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## EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

### A big celebration

The upcoming 200th bicentennial celebration of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain promises to be the most expansive since the sesquicentennial of 1930 when President Hoover visited the KM Battleground and the Centennial Celebration of the city in October 1974 and the 195th anniversary of the battle in 1975 when Vice President Nelson Rockefeller substituted for President Gerald Ford.

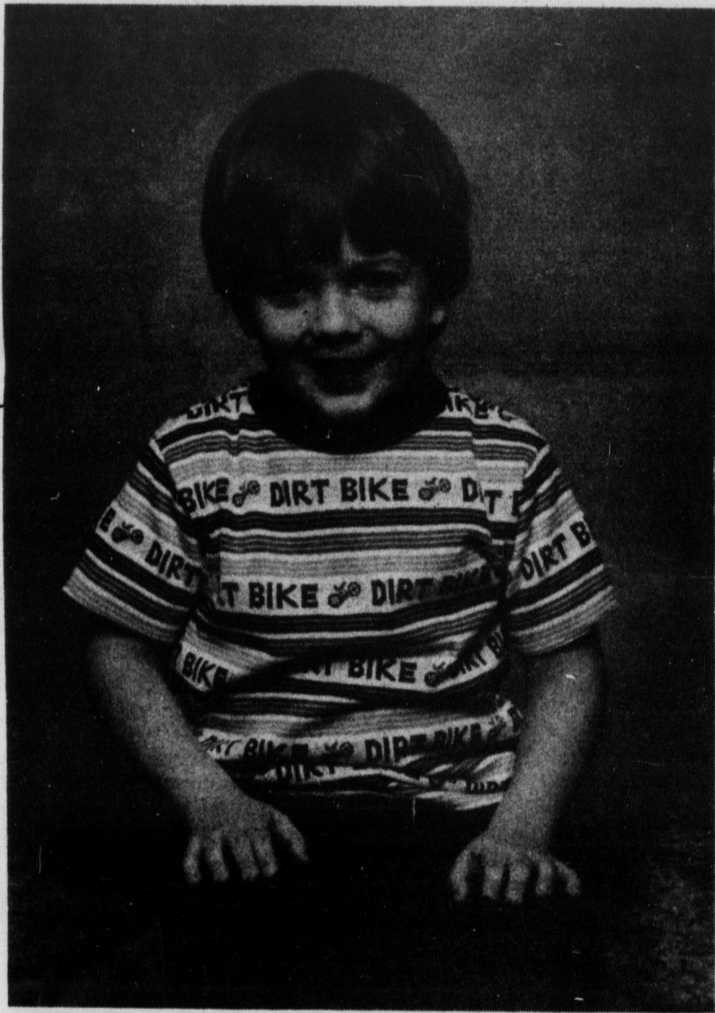
For many years after 1930, citizens voiced the need to renew the onetime practice of annual celebrations in October and in 1963, under the sponsorship of the merchants association, the annual celebration was renewed in excellent fashion and has continued.

For 1980, and the Bicentennial Celebration, many other participating groups in a five-state area have been brought into the cooperative community enterprise and the program of events is already

outstanding and expanding every day.

Announcement by Mayor John Moss that both President Carter and GOP Presidential Candidate Ronald Reagan have been invited to attend and that many more dignitaries will grace the platform adds much stature and especial dimension to the celebration. More than 200 local committee members are hard at work planning such varied entertainment as street dances and rock-a-thons, in addition to the cast of hundreds which are rehearsing for the opening of the outdoor drama, "Then Conquer We Must" to be staged at the Battleground Amphitheatre during the week of celebration activities. Special events will begin early in that week of October 3, building to a big climax on Saturday, featuring a mammoth parade. The parade reviewing stand is expected to be crowded with dignitaries of much prominence.

