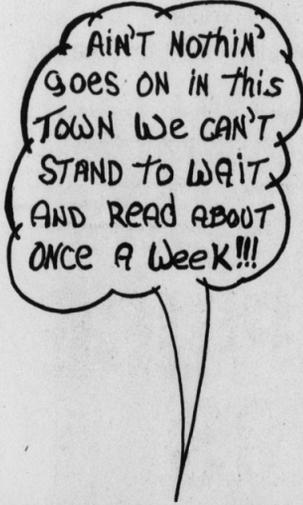


Some strange reactions to bi-weekly



We are a bit mystified. Thanksgiving week The Mirror-Herald began publishing twice-weekly. We had been careful to publicize this fact for at least two weeks prior to that. To that point everything seemed in order. But after the two editions each week began some people in Kings Mountain apparently came unglued. For some reason, the logic of which totally escapes us, a few of our readers cannot get straight what we are trying to do. There are a few who continue to think the paper comes out on Mondays and Wednesdays. And there are some who think it is published daily. If unfamiliar with the method of circulation weeklies use, namely through the mails, it is easy to understand the misconception. When there is a post office holiday we must either publish early or late. This accounts for the Monday and Wednesday editions Thanksgiving week. The papers sold at drug stores, cafes, grocery stores and what have-you usually lay around from week to week. That might account for the belief we are a daily. This doesn't bother us. It is the hostility we have encountered from some readers and dealers we cannot fathom. One dealer said leave the Thursday paper only because "I just don't think you'll oughta be publishing two papers a week." Another reaction is "Just what do you think you are putting out two papers a week?" We suppose those people think The Mirror-Herald is trying to "get above

its raising," as the old folks used to say. We have talked with publishers in other areas who have gone to two or three editions each week and have discovered the reaction there has been the same as here. Those publishers cannot explain this phenomenon any better than we. Of course the positive reaction to a twice-weekly Mirror-Herald has been much greater than the negative and for this we are grateful. To the readers who have had their minds blown over the fact the Mirror-Herald is now a little bigger and better than it once was, we can only hope, in time, you too will grow used to the fact. And before someone else gets hopping mad at this, let us quickly say this is not and never would be intended to take anything away from the late editor-publisher of this newspaper. For 16 years he was a personal friend and a teacher to the current editor of The Mirror-Herald. But the late Mr. Harmon would be the first to admit the Mirror-Herald subscribers receive today is not the Kings Mountain Herald of yesterday. Newspaper equipment and styles change and we must change with the times or go out of business. Perhaps the strange reaction on the part of a few readers and dealers is best explained as a natural reaction with a break in tradition. Anytime the status quo is upset some people get upset. Sorry about that. But bear with us and we will bear with you.



Beware! The holiday ripoff artists at work

It's that time of year again when emotions are running high, and organizations throughout the United States are playing on these emotions to gain monetary support for so-called charitable purposes. Beware! Some of these soliciting organizations are not legitimate, and they are not licensed to solicit in North Carolina. Ed Edgerton, head of the Solicitation Licensing Branch of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, estimates that close to one-third of the giving occurs during the last two months of the year. "This would be due to more appeals being made for support and our response to the needs of others is greater during the holiday season. Lastly, there are those who wish to take advantage of the close of the tax year with additional deductions," stated Edgerton. Before making a donation to a so-called charitable organization, find out where the sponsoring organization is located and the street address, what specific charitable group the money is going to, how much the charitable group will be receiving and where the salesman is from. Do not be fooled by T-shirts with emblems or an ID card with the salesman's name printed in magic marker. In order to gain a tax deduction for your gift, the organization must be ruled tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service. Gifts to individuals do not qualify as a tax deduction. If you suspect that a solicitation is not legitimate, contact your local Better Business Bureau or the Solicitation Licensing Branch, P. O. Box 12200, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, telephone 919-829-4510.

EO cops a top tv prize in Hollywood

Imagine that! A film producer other than the dyed-in-the-wool Hollywood type has won recognition for his product and in Hollywood, of all places. Cleveland Countian Earl Owensby, whose EO Productions has created five motion pictures for theatrical release, received an award for an hour-long TV pilot at a big affair in Hollywood. "Stunt Driver" is the title of the episode and is based on the character Owensby created for his feature "Death Driver." At the television festival EO copped "The Best New Program Projected Series" award and praise from the magazine, Television International, that sponsors the annual event. Al Preiss, the man who presented EO the award last week, said, "The jury felt this (Stunt Driver) is a very good program and actually, the best new program in the festival. It is worthy of being aired on commercial television. It shows what is 'real America,' yet it is realistic. And has enough human comedy to avoid the violence." In past festivals programs presented for judging have gone on to become network TV series: "Sanford and Son" and "All in the Family." EO's competition this year? Mary Tyler Moore and Lorimer (Police Story) productions, both submitting episodes for projected TV series. While in Hollywood Owensby held several meetings with the brass at 20th Century-Fox, Paramount and American-International. He reports that "things are looking up as far as the movie industry in the Carolinas. There appears to be a great deal of interest among the movie producers and financial backers." As far as "Stunt Driver" becoming a TV series, according to Owensby, "We'll see what happens in the next few months."



TOM MCINTYRE

"Is that my dollar?" Big D asked. "Well, I know more about running a newspaper than you do about running a cafe." "Maybe," Kiser shot back, "but I know more about which football team to bet on than you do." That's the way it goes. It's all done in jest. Like the morning Jim McGinnis discovered someone had pinned about a dozen political campaign buttons to the tail of his jacket. "Somebody pinned the donkey to my tail," McGinnis quipped.

