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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
The wicked are overthrown, and are not; but the house of the Lord shall stand. Proverbs 12:7.

Likes Attract
The folklore saying that likes attract likes gains proof in industry, augmented evidence being supplied by the High Point-Lenoir-Morganton centers of furniture manufacture. Then there is the Piedmont belt of textile manufacture.

Not only do likes attract, industry of particular types attract suppliers, as well as service industries.

Twenty years ago a textile friend here commented on the heavy incidence of machine shops in the Gastonia area. He said, "You can get anything made you want in the way of machinery parts in Gastonia if you know where to go."

The decision of the Kinder Company, manufacturers of dinettes and bedding, catering to the trailer and camper builders, to locate in this area was based, undoubtedly, on the same logic Alcan Aluminum Company employed: "Go where the customers are."

Alcan's president said in December there are 30 trailer and mobile home builders within a 100-mile radius of Kings Mountain. Likely there are more now and more coming, one being the Richardson Company, locating at Shelby.

Kinder's decision to come to Kings Mountain, rather than to other communities nearby, was based on both tangibles and intangibles. The competing communities were fairly evenly balanced in physical attributes, but Kinder was a bit suspicious of "gift horses" — such as free land and, moreso, free taxes. The rest was interest of the Kings Mountain folk with whom Kinder was dealing — the mayor's industry committee, the city officials who promptly gave answers to questions about services, individual and uninvolved citizens with whom Kinder officials came in contact.

Kinder is a respected manufacturer, already making its wares in eight other cities.

A cordial welcome to the Kinder Company.

Statement Analysis

Few folk other than accountants and business executives enjoy analyzing statements of operations.

Sometimes, however, such analysis can prove as intriguing as a fast hand of bridge.

Case in point is the recent comparative statement of collections for the month of July issued by State Revenue Commissioner I. L. Clayton.

His general fund total for July 1968 looks quite in order, showing an over-all increase of 9.64 percent. Inheritance tax was off, but that varies with the work of the mortician. Income tax was up a whopping \$5 million, and the sales and use tax was up \$1.8 million.

Joker in the deck, though, was a .95 percent decline in the receipts from the gasoline division, and with all that traffic, is someone bootlegging gas from low tax states into North Carolina as some North Carolina cigarettes get bootlegged into New York?

The monthly report of Ralph Howland, commissioner of motor vehicles, is interesting, too. The highway fund is up by nearly 25 percent and reflects the fine sales year auto dealers in the state are experiencing. The driver license fund is up 52 percent indicating 1) more teenagers are reaching the magic age of 16, and 2) more folk are less inclined to take liberties such as driving without licenses. And the personalized license plate revenue was up over nine percent. For ten dollars, an ordinary guy can be in higher cotton than a state senator. The guy's name sticks out, bold as you please. The senator sports only a number. Other motorists still must guess who he is.

Public Works, Local

It would require some digging into the records to determine major public works projects in Kings Mountain in the past, but there is no question that the various projects add to the largest in history.

Quick penciling revealed that underway, or soon to be underway, are seven projects with a combined outlay of \$9.27 million.

That's a pretty heady figure for a community of Kings Mountain's size. They are:

- Sewer extension, renovation and expansion \$1.3 million (underway).
- Water system \$3.38 million.
- Low-rent public housing \$2.44 million.
- Neighborhood facilities building \$4.5 million.
- Cansler street widening \$.3 million.
- York road improvement \$.55 million.
- Kings Mountain hospital addition \$.85 million.

In the offing are the nursing and convalescent center (private) \$.5 million, the U. S. 74 by-pass \$7.3 million, and federal-local share projects for which applications are pending approval \$2 million.

But as heady as the monetary figures are, they're the least important of the whole.

Each of the projects in hand and those in the offing are badly needed facilities which, when fact, will benefit materially not only the whole of Kings Mountain's populace, but great numbers of our neighbors and friends coming to visit or merely passing through.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

A stranger visited the Herald Saturday and thereby I learned a bit of history about Kings Mountain I never knew before.

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"I wonder if you could help me," Mr. Coward, of Washington, D. C., said. "In the fall of 1931, I unveiled a monument here to my grandfather, Colonel Asbury Coward, but I don't know where the monument is and would like to find it."

