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ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL SEEMS CERTAIN

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital plans were adopted whereby it looks possible now to realize this institution within the near future. Many of the most prominent and energetic business men of Gastonia and Gaston county are behind the project in earnest. A whirlwind campaign for subscriptions has already begun. Gaston people purpose to start this institution with a subscription of \$10,000 or more given by Gaston citizens for this humane purpose. The campaign for subscription has only been on a day or two and up to this time there has been subscribed \$2,500, none of which subscriptions is payable until \$50,000 has been subscribed. The institution is an assured success provided the other counties of the State do their share as well as Gaston. There does not seem to be any doubt that Gaston will raise her \$10,000 and also that Mecklenburg, Cleveland and Lincoln will swell this amount to at least \$25,000 within the next sixty days. Many of our best business men are so much interested in this laudable institution to help the poor, crippled and indigent orphaned children of the State that they are leaving their work and making this personal campaign themselves.

Some facts concerning this institution and its work might be of interest to the people who would like to assist the promoters in this undertaking.

FACTS

Its object is to provide a hospital, school and home combined, for the treatment, education and training of crippled and those with chronic diseases: to aid them to become at least partially self supporting by means of the education and the careful training of any special talent a child may have.

It is absolutely nonsectarian. It is open to all crippled white children who need its care. Children who cannot pay are to be treated absolutely free.

It will be a home, a training school and hospital where any physician of good standing can send his patients and have his instructions for each case carried out.

All moneys, bequests, legacies and donations received will be expended to alleviate the sufferings of diseased children.

Experienced nurses and teachers will be employed.

About seventy-five cents per day covers the cost of the care of each child in like institutions.

There is not an institution like this, as proposed, in the entire South and only about eight or ten in the United States, thus the great State of North Carolina has a wonderful opportunity to lead along this philanthropic line as well as along the lines of commerce and agriculture.

It is cheaper to cure and educate cripples, thus transforming them from the dependent to the effective class, than it is to support them through life.

This institution will pay large dividends in human character, useful lives and better citizenship. Give the crippled deformed children of sound mind a chance to make good.

Mr. Sam Shumaker's family returned Thursday from an extended visit to Davidson.

REV. ORR WEIR DIES IN TENNESSEE

His many friends in Kings Mountain were severely shocked Saturday morning when the news was spread that Rev. Orr Weir, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyce Weir of this city, was dead. He died in a hospital at Union City, Tenn., Friday afternoon at 5:30.

Mr. Weir was born in Kings Mountain nearly 31 years ago and spent his youth here. He was educated at the Kings Mountain high school and at Erskine College, Due West, S. C. About seven years ago he entered the ministry in Kentucky where he labored in the vineyard of his Master until a little more than three years ago when he moved to Revere, Tennessee where he served the church at Revere and at Polk, Tenn., until his death.

Mr. Weir was married to Miss Bessie Harper of Union City, Tenn. in October 1914 who with a nine-months old child survives.

Besides the widow and child are left to mourn the loss of this most splendid young man the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyce Weir, of Kings Mountain, and a sister, Mrs. W. G. Falls of Salisbury, N. C. and a host of relatives and friends in this vicinity.

The remains were buried at Union City Saturday afternoon.

His father not being physically able to take the trip, neither he nor his mother went.

DILLING-HARDIN MARRIAGE NEXT MONDAY

At a heart party Tuesday of last week Miss Nell Dilling announced the approaching marriage of her sister, Miss Louise Dilling, to Mr. Charles Hardin of Hickory. The marriage will occur next Monday, June 12th. Miss Dilling is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Annie Dilling and is very popular in Kings Mountain society. Mr. Hardin is a young business man.

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR PAPER?

Are you getting your paper? If you are not of course you will not see this notice. But any person getting the paper who knows of a person having subscribed and is not receiving it will confer a great favor on both the losing subscriber and the Herald by calling attention to the fact. We want everybody who has paid for the Herald to get it but in handling more than a thousand names one could easily be overlooked or lost. So please notify us of any failure to receive the paper. In notifying us be sure to say to whom you subscribed, when, how much you paid, and give the address exactly like it is on your receipt.

Mrs. W. Frank Goforth and little son returned Friday from Union county, where they had spent a week visiting relatives. They also visited the camp of the Southern Power Co. at Lancaster, where Mr. Goforth is employed.

Mr. Fred Good of Greenville, S. C., Mr. Hays Bennett and mother of Trenton, Tenn., and Mr. Paul Patrick of Greenville, S. C. all visited at Mr. C. E. Neider's last week. The young men were schoolmates of Mr. Eugene Neider.

