

Established 1889
The Kings Mountain Herald
 206 South Piedmont Ave. Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086

A weekly newspaper devoted to the promotion of the general welfare and published for the enlightenment, entertainment and benefit of the citizens of Kings Mountain and its vicinity, published every Thursday by the Herald Publishing House.
 Entered as second class matter at the post office at Kings Mountain, N. C., 28086 under Act of Congress of March 3, 1873.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
 Martin Harmon Editor-Publisher
 Miss Elizabeth Stewart Circulation Manager and Society Editor
 Miss Debbie Thornburg Clerk, Bookkeeper

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT
 Frank Edwards Allen Myers Paul Jackson
 *Rocky Martin Roger Brown Ray Parker
 * On Leave With The United States Army

SUBSCRIPTION RATES PAYABLE IN ADVANCE — BY MAIL ANYWHERE
 ONE YEAR...\$3.50 SIX MONTHS...\$2.00 THREE MONTHS...\$1.25
 PLUS NORTH CAROLINA SALES TAX

TELEPHONE NUMBER — 739-5441

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. St. Luke 9:2.

Zounds!

Wails of woe emanated through the Tar Heel state Tuesday night and Wednesday as preliminary census figures showed:

- 1) North Carolina's population educationally guessed at 5.1 to 5.2 million is only 4,966,000, and
- 2) Many cities anticipating handsome population gains had less than thought and
- 3) Some cities showed population declines.

The wails came in high places and low, from Chambers of Commerce officials, Mayors and Secretary of State Thad Eure.

Kings Mountain's preliminary figure, as of Wednesday, had not been learned, but the City of Shelby had recorded a small decline, the county, meanwhile, showing an increase of over 5000 for the ten years, but only 2000 since the special census of late 1963.

The fact that Kings Mountain wasn't among the initial listings (only cities 10,000 and up) revealed one fact: Kings Mountain will have to await 1980, in lieu of another interim census, to reach the 10,000 rung.

The preliminary figure, of course, is not the official figure, but variations from preliminary and official counts are seldom large. And they can vary either way. If Herald memory serves correctly, the final official figure of 1960 was a few souls less than the unofficial preliminary total.

Over-projection on population guessing is more normal than under-projection.

In an effort to guess the Kings Mountain census following the city limits extension of late 1968, the Herald quite conscientiously endeavored to be scientific. The method: percentage projection of the per annum increase with estimated population of the annexed southwest area added. Since, the Herald has published on its front page dogear a 1968 estimate of 9300.

If anyone took the time, he could arrive at the increase-decrease by compiling birth and death totals.

An intangible remains: who moved in and who moved out.

Lyle Edwards, of the Gastonia Gazette, put it this way: "In 1960, we were a family of three. Our son is grown, married, and living in Hendersonville. In 1970 we are a family of two."

Immediate results of population totals first become apparent in the governmental arena, which brought Secretary of State Eure's wail of woe.

Already, he had warned, the General Assembly was to face the odious chore of re-districting state General Assembly districts for both House and Senate.

Now, says Mr. Eure, North Carolina may well lose one of its 11 members in the United States House of Representatives.

Hopefully not.

If so, pity the poor gentlemen of the General Assembly chairing and serving on the committees charged with sending up legislation on this sensitive matter.

Cities pushing and expecting up-the-ladder population status should remember the example of Charlotte in 1940, then flirting with the magic 100,000 mark. The census takers had great and abundant help that year from the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and the official figure bettered the 100G mark.

The late Clarence Kuester, Chamber of Commerce secretary, merely grinned at meetings around the state when he and his organization were accused of counting tombstones.

Host To The State

Monday week, July 20, eight Babe Ruth all-star baseball teams from Kings Mountain and seven other cities over the state, will begin here a double elimination tournament for the North Carolina championship.

In undertaking the sponsorship of this event, the Kings Mountain Optimist club pledged for itself 1) a measure of monetary risk and 2) a great amount of work.

Under the tournament format, visiting players on the several teams become foster children for the duration of their stay in the homes of local area citizens who, in turn, pledge to transport the visitors to the ballyard at proper times, board them and bed them, the latter with due respect to a reasonable curfew.