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Col. Coward's claim to Kings Mountain fame, his grandson added, was that he was co-founder with General Meach Jenkins of the Kings Mountain Military Academy sometime during the 1850's.

This was quite new news to me, for the first school in these parts with which I was acquainted was the school operated by Captain W. T. R. Bell.

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Grandson Coward's story continued

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When the South seceded and the War Between the States began, commandant, faculty and students of the Kings Mountain Military Academy donned the gray and marched off to honor the Stars and Bars of the Confederate States of America in that intestine conflict.

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General Jenkins was killed in action, but Col. Coward returned after the war to re-organize the school. After a time, Col. Coward was summoned to his and Gen. Jenkins' alma mater to serve as commandant.

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Grandson Coward was under the impression a monument was also unveiled to Gen. Jenkins.

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I stretched the imagination to envision some more ripe Kings Mountain citizen who might recall the monument unveiling. It was Coward himself who wondered whether the monument might be in the Kings Mountain National Military Park area.

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He dialed the park, told the park attendant his problem. "Yes," came the reply, "there is a monument here to Col. Asbury Coward." There was none in the park area to Gen. Jenkins.

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Visitor Coward, en route the Sandhills from the mountains, headed his auto parkward. I greeted another engagement prevented my accompanying him. I went to see the monument and read its inscription. Principally, however, I want to learn more about that Kings Mountain Military Academy, of which I'd never heard.

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I would also like to learn more about the careers of Col. Coward and Gen. Jenkins and presume some help might be gleaned from The Citadel.

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I like to delve into the events and individuals of past years. What caused the events and what propelled the individuals to do what they did? Certainly, the co-founders of Kings Mountain Military Academy couldn't have been prompted to open their school for monetary gain for there weren't enough people here. Unless my information is faulty, Bobby Fall's store was the principal (and about the only) Kings Mountain retail enterprise in the late 1860's.

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There'll be some delving into the past (and repeat) Sunday at the annual reunion of the McGills of Gaston.

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One program suggestion was to invite members of the clan to relate the most witty happening they remembered at a McGills of Gaston reunion.

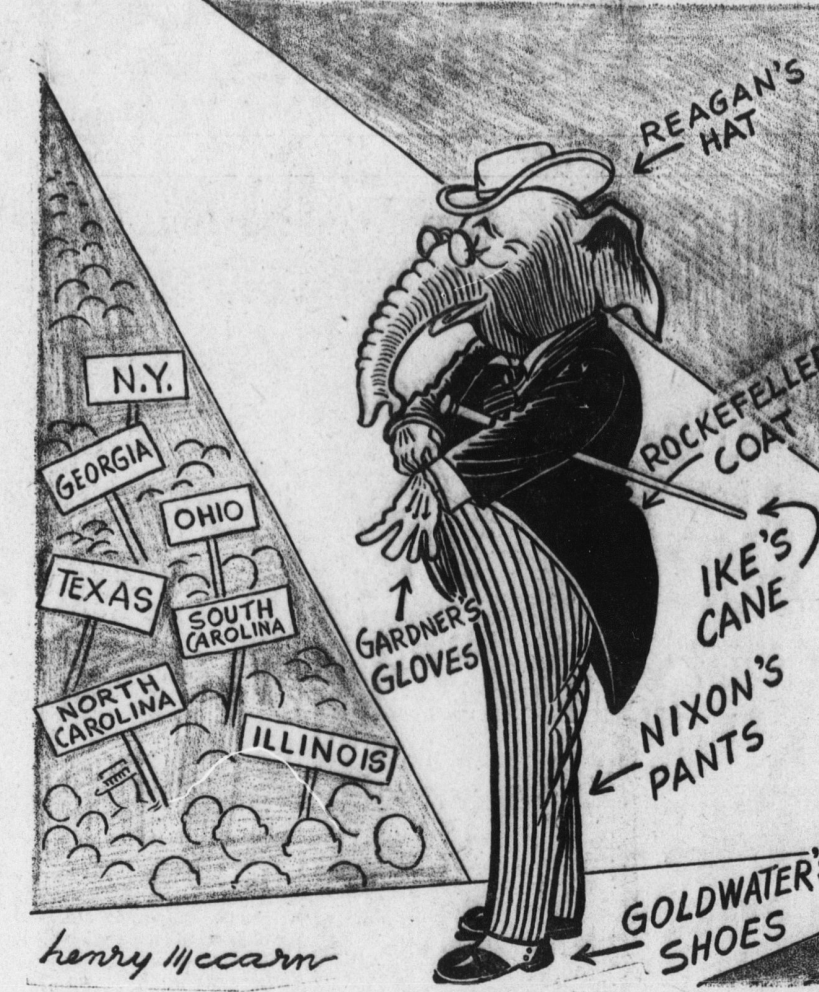
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Mine came to mind quickly. A few years ago, President Ned McGill was completing business at hand. The succulent food was on the table and a big cat sprang aboard, dead center.

