

### The Kings Mountain Herald

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### MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

Ingredients: bits of news, wit, humor, and comment.

Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdose.

### Long Time Ago

This department is indebted to Johnny Lackey for an aged copy of the Kings Mountain Herald, published under date of March 23, 1905, which was almost 48 years ago. The Herald files go back no further than 1913, and it is always a pleasure to receive one of these old models. The history of the community thereby provided, while seldom world-shaking, is nevertheless of the most interesting kind.

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The four-page, six-column edition is not quite complete, a portion of it having succumbed to the ravages of time, but many interesting items and advertisements are still well-preserved in the crisp, dry, yellowed pages.

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Among the advertisements, only two are for business firms still operating today. The First National Bank, at that time a fledgling five-year-old, published a statement which showed, at the close of business on March 14, 1905, total resources of \$84,955.23. Its deposits, subject to checking out on demand, were \$29,392.83. Today the bank's resources are more than 40 times that total.

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Plunk Brothers and Company, six years old at the time, related in an advertisement that "Happy Conditions prevail with us because price and materials both suit the consumer. We study needs, he studies our price list. The result is quick sales and lots of them."

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Many elder citizens will remember The Battery, which was conducting a big sale on 3,000 yards of embroidery at the claimed low price of 10 cents per yard, and ladies will recall the opening of a millinery shop by Mrs. M. P. Hisslop, who was showing "a full line of New York and Baltimore Pattern Hats".

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Other firms advertising their wares were Kiser & Mauney, Carpenter Brothers, and W. A. Mauney & Bro. The Southern Railway was offering quick transportation to "The Land of the Sky" and the Lake Taxaway Hotel.

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The Herald of 1905 was supporting improvements, in the form of encouraging "Yes" votes on a township road bond election being conducted by the county for the staggering amount of \$50,000. Election officials in the two township precincts named by the county board were: Grover, D. J. Keeter (father of Byron Keeter), registrar, and M. R. Collins and T. J. Moss, judges; Kings Mountain, W. A. Ridenhour, registrar, and Leslie McGinniss and W. L. Goforth, judges.

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According to the record, the Ladies' Missionary Society of Central Methodist church had held a "very interesting and profitable meeting" at the residence of Mrs. B. M. Ormand, and officers had been elected, including Mrs. J. L. McKay, Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Miss Pearl Vestal and Mrs. Lizzie Falls.

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The "locals" also had some floater's content, including the report that an overseer at Enterprise Mill (now Mauney Mills, Inc.) had bravely averted a possible "sad and sordid" situation. A lady had gone home from the mill to tell her husband that another employee had "kicked or struck her". The irate husband, pistol in hand, accosted the assaulter and was about to shoot him down but the overseer, A. B. White, rammed his finger under the hammer of the pistol.

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Grippe and typhoid fever were prime ailments afflicting many.

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There was no choicer bit than an item appearing under the heading "A Challenge". It read: "We, the undersigned, representing the most advanced spelling class of the High School of Kings Mountain, respectfully challenge any fifteen persons of the town to spell. The contest to be held on the 14th of April, 1905, at 8 p. m. The old 'Blue Back' to be used commencing with 'baker' on page 25." The notice was signed by Emma Cornwell, Pearl Baker, Harry Falls, and Motley Plunk.

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In that day, Theodore Roosevelt was president, and R. B. Glenn was governor of North Carolina. The Governor, the Herald reported, was disappointed that the General Assembly had not accepted his recommendations to set up an "Immigration Bureau". The Glenn idea was to attract small farmers, tenants, laborers and men who "will do things" to the state.

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One can never read an old

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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdoms but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

PROVERBS 15:21.

### Speeding Voting

The heavy voting all over the nation in the November 4 general election has spotlighted considerable attention on slow voting procedures, which caused some voters to "queue up" for as much as three hours in order to cast their vote.

No such waits were necessary in Kings Mountain, but long lines did form for much of the day at the two Kings Mountain polling places, as well as at the large precincts in Shelby. Had a portion of the former West Kings Mountain precinct not been split off into the Bethware precinct, the waiting would have been longer.

While the November 4th voting was probably unusual, even Democratic primary voting poses a big task at the larger precincts, such as is found here with more than 2,000 persons on each registration book.

