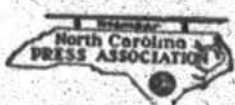




The Kings Mountain Herald

Established 1899



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 postoffice at Kings Mountain, N. C., under Act of Congress of March 3, 1873

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Martin Harmon Editor-Publisher
Charles T. Carpenter, Jr. Sports, Circulation, News
Miss Elizabeth Stewart Society
Mrs. Thomas Meacham Bookkeeping, News

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Eugene Matthews Horace Walker David Weathers Ivan Weaver*
Charles Miller Paul Jackson
(*Member of Armed Forces)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS—167 or 283

SUBSCRIPTION RATES PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

ONE YEAR—\$2.50 SIX MONTHS—\$1.40 THREE MONTHS—75c
BY MAIL ANYWHERE

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Envy not thou the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. Proverbs 3:31.

Political Notes

Saturday's the day of victory and defeat, success and failure, progress and sliding backward for numerous North Carolinians, those who have had the temerity and desire to seek political office.

A candidate remarked at the Herald last week, "It's pretty much of a strain," undoubtedly an understatement. The pseudo-science of politics has long been one of the most fascinating, disappointing, spirit-lifting of man's activities, at least for those who live in the free world where the voters mark ballots according to their convictions. The voters sometimes appear fickle, sometimes foolish, sometimes capricious. Voters, being people, are human and sometimes make mistakes. But the saving grace of the democratic process is that a bad enough office-holder usually gets pastured on the next go-round. It has been frequently remarked, and correctly, that the democratic process sacrifices some efficiency for the right to kick a blackguard out of office, or to keep a scoundrel from attaining office.

Will it be Lennon or Scott? Will there be a second primary in the big race for the United States Senate nomination? Will local officeholders be returned to their positions, or will new faces dot the ranks of Cleveland County officialdom? These are the questions to be answered on Saturday in Democratic North Carolina and Cleveland County where the party nomination is customarily tantamount to election in November.

Saturday is crossroads day for Former Governor W. Kerr Scott, the controversial, strong-minded former governor, about-facing completely in this campaign to accentuate the positive in compliance with an earlier announced "Code of Political Ethics." If Mr. Scott wins a six-year term as United States Senator, he will be a factor in the future course of the state's political affairs. If he loses, it is unlikely that he will be a major factor in future matters political.

To less degree, the primary is a crossroads for Senator Lennon. If he wins, he, too, will have the opportunity to make his influence felt for many years to come. Mr. Lennon, however, is not yet the acknowledged chief of his organization as is Mr. Scott. A loss for Mr. Lennon, launched less than a year into a career in government via appointment of the governor, will not necessarily relegate him to the political ashheap.

Scott is the acknowledged liberal candidate, and Lennon is the acknowledged conservative candidate, but both, in the many campaign statements, have moved toward the middle ground.

The county races have followed the frequent pattern of personality contests. Most of the candidates are relying on personal friendships to carry them through, and no basic issues of the course of government have been advanced as this is written. Indeed, majority of the candidates, have had a friendly word to say for their opponents.

It is an old axiom that citizens who fail to go to the polls have no grounds for complaint if the election results do not please them, nor if successful candidates prove out to be mistakes.

How many shoppers fussed last weekend during the successful Dollar Days promotion about the lack of parking space and the good work of the parking meters? The Herald heard several womenfolk wishing for a vacant spot and praising the parking meters for "keeping 'em moving." It reminds that parking becomes an increasing problem with the growth of the community. The Merchants Association might do well to list the parking problem on the agenda of needs for improving the community as a shopping center. Parking space, bulging inventories of desirable goods, and bargain counter pricing, plus constant promotion will do much to accomplish the trade-at-home practice the merchants must enjoy if they and the community are to prosper.

The Court Ruling

Majority of the comments of Kings Mountain citizens on the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court declaring segregation in the schools illegal have been restrained and responsible.

Surprise at the ruling was occasioned much more by the fact of the unanimous decision than by the fact of the ruling itself.

The great South Carolinian, John C. Calhoun, in his senior years as a leader of the nation, fought against what he called the will of the unreasoning, overriding majority. Senator Calhoun's battle was the secession battle, forerunner of the non-segregation ruling of the Supreme Court last week.

