

# The Kings Mountain

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PRINCIPLE FIRST

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS LOCAL AND OTHER

Condensed for the Convenience of Busy Readers

Mrs. J. F. Allison went to Gastonia last week.

W. B. Phifer went to Gastonia on business Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Anton a child last Wednesday.

Miss Musette Jenkins went to Gastonia Saturday on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parker, Jr. a daughter, Ruby Edith, November 24th.

R. F. Ellis of Ethel section bought land near Maiden and may move to it. He intends moving somewhere soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ormand spent the week end in Lincolnton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hartman.

Mrs. J. H. Holliday and children of Linwood College left Saturday for her old home in Greenville county S. C. where they will visit for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Willeford of Greenville, S. C. spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. Dora Bell Willeford.

The Sewerage and Sidewalk work is going right along. Kings Mountain is getting up-to-date the fastest you ever saw.

Miss Pearl Hicks, principal of the Mountain View school, at Sevier Mills attended the teachers meeting in Shelby Saturday.

R. L. Mauney was a business visitor at Gastonia Saturday. He went out to his farm at Whetstone Mountain where he is building a nice house.

Messrs J. B. Duke W. S. Lee and E. Thompson, of the Piedmont and Northern Railway Co. of Charlotte were here last week. We failed to get an interview and don't know whether the prospect are any brighter for an interurban line or not.

The J. B. Rhyne Mercantile Company, Incorporated, went in to the hands of a receiver Saturday, J. P. Weaver was appointed receiver. This was done at the instigation of J. Bryan Rhyne, a creditor. This company was incorporated over a year ago with J. B. Rhyne and C. Q. Rhyne and Mrs. J. B. Rhyne as incorporators and has done a good business at the Sevier mill.

Rev. J. R. Miller has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church of Kings Mountain to take effect at the pleasure of the church. The church has deferred action on the resignation until next Conference which comes Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in this month. Mr. Miller has been a most faithful pastor and has served the church for three and a half years. During his pastorate he has seen the church build a most splendid house of worship. He has seen another church, East Kings Mountain, organized largely from its membership and yet a net increase in his own flock.

The Southern Venture Company of Kings Mountain with head office at Charlotte is in process of dissolution. The company was organized several months ago for the purpose of

working the old Catawba Gold Mine near Kings Mountain. The promoters were unable to sell sufficient stock to make the effort a success. The stock paid in has, therefore, been returned to the subscribers and the corporation is being dissolved in order to set up the business and make other disposition of the option. The company was incorporated with O. R. Rudsill of Kings Mountain, President; John H. Farman of Atlanta, consulting engineer and vice president, and T. P. Zimmerman of Charlotte, Secretary-Treasurer. Messrs M. M. Carpenter and Leslie McGinnis of Kings Mountain had obtained an option on the property from the Catawba Gold Mining Co. which was signed over to The Southern Venture Company. The promoters sold some stock locally and expected to sell lots more to outside capital but not enough was placed to create a sufficient working fund and of course the effort has to be abandoned.

Some work has been done and is going on at present. Some gold has been obtained and they say that the prospects are fine if sufficient capital could be had to develop the mine.

President O. R. Rudsill having resigned his office in the company and was succeeded by Jno. H. Farman who still holds the office. It seems that nobody has made much and that nobody has lost provided the option is worth what it cost.

## Bessemer City

(The Bessemer Journal.)

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Littlejohn spent Sunday in Gastonia.

Mrs. A. G. Kasier spent last Saturday in Gastonia.

Mr. H. D. George was in Cherryville Monday on business.

Miss Lelia Black of Cherryville visited in the city last Saturday.

Mr. Fred Adams from near Grover visited friends in the city Sunday.

Miss Loretta Jones of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bell Saturday.

Miss Martha Harris of Charlotte spent the week end with Mrs. Sue Williams.

Mrs. R. P. Rollins and daughter, Juanita, visited in Kings Mountain last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shetley spent Thanksgiving with their daughter Mrs. R. C. Ormand.

Miss Margaret Kennedy of ... visited Miss Lula and Sada Kennedy last Friday.

Mr. H. A. Johnson returned Monday from Blowing Rock where he spent Thanksgiving.

