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## HISTORY OF EL-BETHEL SECTION

### HARKING BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Correspondence of The Herald.

It becomes my delightful privilege to record a few facts about a place which has long been very dear to us, and about some people who played their part in life with credit. I desire to pause long enough to make grateful acknowledgement to a number of friends for their assistance in gathering this information. I shall strive to be accurate in my statements, but please do not expect too much of me, as some errors will doubtless creep in. I suppose this is what the "Progressive Farmer" would call an ideal Southern Community; a land of green fields, pretty homes and community neighborliness; a lane where the plowman's voice mingles with the hum of machinery and the buzz of traffic. Sounds quite different from these were once heard here for this place lies within hearing of one of the nation's famous battle fields. Since some of the people who lived in this section took part in that struggle, we feel that we should make that the starting point of this story.

#### The Battle

It was one cool October afternoon long ago. Men had been gathering for several days; not because a soldier received good pay; neither was it because of conscription for it is said that they came without orders or hope of reward other than to free the country from the British and Tories. The whigs came from several different countries. One man left his home in this section who was to pay dearly for the victory which was won on that day. His little son George was only three years old but he remembered as long as he lived hearing the guns which killed his father. There were only a little over two dozen Whigs killed but these were sadly missed in their homes. The wife of the patriot brought his body back after the battle.

#### After the Battle.

With the defeat of the British at this place the scene of battle shifted to other sections but the struggle in this home lasted many years. Little George and the other children were small so most of the work fell to the mother. In order to realize how difficult her task of farming and house keeping was, we must remember that many labor saving devices common now were not in use then.

#### Home Life

Several years have passed and George is now a grown man. After their marriage George and his bride took up some land at ten cents per acre. We might add however that this piece of land would bring \$50 per acre now. The house they lived in is still in use, being over 100 years old. They became sturdy settlers making their living by tilling the soil. The principal crops raised were, corn, oats, wheat, and tobacco. The cotton industry was in its infancy at that time. A good farmer would cultivate about one half acre of cotton. The seeds were dropped by hand and at gathering time the seeds were picked from the lint by hand. At

As there were no railroads or towns near, people could not go shopping very often. They went to Columbia S. C. once or twice a year to sell produce and purchase necessities for the home. We are copying a bill below which shows what farmers had to sell also what they bought in 1840.

Columbia, S. C. 1840.	
George Goforth, bought of G. Bronson.	
50 lbs. sugar at .11	\$5.50
20 " coffee " .15	3.00
10 1/2 " " " .15	1.63
13 1/2 " " " .15	2.00
6 1/2 " " " .15	1.00
1/2 gallon molasses at .50	.25
6 bun. thread at \$1.37 1/2	8.25
1 sack salt at 3.25	3.25
Cash	33.79
Total	\$58.67

Made payment by 8 bbls. flour at \$5.87 1/2	\$47.00
157 lbs. " "	4.34
4 1/2 " butter at 18 1/4	.87
11 1/4 " " " 18 1/4	2.19
2 1/2 " " " 18 1/4	.43
20 1/2 " " " 18 1/4	3.84
Total	\$58.67

Mr. George Ware has the original copy of this bill with a number of other papers and letters. A part of his house was built by Mr. Goforth.

#### PART II Education

It seems that the first school in this section was started about the year 1818. The School house was where Elbethel church now stands. The first teacher boarded around among his pupils. In order to encourage industry among his scholars he often used the switch freely. The ability to do this was one qualification that a teacher must have before his application for a school would be considered. In some schools it was the custom to allow the pupils who were the first to arrive at the school house to recite first when school was taken up. This was done to discourage tardiness. Pupils studied their lessons aloud and much attention was given spelling. It seems the study of grammar, was much formal parsing, but very little work in oral and written reproduction of stories. Several subjects have been added to the course of study since that time, such as physiology, agriculture, and domestic science in some places. These subjects have been added for the purpose of giving the course a practical as well as a cultural value.

#### Church

A few years after the school was started, Elbethel church was organized. A former historical sketch of Elbethel supposed to have been written by Rev. Highby Harmon has been published in the Herald already, so I will strive to not repeat what has been written. I wish to say however that this church was organized about the year 1832 with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, Mr. and Mrs.

