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EDITORS DIDN'T EAT HERE

EDITOR McKISSICK MADE FINE SPEECH AT BATTLEGROUND

THEY DIDN'T EVEN DRIVE THROUGH TOWN

Sandlappers gave the Kings Mountain delegation the go-by good and proper—Big crowd.

The South Carolina Newspaper men didn't dine with us at the Mountain View Thursday like we had expected. When the invitation was formally extended over phone to Editor Watson Bell at York he stated that he would have to consult the ladies committee. A reply came later to the effect that the invitation was declined on the ground that the picnic had already been planned for Linwood and that the idea had gained too much hold to be given up at that late hour.

Notwithstanding our disappointment, a few of us went over to the battleground, enjoyed the program with them and accompanied them to our borders where they turned at right angles and went on to Linwood without even coming through town.

At the battleground Editor J. Rian McKissick of Greenville delivered a most able speech on the battle of Kings Mountain. In the main his data was gathered from the writings of Drane and Roosevelt and was so arranged and condensed as to be most interesting and instructive.

In the party from York were about fifty automobiles occupied by something like two hundred women and men with a few of the young folks.

The Kings Mountain delegation was sorry that the crowd didn't come through town. But the roads were mighty against us. Kings Creek fought the whole project and practically defeated it. The machines had to lap toward York to the intersection of the road with the Kings Mountain-York road and then come through. This landed the party in the very Eastern extremity of town and into the Linwood road. Of course they could have come up town with five minutes additional time and we would have felt so much better about it.

MINE PROPERTY BURNS

(Crowded out last week)

J. N. Smith of Route 2, who is General Superintendent of the Keyville Copper Mine, Keyville, Va., informs us that the entire plant of the mine, which includes boilers, boiler, air compressor, etc. was destroyed by fire Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. No one was killed. The damage runs into thousands of dollars, with no insurance.

Before the building had fallen in Mr. Smith was given orders by the owner to start Monday morning he was able to get nearly his whole force to work. By June 13 hours had gone by he had installed boilers from other places and had the water pumps working and water out of the mine. Mr. Smith's son, Eddie, is Assistant Supt. and they expect to have everything ready to go to work again within 10 days.

They are working a large force of hands. They have a 5 foot vein of ore which runs 10 per cent and were shipping three car loads of ore a week.

It seems as if some one set the plant on fire.

THE ENQUIRER ACCOUNT

OF THE TRIP OF THE S. C. EDITORS OVER HERE.

HAD PICTURE TAKEN IN GASTONIA

Says they Came within two miles of Kings Mountain—Regretted could not drive through.

Following is a brief summary of the story carried by the Yorkville Enquirer of Friday of the visit of the South Carolina editors to the Battleground and Linwood Thursday.

"The party arrived at the Kings Mountain battleground shortly before 11 o'clock. Some time was spent in inspecting the old monument and the new. The spot where Col. Patrick Ferguson fell as well as that where he was buried were objects of especial interest. The grave of Ferguson which is marked by a granite shaft and a pile of stones, received particular attention at the hands of all who had kodaks and cameras. Practically every newspaper man and everyone connected with the profession, gathered a stone and reverently added it to those which cover the British leader.

"After the inspection of the historic spot to their satisfaction, all repaired to the stand near the giant monument, and there Col. J. Rian McKissick, associate editor of the Greenville Daily News, delivered an inspiring educational address dealing with the history of the battle of Kings Mountain and its importance in bringing the revolution of the colonies to a successful conclusion.

"The party left the battleground at about 1 o'clock and proceeded to Linwood college, a fact of 20 miles, which was easily clipped off in an hour. The route taken was by Bethary, past the residence of A. C. McCarter and along the Kings Mountain-Gastonia road. The route led within two miles of the town of Kings Mountain and everybody regretted that they could not visit the progressive little city, but a pre arranged schedule would not permit. En route from the battleground to Linwood the party passed a road gang engaged in cutting a road through the mountainous section of Cleveland county, to the York county line, and they were impressed with the way the North Carolinians were doing the job. After striking the North Carolina line the roads were all that could be desired and what time the chauffeurs had lost in climbing the hills that had gone before, was made up. While the newspaper folks thought the South Carolina roads were in fair condition, they were unanimous in the agreement that those in North Carolina were almost perfect.

"Upon arrival at Linwood college at 2 o'clock, the party were taken in hand by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of the institution, and shown around the beautiful little Associate Reformed Presbyterian college at the foot of Crowder's mountain. Numbers of Yorkville ladies and gentlemen had already arrived with dinner and soon this was announced. There is no use in describing it. A feast is all that is necessary and there was plenty of it. Following an invocation by Rev. E. B. Gillette, the party, which at this point

TAX COLLECTIONS CLOSE

SHERIFF LACKEY MAKES FINAL SETTLEMENT.