Considerable comment since the recent election has concerned recommendation for the use of voting machines at the larger precincts. Biggest bar to their use seems to be the purchase price, which is not small. It is also assumed that such machines, being machines, will both wear out and get out-of-order. However, there are numerous benefits to be derived from their use, too. The election process is speeded, and, when the polls close at 6:30, the tabulations are already totaled. There is no long tedious wait on the returns, nor the arduous task of sorting, counting and tallying the individual votes.

A convenient suggestion is the cross-filing of voters in a card-index system, alphabetized to speed the actual voting, also worthy for making voting quick. Another, of course, is the further splitting of precincts, but this method adds to the cost of holding an election and makes a harder job for those who must obtain the services of qualified persons for holding elections.

The county, like most governmental units, is not over-burdened with money, but it would appear possible that purchase of a couple of voting machines per year could be squeezed into the budgets of the next few years.

### Civil Defense

Efforts are being made to compile a registration list of 500 persons who are willing to accept civil defense duties of varying kind, in event these services are required.

North Carolina and many other states has had a civil defense organization-in-making for several years, but difficulty has been encountered in completing the city-by-city organization. The reason is that no immediate pressure or need is seen for the service.

During World War II, the civil defense role in the United States was, in the main, limited to the function of being ready for service. Fortunately, the service was not required.

The situation was very different in Great Britain, where the Home Guard, as it was called there, is credited with doing much to save Great Britain. Aircraft warning groups were constantly on duty, volunteer fire-fighters worked as much on their volunteer duties as they did on their jobs, and all of Britain was armed to resist Hitler's threatened invasion.

But in Britain today, in spite of the memories of World War II, the civil defense organization finds it hard to keep itself activated.

Yet who knows when trouble can strike? Russia supposedly has the atom bomb know-how, and internal disaster from saboteurs is always a possibility, the head of central intelligence says.

The advance registration of persons willing to serve is important, for it will mean that registrants can be classified for the particular duties they are equipped to handle, whether it be in first-aid squads, fire-fighting teams, or for other emergency duties.

The immediate need seems remote today, but who can predict for tomorrow, or the day after?

Effort to form the crux of a civil defense organization is practice of the old doctrine of a stitch in time saving nine.

### Thanksgiving

For several centuries, Americans have been pausing a day each year, after the harvest season, to offer thanks for the good things which have come to them.

The start of the custom is credited to the Pilgrims, who settled along the rocky New England coast in their effort to find opportunity to earn a living and freedom to worship as they wished.

The custom has continued through the years and is a national holiday throughout the nation.

It is always good to inventory the blessings that have come, for it is human tendency to ignore the good in the ever-present push into the future.

Also, all can count blessings, if they inventory at all.

The material side is well-represented. The automobile population is in excess of 11,000,000, which means there is more than one vehicle for each family of four. Television aerials, bringing entertainment into homes, are scattered all over the landscape. People are better housed, better fed, and better clothed than ever before.

But no better blessings can be found than those sought by the Pilgrims who started the Thanksgiving custom. In the United States, a person may worship as he pleases, speak as he thinks, vote as he desires.

All should be thankful that the aims of the Pilgrim Fathers have been realized through the subsequent generations.

Our congratulations to Carl Moss, now Pvt. Moss, who won the top award in accounting at King's Business College, where he recently was graduated.

### Decorating Contest

Nothing is nicer during the Christmas season than to drive around a community at night which has homes decorated for the Christmas season.

The colored lights, decorated trees, Christmas scenes and other trimmings add much to the Christmas season in any community.

Thus it is that commendations are in order to the city's Garden Club Council and the First National Bank, which is collaborating to conduct a Christmas decorated door contest and thereby seeking to enhance the beauty of the community during the Christmas season.

The entry list should be long in all areas of the city and in all contest divisions.

Most applauded cabinet appointment of President-Elect Eisenhower thus far seems to be his naming of Charles E. Wilson, the General Motors president, as Secretary of Defense. With the huge defense department budget which represents the major portion of federal government out-go, it would appear that the appointment of the boss of one of the nation's major corporations to handle this large task is quite in order. The General Motors record, of course, speaks for itself and most favorably for the man who has served as its president for the past decade.

Send in a check, if you haven't, for Christmas seals. The sale of these seals means money for continuing the winning battle to stamp out the dread disease, tuberculosis.