Already, Optimist Gene Austin reports, citizens have provided homes for 70 of these youthful performers. Highly pleased at the response, Mr. Austin adds, "We need homes for about 20 more boys."

The Babe Ruth set-up compares to the Teener League format—performers are 15-year-olds. State winners move on to regional competition and the national finals. Kings Mountain was last year's North Carolina Teener champion, before that national champ.

The community is complimented by decision of state officials to bring the state event here.

And some good baseball is in store during the week of July 20-25.

Bail-Outs

The Penn Central railroad was about to get \$200 million in federal funds to shore up financially its sagging operations under a fine-print clause in the law which had the defense establishment declaring the nation's biggest railroad operation necessary to the national defense.

The plan proved abortive when the Congress, led by Rep. Wright Patman, of Texas, said, "Excuse me, boys."

While there is validity to the plea of necessary to defense, said Rep. Patman, there was a dangerous precedent involved, to wit, opening the sluice gates for an attack on the federal treasury by any defense contractor with financial woes.

Mr. Patman's point has been proved already via the current financial bird in which Chrysler Finance Corporation found itself. Certainly a case could be made as defense-necessary by Chrysler, which makes tanks, marine engines and other odds and ends for the defense establishment.

In the instance of Chrysler, a group of banks, the New York Times reported in a copyright story, joined forces to stem the tide with a \$400 million line of credit and/or loan.

The Nixon Administration's anti-inflation program (some say recession program) seems to be reaching the big corporate fellow as it has already reached the five-plus percent of individuals tagged as unemployed.

Mr. Patman, a Democrat, can be credited with doing the political enemy a favor. He kept the Nixon Administration from falling into its own trap.

Congratulations to Senator Jack H. White, elected chairman of the Democratic 10th district executive committee, and to Rev. M. L. Campbell, elected the district's member on the council of review at the upcoming state party convention.

Mrs. Juanita Fulton Allran was of stern stock, not untypical of citizens of this area. Widowed at 37, she put shoulder to the wheel to provide for her children, meantime maintaining a kindness of spirit and friendly disposition some would find it difficult to muster.

A best bow to Neil Johnson, former operations manager of Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain plant, on his recent promotion to director of by-products sales for the company's 12-plant operation.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Col. Bill Ruddock, his wife Jackie and two boys are here after spending a year in Ankara, Turkey, where Bill was on duty with the Air Force establishment that superintended USAF air operations as far east as Pakistan, not to mention Turkey itself, Greece, and downwind to Ethiopia.

m-m

Duty in Ankara, Bill did not characterize as the best of his 22 years with the air force. The city is growing in computer escalation fashion, having a recorded population of less than a million in 1965 (the Turks take a census every five years, rather than decennially like the United States), now is in the 1,400,000 range. Meantime, public utilities like water, sewage disposal, and electric power distribution, are being heavily out-stripped by demand.

m-m

There is no air force base in Ankara, he adds, and the AF departments are in various areas of the city. Quarters are also spread out and the American schools for children of air force personnel are yet in another sector. The word Bill uses is "inconvenient".

m-m

Major inconvenience is the water problem (sound familiar, Mountaineers?).

m-m

Bill's family found theirs more than mere shortage, as Ankara water is off limits. German engineers, says Bill, laid out a water and sewage system for Ankara 50 or more years ago. Simply, the Germans said, dig a ditch on one side of the street and lay your water lines. Then dig a ditch on the other side of the street and lay your sewage lines.

m-m

The practical Turks could see no sense in such advice. Why, they reasoned, dig two ditches? As a result the life-giving water lines went in first, the sewage lines above them. As Bill wryly suggests, there are some leaks and seepage involved which make the water unpalatable for, at least, human American consumption. Drinking and cooking water was distilled and kept in 7 1/2 gallon demijohns. More inconvenience.

m-m

On the afternoon Bill visited me he had to be off to the driver's license bureau. Elder son Ruddock had turned 16 and was in quest of a driver's license. He'd been practicing parallel parking all morning, between two cans, set at normal distance. And younger son Jeff, who'll be here for the summer, is a new member of Otis Falls' Boy Scout troop. Day before, Jeff and Papa had been on a field trip in quest of four edible wild plants. Seven were found. Next test: cook and eat one of them. Results at this writing are not known.

