

Hey, nephew, we have this bomb...



A RENDEZVOUS WITH YESTERDAY

The old house brags about a new face
But deep roots remain the same,
With towering oaks reaching upward
Shading the venerable frame.
Fancy columns have been replaced
Fine trimmings on the double door,
The mimosa tree still blossoms pink
As in bright days of yore.

Memories echoes are sounding
Sweetly ringing 'ore the hill,
In the touching, bittersweet eventide
I reminisce by the watermill,
A house may change the face
But the ghosts remain the same,
And passion flowers on the vine
Bears no other name.

The spring day seems identical
Except a different calendar year,
The same bright sun is shining
On a spot that warrants reverse
The sky overhead portrays
The same wonderment of blue,
Misty mountains scallop the skyline
With the same astounding view.

Morning glories open to greet the dew
In the Cherry trees bluebirds sing,
In a rosy arbor beside the veranda
The breeze moves an empty swing
The old house brags about a new face
And a coat of brick veneer,
But the mimosa tree still blossoms pink
As another time and another year.

VIVIAN STEWART BILTCLIFFE

From the small world dept. . . .
Last week Police Chief Earl Lloyd had to send for an explosive ordnance disposal team from Fort Jackson, S. C. to do away with a 75 mm artillery shell found at the depot.

The full story with pictures is in today's issue of The Mirror-Herald.

When the Army chopper landed on the practice field at Kings Mountain Senior High, out popped two EOD men with their equipment locker.

Chief Lloyd was making introductions. " . . . and this is our newspaper editor. . . ."

"Hello, Tom," said Capt. Hart.

"How's it going, Rick," I said.

"You two know each other?" the chief asked.

"Slightly," I said. "Rick's in the family." And he is. He's married to my niece, my sister and brother-in-law's daughter.

"Boy," Chief Lloyd said. "You run into people all over the country. Don't you?" Then he told Capt. Hart how he and I met 10 years ago in San Diego, Calif.

Rick is commander of the 48th Ordnance Detachment (EOD) at Fort Jackson. His job covers all of South Carolina, 17 counties in western North Carolina and several counties in Georgia. Someone is always finding unexploded bombs and GI issue artillery shells. Rick's EOD team fly in and take the explosives away to destroy them.

Prior to President Carter's inauguration last January Rick was assigned to check out

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the streets, manholes and underground passages beneath the reviewing stand.

"There were over 1,800 manholes to be checked as well as the tunnels beneath the streets," Rick said. "We almost froze checking those things out in the wee hours of the morning. The underground passages were something else. Down there it must have been over 100 degrees. Working down there, then coming back into the open where it was freezing really hurt."

Rick and I caught up on all the family news before he and his team strapped themselves into the chopper for the hour's ride back to Columbia, S. C.

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And speaking of police activity. . . .

A citizen called in a strange bit of information last Wednesday.

"I want to report a man," the caller said. "What about him?" the dispatcher asked. "He's naked as a jaybird!"

The young citizen was taking a shortcut through the woods to his home when he flushed another young man from the bushes. Both of them were surprised. The first fellow moreso because the man from the bushes was wearing only a startled expression above his birthday suit.

The young man chased the naked man through the woods, but when they hit the railroad track the naked runner was gone like a jackrabbit.

Chief Lloyd said the naked runner should be easy to identify. He'll be the one with the scratch marks all over his body.

"I followed the route through the woods he took," the chief said. "He ran through briars, and tore off limbs in his flight."

The chief said police know the identity of the streaker and where he lives. The problem is he was not identified by anyone who saw him running publicly in the buff and he made it home before the police nailed him.

Welllll, they call him The Streaker. Fastest thing on two feet. . . . Don't look, Ethel!

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Calling all sidewalk superintendents! According to Gene White, executive director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, Bradley-Jenkins Co. will be in town Mon., June 28 to demolish more condemned buildings.

