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PRINCIPLE FIRST

SI. A YEAR in ADVANCE

Singing Convention will be held at Patterson's Grove

The next meeting of the Union Sunday School Singing Convention will be held at Patterson Grove Church the fifth Sunday in August. The choir of Abington church near Wilkesville, S. C. is invited to attend and sing. The executive committee met in the Herald office Saturday July 17, and made the above arrangement.

It is hoped that the several choirs which have already participated in the convention will do sufficient practice and be able to hold the standard set and if possible raise it. It is also hoped that

other choirs will join. There were a number of invitations before the committee but Patterson Grove was unanimously chosen.

This will be the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year. It will also be the first anniversary of the Convention, it being born at Patterson Grove Sunday, Sept. 6, 1914. At the business meeting which will be held at 1 p. m., the following officers will be elected, president vice president and secretary and an executive committee appointed by the newly elected president.

INFANT CHILD OF MR. AND MRS. ED. HILTON DIES

Correspondence of The Herald.

Vera Jeanette the one year and nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hilton, died Friday morning at 7:45 at the home of the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hilton, 418 South Liberty Street Winston Salem, N. C. after an illness of three weeks of a complication of diseases. She was a bright little child and was loved and petted by all who came in contact with her. Mr. Hilton is a member of the paid fire department at Station No. 2 and he and Mrs. Hilton have many friends in the city who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement.

The funeral service was conducted at the residence of the grandparents Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. H. A. Brown assisted by Rev. Douglas Right. Interment took place in the Salem Cemetery.

Memoirs

This little child, who has at such an early hour in her life took her departure for the Heavenly Home was the daughter of Bro. C. E. and sister Vadie Hilton. She was born in this city on October 16, 1913.

For sometime little Vera Jeanette was the beloved favorite in the home of her parents on South Main Street. She was of a bright happy disposition and made many friends. Not only will she be missed by the members of the immediate family, but those who

came to know her among the neighbors and friends of her acquaintance will miss her also. Father and mother have their sympathy.

Owing to the close attention demanded by his position, the father was away from home much of the time but he could always be sure of a glad welcome upon his home-coming from his little ones who did much also to gladden the heart of the mother.

Little Vera was just reaching that happy state of childhood when, as it were the budding flower begins to blossom. She was growing into a lively, cheerful, loving child, when suddenly she became ill. About seven weeks ago she began to decline. For the last three weeks she has been very ill indeed. Just a week ago she was removed to the home of her grandparents, Bro. and Sister J. M. Hilton, that better care could be shown her and more comfort given. In spite of loving care of parents, grand parents, the immediate family and friends, she grew rapidly worse, often suffering intensely until early in the morning of July 16th, the Angel of Death called her home to her Master and Ours. Her age was 21 months.

Asleep in Jesus; blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep.

A calm and undisturbed repose. Unbroken by the last of foes.

KINGS MOUNTAIN FANGS IN WASHINGTON

Kings Mountain man sends rattlesnake fangs to old schoolmate in Washington, D. C. All hands raised their bristles and thought of Holt and his infernal machine.

(Charlotte Observer)

J. W. Skinner, who was a schoolmate of The Observer correspondent in Providence Township twenty odd years ago, caused quite a commotion in Washington by sending me a package of rattlesnake fangs by mail. The parcel came ahead of a letter explaining it, and everybody in The Observer bureau thought another bomb had arrived.

Ever since Frank Holt tried to blow up the Senate anything that looks suspicious get a cold reception.

Mr. Skinner is now living at

Kings Mountain, and in his rambles about the famous battleground he killed an old rattler which had five fangs, three of which he sent me. The poisonous points were preserved in a bottle of alcohol.

The fangs will be kept in reserve so if the United States goes to war with any of the belligerent Nations abroad they can be shot at the fellows who use gas bombs.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

Miss Mamie Fuller of Bessemer City arrived Thursday to visit at Mrs. P. T. Lockman's.

