

WHY SEGREGATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

By James A. Duffy

Race Integration began in America in the summer of 1619, when a small Dutch trading vessel pushed through the weedy marshes of the James River and unloaded a cargo of powder, tools and twenty strapping young Negroes from the Congo jungles. The ammunition and tools were in high demand, but the Negroes represented a luxury which only a few of the four hundred colonists in primitive Jamestown could afford. After some haggling, however, the Dutch captain sailed away with a quantity of tobacco and hides, which the settlers had obtained from the Indians, and the Negro slaves became servants with the same status as the white bondsmen, with one exception . . . the Negro's bondage was not limited to any specified time.

North Carolina, at that time, was a primeval wilderness . . . unexplored, uninhabited, unknown. A half-century later, when population in Virginia had increased to 24,000 and free land was becoming scarce, a few settlers

crossed the border into the fertile plains of the eastern Carolinas, taking a few slaves with them. In 1670 there were only 2,000 slaves in Virginia, but the number in the South had reached four million at the outbreak of the Civil War.

Negroes were not imported by the South alone. 33,000 were landed in Massachusetts, during the ten-year period prior to the Revolution but, except for the enormous shipping profits, which sowed the seeds of fortune for many old New England families, slave labor was not profitable in these Northeastern States. Practically all of the Negroes came from Africa and were brought over, first by the British, then by American shipowners in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut; but they were re-shipped to the slave markets in the South, where mild climates, large plantations and long work-seasons created a steady demand for this labor.

The slave trade was much more reprehensible than slavery itself and the stigma of the profession, during the nineteenth century, caused many New England merchants to abandon it. Opposition to slavery began in North Carolina and, in 1774, the first Provincial Congress at New

Bern passed a resolution prohibiting the importation of slaves, or the purchase of any which were imported from abroad. Virginia followed suit in 1778 and Congress, in 1807, passed a law prohibiting any further imports into the United States. Smuggling became active, however, until 1820, when it was declared an act of piracy, punishable by death.

Original American slaves came from the Congo or Ghana where they had lived for generations under a primitive tribal slavery, much worse than any servitude in the United States. American sailing vessels carried large quantities of Rhode Island rum, fire arms and ammunition, and these were traded to tribal chieftons for a specified number of saleable Negroes, which were rounded up, driven to the seashore and stored in the holds of ships. The voyage of more than six thousand miles to the American coastline was a terrible ordeal, even for first-class passengers and crews. But, to the Negroes, crowded into the hot, filthy and poorly-ventilated cargo space; with no chance to move around and scarcely enough food and water to subsist upon; it was a horrible experience and many died and were tossed overboard. Sailors tales of the voy-

ages were circulated — sometimes published — and enraged the emotions of conscientious Americans, in every state. One incident which brought the matter to a climax was a claim for insurance on "jettisoned cargo" made by a ship's captain. His statement was that he had been caught in a severe storm in the south Atlantic, and had been compelled to throw the cargo overboard to prevent the ship from sinking. The "cargo" in this instance consisted of the Negro slaves he was transporting.

As slavery became, more and more, an integral part of the social structure, harsh laws were enacted in all the colonies, north and south, defining the Negro's rights and limiting his activities. Under these laws he was the sole property of his master, could not testify against a white person in court, could not congregate, except in church. He was required to show respect to all whites, could not use firearms, and was forbidden to marry, leave the plantation or learn to read and write without the master's consent.

These laws were enacted as a protection for the whites against any attack or revolt. But they were un-

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Population	
Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	8,008

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

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FLAG PRESENTATION — American Legion Post 155 presented a United States flag to the Kings Mountain hospital recently. Hospital administrator Grady Howard is pictured above holding the flag. Legionnaires pictured, from left, are Commander Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., John W. Gladden and Mayor Glee A. Bridges. The flag has been displayed on the grounds of the hospital on W. King street. (Photo by Carlisle Studio)

C Of C Recommends Housing Code

Three More Days Remain Of Annual Bethware Fair

Rides, Exhibits And Fireworks Fair Features

Three full days remain at the 16th annual Bethware Community Fair which opened Wednesday.

Billed by Fair officials as the community's "Bigger and best fair," this year's township event opened yesterday at 4 p.m. on the grounds of Bethware school.

An expanded list of exhibitors, both commercial and agricultural, were readying booths Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in preparation for the event staged annually by Bethware Progressive club. Sawdust was spread along the midway early Wednesday.



BRITISH ATTACK — Englishmen in Cleveland County left a sign of warning and a British flag at the mock jail on Mountain street Saturday as part of the town's "Mountaineer Days" celebration of the defeat of the British at Kings Mountain in 1780. (Photo, courtesy Tom McIntyre, Gastonia Gazette)

Chamber Is Seeking City Ordinance

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce is expected to recommend to the City of Kings Mountain a projected housing code at Thursday night's city commission meeting.

The ordinance, as drawn up, will recommend that the city: 1) spell out in detail how undesirable property will be upgraded, condemned or removed via a housing code similar to that used by the City of Gastonia; and 2) that the city employ a part-time building inspector.

