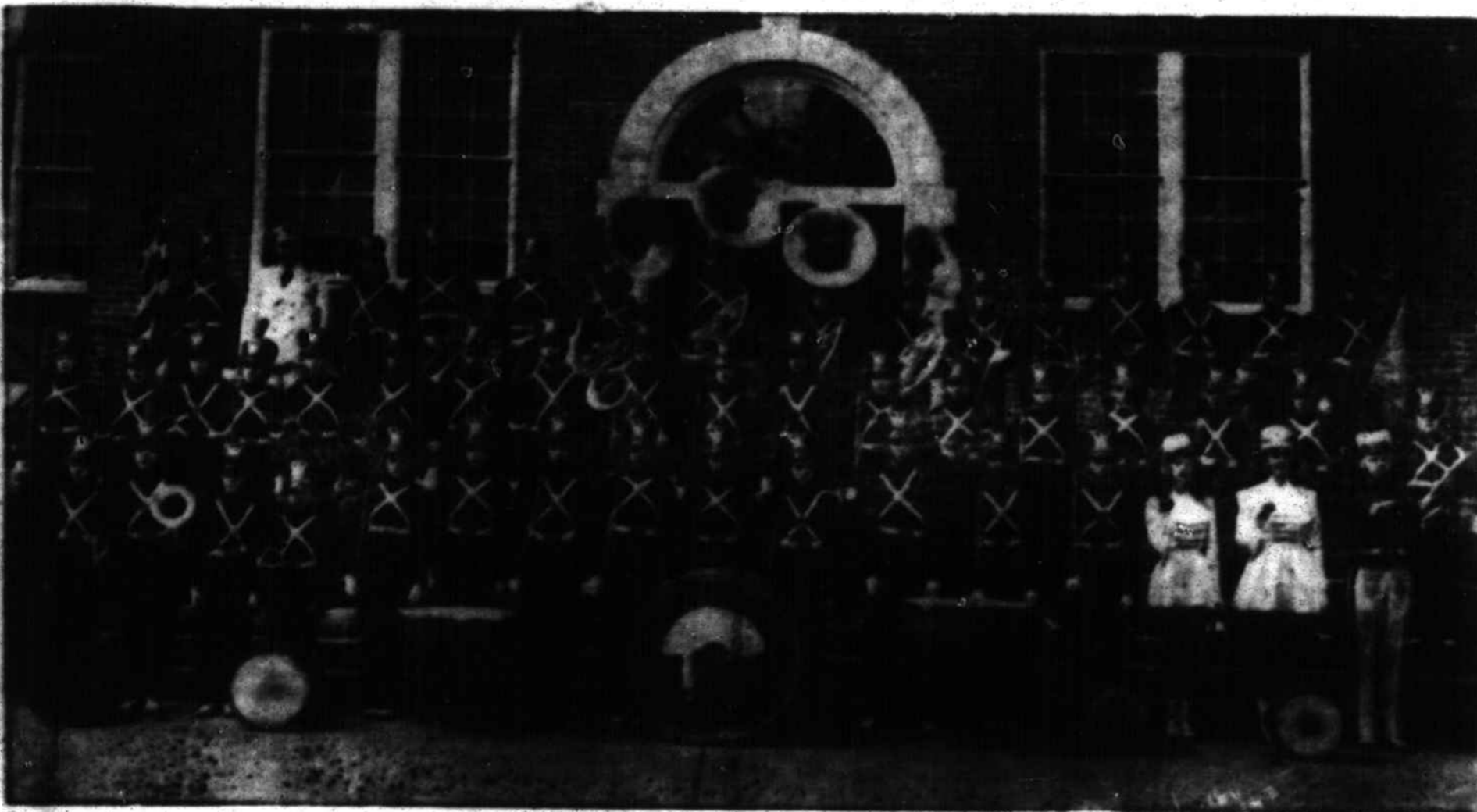


Earliest And Latest Pictures Of K. M. School Band



Above is the first picture taken of the Kings Mountain School Band in 1937, and below is the latest picture made this year (1943). Note the improvements in the uniforms, instruments and number in the band during the past five years. Director Paul E. Hendricks, who has been in charge of the band since its beginning in 1935 resigned to volunteer for military service. He was honored at a banquet Monday night in the Woman's Club Building.