North Carolina political leaders have expressed regret at the ruling for they felt the state and the South were working out their own salvation in the important matter of race relations. Northern governors have been quoted as frequently expressing the wish that their race relations problem was in as good shape as North Carolina's.

The prediction of the Governor, the Mayor, and other citizens that no great difficulties are anticipated will be endangered only by the extremists, both white and colored, who forget their manners.

While it is common practice to use racial and religious epithets in condemning individuals, what the condemner, right or wrong, means is, "The guy's a scoundrel."

A local man commenting rather bitterly on what he called the "bad news" stated subsequently that he numbered many colored people among his good friends, underlining the attitude of the South, a very personal attitude among its citizens, white, black, Jew, Gentile, or Catholic.

The Supreme Court has already been criticized for its indications of interest in determining how to implement its decision. It is a just criticism. The Supreme Court perhaps is within its authority to set a date for implementation of its edict, but determining the "how" is a legislative function primarily of the several states.

Reasonableness and sanity is the order of the day, and North Carolina has a reputation for these two admirable traits.

Kill Cancer

Kings Mountain has a continuing successful record of supporting the annual appeal of the American Cancer Society for funds to fight the dread disease which is known as a leading killer among diseases.

The funds are used by medical experts to determine improved techniques for finding, arresting, and curing cancer. Some success has been the result. As in most diseases, early discovery of cancer in some areas of the body means that it can be cured, and there are many walking examples of proof. But other forms of cancer are as deadly as ever.

Scientists will do the job if they are provided the means.

The Junior Woman's Club, which will conduct the \$1,000 fund appeal, should have no trouble in obtaining the goal.

Our congratulations to Mrs. J. E. Lipford, who succeeds Mrs. F. R. Summers in the upper councils of the Cleveland County Democratic organization.

Mayor Bridges' figures on the cost of utilizing Buffalo Creek as a source of city water appear reasonable, and the board of commissioners would do well to direct a survey by a civil engineer to definitely establish the cost estimate. Already the engineers have labeled the present source plans as temporary, good for three to four years.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

The customary definition of "news" is that it is new, fresh, up-to-the-minute, and, of course, until publication, not a fact of general knowledge.

The definition therefore poses problems for the weekly news journal, be it magazine or newspaper, which do not attend publication of a daily gazette of light, learning, and information. It is the reason a weekly paper gets into a press-day jam-up as all do who endeavor to keep themselves a once-a-week daily.

Some news has definite time limitations, either subject to changes in a developing situation, or, at best, a change to past tense.

The Herald had an instance last week. After the Hoey funeral in Shelby, and just prior to the departure of the trainful of political leaders on the return trip to Washington, Senator Knowland, of California, the GOP majority leader, was waiting for a late-arriving interviewer at Evans Lackey's Buick establishment. The Senator was to do a tape-recorded job for Shelby Radio Station WOHK. I quit accidentally dropped in with Harvey Wray and a few others and naturally posed a few questions to the California law-maker. The major answer came on my query: "Senator, when are you folk going to shut off our Washington T-V show?"

"I think that'll wind up in about a week," he said. This was worth a story, coming from the Senator supposedly closest to the President, but it was easily recognizable that the statement could go to limbo with developments two days later. However, the committee seemed to be of the same frame of mind and I wrote the story about press time. An hour later an afternoon paper arrived with a blaring headline on President Eisenhower's statement that the Army-McCarthy show should go on, thereby consigning the Knowland remarks, and the Herald type, to the hell-box, the last resting place of unused production from the typesetting machines.

Published today on the adjoining page is the Herald's biennial report of its circulation audit by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, the auditing firm which checks up to see if the Herald subscribers really pay for the papers. It is the lone auditing bureau recognized as knowledgeable in the field of circulation auditing, and, among many others, audits Life and Time magazines, Saturday Evening Post, the New York Times, and, in fact, all the major publications.