Bright Ratterree of Bethlehem section who has been sick with typhoid fever for several weeks is reported as being a little better. He has had a tough time of

CLEVELAND'S FIRST SHERIFF IS DEAD, JOSEPH C. BYERS

Shelby, July 23—Ex-Sheriff Joseph Craton Byers died Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marshall A. Bowen at the age of 82 years. He had been in declining health for several years, but ten days ago he was seized with a malady from which he never recovered. The end was peaceful and quiet and a prominent and esteemed figure took its flight to the great Beyond. Mr. Byers served heroically and nobly in the Confederate army; leaving Rutherford county as lieutenant of Co. B., 31 North Carolina Regiment. Because of his soldierly demeanor or he was advanced to captain and loved his men who in turn loved and respected him.

He was the first Sheriff Cleveland county ever had and filled this office with distinction and honor. After his first term he made several races for the position but was unsuccessful. However, his popularity and esteem

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was shown in the splendid vote which he received. Mr. Byers was a successful farmer of near Patterson Springs and a very useful man in his community. He took great interest in church work, holding his membership at the White Sulphur Springs Methodist church where the funeral was conducted yesterday by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Burns at 11 o'clock. Whenever sickness and distress was found, Mr. Byers was always there rendering whatever assistance and comfort he could.

Fourteen years ago his wife preceded him to the grave and for the last few years he has been making his home with his children, three of whom survive: Mrs. Nan Bowen, wife of Marshall A. Bowen, Chevis Byers and Mrs. Laura Hamrick, wife of J. B. Hamrick. Six children are dead one of whom, Mr. Jim Byers, was treasurer of Cleveland county for one term.

HOW EUROPEANS GET WAR HORSES ON AMERICAN MARKETS

Mr. Forrest Floyd of the firm of Plunk & Floyd, horse dealers, who returned last week from St. Louis where he bought some fine stock with which to start up his fall business, gives an interesting account of how the European nations buy horses on the American markets for war use.

Each country has a fixed price which they pay. They have one price for cavalry horses and another for artillery horses. England pays the highest prices and France next.

They are bought by inspection. For example; the horse dealer will pass out all horses that he can sell for the amount stipulated. They go through the inspection pen. All animals accepted by the inspector are sold and the dealers responsibility ceases at the moment the animal is accepted by the foreign agent.

A great many animals fail to pass the first inspection which is for the English artillery. They then go through the next lower class pen where a great many more are accepted, and so on until a final remnant may be left

after all the pebs have been gone through.

This remnant then reverts to the dealer who may put them on the local market or in some cases improve the animal and put him through the inspection again.

Mr. Floyd states that the European nations are carrying off some awfully good stock from our markets but that the prices paid by them do not get the very best and most marketable animals. The belligerent nations are not careful about the appearance of the animals but go directly after the most serviceable animal that can be had for the money.

Regardless of the fact that the warring nations are buying probably half or more of the horses put on the American market and a good many mules in addition, and the effect that this condition is having on the local market, Mr. Floyd bought a limited number of as fine looking mules and horses as we have seen on the market here ever.

MRS. W. M. HARMON OF PARIS, TEXAS, IS DEAD

The many friends of W. M. Harmon, formerly of this county but now of Paris, Texas, will regret to hear that he has lost his wife. The following account of her death is taken from The Paris Morning News of July 13:

"Mrs. Margaret Mauney Harmon, wife of W. M. Harmon, an old resident of the county, died at the family residence on West Kaufman street at 10 o'clock Sunday night after a long illness. She was born in Gaston county, N. C., and was 77 years old. She came to Texas with her husband nearly 40 years ago and they located in the Brookston community, where they resided continuously until about eleven years ago, when they moved to West Paris. She is survived by her husband and the following children: L. C. Harmon, of Beas-

ley, Tex.; Mrs. S. H. Hogan, of Caddo, Okla.; J. R. Harmon, of Brookston, Mrs. E. D. Egger, of Tarrill, and Mrs. J. E. Hogan, of Reno. All of the children and a niece, Mrs. J. W. DeWitt of I-dabel were present when she died. The funeral service was held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. W. J. Blodworth. Burial was at Evergreen cemetery. A number of her old friends from Brookston attended the funeral.