The buildings slated to go are from the corner of S. Cherokee St. down to Griffin Drug Co. Lewis Dellinger and Bill Fulton have outlet stores set up in these buildings now, but will be out by next weekend.

The buildings from Warlick Insurance to the corner of S. Piedmont St. are also slated to go — that is if the city removes supplies stored in them presently. This section belongs to the city and will be used in connection with renovation of the present city hall as the police department when the administrative, business and fire departments move into the new Governmental Services Facilities Building to be constructed on the former Bonnie Mill property on W. Gold St.

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

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Saturday promises to be funfilled for KM citizens

Next Saturday should be a fun-filled and informative day in Kings Mountain. It has been designated Ole' Timey Town Meeting Day at the Kings Mountain Depot Center. The center will be dedicated to the public also at the festivities.

Tours of the recently renovated facility will be conducted and visitors will be treated to free musical concerts. Citizens are urged to bring picnic baskets and spend the day. Beverages will be provided free.

Citizens will also have an opportunity to express their own ideas on programs the city could undertake that would be of mutual benefit to the community at large. Workshops in which the picture of the city's future will be drawn.

But more than an informative meeting, this occasion provides citizens the rare opportunity to gather for some old fashioned "visiting" and fun together.

The Mirror-Herald urges you to make plans to attend between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. this Saturday.

Women plan revolt, if..

Speaking to the North Carolina House Insurance Committee in Raleigh on Tuesday, Assistant Federal Insurance Administrator, Frank Reilly, told the general assembly members of the committee that recommendations from a paid consultant to develop insurance legislation sounded much like views the Federal Administration Office hears from Kemper Insurance.

That consultant, John Hall, is on the Advisory Board of Kemper.

Reilly then went on to say that North Carolina had been an innovator in insurance reform under Insurance Commissioner John Ingram. Reilly said North Carolina was in better shape for the consumer and the insurance industry than any state in the nation. Reilly said New York's major

problems prove that higher rates do not solve the problem.

A consumer who came all the way from Stokes County was irate over the possible increases that both the House and Senate bills could bring if passed. By Hall's own admission, the increase would be \$4 million dollars alone the first year.

Mrs. Elsie Dearmin expressed those concerns to reporters. She said about 200 women will drop all their insurance and continue to drive their cars without insurance if the general assembly approves a bill that would strip the state insurance commissioner of authority and increase insurance rates.

Mrs. Dearmin said her movement would spread across the state.

READER DIALOGUE

My sincere appreciation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing with sincere appreciation in regards to one of your business citizens — Sam Scott, Jr., owner of East King Exxon.

On the night of Friday the 13th and all day the 14th I had an unfortunate occurrence. I had had work done a second time on my camper in Shelby and I was really disappointed in the results.

When I got to Kings Mountain I found I couldn't continue my trip. I was forced to pull in at the East King Exxon Station.

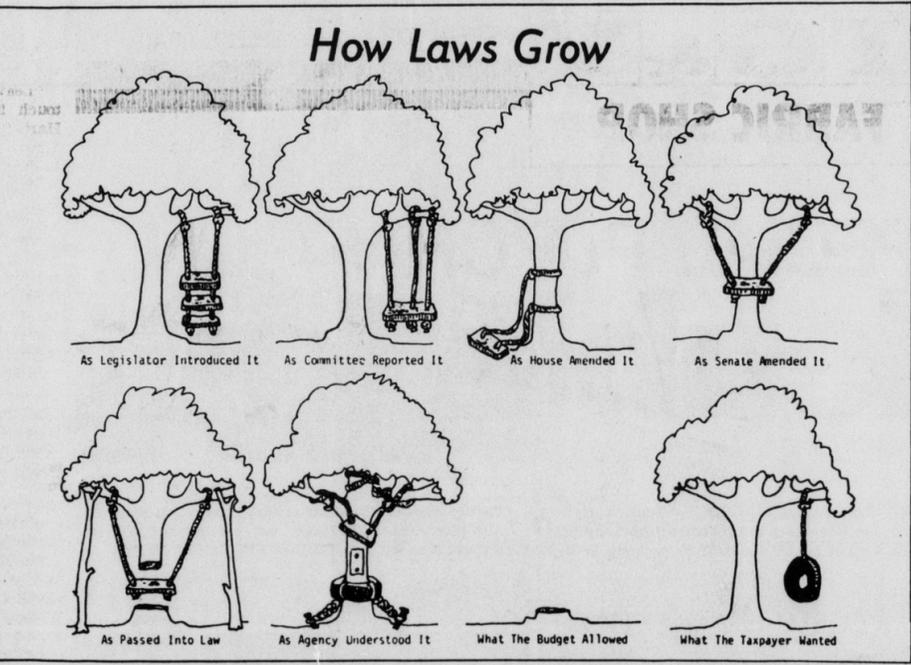
Sam Scott and his staff went out of their way to be kind and had an overall decent attitude to me over my unscheduled stop. Having been "stuck" a second time on my camper repairs left me with a most undesirable attitude. A few kind words from Mr. Scott brought me back to reality and a more cheerful outlook.

