



# The Kings Mountain Herald

Established 1889  
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 post office at Kings Mountain, N. C., 28086 under Act of Congress of March 3, 1873.

### EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Martin Harmon ..... Editor-Publisher  
Gary Stewart ..... Sports Editor  
Miss Elizabeth Stewart ..... Circulation Manager and Society Editor  
Miss Helen Owens ..... Clerk

### MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Zeb Weathers ..... Allen Myers  
Mike Camp ..... Steve Ramsey  
Paul Jackson

SUBSCRIPTION RATES PAYABLE IN ADVANCE — BY MAIL ANYWHERE  
ONE YEAR .. \$3.50 SIX MONTHS .. \$2.00 THREE MONTHS .. \$1.25  
PLUS NORTH CAROLINA SALES TAX  
TELEPHONE NUMBER — 739-5441

### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. Psalm 82:1.

## Speaker Ban Bugaboo

Governor Dan Moore has determined that accrediting agencies look with disfavor on North Carolina's speaker ban law, which was enacted with undue haste and in railroad fashion virtually on the last day of the 1963 assembly.

Under its provisions self-avowed members of the Communist party, or persons who have pleaded the fifth constitutional amendment to avoid testifying, are banned from speaking on the campuses or under the auspices of any state-supported institution.

In view of the Governor's report, Senator Jennings King has announced he will offer some amendments to the bill which would transfer to the trustees of the various schools the chore of ferreting out and keeping off-campus the same visitors deemed undesirable.

Even these comparatively innocuous amendments apparently have little chance of adoption.

The word "Communist" is a bugaboo, and few legislators want to risk to charge of being soft on communism, though privately they may not agree with this abridgment of academic freedom.

After the law was passed, it was criticized by many academicians and citizens, largely because it categorized eminent Russian scientists and men of letters on the same basis as Communist rabble rousers.

It was an issue in the gubernatorial campaign, but no candidate was willing to commit himself to outright repeal.

Biggest danger, of course, is that this bill infers no Communist is worth hearing for any reason.

History shows that Americans sometimes fall into the trap of thinking only Americans have a patent on brains, and that all Russian Ivans are dolts. This was the common theory from the end of World War II until 1957, when Sputnik I jolted the nation to the fact Americans were sadly in arrears in the space race.

America is still behind.

Meantime, argument over repealing the speaker ban law seems rather academic. One representative told members of the higher board of education recently he knew the sentiment of the legislature and that the board might as well cease arguing about the speaker ban and proceed to other matters it could do something about.

And Senator Tom White, likely the most powerful man in the upper branch, declares himself against amendment.

Kings Mountain area industry, business, and individuals have shown remarkable public spirit in supplying \$80,000 for the building of a new football stadium. The sad fact of the bidding, of course, tends to dull the lustre of the aggregate gift, but it should not. Certainly it is the largest amount ever raised in Kings Mountain by public subscription. The board of education and stadium committee are hopeful that bidding will be sharper when the bids are re-invited next fall in non-building season.

It is good news that the Moss Administration is wasting no time in proceeding on plans for a sewage disposal system, which the city is contracted to have in operation about 19 months hence. Sewage systems are neither planned nor built overnight, and even with speed the city will probably be hard-pushed to meet its deadline. It is good news, too, that the state stream sanitation committee has indicated it will recommend, when application is filed next April 1, the fully allowable federal grant. The sum of \$150,000 is not negligible, but the difference between \$150,000 and \$300,000 is a considerable consideration.

Congratulations to George H. Mauney, newly-elected chairman of the Kings Mountain board of education, and to Miss Margaret Jackson, awarded a scholarship for graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Higher Education Board

Governor Dan K. Moore has asked for changes in the structure of the board of higher education that, many feel, are ill-advised.

When set up in 1955 at the instance of Governor Luther Hodges, the idea was to bring cohesion to the many state-supported colleges and universities. It was felt a super board, unconnected with the administration of any of the schools, would be able to prevent duplication of services and thereby eliminate waste.

Board members feel they have been successful in these aims.

The request of the Governor to have all members' terms expire on July 1 must be termed as political.

It is a fact, one member says, that vast majority of the members of the board of higher education were quite active in behalf of Governor Moore's losing opponent Richardson Preyer, and that these same members took the Preyer defeat hard. Indeed, says this member, only two of the members supported Governor Moore.

It is natural that a Governor prefers to have political friends on state boards, rather than non-friends, and perhaps that is as it should be.