B. F. Maner proposed the adoption of the resolution at last Friday's luncheon meeting of the C of C at the Country Club. Motions were made by Tom Tate and Fred Wright.

The Gastonia ordinance was cited by Mr. Maner as a prototype.

The projected Housing Code says, in part: "There exists in the City of Kings Mountain housing which is unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation and defects, increasing the hazards of fire, accidents or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, and other conditions rendering such housing unsafe or insanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health and safety, or otherwise inimical to the welfare to the residents of the city."

- 1) Authorized Fred Drewes to gather information for a brochure and publish same.
- 2) A managerial vacancy was discussed, but no action taken.
- 3) An interim report on long-range planning was heard. Final approval is pending from Raleigh.
- 4) Toll-free service to Gastonia was discussed.



exchange student from Argentina, has arrived to study this school year at Kings Mountain high school. After one week of school, young Pucci is well-pleased with America.

Pucci Thinks KM Friendly

Kings Mountain has in its midst an exchange student from Argentina who is enrolled in the 12th grade at Kings Mountain high school.

Jose Antonio Pucci, 17, from San Meguel De Tucuman, Argentina, will be in Kings Mountain for one year sponsored by the Foreign Exchange Program. Jose is living with the John A. Cheshire family.

Jose arrived in Kings Mountain August 24. He flew from Buenos Aires to Lima, Peru, and entered the United States in Miami, Florida. After a three day visit with relatives he continued via Bus to Charlotte where he was met by the Cheshire family.

Jose attended one year of college in Argentina before coming to the United States where he was a pre-medical student at the University of San Meguel De Tucuman.

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Holland Horn Dies Wednesday Of Injuries

Holland Arnold Horn, 42, died Wednesday shortly after noon of injuries sustained last Thursday in a tractor-trailer accident near Rock Hill.

Mr. Horn had not regained consciousness at Charlotte Presbyterian hospital where he was being treated for injuries.

Clyde Palmer Welch, of Kings Mountain, died two days after the accident as a result of injuries.

The two carpenters were riding in a pickup truck which collided with a tractor-trailer at the intersection of S. C. 160 and U. S. 21. Members of the Horn family said the two men were working in that area and were possibly enroute from Charlotte to Richburg, S. C. to the home of Mr. Horn's brother.

Funeral rites for Horn will be held Friday at 3 p.m. from Oak Grove Baptist church. Rev. James Holder will officiate and interment will be made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Horn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Huffstetler Horn; two sons, Donald and Arnold Horn of the home; and a daughter, Sandra; of the home; two brothers, Thomas Horn of Richburg, S. C. and Olland Horn of Kings Mountain; two step-brothers, Earl Loven of California and Charles Loven of Spartanburg, S. C., and one step-sister, Mrs. Will Neely of Spartanburg, S. C.

A veteran of World War II, Horn served in the 394th Infantry. He was the son of the late Leola Ware and Lee Horn.



Mrs. Gamble Wins Degree

WINS DEGREE — Mrs. John H. Gamble has completed requirements for her master of arts degree in home economics from Winthrop college.

Mrs. Betty Roberts Gamble, wife of former high school football coach John H. Gamble, has received her master of arts degree in home economics from Winthrop College at Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. Gamble completed requirements for her degree at the end of summer session, according to Dr. W. D. Livingston, registrar. Two received the Master of Arts degree and six received the Master of Arts in teaching. Fourteen completed the program for the Bachelor of Arts degree and 20 the Bachelor of Science degree. In addition to the 42 winning degrees, there were four students who received certificates in business.

Fifth Day Enrollment Reaches 4,221

Enrollment for Kings Mountain schools reached 4221 for the fifth membership day, according to figures released by Supt. B. N. Barnes. This was an increase of 23 over the opening day total of 4198.

The fifth day enrollment also represented an increase of 56 over last year's figure.

With the increase came no particular difficulties in so far as overloaded grade situations were concerned, Mr. Barnes reported. There are seven split-grade combinations within the system.

The combinations are 1-2 at Bethware, 3-4 and 5-6 at Grover, 3-4 and 6-7 at Compact and 2-3 and 5-6 at Davidson.

The systems total elementary population reached 3012 and the high school's total population was 1209.

Total by elementary schools includes:

- Bethware, with 518 students and 18 teachers.
 - East, with 439 pupils and 15 teachers.
 - Grover, with 393 pupils and 14 teachers.
 - North, with 410 pupils and 14 teachers.
 - Park Grace, with 204 pupils and seven teachers.
 - Compact, with 367 pupils and 13 teachers.
 - Davidson, with 363 pupils and 12 teachers.
- The high school enrollment at 1209 includes Kings Mountain high school.
- Freshmen, 163; Sophomores, 253; Juniors, 291; and Seniors, 267.
 - Compact high school: Freshmen, 80; Sophomores, 64; Juniors, 45; and Seniors, 46.
 - Twenty-nine students are enrolled in special education classes.