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 Pvt. John P. Myers
 ASN 3488888 302st Training Wing
 Army Air Force HFC No. 10
 Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Lynch:
 Haven't the time to write you a lengthy letter but just wanted to let you know that I'm looking forward to receiving the Herald from The Best Town in The State and from the best State in the U. S. I'm very anxious and eager to keep up with all you good people back in dear ol' K. M.

I really would appreciate very much if you would send me my Herald because I've certainly missed it. Thank you very much for your letter and I shall write you in the near future and give you my love from the Army.

Sincerely,
 John P. Myers
 ASN 3488888
 302nd Training Wing
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but on the other side of the picture it isn't so good. There are about 15 boys in my company from the south and all we get for a nick name is a Rebel. The people here hate us as bad as they do the Jews, and they hate the Jews awful, but they like a negro, and consider him as a brother. I thought we were fighting this war for freedom but it looks like the Civil War is going to be fought again. I want you to print this in your paper to let the people from the South know the inside story about the great city of New York and its hell holes and the great reason for the people there. I would not recommend this paper to anybody. This place is as bad as round for a decent human to live in. Well, I will close for now. Thanks for the reply to my letter.

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WITH THE BOYS IN SERVICE

Dear Mr. Lynch:
 Just a few lines to let you know I am still thinking of you and hoping for the day when we can be together again. Well, I am still in India and away out in the jungles. I have traveled over some mighty pretty countries and seen some beautiful sights. As you know India is a large country and covers thousands of miles but I have seen most of it. These people here have some time with the Indians for they don't talk like we do and it is hard to make them understand what you want sometimes. India, the third largest country of the British Empire, is the central peninsula of southern Asia, over 2,000 miles in length and almost 2,000 in breadth. It has an area of over 1.5 million square miles and is nearly two thirds the size of continental United States.
 The country has a varied terrain. Large tracts of desert and elevated mountain ranges. The largest of which is the Himalayas, stretching from Kashmir in the northwest to Assam in the northeast of the peninsula. The highest peak of the Himalayas is Mount Everest in the northeast, 29,241 feet, or over five miles high. There are about 500 peaks in the Himalayan chain over 10,000 feet high. India is a country of small villages. There are over 75,000 villages, but less than 100 of them have towns and cities.
 Sincerely,
 Pvt. A. L. Langston
 302nd Training Wing

Dear Mr. Lynch:
 A few lines to let you know I am in the Army now and in the best branch in the Service.
 I am an Aviation Cadet and I am taking my basic training here in Greensboro, and believe me it is strict training.

At the present time I am trying to get over the pain and blisters I got last week. We eat breakfast at 6:00 o'clock and then we take P T which is Physical Training until 12 o'clock, we eat dinner and then back to the drill field until 6:00 o'clock. You really get exercise in the Air Corps, so when you see a pilot you can say he really earned his wings. I have only seen one boy from K. M. since I have been here, that was John George, Jr. We have boys here from all 48 states, and most of them are non-commissioned officers who have decided that flying is better than walking.
 We have still a plenty of tests to go through yet. All the Cadets will not be pilots but some will be aviators, bombardiers, and those who do not take Cadet training will go to cademy or mechanic school.
 It rained yesterday and everyone thought they were going to get a break but off to drill we went. (Cold break means someone who looks around and tries to get out of drill work, etc.) We are not allowed to leave the post until we finish the exams which last about two or three weeks, but there are service clubs on the post where girls from Greensboro, Charlotte, and WUNC come and give dances for the boys, so you see the boys are not lonesome. I close for now but I must go to church, that is another thing that is required of



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