Conversely, his recommendation that seven of the members come from boards of trustees of state-supported schools does not wash. Either the trustees would be open to charge of favoring their particular school, or would be constrained to lean over backward to avoid such charge, perhaps to the hurt of the particular institution.

## Auxiliary President

Another Kings Mountain citizen has been honored by a state-wide organization by being elected its president.

The Women's Auxiliary of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association has elected as president Mrs. Charles D. Blanton, Jr., wife of the Kings Mountain pharmacist, who himself was elected first vice-president of the parent pharmaceutical association.

The honor accrues not only to Mr. and Mrs. Blanton, but to the whole community.

Both hold responsible positions.

## Landscape Changing

Telegraph poles have long been a landmark along railroad tracks, the rails requiring quick communication all along the route, not only to provide traffic information but for safety of operations.

But the poles along Southern Railway's mainline, from Washington to Atlanta, are coming down, the long-familiar Morse code and teletype method of communication giving way to microwave radio, which requires no poles.

Mayor John Henry Moss has noted that the demise of the poles will enhance the looks of the community and that the change will give some measure of aid to the business section parking problem.

Small world department: Mrs. Ellen Medlin Rosberg writes from Kingsport, Tenn., of her husband's recent transfer there. She finds that the Rosberg residence is within 200 feet of the home of the Jones Fortune family. Until they moved from Kings Mountain, the Rosbergs were across-the-street neighbors from Mrs. Pauline Fortune Weaver, Jones Fortune's sister.

Congratulations to Sandy Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Campbell, voted into membership of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership fraternity, at the University of Tennessee, and to Larry Burton, son of Mrs. Lawrence Burton, chosen to attend an English workshop at Western Carolina college for gifted students.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comments  
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

One of the sad moments of my young life was inability my first year to make the staff of the Daily Tar Heel. At the tender age of 16 I was a sports buff, and my idea of heaven was covering football at New Orleans one weekend, Chicago the next, and Ann Arbor the next.

But Ray Howe, the sports editor, now newspapering in Chattanooga, had only two vacancies and hired at the prevailing no-pay rate Shelley Rolfe and Jerry Stoff, who were most experienced. It was about the same situation on the news staff, and Managing Editor Reed Sarratt invited the 40 or more applicants to be roving reporters. He would hire the best. Should we find no staffers at the Tar Heel office, we were to hang our efforts on the hook, our names appended.

Ted Husing, the late great sports announcer, was in Chapel Hill to get acquainted with the Colgate footballers who were opening Duke's season next day in a big intersectional game. The previous year was 1935, when Carolina was Rose Bowl bound until Duke prevailed 25-0. Husing had predicted the upset and it had properly enraged the Carolina crowd. Several put some cash in the kitty and wired Husing, challenging him to a \$500 bet. He did not accept, nor even acknowledge the proffer.

Several upperclassmen, Mangum Dorm Manager Joe Derrickson among them, crowded around the debonair Husing and asked why he hadn't relieved them of their treasure. Husing replied, "Why should I bet you even when I had 6 to 1 odds in New York?"

As I returned to the dormitory, it suddenly dawned that my chance had arrived. I opened up the portable and wrote away. True to Sarratt's prediction, the DTH office was vacant and I did as instructed. Next morning I picked up the paper and there it was! My story was carrying a two-column headline on Page 1.