Exhibit halls are filled with prize-winning exhibits which will be judged and cash prizes awarded Thursday (today). Children's Day is also Thursday with special events for the kiddies planned from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

There are the customary midway attractions, rides galore, concessions and fireworks. Prize drawings will be held nightly and on closing day of the fair a new bicycle will be awarded to some lucky ticket holder. The fair will close at midnight Saturday. Bethware Fair opens at 3 p.m. Friday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday. There is no admission charge.

Miss Catherine Davis is 1963 Queen of the Fair and Willard Boyles is president of the sponsoring Progressive club.

"There's something about a fair, and we think this year's Fair will attract record fair-goers," President Boyles said Wednesday.

Opening Day crowds were blessed with sunshine and clear skies.

Powell Rebate At \$36,015

The City of Kings Mountain's share in the 1963 Powell Bill Funds to 420 participating municipalities will be \$36,015.43.

The allocation of \$8,078,232.00 in Powell Bill funds was announced Wednesday by the State Highway Commission. The funds are distributed annually to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway system street work within their corporate limits. Checks to the individual municipalities will be mailed from Raleigh in order that they will reach municipalities by October 1.

Powell Bill allocations are based on a formula using the population and street mileage in the municipalities and the total allocation this year represents an increase over 1962 of \$437,524.08.

The six largest allocations this year were Charlotte, \$732,550.83; Greensboro, \$486,161.54; Winston-Salem, \$397,837.36; Raleigh, \$344,420.34; Asheville, \$284,348.27; and Durham, \$272,600.41.

The Town of Grover's allocation is \$3,170.19, up \$408.15, from 1962.

British Fly Flag Over Mock Jail

Mountaineer Celebration Is Continuing

The British attempted Saturday to reverse a defeat the Redcoats suffered 183 years ago.

It was all "in fun" and part of a "Mountaineer Days" celebration sponsored by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. The British didn't show up for the rematch, scheduled at 9 a.m., but raised a British flag instead atop the makeshift jail on Mountain street. A note, attached to the jail, read, "Mountaineer men, say a prayer or our weapons will be bear. The British are back, so beware."

Their raid apparently was in retaliation of a celebration of the defeat of British forces at Kings Mountain. The jail is used to house males who refuse to grow a beard as part of the celebration. It was in protest of the decree they wear a beard that brought on the sneak attack.

Other Saturday morning activities were reported.

School Plans Are Progressing

School architects were busy preparing working drawings Wednesday at Shelby.

Supt. B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain Board of Education Chairman James Herndon and High School Principal Harry Jaynes were in Shelby, Wednesday morning meeting with Architects Fred Van Wageningen and Thomas Cothran.

Next step is the letting of contracts, Supt. Barnes said. Architects declined to say when this phase of the schoolwork would be completed. They indicated, however, "two or three weeks", Mr. Barnes added.

Supt. Barnes also spent the day Monday in Raleigh conferring with state school planning officials.

Dr. Melvin Good, music education consultant, from Raleigh, is in town this week conferring with Joe Hadden, schools band director, and Mrs. J. N. McClure, director of the mixed chorus. Dr. Good arrived Monday and will return to Raleigh Thursday.

165 Students Off-To-School

Addition of 15 to the Kings Mountain area's off-to-school list brings the number of students to 165 the area will send to colleges and universities for post high school training.

At Western Carolina college 24 students registered for the fall term which begins this week. New additions from last week's list includes the names of Gay Wilson and Mike McSwain.

Appalachian State Teacher's college is second favorite of area students. At Boone, 18 area students have enrolled for the 1963-64 term. New addition from last week's list is Kay Pearson.

Fourteen area students will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Two additions from last week's list include George Goforth and Dertals Beattie, both of whom will return to the UNC School of Pharmacy. Goforth has been employed here this summer at Kings Mountain Drug company.

Janice Bridges has enrolled at Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing.

Viola Ellison will return to Central Wesleyan college for her senior year and Bill Jenkins will enter the sophomore class at Central Wesleyan.

Alice Fayne Neal is a student at Mt. Olive Junior college at Mt. Olive.

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Retailer Outing Is Wednesday

Kings Mountain merchants and their employees will hold the annual summer outing Wednesday, Sept. 18th, at 7 p.m. at El Bethel Methodist church.

Women of El Bethel church will serve the picnic-style meal. Merchants may purchase tickets for themselves and their employees at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under six.

Ratterree Notes 98th Birthday

S. C. Ratterree spent a quiet 98th birthday Wednesday with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ratterree, on W. Mountain street.

Mr. Ratterree's life-long friend B. Meek Ormand was an invited dinner guest. Several of Mr. Ratterree's friends and neighbors called during the afternoon.

Mr. Ratterree enjoys good health, reads his Bible daily. He especially enjoys the New Testament, has read it from cover to cover 284 times.

TO CONVENTION

John Dilling represented Dilling Heating Company at an organizational convention of the North Carolina Warm Heating and Air-Conditioning Association in Durham Friday.

WEDNESDAY FIRE
City firemen were called to J. E. Herndon Company Wednesday morning about 7:55 a.m. No damage was reported.