### In memory of Daniel



**IN MEMORY OF DANIEL KRISTOPHER GREENE**  
BORN MARCH 2, 1975-DIED AUG. 25, 1980

Kris was something special  
Sent from Heaven above,  
Just a little angel,  
God sent for us to love.  
Tho he has gone to brighten heaven,  
We will love him still  
Help us God to accept this,  
And know it is our Father's will.  
When God called Kris to live  
With Him above  
It was so easy to question  
The wisdom of His love.  
For no heartache could compare  
with the death of a child, who done so much

To make our world seem so wonderful and mild.  
Maybe God tires of calling  
The old folks to his fold,  
So He picked this little rosebud  
Before it could grow old.  
The saddest thing for his Mom and Dad was  
having to say goodbye  
When Kris went away and had to leave them  
behind, I can hear him say, Mom and Dad,  
Don't cry, God loves little children  
And angels are hard to find.  
So, with the wave of his little hand and  
a cute little smile, can't you hear him say,  
"Mom and Dad, I'll meet you in Heaven some  
sweet day." For Kris is not dead, he's  
just gone away

AUNT SHIRLEY

ZACCHEAUS

A little man who wished to see  
The Lord one day climbed up a tree.  
He had heard the people say,  
Christ the Lord would pass that way.  
He climbed the tree, sat on a limb  
So sure that no one would see him  
He was not seen until at last  
When Christ the Lord was coming past.  
We know he must have been spell bound  
To hear Christ say, "Make haste. Come down."  
"Today I must abide with thee".  
Then he came sliding down the tree.  
Today the Saviour wants to start  
Abiding in each and every heart  
He maybe won't find you and me  
Somewhere sitting on a tree  
Wherever we may be today,  
Be sure the Lord will pass our way.

CALVIN WRIGHT

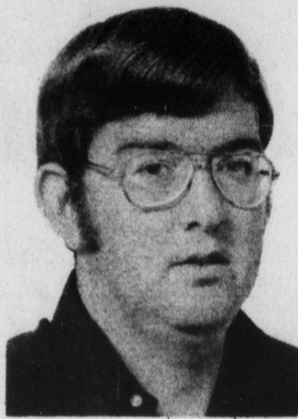
## Battle Of Kings Mountain song written by Gary Bennett

Gary Bennett of Morganton has written an official song for the Bicentennial Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain and has recorded it on the Alpine label. The song is entitled, "The Battle of Kings Mountain", and the records will be available, along with other memorabilia, during the weeklong celebration beginning Oct. 3 and culminating with the big day on Tuesday, Oct. 7th.

We hope that it isn't an omen of bad luck but on the opposite side of the label is the song, "While The Rains Came Down." All of us can remember the heavy rains which came down about the time the parade was to start moving during the Centennial Celebration.

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Jerry Bledsoe, columnist for The Charlotte Observer, lamented recently in his column the passing of soda fountains, which died along with ducktails, pegged pants, turned up collars and the 50's. He told the story of sitting in a restaurant and overhearing two women at the next table laughing and reminiscing about drinking Cherry and Vanilla Cokes in high school and wondering where they could get one. He said the women looked to be about 40, and as they talked, stirred old memories of his own, that it struck him that a large part of the population, those in their 20's and younger, probably wouldn't know what they were talking about.



GARY STEWART

### Write-in commissioner candidates?

Notes and noted:

Leaders of the tax revolt in Cleveland County are seriously considering recruiting three write-in candidates for the November election. Commissioners Hugh Dover, Coleman Goforth and Jack Palmer are unopposed for re-election.

People who think some taxpayers aren't being ripped off, consider this:

A man who lives in Kings Mountain and his brother both paid taxes on a 10-acre tract of land for 27 years, due to a surveyor's mistake when deeds were being prepared for them after the death of their father. When one of the brothers died, the mistake was discovered, and the other brother had to have the 10 acres surveyed and a new deed prepared. The county tax office said it was tough that both men had paid taxes on the same property, because it doesn't give refunds or credits. So, the man had paid taxes on 40 acres of land when he really owned 30. After his new deed was recorded, the tax office billed him for taxes on 50 acres of land, when, in fact, he owns only 40. And his taxes, as a result of the recent re-evaluation, went up over 300 percent.

Kings Mountain's Ricky McDaniel has been named managing editor for the "Carolinian", Western Carolina University's campus newspaper. Rick is son of City Treasurer Joe McDaniel and was a summer employee for the Herald and Cherryville Eagle.

Two Kings Mountain High football products are eyeing big seasons as college freshmen this fall. Avery Smith is running second unit fullback at Gardner-Webb and Kevin Mack is second unit tailback at Clemson. Mack is currently nursing an ankle injury but hopes to be ready for Saturday's opener with Rice.