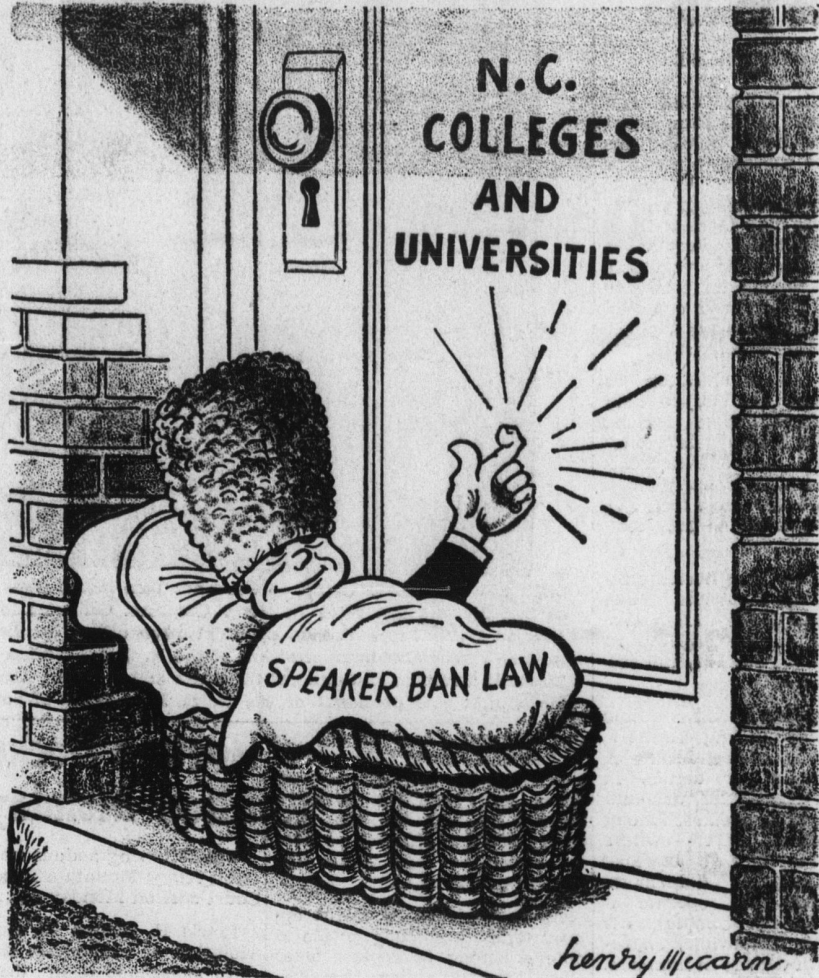
Jauntily that afternoon I approached the onetime-awesome Sarratt. How did he like my story? "That wasn't your story," he charged, crediting it to someone else. "It's mighty strange," I shouted, "that the story is word-for-word as I wrote it." My protests were to no avail. It was my first victimization of plagiarism—journalistic theft. I don't remember who the guy was credited with the story, and I'm glad I don't. At any rate, when Sarratt was with the Charlotte News and on campus to cover the humor magazine banning, in the Fall of '39, we had a chat and he realized he had been wrong. Some staffer had soldiered.

Numerous classmates took the V-7 105-day-wonder navy route during World War II, among them Johnny McNeill, now a Whiteville pharmacist, who roomed on the same sixth deck (floor) of the good ship Furnald hall at Columbia university. We both were good friends of Mac Nesbit, the permanent class president, and the scuttlebutt was this concoction had taken a bad mauling. Both of us were hoping aloud that Mac would make it all right, when Johnny had a telephone call. It was Ensign Nesbit, just put in to port, his six-knot McCormack freighter leaking like a sieve, but home safe. Johnny, incidentally, was too short for the navy physical test, but had exercised until he stretched himself the extra required half-inch of height.

A neighbor at Columbia and Carolina classmate was Lewis Hamlin, now a Salisbury lawyer and an assistant federal district attorney during Ike's administration. Classmate Anderson Brevard editor, picked up a non-service scuttlebutt that Luke recently collected highest legal fee in North Carolina history.

Classmate Walter Ashe Wall, now of Raleigh, was down over Germany near the end and was a prisoner several weeks. After returning to the States and awaiting charge, he visited me in marle. Was he resuming with Burroughs Corporation? Eventually, he was, but not immediately. "After kicking for more than four years Uncle Sam's army air force, I've decided to settle down. I'm going to work eight hours a day finding a wife." Months later it was bells for Brick.

## Accepted or Excepted?



Henry McCarrn

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### CLICHE QUIZ FOR TEACHERS

The scene is the Dean's office at Grassroots State Teachers College. Dean Percy Pedagogue is interviewing a prospective student.

Dean: Miss Jones, after looking over your transcript I am sure you will fit in nicely at Grassroots, but I always like to have a little chat with candidates to test their professional vocabulary. I might begin by asking you what the curriculum of the modern school is designed to meet?

Miss Jones: The child's interests, needs, and abilities.  
Dean: Fine. Now can you tell me how such a curriculum is determined?

Miss Jones: By what research tells us about the developmental needs of the child.

Dean: Here at Grassroots we like to think we are pioneering in presenting new knowledge. What is this called?

Miss Jones: It is called working on the frontiers of knowledge.

Dean: And what is this knowledge aimed to meet?

Miss Jones: The new demands of our times.

Dean: The thrust of the program here is directed toward what?