Miss Lola Guffey who is teaching school at Patterson Grove spent the week at home.

Mr. Jack Young has returned to the city after undergoing an operation at the City Hospital in Gastonia.

Mr. Andrew Weeks of Rutherfordton visited his friend, Miss Lena Guffey, last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. M. A. Boggs made a very pleasant talk at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning on "Missionaries."

Mr. and Mrs. W. ... worth and family of ... spent Sunday with ... Mrs. I. P. Gagey.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. ... of Lincolnton, Rt 5 visited family of A. B. Kasier last ... urday and Sunday.

Mr. W. M. Harvey who moved his family from this place to Gastonia last week was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. J. W. Coley and children of Newton spent Friday and Saturday in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. George.

Mrs. J. C. Vava is visiting in York.

Mrs. H. D. George was a Gastonia visitor Friday.

Mrs. W. A. Allen visited in Gastonia Monday.

Mrs. Howard Payne was a Gastonia visitor Friday.

Mrs. D. C. Best was in Cherryville Wednesday on business.

Miss Janie Belle Stamey spent Thanksgiving in Hickory.

Miss Anna Beck Boyette has been right sick for several days.

Miss Maggie Johnson spent Thanksgiving with her children at Gastonia.

Miss Lettie Starnes of Gastonia spent Thanksgiving in the city.

Miss Mae Williams of Charlotte spent Thanksgiving with home folk.

Miss Rosa Todd of Gastonia spent Thanksgiving with Miss Ethel Servis.

Miss Phoebe Moose and Miss Robinson of Mooresville spent Thanksgiving here visiting friends.

Mrs. John J. George of Cherryville and Mrs. William Oates of this city spent Friday in Gastonia with Mrs. Henderson Long.

## Oak Grove

Self-Wright  
Mr. Sam Bell and Miss Virginia Wright both of Oak Grove section were married Sunday November 28th, at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson Wright Rev. Mr. Blanton officiating. This is one of Oak Grove's very popular couples and their many friends will be glad to know that for the present they will remain in the community making their home at Mr. Monroe Lovelace's.

Arthur, the five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Bell of Oak Grove section, is very ill with pneumonia.

## Bethlehem

Dixon-Blackburn  
Mr. Ira Dixon and Miss Mattie Blackburn of Bethlehem section came over to town Sunday November 28th, and were married, Esquire G. W. Kendrick performing the ceremony. The young couple are both well known and popular and were door neighbors before marriage.

Birth Day Dinner  
Mrs. Mary Malinda Gladden celebrated her 70th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day at the home of her son, P. K. Claden. A goodly company of relatives and friends celebrated with her and wished her many happy returns.

# The Forks Settlement.

## THE PEOPLE---A BETTERMENT WORKER---EDUCATION---PRESENT CONDITIONS

A historical sketch of one of Cleveland's choicest sections written especially for the Herald by a resident.

Sometime ago the Herald announced that it had a treat in store for its readers in the form of a historical sketch of one of Cleveland's very progressive communities. We pleasure in presenting it. The writer's name is withheld at his own request but suffice it to say that he is one of the most cultured and enterprising young men of the county and we accept his story as being thoroughly reliable. The story follows.

Perhaps you would like to know why I call this place by this name since it is often called by another name now. My story begins before it received its present name. There are four small streams or creeks flowing through this settlement, which finally become one stream, hence the name Forks Settlement. The people I want to tell you about lived on both banks of these four streams. Their school house was located between the two largest streams where they are about one mile apart and two miles from their junction.

This settlement was rich in natural resources such as water, timber and soil. The farmers were making some money, but unfortunately this money was not always used to the best advantage.

The people were intelligent, hardy, industrious and sociable. Not without their faults, neither without their good traits. As there was no church in the community, they did not attend religious services every Sunday, but most of the folks attended church somewhere occasionally. Unfortunately there were still-houses handy most of the time, and many of the men were in the habit of drinking more or less. This drinking habit took up most of the extra time and money, too, so there was little left for making improvements on the farms or in the homes. The fault, however, was not so much with the people as with conditions existing at that time, because some of the people who worked at the whiskey business then afterward became splendid church workers.