HON. W. A. MAUNEY IS NOMINATED

The legalized primary held here Saturday was a very tame affair. No excitement and but little interest prevailed. The vote little more than half the registration. And had it not been for local men in the race it might have been of less import. There were 219 votes cast and of these Hon. W. A. Mauney, candidate for the Legislature against R. B. Miller and N. Champion, received 150 votes. This was the highest vote cast for any candidate. Mr. Mauney was nominated in the county. Indications at this writing (Monday) are that Dr. Hood was nominated for coroner and H. T. Fulton for county commissioner, but sufficient returns have not been received to establish the fact. We expect to have the full returns before go to press with the fourth and fifth pages Wednesday afternoon. The people here voted to restore the county treasurer's office 125 to 17. We understand that the county as a whole favored restoration of the office by 90 per cent.

BLIND MAN BUILDS HOUSE

Folks are mighty busy in Kings Mountain lately, especially carpenters. But that fact cut no ice with Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Hullender. Mr. Hullender is blind. He lives in one of the company houses at the Old Mill here. He decided recently that he wanted a porch and room added to his house as it didn't look exactly to his notion. So he bought his material and set about to get somebody to do the work. Everybody was busy. Finally he got somebody to saw out his framing and put the sheeting on. Then he and his wife went after the job. They weather-boarded it, crawled up on top and covered it, got down off the finished roof and floored it, cleaned up the trash and began anew to live at home. While Mr. Hullender is stone blind he demonstrates in many ways what a man can do when he has the grit in his craw. He can about knock the shine off all the wood coppers in town and especially for accuracy in cutting it the proper length. Mr. Hullender promises that if he sees the Herald this week he will read this article. The Herald has the greatest sympathy for the blind but this case demonstrates the fact that it's no use to give up and pine away because of the affliction.

Locals

Mr. C. M. Whitesides of Wilmington, Delaware, has been visiting relatives here and at Long Creek.

Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell visited her sister, Mrs. Nellie Patrick, here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Houser of Greenville, S. C. visited here last week. They were accompanied by Miss Genevieve Harris of Spartanburg.

Mrs. J. G. Hord and children and Mr. Jno. F. White returned Friday from Gastonia, where they had visited a sister, Mrs. Elmer Spencer.

TWO OF THE COUNTY'S YOUNG OLD MEN

Last Tuesday's Cleveland Star carried the photographs of what it chooses to call two of Cleveland's "husky youngsters." The two gentlemen in question are Mr. T. W. Harmon, age 83, and Mr. Berry Hamrick, age 94. Corn Cracker writes the article accompanying the pictures as follows:

"Permit me to call attention of your readers to a pair of husky youngsters who have their habitat in the realm of classic Cleveland county, an important factor in the domain of North Carolina. One of these marvels of adolescent gayety, T. W. Harmon, Route 2, Kings Mountain, is eighty-three, and the life of the other, Berry Hamrick, Route 4, Shelby, has spanned 94 wheat harvests. Both of them are veterans of what they refer to as late unpleasantness" referring to the Civil War and each has his loins girt up and his lights burning,—ready at the tap of the drum to seize Old Glory in one hand and his trusty "Eafield" in the other. Each has received his share of bullet, bayonet and shrapnel wounds, and each plows, cuts wheat and oats with a grain cradle, drives mule teams and goes to log rollings and house raisings. Until three years since each of them enjoyed fox hunting, and followed the hounds on foot. But with about five army wounds each, both now ride, one mounted on an erantive mustang and the other on a disreputable mule as far as morals are concerned, that would test the horsemanship of "Buck Taylor"—Buffalo Bill's famous broncho buster. They had a chum who was recently gathered in by the grim reaper at the untimely age of ninety-six, and this had a depressing influence on their future expectations. This unfortunate tripling had driven a pair of three-year-old mules to Shelby and was kicked by them in concert. He wore out the gable end of a framed barn on them,— "ding 'em" and completed his journey homeward. But he also had sabre, bullet, and grape shot wounds and developed blood poison.

All these youngsters were deep water Baptists and useful and zealous members and Sunday School workers. I saw one of them last Sunday, who had ridden a mule five miles to a singing convention. He walks without a stick and reads without glasses. By reason of his chum dropping out at the premature age of ninety-six, he fears that fifteen years hence he can't do anything but "drap corn," "piddle" around the blacksmith shop, sharpening plows, select seed corn and shear mules.

The juvenile of ninety-four walks to Sunday School every Sunday and teaches a Bible class. It mortifies him to wear specs and he only uses them on dark days. On account of six army wounds, for two years he walks with stick. Both of these living youngsters are pronounced Democrats, as was their chum who has been wafted to the evergreen shore. The representative who was called here recently, had his habitat in No. 8.