Our "visitor" this year arrived on Easter Monday and his card read G. H. Wakefield, originally from Chicago, he said, but about to take out citizenship in North Carolina, having been assigned to circulation auditing jobs in the area since last October. For sure, he said, he was going to buy a North Carolina fishing license. Mr. Wakefield started out with "x-ing" 25 name, at random from the mailing list. Then he kept the full Herald front-office staff busy tracking down receipts and cash entries on the 25 subscribers, both for 1952-53 and 1953-54. Later he ordered the newspaper usage check, first requiring invoices on all purchases over the two-year period. Then he demanded canceled checks, final proof that the invoices were valid. The newspaper check has been the downfall of numerous manipulators of circulation figures. If the journals aren't using enough paper to substantiate the totals, embarrassing and well-publicized suspension from the lodge can result. Mr. Wakefield, as did his predecessor in 1952, commended the Herald circulation department for its good record-keeping, saying the records were better maintained than in the majority of weekly papers. Mr. Wakefield left here for points north-east, with the Gastonia Gazette, Charlotte Observer, and Charlotte News on his assignment list.

Saturday is voting day but you'd hardly know it. When has an election been as quiet in Cleveland County? The Big Senate race was supposed to excite, not to mention the half-dozen local races. The why's are not immediately evident, but one reason could be that most folk quietly made up their minds on the direction of their votes several weeks ago. Another factor must be the higher level tone of the campaigning. The barbs have been few and, particularly in the local contests, have not been ex-tant, a self-made compliment to each of the 14 candidates seeking to represent their citizens.

The Passing Scene by Jefferson Machamer



"There's a 1400 mile weekend trip planned to the split second."

Viewpoints of Other Editors

TO THE '54 GRADUATE

It's graduation time in Transylvania, a joyous time for the boys and girls receiving their diplomas. It's a challenging time, a few brief moments to pause for a salute to a goal attained and a time to look ahead to a brighter, richer tomorrow.

A record number of graduates will receive diplomas both here at Brevard and at Rosman. Brevard college also has a fine graduating class, and we take great pleasure in saluting the graduates at the three schools.

Education is the backbone of all constructive progress in a democracy and every year we take pleasure in turning the spotlight of publicity upon our schools so that our readers may have a better understanding of our educational progress and of the educational needs of today.

For the 1954 graduate, commencement means the beginning of careers at an unparalleled time in history. The struggle between democracy and communism is being waged; scientists are daily discovering and expanding new fields which open doors to careers unheard of a few years ago; the churches are realizing as never before that an extra effort must be made to expand the teachings of Christ at home and abroad. This is indeed a challenging age filled with unequalled opportunity.

Many high school graduates will enter college to secure more education and this is indeed fortunate; for in this new scientific age, additional education will be found useful.

Others will enter military service and this may delay some of your future plans.

Along with our congratulations to the '54 graduates go our sincere best wishes for continued success. Graduation is an achievement and an inspiration, and commencement should serve as an opportunity for broader fields of service.

It has been said that success does not come from talent alone but from concentration and perseverance, and this is a hint well worth remembering by the graduate of today. — Transylvania Times.

THE MESS WE'RE IN

Perhaps the best way to understand the mess we are in is to see how we got into it. And perhaps the best way to see how we got into it is to consider two suggestions made by a great American on how to get out of it. Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winning nuclear chemist of the University of Chicago, in an address in Chapel Hill the other day, suggested two very simple remedies:

1. "Calm thinking".
2. "Stop accusing each other of being criminals just because we do not agree with each other."

It was our failure to do those two things that got us into the mess. Maybe doing them will get us out of it. — Franklin Press

THE SHORT SHOWER

A recent editorial which sought to make suggestions about ways of conserving water stated that "a bath consumes less water than a leisurely shower, and half a tub will do as well as a full one."

An interested and expert reader brings to our attention the fact that a normal bath, depending on the size of the tub, consumes 20 to 30 gallons, while a shower in which a washer wets himself, as commissioner, court clerk, judge, solicitor, sheriff and constable. That is as it should be.

JUST ONE DRINK

The British Medical Association, after 18 months of study, has arrived at the opinion that a man is not necessarily drunk because (1) he cannot walk a chalk line without weaving, or (2) he cannot repeat "The Leith police dismisseth us." He could be simply ill.

Also, no doubt, the British medical men ran into the same problem that other less homespun folks have encountered in proving themselves as tests of inebriety — the gadgets, often referred to as "drunkometers," may be accurate but people differ. What might have slight effect on one person could make another one staggering drunk.

