last Thursday) the commissioners adopted a FURTHER RESOLUTION providing for the building, grading and construction of a sand-clay road, commencing at Ebenezer Church on the Kings Mountain and Cherryville road (known as the County Line Road) to a point at or near the residence of H. S. Sellers. A certified copy of this resolution appears elsewhere in this paper.

In addition to the building of this road, the board of county commissioners of Gaston county also provide for the repair of all other roads in the territory affected.

In addition to these new roads to be built in the event that the citizens decide upon becoming a part of Gaston county there are many other advantages to be secured, numbering among them several which are already being enjoyed by the citizens of Gaston and which mean convenience and a saving of dollars and cents each year. These FACTS are INDISPENSABLE and well-deserve the STRONGEST INVESTIGATION of any person who may desire to ascertain the authority for himself.

THE CONVENIENCES

First the convenience to the county seat must be taken into consideration. In the event that this territory comes wholly in Gaston county, the convenience in reaching Gastonia means a saving of time and money. Southern Railway trains run between Kings Mountain and Gastonia every 3-1/2 to 4 hours, while in but a short time these two towns will be connected by the P. & N. electric line. That the P. & N. will build from Gastonia to Kings Mountain is a well-established fact. The route from Kings Mountain has not been definitely decided upon.

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