## LINWOOD COLLEGE CLOSES GRAND YEAR

Linwood College has closed another successful year. The commencement exercises were held last week and the students and teachers departed for their respective homes. This was the second year of the co-educational feature and it has proven very successful. We hope to see the fall opening have a better local patronage than has been the case. There are lots of young people throughout this section who have graduated from high school and will enter college this fall. Why not give Linwood her share of patronage?

**PROF. RANKIN HEADS BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL.**  
The Bessemer City Graded school trustees held a meeting Tuesday. They elected Prof. J. D. Rankin, of Norwood, superintendent of the schools for the ensuing year. There now remains only a few teachers to be elected to complete the faculty; they will probably be selected at the next sitting of the board. At Tuesday's meeting Mr. C. C. Coble was elected treasurer, and Mr. C. A. Jones, tax collector. (Journal)

J. D. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. James Ware and Miss Sally Dixon as its members. The first building was situated below the graveyard and was built by Mr. Andrew Goforth. The present building is the third house of worship to be erected at this place. It is built of brick and one of the nicest churches in the country.

#### Mails

In order to better appreciate our splendid system of daily mails now, we should remember that in these days the mail was carried only once a week. Many people did not take the papers then but those who did would often read them to the crowd gathered at the post office.

It is said that when a boy wanted to write to a girl he would send the letter by a small negro boy. There was one qualification however that these mail carriers must possess, that was that he must be unable to read, as these letters were not sealed.

#### Amusements

Amusements for the young folks were not lacking at that time. There were singings at which some elderly man would lead the music. The singers were required to mark time with hand when they sang. That their singing was very beautiful is evidenced by the music we hear at old time singings to-day. Log rollings and quiltings also corn shuckings served to bring the young folks together for amusement. Military muster days were looked forward to with pleasure. Many of the young women also attended these gatherings, so the young officers when off duty spent their time in flirtation. Instead of ice cream and lemonade for refreshments there was cider and ginger bread. Some folks used whiskey for a beverage, but we are glad that everybody was not in favor of this even at that time. We are told of a young officer who accompanied a young lady to a party. She discovered a bottle of whiskey in his pocket and told him that she was going to throw the bottle away. He agreed and she did so. We do not know whether he used whiskey again or not.

[This article will be concluded in next week's issue of the Herald and the names of the leading characters given. Editor]

## AN APPRECIATION OF MRS. J. R. MILLER

We, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Kings Mountain Baptist church, wish to express our appreciation of our former pastor's wife, Mrs. J. R. Miller, who was one of our most loyal and faithful members until Brother Miller accepted the call at Fairmont, N. C.

Therefore be it resolved—

1. That we will sadly miss her, for she always tried to guide us to higher and nobler things, and was ready to do her part in every way.
2. That while we give her up with many regrets, we know that our loss is Fairmont's gain and that we know all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord.
3. That we will always hold in fond recollection our much beloved sister who served so faithfully and loyally in all parts of our church work.
4. That we are thankful it was our lot to work with this consecrated sister and we feel her stay here has greatly benefited us all.
5. That our prayers and blessing follow her to the new field, knowing she will continue to do great work for our Master.

Mrs. D. F. Ford  
Mrs. E. J. Abbott.

## NEW BUSINESS FIRM

A new organization has been effected in Kings Mountain known as the Kings Mountain Realty & Insurance Company. The active members of this company are H. T. Fulton and Attorney J. R. Davis. The purpose of this company is to induce outsiders and people at home to buy farms in No. 4 township. There isn't any organization that we welcome any more than just such a company as this. For in order to develop our county and town we must advertise it and induce buyers from the outside to come and live with us. Real estate is cheap in this township, simply because we haven't a sufficient number of farmers to cause keen competition. So we should encourage any movement that will tend to build up the community.

Look in today's Herald for their ad and next week for a list of property which they have for sale.

If you need to buy or sell anything in real estate see these gentlemen.