READER DIALOGUE

Union service was best ever

Dear Editor: Many people have said that this year's Union Thanksgiving service was the best ever. I feel that is so, but so many had a part in this that I would like to thank them on behalf of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. First, I wish to thank the Resurrection Lutheran Church and their pastor, Rev. Glen Boland, for the privilege of using their sanctuary. Their choirs had such beautiful anthems and their ladies served delicious refreshments. Rev. Eugene Land brought a challenging and appropriate message on the "Magnificent Minority" - the one healed leper who returned to thank the Saviour and give God the glory. I thank God for His mercies, for the good weather, the wonderful feeling of Christian fellowship we share here in Kings Mountain between the ministers and the congregation. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." DR. CHARLES E. EDWARDS For Kings Mountain Ministerial Association

Wright Brothers made history at Kitty Hawk



ED SMITH

One of the most famous events in North Carolina took place on December 17, 1903 - the first recorded flight of man. Orville and Wilbur Wright's invention sailed off the slopes of Kill Devil Hill at Kitty Hawk. The event transcends state history, actually, and is a memorable event in the history of all mankind and his eternal reach for the skies. The Wright Brothers flight is regarded, specifically as "the first powered flight of a heavier-than-air-machine." The brothers from Ohio not only made a name for themselves in the annals of America's famous, but brought special attention to the Tar Heel State as their actual testing ground. A national monument and museum now mark the site of that first flight. On December 18, 1776, the State of North Carolina adopted its first state constitution. On December 20, 1776, according to the North Carolina Historical Almanack, the state's last Provincial Congress also elected three delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. They were Thomas Burke, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes. On December 22, 1789, the General Assembly passed an act delivering the

western lands of North Carolina to the United States government. The national government had taxed the separate states, based on their size, to pay its war debts for the Revolution, and North Carolina thought it was better to trim its area and population than pay the assessment. This paved the way for what was the western section of North Carolina to be admitted to the Union as the State of Tennessee.

The state's last Provincial Congress was dissolved on December 23, 1776, after electing Richard Caswell as the state's first governor. He assumed his duties as soon as the Provincial Congress completed its labor. Walter Hines Page, newspaperman, author and Ambassador to Great Britain, died in Pinehurst on December 21, 1918. Thomas Bickett, governor of North Carolina during World War I (1917-21) died on December 22, 1921 shortly after leaving office. His term in office was noted for the strides made in social welfare legislation. Included were the establishment of the juvenile court system, a mandatory six month school term, child labor laws, prison reforms and others. James C. Turner, one of the nine North Carolina governors to be born in Virginia, was born on December 20, 1766. As a 15-year old farmboy, he served under General Greene in the Revolution. He served in both houses of the North Carolina Legislature and at 36, became one of the youngest governors in the state's history (1802-05).

What's your opinion?

The Mirror-Herald welcomes letters from readers expressing your opinions on any subject you choose, or rebutting any editorial opinion we express. All letters must be signed by writer with address included. Unsigned letters will not be published. Address all correspondence for this page to Reader Dialogue, Mirror-Herald, P. O. Drawer 752, Kings Mountain, N. C., 28086.

LOOKING BACK

FROM THE DEC. 16, 1965 Files of The Kings Mountain Herald

Ernest V. Horvath, president of Massachusetts Mohair Flush Co., reported last Friday on completion of the transaction whereby Horvath Textile interests acquired

Tuesday the Cleveland County Health Department set up shop for the second time in as many months at the community center to give local citizens Swine Flu shots. Reminded of this, Joe Smith, who is employed at Foust Textiles, said he hoped other people were not affected as he was by the vaccine. "I had chills one minute and fever the next," Smith said, and after he was sure I was suckered in he grinned and added, "and the durndest urge to go wallow in the mud!"

While wolfing down eggs and sausage at The Minit Grill the other morning, I listened to Darrell Austin and grill owner Fred Kiser going at each other. "What are you still doing here?" Kiser asked. "I've already paid," Darrell answered. "I'm just sitting here talking to ye olde editor. Besides, no more business than you got you should be happy I'm here." I looked around. The place was full of laughing people. "You see that, don't you?" Kiser asked, pointing to a dollar bill scotch-taped to the aluminum hood over the grill. "That's for all the world to see you don't know too much."

social and Personal The J.N. McClure family moved Monday into its newly constructed residence at 610 Crescent Circle. Janice Kay Allen became the bride of Walker Lee Drury of Concord Sunday at 4 p.m. in a ceremony of beauty and reverence in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Forty children attended the Margrace Woman's Club Christmas party Saturday afternoon.

The Poet's Corner



ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS

I know a lady who really has A million dollar personality She has been wonderful to me. And thousands of others, sweet as can be. She is always smiling - No matter what nor where If she can reach down and help you She is always waiting there. She has had a lot of burdens Always comes through proud When she enters a room - It's just like the sun shining through a cloud. This lady don't live so far from me She's a neighbor, like Jesus was speaking of A friend to be proud to claim Worthy of a sister's love.

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NATURE

What is more beautiful Than a mountain towering high, with pretty trees and shrubbery Their limbs stretched toward the sky. With all kinds of wild flowers, That grow on mother earth All kinds of beautiful birds That sing here in their mirth. What could be more strong Than nature's almighty hand With every living thing about us Display her works throughout the land. What then can we do: With these great gifts from above, This beautiful world we live in And His Eternal Love.

What then is any better? Than to live for this Almighty One Then, great our reward will be When our work on earth is done. Nothing on earth is any greater Than to live and serve our friends When this life is over There'll be no sad word like end.

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