COLLECTED \$129,126.26 LEAVING \$302.77

Commissioners compliment sheriff on his very close collection—Usually more than \$1000 short.

Sheriff W. D. Lackey made final tax settlement with the county commissioners Wednesday and the showing was a most gratifying one. He was charged with \$129,429.60 and of this amount collected \$129,126.26, leaving uncollected only \$302.77. Usually there is from a thousand to twelve hundred dollars the sheriff is unable to get, but the collector this year was very close, and the commissioners complimented Sheriff Lackey. —Star.

Joint Meeting U. D. C.

(Crowded out last week)

On the afternoon of June the third the Kings Mountain Chapter U. D. C. and the Bessie Simonson Children's Chapter held a joint meeting in the school auditorium. The following splendid program in honor of Jefferson Davis was rendered:

Invocation—Rev. Kerr.
Song, "Ramp, Tramp"
Children's Chapter.
Poem—Jefferson Davis' Birthday—Mrs. L. F. Neel.
Address—Rev. G. L. Kerr.
Piano Solo—Miss Mary Fulton.
Reading—Miss Miriam Goforth.
Song, "Sunny South"

Children's Chapter.
Lord's Prayer in unison.

numbered 300 or more people, fell to it.

"At Linwood college the press party was met by President T. L. Craig, of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce; Secretary Alfred O. Loyd of that organization and Mr. J. W. Atkins, editor of the Gastonia Gazette. These gentlemen had come to act as pilots to Gastonia, the most progressive city in North Carolina."

"While we appreciate the nice things the Enquirer has to say about our roads and Linwood we remember how they gave us the go-by good and proper. In the third paragraph it says 'The route led within two miles of the town of Kings Mountain and everybody regretted that they could not visit the progressive little city; but a pre-arranged schedule would not permit.' 'Two miles of the little city of Kings Mountain.' Two miles of the town of Kings Mountain. They came right into town where the York road intersects King street. It looks like they 'regretted' very much not being able to see our 'progressive little city' when it would not have belated them five minutes to have come right through town. Again prominent mention was made of the Gastonia delegation meeting the party to pilot them to their town. But nothing is said of J. M. Patterson, Leslie McGinnis, W. J. Wright, and Editor Page, of Kings Mountain meeting them at the battleground to pilot them to our town. Neither is the fact that Kings Mountain invited the association to lunch at the Mountain View hotel and that the invitation was declined commented upon. 'Pre-arranged' gives it was. Local Editor."

TAX LEVY INCREASED

8 CENTS ON THE \$100 WORTH OF PROPERTY HAS BEEN ADDED

TO BE USED TO INCREASE TEACHERS' SALARIES

\$32 teachers to be raised to \$35—\$37 teachers to \$40, and so on—Kings Mountain gets \$2,200.

There was a request before the county commissioners at their meeting the first Monday from the county board of education asking for a three cent additional levy for the regular school tax in order that the salary of teachers could be slightly raised. The petition was granted and the levy made. Cleveland county has been paying her teachers below the state average and the increase of three cents on the hundred dollars worth of property will bring us up to a better standard. The scale of raises will be about as follows as figured out by the Cleveland Star:

White teachers who have been getting \$37 per month will get \$40, those who have been getting \$32 will get \$35 and colored teachers heretofore drawing \$20 will receive \$22 wherever teachers deserve the increase. There are 166 white and 32 colored school teachers in the county. Shelby and Kings Mountain have not been getting their proportion of the school money, so when the taxes are collected from the new levy, Kings Mountain will be increased from \$1,900 to \$2,200 and Shelby from \$2,500 to \$2,900.

THE LEVY

	Prop.	Poll
State	28 3/4	71
Schools	20	60
Pension	4	12
Special Schools	7	0
County	19	57
R. R. Bonds	1 1/4	0
Roads and Bridges	20	0
Total	95	\$2.00

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Patterson Springs 16 3/4	50
Earl	20
Grover	20
Dixon	10
Beam's	10
Waco	50
Stabbs	10
South Shelby	10
Lattimore	60
Mooreboro	15
Fallston	25
Belwood	20
Casar	15

SPECIAL ROADS

No. 3 Roads	33 1/4	1.00
No. 6 Roads	20	60
Kings Mtn Prec't	25	75
Grover	25	75

The county commissioners had not conferred with the highway commissioners in other townships where special road tax has been voted, hence no levy has been made for other townships.