When the famed Spanish explorer sought in vain for the fountain of youth, it is a pity that he did not explore the piedmont region of North Carolina. His credulity and superstition have been ridiculed by scientists (Continued on back page)

REV. R. A. MILLER DIES AT ROCK HILL

Suffering a stroke of paralysis late Friday afternoon which deprived him of speech and consciousness, Rev. Robert A. Miller, pastor of one of the Presbyterian churches at Rock Hill, S. C., for years, pastor at Hopewell church, Mecklenburg county, also supply on the Kings Mountain charge at various intervals, and later Belmont (Gaston county), passed away Friday night at 8 o'clock at his home in Rock Hill.

Mr. Miller never regained consciousness after the stroke.

News of his death will be heard with great sorrow in sections where he labored for so many years. All his work stands as a monument that will endure for years. He was known throughout the Presbyterian church of the Carolinas, and was esteemed as one of the most orthodox, most earnest, most consecrated ministers of the gospel in the whole Southern Assembly.

Mr. Miller was uncompromising with any deflection from the standards of the church. He measured his life by the plumb line of the Bible and the Confession of Faith, these constituting the sum-total of the tenets of his faith. He was a strong friend, a man of loyalty as well as devotion to his church. He was strong in his convictions and no man moved him from a position he thought right.

Mr. Miller was for 20 years or more pastor of the church in Wadesboro, he building up a fine congregation and doing a strong work there. As pastor of Hopewell church, Mecklenburg county, one of the seven historic Presbyterian churches of that county, which "fought the Revolution" in Mecklenburg, he is best known in that county.

Mr. Miller was twice married. He is survived by his wife and son, Mr. Robert Miller, of Rock Hill.

Robert Alexander Miller was born in York county, S. C. He was educated at Davidson College, graduating with the degree of B. A. in the class of 1871. He entered Columbia Theological Seminary and graduated there in the class of 1874 and was licensed the same year by the Presbytery of Bethel. He was ordained in 1875 by the Presbytery of Wilmington. He served as pastor of the Mount Williams and Richards churches from 1874 to 1877 and as pastor of the Monroe and Wadesboro Presbyterian churches from 1877 to 1883. He was pastor of Hopewell church, Mecklenburg county, from 1883 to 1890, and became pastor of the three churches: Hopewell, in Mecklenburg county, Belmont and Lowell Presbyterian churches of Gaston county, in 1890. He supplied the churches at Kings Mountain, Long Creek and Bessemer City for a few months in 1913 and again in 1915. After serving in these churches for a number of years he went to Rock Hill, S. C., where he served as pastor at the time of his death.

No minister ever preached in Kings Mountain who commanded higher respect of the people and who is more pleasantly remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mauney of Cherryville visited relatives here Friday.

CHANGE IN HOURS NOT SATISFACTORY

As the Cleveland Star views the Star mail route situation.

In asking that a star mail route service be inaugurated from Kings Mountain to Shelby, the paramount object was to get the morning mail to Shelby from the north several hours earlier instead of waiting until the 9:41 Southern and 5:41 Seaboard. As a further argument that this service should be granted, it was pointed out in the petition that the early morning service from Kings Mountain would enable rural route patrons served by carriers from the Shelby office to get their morning dailies and other mail from the north fully a day earlier than by the present schedule. But the post office department overlooked our main reason for asking for this service and in order to avoid the expense of the proposed star route from Kings Mountain gave us something that Shelby and the rural patrons do not want, namely a three hour later schedule for carriers leaving this office.

This enables the rural patrons to get their mail from the north shortly after it reaches the Shelby office, but does not benefit local patrons. In fact the carriers say the rural patrons prefer the old schedule because they want their mail before dinner so they can read at noon. In summer the nights are so short and farmers are so busy they have little time for reading at night by lamplight. They prefer the old schedule with the service from Kings Mountain and it is hoped the department can be made to see the necessity for it, and order carriers back to the old schedule.

ARMENIANS EAT GRASS

Armenian exhibits eating grass and dying of starvation by hundreds, is the startling message received May 15th. from Constantinople by the American Committee for American and Syrian Relief, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York. The cablegram says that suffering among the exiles deported from their homes by Turkish soldiers; has greatly increased on account of their refusal to accept the Mohammedan religion; but that in spite of all the suffering they are not losing their Christian faith.

The Committee now has reliable facilities for reaching the needy; and its commissions in several centers of Persia, Turkey and Syria are under the directions of American Consuls and Missionaries; Aleppo, Mr. Dutton said, is the distributing center for broad region in which there are probably five hundred thousand destitute Armenians.

Armenian population of Turkey, Persia and Syria before the European war - 2,000,000
Massacred or died of wounds, disease or exhaustion - 750,000
Survivors about - 1,200,000
Destitute and starving Armenians, Nestorians and native Christians (non-combatants) in Turkey, Persia and Syria - 1,000,000
Amount of money needed to rehabilitate the destitute and starving - \$5,000,000
Amount of money raised thus far - \$600,000