m-m

Bill was maintenance boss of the Ankara operation, got into one of his squeeze situations as he was ending the Ankara tour. The General had a business engagement in Spain and had informed Bill well in advance to have his personal plane on the runway at 0730 hours on the date of departure. The General's plane was at a base some 500 miles distant and orders were dispatched by Bill for the necessary check-out. One of the first checks a piston burned out. It was repaired. On the second check, another conked. It was repaired. On the third, yet another conked. Meantime, time was running out. In process of repairing the third defective piston, it was discovered that a defective oil pan was the cause of trouble. Bill had informed the General.

m-m

The General, said Bill, enjoyed have his staff chiefs at 7:30 breakfast, dined on them as well as eggs and toast. On information of the third piston deficiency, the General addressed Bill. "How many pistons in that plane of mine?" "Eighteen," Bill replied, "two banks of nine each." The General sarcastically suggested that, with 15 more pistons to go, he'd have to hitch-hike to Spain. The needed oil pan was ordered from another plane.

m-m

When the General inquired on departure date, Col. Ruddock was able to report, "Sir your plane is already airborne." It arrived exactly 18 minutes prior to the General's H-Hour departure.

m-m

Another reason besides age, says Bill, he's sprouting some white topside.

HIS STATED GOAL



Viewpoints of Other Editors

ONE MAN'S LIFE

The desperate need which is felt today for kindness and consideration is shown in the extraordinary demonstration just held in New York City. There the patrons of a local A & P food store have proven how deeply they appreciated the unflinching service, friendliness and concern given them by the store manager.

When they learned of Dominick Nanna's slaying by armed robbers, there was first stunned unbelief in the neighborhood, then a vast outpouring of sympathy for his young family and of a determination to show appreciation for what his genial and generous attitude had meant to the community.

Newspaper reporters, sent to cover the story, heard from every side a multitude of accounts of Mr. Nanna's special concern for children, the old, the blind, and the poor. It is apparent that his feeling of fraternity with all made him one of those central, indispensable figures around which a community's life turns pleasantly.

It was, of course, to spread this sense of brotherhood and kindness which led St. John to utter his profound plea: "let us love one another." He saw that such a frame of thought and deed would transform life on earth. And everyone, in whatever walks of life, who follows this admonition, does indeed help uplift the human condition.

Christian Science Monitor

ARCHITECTS' CHALLENGE

Like a skyscraper in the wind, the American Institutes of Architects is being swayed by currents of change.

At the group's meeting in Boston this week, the main issue was clear indeed: greater activism. And it was the young, the student, the generation whose professional training has taken place at the moment of crisis in the cities, who are pressuring for change.

As with almost every other established group, change is coming awkwardly for the architects. Most think of their trade either as a branch of the fine arts, or as a business operation, or a blend of the two. But not as an instrument of social change.

Many young architects were thus frustrated at the AIA convention. Not that the AIA didn't make concessions in their direction. But the degree of commitment wasn't anywhere near wide enough. Some of the architects decided to split off from the AIA and form an organization of their own, "dedicated to serving community groups."

One doesn't like to see professional groups splinter certainly not the architects. Architecture is an instrument of power, as well as of elementary shelter; it gives expression to the evolving mental conditions of life in the form of the walls and spaces around us. This power shouldn't be diffused. This threat likely will impel the architects to speak out more resolutely on such matters as housing design and zoning where they can strongly influence American policy for the better.

Christian Science Monitor

A 23-CENTURIES-OLD MESSAGE

Unearthing of the ancient Athens marketplace where the trial of Socrates was held in 399 B.C. carries one back to his school days. It reminds, again, of the moving story of that great philosopher's list night on earth just before he drank the hemlock he had been sentenced to drink — and how he then, always the observer of life's ways, described how slowly and how inexorably its antithesis, death was taking possession of him.

He was sentenced to death because he had corrupted youth and was a threat to Athenian democracy. And back over all of the more than 2300 years comes the lesson for which he regarded his own life as a small price to pay. This is that truth never corrupts, for, if it did, then truth itself would be evil; and one is not a danger to democracy (here and now, anywhere than in ancient Athens) who defends its workings even with his life.