He let my party and I use his phone and park my camper overnight on his lot. The next day when I rented a truck, Sam and his staff located a ramp and helped us load the VW camper into the truck for transport. So, all in all, the trip wasn't too bad, even though I am disgusted with the performance of Naron Auto Parts in Shelby.

I suggest if you want tourist to come and spend their time and money, have more courteous and responsible stations like Sam Scott's.

Words cannot express my gratitude for this gentleman and your remarkable City of Kings Mountain. I hope Mr. Scott will be commended for this, and I'm sure, numerous other courtesies he has extended to travelers through your city.

EDWARD P. MARLER
St. Petersburg, Fla.



Tar Heels set an example

On June 5, 1917, a nationwide registration was held for the draft in World War One. North Carolina set an example in patriotism that day for the rest of the nation, one that provides a sharp contrast to the sorry spectacle provided in our own recent past by draft-card burners and other "peaceniks."

There were parades instead of demonstrations, and six percent more men (ages 21-30) actually registered than the census had indicated were in the state's population. A total of 480,491 men signed up, and draft officials later speculated that many had actually lied about their ages in order to register!

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On June 10, 1861, Henry Lawson Wyatt, of Edgecombe County, earned the unfortunate distinction of being the first Confederate soldier killed in action. He was killed at Big Bethel, Va., in the Civil War's first battle, a Confederate victory now described by historians as a "minor, scrambling contact."

North Carolina supplied more men to the war than any other Southern state, 126,000 in all. It also suffered the greatest casualties, some 40,000 killed.

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On June 5, 1844, the Historical Society of North Carolina held its first meeting, in Chapel Hill.

The association was organized by U. N. C. President David L. Swain, who had earlier



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circumstantial evidence) Porter served time in an Ohio prison, then moved to New York City to begin his writing career. One of this nation's most prolific writers, he often produced a short story a week for newspapers, usually containing the surprise ending that became his trademark.

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Benjamin Hawkins, of Warrenton, one of this state's original U. S. Senators, died June 6, 1816. Hawkins had earlier served in the Continental Congress. He resigned his Senate seat in 1796, when appointed by President Washington as Indian Agent to the Creek Nation. Sincerely interested in the welfare of the original Americans, Hawkins served for twenty years as Agent, earning the title from then "Beloved Man of Four Nations," the Creek, Choctaw, Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes.

His nephew, William Hawkins, served as his assistant for a few years, then returned to North Carolina to enter politics, serving as Governor of the state during the War of 1812.

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Locke Craig, of Bertie County died on June 9, 1926. He served as Governor (1913-17) during a period when the state was unusually well-represented in national affairs. Former N. C. resident Woodrow Wilson had appointed Josephus Daniels Secretary of the Navy. David F. Houston Secretary of Agriculture, and Walter Hines page ambassador to England.

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