## AMERICA IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING

### SAID PRESIDENT WILSON AT CHARLOTTE SATURDAY

#### MR. H. Y. BELK WEDS MISS HARDIN

The people of Kings Mountain and Dixon Academy were taken by surprise Saturday when Mr. Henry Y. Belk of the Dixon Community brought home a handsome young wife in the person of Miss Mayme Hardin. The bride is the daughter of attorney N. W. Hardin of Blacksburg and was employed as nurse in the Greenville Hospital at Greenville S. C. We welcome the young lady to this quarter of the moral vineyard and congratulate Mr. Belk on his happy fortune.

#### THE BOOK CLUB WITH MRS. HOOD

The Thursday Afternoon Book Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. S. Hood on the eleventh at her attractive new bungalow. The house was charmingly adorned with roses and daisies and the afternoon was one of unusual pleasure. The following program was carried out: Vocal solo, Mrs. Lovell; Reading, "German Women in War Time," Mrs. G. V. Patterson; Poem, "The Play-ground of the Nation," Mrs. Hunter Patterson; Song, Mrs. Lovell.

During a pleasant social hour the hostess, assisted by her little daughter, Knox, Bessie Ramsaur and Mrs. John Plonk, served delicious tea with an accompaniment of dainty sandwiches, strawberry ice cream and wafers. The invited guests were: Mesdames Elmer Herndon, Jonah Thomason, R. S. Plonk and Eugene Lipford.

#### THE PRICES OF PAPER ARE SOARING

The prices of paper are still climbing. Paper for which we paid six cents a pound a few weeks ago is now quoted at eleven cents. Other kinds in proportion. The manufacturers say they can see no relief in sight. We advise those needing office stationery to lay in a supply before any further advances are made. Let the Herald have your work. We'll do it just as cheaply as we can under the circumstances.

## SIX REASONS Why You Should Advertise In The Kings Mountain Herald

- I. It is a clean local paper for all the family.
- II. It is the only paper published in its territory.
- III. It has a bona fide circulation of over 1100 copies each week.
- IV. It covers the Kings Mountain trading territory like the noonday sun.
- V. It is the medium through which to show your customers that you have confidence in what you are offering for sale.
- VI. Its advertising rates are very low compared with the service rendered.

The presence and speech of President Woodrow Wilson was decidedly the climax of the Charlotte celebration. The throngs which gathered from a large section of the Southland to see and hear the nation's chief executive were said to number more than a hundred thousand souls. Not all heard. Neither did all see. But a great many more saw than heard. The president has a splendid smooth heavy voice but speaking from an open air stand to an open air audience could not be heard except by those close by. The speech was a gem. The President spoke along the line of the elements that enter into American Civilization. He said:

"It is with unaffected pleasure that I find myself in the presence of this interesting company today, for I have come back for a visit all too brief to a region very familiar to my heart, and the greeting of whose people is peculiarly welcome to me.

"I do not know, my fellow-citizens, whether I can interpret for you today the spirit of this occasion, but it is necessary when we get together in celebrations like this to take counsel together with regard to just what it is that we wish to celebrate. You will say we wish to celebrate the memories of that time to which we look back with such pride, when our fathers with singular wisdom of counsel and stoutness of heart undertook to set up an independent nation on this side of the water, but it is very much more important that we should remind ourselves of the elements with which our forefathers dealt. There were only three million citizens in that original republic of the United States of America. Now there are one hundred millions. It is a long cry back to those modest beginnings; a great period of time, not only, but a great period of profound change, separates us from that time, and yet I would remind you that the same elements were present then that are present now.

"What interests my thought more than anything else about the United States is that it has always been in process of being made over since that little beginning and that there have always been the same elements in the process. At the outset there was at the heart of the men who led the movement for independence a very high and noble passion for human liberty and free institutions. And yet there lay before them a great continent which it was necessary to subdue to the uses of civilization if they were going to build upon it a great state among the family of nations. I heard a preacher once point the very interesting circumstance that our Lord's Prayer begins with the petition for 'our daily bread,' from which he drew the inference that it was very difficult to worship God on an empty stomach, and that the material foundations of our life are the first foundations. What I want to call your attention to is that this country ever since that time has devoted practically all of its attention, power and

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