To some of his contemporaries, Socrates was a bubbling and foolish man, which here again has a contemporary ring. For it was his unorthodoxy that did him in. Conformity then as now was more acceptable than the new or the different or the untried. He was not afraid of public opinion, and for this, too, he was damned by some of his contemporaries, for it was not truth they sought but what would be popularly accepted as true.

He insisted, more profoundly than can be understood easily, that while others might believe themselves knowledgeable without realizing their ignorance, he himself knew that he knew nothing. Hence, his eternal quest for the means of determining what is true and what is false, what is good and what is bad. Hence, also, his hold on idealistic young Athenians who followed him into the academies, into the marketplace, into the gymnasiums, into the streets to talk (rap is the modern word) about right and wrong, virtue and justice.

The message comes back over 23 centuries. It is meaningful now as it was then.

Boston Globe

BULLETIN

GRADUATED
(26CC31400) (FHTNC) CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C., June 29—Marine Private First Class Clarence E. Muskely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Muskely of 547 McKely Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., was graduated from Combat Engineer Basic Specialist Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C.



KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log
VISITING HOURS
 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
 Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.

- Nannie C. Moss
 Mincie G. Page
 Mrs. L. J. Perry
 Harry A. Poteat
 Eva H. Price
 William Randall
 Annie B. Self
 Emma L. Sellers
 Robert G. Miller
 Mrs. J. D. Martin
 Mrs. Willis M. Leach
 Mrs. Wm. Lee Shuford
 Ada Sellers Goforth
 Anticho Smith
 Amy Howkins
 Lettie Bell Turner
 Beatrice E. Hill
 Laura Rice Spearman
 Anthony W. Holden
 Sidney D. Hilstetler
 Mrs. Russell W. Talley
 Alphonse A. Johnson
 Mrs. Geo. T. Thrift
 Mrs. Homer A. Kilgore
 Lois Bratton Westmoreland
 Henry Grady Bailey
 Mrs. Fred Camp
 Wm. Mace Clark
 Lona Bell Deaton
 Martha Rhea Deese
 Ruth Louise R. Farless
 Emily B. Holcomb
 Pearl Herndon
 Mrs. Floyd D. Ledford
 Mrs. Buford Philbeck
 Mrs. Marvin E. Wright

ADMITTED THURSDAY
Mrs. Ray Green
James Lee Bagwell
Charles Gene Bumgardner
Fred B. Dixon
Thomas W. Harper
Roosevelt Rainey

ADMITTED FRIDAY
Hugh Allison Logan, Jr.
Marshall D. Rich, Jr.

ADMITTED SATURDAY
Mrs. John Martin
Mrs. Hubert G. Clemmons
Nolen Jasper King

ADMITTED SUNDAY
Mrs. Wm. F. Laughter
Cindy LaVonne Freeman
Mrs. Johnny W. Thompson
Leonard A. Smith
George Smith
Clyde M. Burns
Mrs. Tary Lee Wright
Andrew E. Lockard
Oscar Burle Price
ADMITTED MONDAY
Florence S. Sheppard
Virginia W. Bell
Mrs. Bernie G. Thomas
Wm. Jerry Cook
Mrs. Warren C. Deese
Mrs. Johnny R. Putnam
Sonja Leann Cole
Mrs. Bobby Gene Martin
Michael Kevin Short
Jackie Christine Ledford
ADMITTED TUESDAY
Davis Sylvestia Burris
Lois Neal Camp
Vester C. Rippey
Jeffery S. Brown
Ollie Brown Wade
Michael David Watters
Mrs. Grady G. Wylie
Mrs. Leonard A. Smith

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gettys, route 1, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, July 1, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Stewart, 915 Second street, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, July 1, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mull, route 3, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, July 4, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Owens, Clover, S. C., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, July 4, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny W. Thompson, route 2, announce the birth of a son, Monday, July 6, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny R. Putnam, 203 Blanton street, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, July 6, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Martin, PO Box 444, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, July 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

National Observer

Keep Your Radio Dial Set At
1220
WKMT
 Kings Mountain, N. C.
 News & Weather every hour on the hour. Weather every hour on the half hour.
 Fine entertainment in between