No Football for her

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Mrs. Rachael McMullin has left \$1500 to be used in the education of her grandson if he refrains from playing football. Should he decide in favor of the game, the money is to revert to the estate

THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., THE PANAMA-CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF., AND THE GREAT GOLDEN WEST.

as seen by

Mr. E. S. McSwain and wife Mrs. Ava Herndon McSwain and their little daughter Velda Irene, of Montgomery, Ala., on their recent ten thousand miles tour.

BY E. S. MCSWAIN

In answer to numerous requests from relatives and friends in the Carolinas and elsewhere to "tell us about your great trip" I give you all this as my invitation to lay aside your worries; get an easy chair and come take the trip with us.

We traveled alone on this tour, not with one of the so called "conducted" tours, and we are glad that we did for it enabled us to make our stops at the various places in accordance with our likes and not have to go at the call of someone else. The entire trip was made without mishap of any kind whatever, and enjoyed in its entirety, very much.

In order that I may not overlook any point the things of interest will be given just as seen by us, so I would suggest that the reader have convenient a map and follow us along the way; this I believe will make it more interesting.

Saturday, June 13, 1915.—We are accompanied by the Union Station by a number of friends, who wish us God speed on our trip as we board L. & N. Train No. 3, leaving Montgomery at 6: p. m. Out from Montgomery we pass through the more or less rugged section of Alabama as we wind our way north along the Coosa River. At Birmingham, a city of about 150,000 inhabitants; the largest in Alabama, which has big mining and manufacturing interests, and is located 97

miles north of Montgomery, we are met by friends during our twenty minutes stop, who give us their parting good wishes for the journey west. Soon after passing Birmingham we retired for the night to wake after passing through Alabama, across Tennessee and almost Kentucky.

Sunday, June 13th.—The first point of interest this morning is the crossing of the Ohio River, which runs between Kentucky and Indiana. At this point, just south of Evansville, the river is about 1 mile wide. We have a short stop at Evansville, Ind., a city of about 75,000 inhabitants, a large railroad center and a nice hustling place. At this point our train is switched from the L. & N. to the C. & F. L., over which latter line we travel into Chicago. During the day we pass through fine farming and grazing sections of Indiana and Illinois. The principal crops being corn and wheat all of which are in good condition and show evidence of thrifty farmers, but crops are later than in Alabama, corn being all the way from coming up to knee high; wheat ripe and being harvested. A great many horses and cattle are raised in this section. At 5:05 p. m. our train arrives in Chicago, "The Windy City," the second largest city in the United States with a population of about 2,500,000.

(To be continued next week)

GASTON COUNTY FAIR IS BEING WELL ORGANIZED

Gastonia, N. C., July 19, 1915
Special to the Herald

No time is being lost by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce in starting the ball to rolling looking to a complete organization and equipment for the First Gaston County Fair to be held this fall. President T. L. Craig has named several of the committees in whose hands the detail work of the fair will be. Other committees are to be named later.

The committees so far named are as follows:

Live stock and cattle department: W. T. Rankin, chairman, H. Rotter and W. N. Davis. Poultry department: J. L. Beal, chairman, H. Rotter and W. N. Davis. Agricultural department: C. B. Armstrong, chairman, B. P. Folk and John Frank Jackson. Finance department: J. Lee Robinson, chairman, A. G. Myers, E. G. McClard, F. L. Smyre R. G. Rankin and J. M. Holland

There are yet three or four more important committees to be named and these will be announced perhaps at an early date. The chairmen of these and other committees will constitute a governing board for the fair.

It is announced by the committee recently appointed to secure a site for the fair, of which W. T. Rankin is chairman, that a deal has been closed for ten acres of ground on East Franklin avenue, this being the property of Mrs. Harriet Hanna. The site is not far east of the Avon Mill property and is admirably located for this purpose.

It has been suggested by some that a feature that would appeal to many from all over the county would be a series of athletic contests to be participated in by contestants from all over the county. President Craig and his co-workers are getting down to business and there is every promise that Gaston County's first fair will be a big success.