Kings Mountain native Ed Spencer has been a Duke fan all his life, so he jumped at the opportunity this year to be a spotter for the Duke football broadcasts. He's assisting Bob Harris, voice of the Blue Devils, on his radio broadcasts. Spencer now lives in Durham where he sells office supplies.

Ashbrook's Green Wave will have a Kings Mountainian in its lineup Friday when the Gastonia school faces the Mountaineers in a non-conference game at Gamble Stadium. Carvin Petty, sophomore end for the Greenies, played sports in Kings Mountain until last year, when he moved to Gastonia. One of the Ashbrook coaches, Tim Echols, is also a KM product.

George Adams, athletic director for the Parks and Recreation Department and a former pro basketball star, had the right idea Saturday when a group of local all-stars played the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs in a charity basketball game at the community center. Adams is not old by any means, but he's not nearly as young as the fast-running Bulldogs. So Adams fouled out in the first half and watched from the bench.



Lib Stewart

He went further in his column to say that he looked back at the demise of soda fountains as the line marking the end of quality in America. Without question, he said, things have been going downhill ever since. The staff of Griffin Drug Co. would appreciate his remarks, since Griffin's is a gathering place for many folks in town who still enjoy a Cherry Coke or milkshake around a soda fountain. It's also a place to meet your neighbors. Of course it will be more of a pleasure to drive to Griffin's when the new By-Pass is completed. Coming from Canterbury Road onto King St. from the new Herald building is troublesome sometime with all the bumper-to-bumper traffic at stoplights after you once are able to get into the main highway. The 4.3 mile western stretch of the by-pass should be the nicest in the country, when completed, and we can look forward to doing away with a legendary bottleneck in about three years.

Reader Dialogue

### 'Kiss my grits' is Rickles' saying

To the editor,

I enjoy the Kings Mountain Herald. I think it's a good newspaper and hope you won't think I'm nit-picking when I point out a couple of errors in the August 26 issue.

First, Emery Wister said Polly Holliday started the saying "Kiss my grits." That isn't true. I just heard Don Rickles say it on the old Don Rickles Show years ago.

Next, Dwight Frady said: "(Dizzy Dean)...a man who picked his way from the cotton fields of Mississippi to a St. Louis ballpark." That isn't true either. Dizzy Dean and his brother Paul were born and reared in Lucas, Arkansas.

There was, also, another error in the Frady column. He said Bill Hallahan and Dean were teammates in 1953. Both were long since retired in 1953. That was probably a misprint and should have been 1933.

Keep up the good work and let's have some more baseball stories.

Jim Heffner,  
Gastonia, N.C.

### Thanks, KM, from Putnams

"An Open Letter to Kings Mountain Citizens"

Thank you Kings Mountain for opening up your hearts to our family. There are no words to express our feelings for the generosity heaped upon us by members of the American Legion Auxiliary and all those people who helped make the Unit's recent dance benefit and the recent Woodbridge Golf Tournament such a success. We have always recognized that Kings Mountain is a city full of caring people because we both grew up in Kings Mountain and have lived here all our lives. In trying situations, it makes us feel good to know that we have people who care about us and our children.

Because there are so many people who helped our family, we can not name each one but please know that we appreciate every one.

BILL AND MARCIA PUTNAM AND SONS

### What's your opinion

Something bothering you? Get it off your chest. Feel good about something? Share it. We want to hear from you. Address your letters to the editors to Reader Dialogue, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. Unsigned letters will not be published.

## LOOKING BACK

From the 1965 Sept. 9 edition of  
The Kings Mountain Herald

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham announce the birth of their son, Casey, Sept. 4, Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Herndon, Jr. announce the arrival of their fourth child and third daughter, Charlotte Kathryn Herndon, Aug. 19th, in Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte. The baby was named for her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Kathryn Cowart of Taylor, Texas. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. J.E. Herndon of Kings Mountain.

Margaret Hambright earned her blue band in exercises Tuesday at Gaston Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. The banding signifies that the Kings Mountain girl is a junior student.

Miss Libby Bunch has returned to Winthrop College at Rock Hill, S.C. for her sophomore year.

Today's Bible Verse

Where there is no vision the people perish. Proverbs 29:18



### Poets Corner