At this time roads were bad; the mail came only twice a week and it was two miles to the post office. School houses and dwellings were poorly arranged and unpalated; also they were not furnished with many of the modern conveniences. This state of affairs though was not to go on forever. This was a splendid field for a betterment worker, but there was one important step taken before he arrived. That was a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the county. Of course it was some years before this law benefit was derived

from this law: as people bought whiskey in adjoining counties, until they passed the same law, but finally it proved a great blessing.

### II--A BETTERMENT WORKER.

Now I must mention a person who played a very important part in the affairs of the neighborhood during the next fifteen years. As he was a human being like the rest of us, he was not perfect, but most certainly his strong traits outnumbered his weak ones. In looking back over his life we find that the fault that he could not live within his income was no fault at all; as we had not realized that the favors he was continually doing for others cost him in time and money. He came into the neighborhood one Saturday evening and preached in the school house that night and the next day; for he was a young Baptist preacher. He also left an appointment to preach again a month later and hold a few day's meeting. Just before the time for the meeting the neighbors went to the schoolhouse and built a brush arbor and made seats of logs and slabs. When the preacher returned, he held a meeting for about ten days. There were several people converted at this meeting who joined churches elsewhere and kept their membership there until the Forks church was organized.

A church was soon organized and the man who conducted the meeting became its first pastor. As there was no church building in the Settlement, steps were taken at once to erect one. A public spirited citizen who was a building contractor offered to give the land for the church site, if he received the contract for building the church. This was appreciated very much, because the land he proposed to give lay near the place where the church was organized. But the oldest member of the church owned a beautiful grove of state-oaks near the brush arbor, which he wished to donate as a church site. The latter place was accepted and the building was erected by the contractor.

The contractor received the contract without giving the church site, but he was determined to do something for the neighborhood, so he gave four acres to the parson. The parson bought some more land and built a house, and in a few months was living in the settlement. He was welcome to the neighborhood, as he was sociable, progressive and energetic. He was popular with young and old, which fitted him for a leader in movements for the betterment of the neighborhood. His wife possessed many other qualities [cont'd on fourth page]

Where Christian Kindness  
A missionary visiting a ... China found a very sick woman ... the woman and her husband were ... signers but the missionary ... wanted to help them. He persuaded them to go with him to a Christian doctor. There were no hospital accommodations in the town, so the doctor opened his own home, to these two strangers in a strange land, and cared for the sick woman until she was restored to health. The kindness of the missionary and of the doctor made a deep impression on the mind of the foreigners. The missionary had given them a Bible in their own tongue, and they began to read it. Sunday was a day of sewing and dancing, but the Bible had made such an impression upon these two that when the time came to have a Sunday party in their home they felt that the Bible should be read to the company. After this they went from house to house throughout the town asking permission to read the Bible in the homes. As a direct result of their efforts fourteen families were converted.

Japan's Emperor.  
Emperor Yoshihito of Japan is an attractive personality, thirty five years of age, an accomplished modern prince greatly beloved by the nation. He has visited all parts of the empire and is well versed in all affairs of the state. His character is said to be exalted and stainless. With his reign known as the era of "great righteousness" began money army. With the old emperor ended plural marriage in the imperial household. The present empress, Sadako, is said to be a lovely woman. The crown prince is twelve years old. In new Japan with her constitution and codes of laws, plural marriage or polygamy, is left in the gold and has no legal standing. "The new ... has been brought much ... of the Christian church, ... erid, though for ages it will remain distinctively Japanese."

Conference in Latin America  
The movement for the holding of a congress on Christian ... in Latin America began at the ... conference in 1910. The ... nations making investigations for the Panama congress now have 215 members, most of whom have been students of Latin America. To date, over 200 papers have been sent into the episcopates. Now more than 600 correspondents. Practically all the boards intend to send their full quota of delegates to Panama, and applications for visitor privileges are being received from many persons prominent in church and public life. Immediately following the Panama congress groups of strong leaders will visit direct from Panama, the section of conferences--four in South America, two in the West Indies, one in Central America, and one in Mexico.

In Yushow, the fifth largest city of India, there are 132,223 Hindus, 22,117 Mohammedans, 6,578 Christians, while the remainder are of less important faiths. (The figures are approximate.) It is said that 62,419 of the population are men between the ages of fifteen and forty.