KICK OF A MULE DISABLES FOR SUMMER

Mr. Palmer Dixon, formerly of the Bethlehem section of this county but now of the Bethany section across the line, was kicked by a mule the other day and badly wounded. He received the blow in the right side of the abdomen, producing internal trouble. While it is said that his condition is not regarded serious at present he is probably incapacitated for work for the remainder of the summer.

A. J. SMITH A SUICIDE

SHOT HIMSELF WITH A 32 CAL. PISTOL

HAD BEEN REGISTER OF DEEDS TWELVE YEARS

Had been in bad health for long time and was slightly demented—Very prominent.

Gaston County's register of deeds, Andrew Jackson Smith, committed suicide last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in the county commissioner's room at the Court House in Gastonia. A 32 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver was used. The weapon was placed against the right temple and the bullet sent whirling through the brain resulting in instantaneous death. Mr. Smith had not been able to attend the duties of the office for four months but passed in occasionally to look after the business generally. This he had done only a short time before the killing. County auditor L. E. Rankin has his office in the commissioner's room and was in the room when Mr. Smith entered but left immediately for the post office. Mr. Smith had been in the room only a few minutes when the report of the gun was heard. Other court house officials rushed to him and found him sitting upright in a chair with the pistol gripped in his hand and the blood gushing from the wound in the temple. A physician was rushed in but he was dead.

Those who had been in close relationship with Mr. Smith had known for some time that he was brooding over the failure of health. Some two months ago he went to Philadelphia to consult a specialist with reference to a wound on the head which he received by falling against a fire grate when a mere lad. Eight years ago he underwent an operation for relief from ill effects from this injury, but in recent months has suffered intensely from it.

Decreased would have been 54 years old in October. He was the only son of Andrew Smith of Belmont, Gaston county, where he was born and reared. He spent two years, 1881 and 1882, under Captain Bell at the old Kings Mountain Military Academy. He won an appointment to West Point Military Academy and spent six months there in 1883. He resigned his place there and returned home. For a time he taught school and later went into the mercantile business at Belmont. For many years prior to his election to the position of register of deeds, 12 years ago he was a magistrate.

Mr. Smith professed religion in a meeting held in Gastonia about four months ago by Dr. W. W. Orr and joined the Baptist church.

He leaves a widow and six children.

Earl Wells Back in the States.

A letter from Mr. Earl Wells states that he is now back within the states and gives his new address as "86th Company Coast Artillery, Fort Terry, N. Y. He left the Philippine Islands some weeks ago. Mr. Wells is one of the several Kings Mountain boys who have made good in the service of Uncle Sam.

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE FIELD

PRIMARY SUGGESTED FOR NOVEMBER

Majority of 1200 want office restored. Candidates getting to ring. Two on the job.

Since the people have declared that the treasurer's office shall be restored by a majority of nearly 1,200, J. B. Murray announces his candidacy for the position. It is presumed, from the published articles of Treasurer Stroop, that he is a candidate also. Mr. Stroop's proposal was that a primary be held at the general election in November, at which time the people will select a man to be named in the bill to be introduced by representative elect W. A. Mauney when the Assembly convenes in January. —Star.

CHAT KINGS MOUNTAIN ITEMS

(Too late for last issue)

Miss Morris who has had charge of the music department at the Washington Collegiate Institute of Washington N. C. was a very pleasant visitor to Grace M. E. Church Sunday.

Miss Grace Smith is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. D. A. Benfield who has been right sick has slightly improved.

Mr. S. O. Stophier was in Gastonia Saturday.

Mr. T. H. Atkins has been suffering with kidney colic for the past week.

Mrs. Mary Hunsatler is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bumgardner who have been boarding at Mrs. Bumgardner on the Dilling Mill Hill since their marriage have set up housekeeping on Church Street.

Success to all the Herald readers.

Bad Auto Accident.

While nobody was seriously hurt a pretty bad automobile accident occurred just west of town Friday evening about dusk. Messrs J. D. Wood and J. L. Thomason had started to Shelby in Mr. Wood's big Studebaker. As the car was making the curve at Mr. Frank Goforth's place it struck a rut and turned completely over and landed upright. Mr. Wood held on to the steering wheel and was not hurt, except a few scratches. Mr. Thomason either fell or jumped and was pretty badly banged up. He was brought up town in a dazed state and didn't regain himself until medical attention was given. The car was not much damaged. The top was torn off and the windshield demolished with a few other minor injuries. The miracle is the escape of the men so slightly injured when the car turned over completely.

Mr. Wood is a member of the Battery and Mr. Thomason is an employee of the Rankin Furniture Co.

York News Daily.

Watson Bell, editor of the York News, did himself glorious last week in getting out a daily during the session of the Press Association. Bell is right up to snuff in getting out the news in a hurry. His paper was decorated each day with a good cartoon showing of various editors.