**10 YEARS AGO** Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events **THIS WEEK** taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Thursday, Thanksgiving day, will be observed throughout Kings Mountain as a holiday with all down town places of business and city offices, bank, and building and loan associations, closing for the day and special services being held at several of the churches.

The colored women of the community will have the opportunity of working in Red Cross Surgical Dressing room each Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 6:00 o'clock, beginning December 3.

*Social and Personal*

Mrs. Craig Falls, grade mother for Miss Marie Lineberger's fourth and fifth grades entertained the children in their class room Monday afternoon, at a delightful bingo party. Attractive prizes were given the winners in the games.

leave Friday to enter Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee, N. C.

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### WORTHY OF PRINT

LINCOLN TIMES

High among the nostalgic tributes to the press that were brought forth during the recent National Newspaper Week, is, we believe, the verse of John Lair, the bard of Renfro Valley, Kentucky.

While it was heard over the air, we believe this Renfro Valley ballad should be presented in a less perishable manner. And, with the permission of Mr. Lair, we give you herewith the opening verses of "The Hometown Paper". We do not know what paper the poet had in mind, or even whether it still exists. Thus, while it was not (necessarily) written of this newspaper... well, if you think the shoe fits, we'll try to wear it:

"We never realize how much the hometown paper means Till we have wandered far away from the old familiar scenes, And then it's just as welcome as a letter from a friend.

We read it through from front to back, from beginning to the end And when we see the names in print of folks we used to know A flood of tender memories will set our hearts aglow.

"We remember how that paper was a standby in our home, And how we'd scramble for it just as soon as it would come.

Sis looked for all the personals; Dad read the livestock news; Grandad liked editorials—if they sided with his views! But mother never seemed to have a part that she preferred, She just set down, when she had time, and read it every word.

Speaking impersonally, for all "hometown paper", we believe that no matter what advances are made in type-setting and printing, equipment and in the gathering and transmission of news, the "hometown" editor's attitude toward his job and his responsibility to his community will never change. He'll keep on striving to make his paper important enough in your life so you'll "read it, every word."

#### C. B. Metcalf Wins Petty Officer Rate

WITH THE PACIFIC FLEET (EHTNC) — C. B. Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bridgeman of East Gold st., Kings Mountain, N. C. was recently advanced to boilerman third class, USN, while serving aboard the destroyer USS Maddox.

The advancement is a result of competitive examinations conducted this summer on all ships and Naval establishments throughout the world.

Since every Navy man has two jobs, the test was divided into military questions covering knowledge of seamanship, gunnery and military law, etc., and the professional part concerning paper without being impressed at the rapid change in facilities, but not in people. The old 1905 edition furnishes a good look-see into Kings Mountain's past.

#### ARTHRTIS?

I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set.

Limited space prohibits telling you more here but if you will write me I will reply at once and tell you how I received this wonderful relief.

**Mrs. Lela S. Wier**  
2805 Arbor Hills Drive  
P. O. Box 3122  
Jackson 7, Mississippi

### OUR LOCAL PROGRESSIVE RETAILERS ARE LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**BELMONT BANNER**

As the Christmas Shopping Season gets underway we naturally, as a newspaper, begin to hammer on the "Trade at Home" Routine. What we fall to do in so many instances is to actually sell our local, progressive merchants on their real merit to the community. You know the progressive merchant; you see him advertising, with regularity, for your business and publishing the prices of his products for you to compare with others both here and in neighboring cities.

The progressive retailer, be he small or large as a business merchant, always takes an active interest in every worthwhile civic and charity drive that comes along in the community. We can say that these merchants of ours feel that their efforts to help put over these worth-while endeavors is the logical thing to do. They realize it is logical because they know that they rise and fall with the success of the community and that whatever benefits arise here effect all of us who live and work in Belmont.

The local stores are good neighbors. They are leaders and friends and they believe in our town. It is imperative that we trade with them whenever possible if we have any civic spirit at all. It is true that there are some of our citizens who never go in the local stores and they would be surprised both at the values and also at the way in which they would be helping our town if they would shop here.

The retailer is in a specially good position to help make all local endeavors a success — whether they have to do with getting out the vote or putting a charitable drive over the top. He comes in direct daily contact with the people of his town. His advertisements and displays are widely read. He enjoys a large measure of public confidence. He is part of the town, and he succeeds or fails with the town. Trade with him. Read the ads and accept his invitation to shop. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

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