It is this variation in people, not in the machines, that makes both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the American Psychiatric Association cautious about the "lie detectors." They are not without value in pointing to clues. But as to furnishing conclusive evidence on which might hang a man's life or his reputation, the hardened criminal and the shameless liar are given a better chance of "acquittal" by the machine than is the sensitive person, possessed of ideals and a conscience.

But to get back to the chalk line and the lip: the British medics give small comfort to the drinking driver who is confident he can "handle his liquor." One drink can make you a hazard on the highway! — The Elkin Tribune.

NOT THE END

We woke up with considerable relief — glad to find the bed still under us and everything in the bedroom in its accustomed place. We looked out the window and were relieved to see trees, houses and traffic just about the same as they had been. And we were even more relieved as we came downtown to find the same policemen at the same posts; in fact, to note no strangers or changes at all.

But we may never know how close a shave this old world had last night. While we are proud that we did not slip into an Orson Welles panic, the fact is that Mars was as close to this globe last night as it ever can get. If all those little men in their fantastic space suits and carrying their even more fantastic weapons never had a chance, it was last night.

But maybe we are sounding the "all clear" too soon. Mars is going to be just a jump beyond our etheral shores until the latter part of June — just a 40,000,000-mile jump from our altars, our hearths and the graves of our sires. Sky-watchers had better be kept on the alert — if only to spot the winners in the boat races on those canals. — St. Louis Post-Dispatch

shuts off the water, soaps up, and then turns on the water again to rinse consumes only 10 gallons. A good point. But we had in mind the usual leisurely shower that invariably consumes all the water of "The Road to Mandalay" and a good deal more than 30 gallons of water. Since water conservation is the point, we would like to call attention to the fact that a short shower beats even a half-filled tub. — The New York Times.



RE-ELECT
Reuben L. Elam
Judge of Cleveland County Recorder's Court
Democratic Primary
May 29
Born and Reared in Cleveland County
EXPERIENCED — FAIR — IMPARTIAL
Democratic Primary May 29
(Paid Political Adv.)

A GLASS OF MILK IS A BETTER BUY THAN EVER!



Sunrise Dairy
DIAL 6354 GASTONIA

WHAT Are The Duties Of The Clerk Of Superior Court?

(Each statement herein has been approved by Competent attorneys)

In addition to a great mass of detail, including keeping court records and many files of various sorts and doing lots of recording, the clerk of Superior court does the following, among many other things:

- He appoints administrators and guardians, approves their bonds and is liable for the soundness of such bonds. He also probates all wills. He allows commissions to guardians and administrators and attorney fees in all cases where minors or mental incompetents are involved. He is responsible for seeing that reports are filed and must examine and approve or disapprove them.
- He names commissioners to divide or sell real estate for division among heirs and to award widows dowers.
- He is the statutory guardian of all minors and incompetents in the county for whom no one has qualified as guardian and handles and is responsible for their money.
- He is the Judge of Juvenile Court by virtue of his office. In that capacity he not only tries all law violators under 16 years of age but has jurisdiction over all neglected, abandoned or mistreated children brought into court.
- He is the Judge of Juvenile Court by virtue of his office. In that capacity he not only tries all law violators under 16 years of age but has jurisdiction over all neglected, abandoned or mistreated children brought into court.

Due to my recent auto accident I have been in the Shelby hospital and cannot see my friends. My physicians say my condition is satisfactory, but they insist on keeping me for close observation for several more days.

If you think the manner in which I have handled the office meets with your approval, I will appreciate your support. My only promise is that if re-elected I will try to handle the office justly and impartially.

A. A. HOUSER, JR.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

A total of 78 boys and girls from the 11th and 12th grades are scheduled to graduate from Kings Mountain high school at commencement exercises to be held Sunday and Monday nights.

The Solway Process Company, which operates the large spodumene mining plant near the southeastern city limits, will double the consumption of water filtered from the City Water Plant, according to City Manager H. L. Burdette who completed arrangements with R. C. Hastings, general manager.

Social and Personal
Mrs. C. A. Jones and children left Tuesday night for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ector Short at Kure Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henderson in Wilmington.

Joe Thomson will leave today for Montreat, where he will attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Lloyd Watson and daughters, Shirley and Jean have returned to their home in Boone after a visit in Kings Mountain.

DON'T NEED IT?
SELL IT THROUGH THE HERALD WANT ADS