Miss Jones: A major breakthrough.

Dean: What kind of concepts are we interested in?

Miss Jones: Insightful concepts, or meaningful concepts.  
Dean: No win order to meet current educational needs we are taking a certain kind of look at the curriculum. What kind of look?

Miss Jones: A hard second look.  
Dean: Correct. And as one result of our hard second look what has been born?

Miss Jones: A revolution in educational techniques.

Dean: What kind of revolution.

Dean: One final inquiry. Do you know about what might be called the medical syndrome in education, that is, the necessity of making educators sound like doctors? And if you are aware of this can you give me an example of the vocabulary?

Miss Jones: Yes sir — If I want to be a diagnostician at the ...

### I KNOW THAT'S WHAT I SAID, BUT ...

Is it false advertising to offer a car for "only 1,395 bananas?" and then refuse to sell when a woman brings in a down payment of 25 bananas? When this situation recently occurred in Connecticut the woman reportedly filed a complaint.

In our opinion the man was fortunate that she brought a down payment and not the whole price in cold hard bananas. Bananas on the line, in other words. Or bananas on the barrel head.

Of course, the purchasing power of the banana isn't what it used to be. It is a bit dubious to say something as sound as a banana watch is a thing of the past. And as for banana diplomacy ...

Alas, somebody is always taking someone literally, as that Connecticut auto dealer now has found out. We hope the experience does not blight his creative instinct. (The lady did wind up getting the car for bananas.) There are enough sobersides bound to a world of dollars and cents.

Surely he would not be misunderstood if he changed his offer to something like a thousand clams. We know a fellow who still has the first clam he ever earned.

Christian Science Monitor

### TRAVEL SAFETY

American railroads continue to better their already enviable travel safety record. The Association of American Railroads reports that only 11 passenger fatalities occurred last year in carrying 314 million people for a total of 18.3 billion passenger miles. This is a fatality rate of only 0.06 per 100 million passenger miles.

Compared with other forms of travel, on the basis of miles traveled, the railroads were twice as safe as domestic airlines, 40 percent safer than buses and 20 times as safe as private automobiles. But a big question is how much longer passenger train service will remain available for many towns and cities in various parts of the nation. Passenger

### THE NEXT TIME WE SEE PARIS

It has been said, in comparing the character of British, French, and German life, that "in England everything is permissible that is not strictly forbidden, in Germany everything is forbidden that is not specifically permitted, but that in France everything has been forbidden at sometime or other but that all is permissible."

Frenchmen would, of course, be right in indignantly denying that any such thing was true. Yet the French do seem to have an unusual capacity for issuing vast numbers of "decrets" or regulations without greatly interfering with the Frenchman's happy independence.

Even so, a new test now confronts the Parisian's finely honed skill of adapting laws to his own individualistic outlook. For on a single day 147 new sanitary regulations rained down upon the city. Furthermore, these ran the gamut of Parisian life. Housewives, butchers, cafe owners, taxmen, the subway, buses, pet owners, and a vast number of other facets of Paris were affected.

Yet, we use this word "affected" tentatively. For we fully expect that the next time we see Paris, it will be its own old, free-wheeling self.

The Christian Science Monitor

train patronage continues to decrease annually. Safety, it would seem, is no longer a paramount consideration in travel.

Dallas Morning News

## DON'T LET A STORM STRIKE YOUR POCKETBOOK... INSURE

Storm damage may happen any time, but at all times, proper farm insurance coverage can make sure you don't suffer financial loss. Cost is low. Check with us.

## THE ARTHUR HAY AGENCY

"ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE"  
PHONE 739-4659

## KEEP YOUR RADIO DIAL SET AT

# 1220 WKMT Kings Mountain, N. C.

News & Weather every hour on the hour. Weather every hour on the half hour.

Fine entertainment in between

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people an events taken from the 195 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain high school's commencement exercises for the class of 1955 will begin Sunday at 8 o'clock with the baccalaureate and will conclude Tuesday with graduation exercises at the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. Fifteen graduates are candidates for diplomas.

Kings Mountain Kiwanis will host a Kiwanis Kar-Oke at the school on June 18. **PERSONAL** W. P. Gerberding will host a Kiwanis Kar-Oke on June 18. W. P. Gerberding will host a Kiwanis Kar-Oke on June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rosberg will host a Kiwanis Kar-Oke on June 18. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rosberg will host a Kiwanis Kar-Oke on June 18.