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Ned quipped, "Another one of those hungry McGills."

GOP Convention As Seen By Southern Democrat



Viewpoints of Other Editors

Hero Without Ballyhoo

The knighting of Alec Rose, grocer - circumnavigator, befitted the tone of the entire adventure. It took place in a private ceremony attended only by Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip, and Mr. and Mrs. Rose. How unlike the dockside spectacle of Sir Francis Chichester's knighting a year ago, witnessed by multitudes!

Understatement, and a winning humility, have given a unique grace to Sir Alec's triumph of enduring 320 days alone at sea on board a secondhand 37-foot boat. It is reported, for example, that when asked by the Queen if he had enjoyed the trip, he replied, "Yes, Ma'am, although it was very slow."

But the statement that will be remembered by many the longest was Sir Alec's reaction to the turnout of 200,000 cheering spectators as he entered his home harbor at Portsmouth, England, after his 28,500-mile voyage. After spending 25 minutes below deck freshing up so he would be more presentable, he said, "It makes one feel rather humble that everyone wants to congratulate you, when you know you have achieved nothing except what you set your mind to a long time ago."

That line made many a heart catch a moment. It made many think of voyages of their own that they have not yet set out on or concluded—a book to be written, perhaps, or a house of one's own. And it renewed the faith of many in the power of humble persistence toward a worthy goal.

—The Christian Science Monitor

SOMETHING'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA

Gloom and doomsters to the contrary notwithstanding, this country has to be in pretty good shape to produce a man like W. Frank Threath, who has just been named United States Small Business Man of the Year.

Threath, 53, whose career twice was interrupted by military service (World War II and Korea), began as a farmer, then partner in a contracting firm, sales manager of a steel fabricating plant, and finally head of his own firm, Congaree Iron and Steel Company at Congaree, S. C.

After the contracting firm partner was called back for Korean war duty, they refused to declare personal bankruptcy and worked seven years to pay off \$150,000 in debts.

Threath began his own steel fabricating firm in 1957 with \$3,000 in cash and a \$14,000 bank loan. Threath, a white man, located in the predominantly Negro rural community of Congaree, in part to repay the kindness of Negroes who had kept his farm going while he was serving in World War II.

His firm has flourished. It employs 400, has a 1.5-million-dollar annual payroll and purchases equipment locally.

The Small Business Administration award hailed Threath, married and the father of two, for turning "an ailing area into a thriving one with a greater measure of economic security and opportunity for a disadvantaged population."

That, of course, he did. But he also served the nation well by proving anew that enterprise, integrity and good will still are hallmarks of the American way of life.—Birmingham (Ala.) Post-Herald.

WHIZ KIDS' FANCY

There have always been in the arts a certain few who were also scientific thinkers. DaVinci is one example, taken up equally with painting and drawing and an array of mechanical devices. Durer too had what we recognize as a scientist's bent for detail, though his painstaking drawings and etchings show he was more interested in the world of nature than the laboratory.

But never before has the scientific mind staked out so large a room for itself in the world of art as it has recently. It's often a noisy room, baffling to many, laughable to others. It isn't, however, a room that's going to be vacated soon.

Opening this August in London, for example, is an exhibition of electronics age art called "Cybernetic Serendipity." It will feature computer-created pictures, films, verse; electronics-run art works; and constructions that respond to a viewer's acts or to environmental changes.

In an advance report, Stephen K. Oberbeck, an Alicia Patterson Fund fellow, describes the show as bridging the gap between what C. P. Snow called the "two cultures" of science and art. He describes the new art as approaching technology "almost objectively, more in the spirit of scientific research than in the long traditional spirit of the artists, rooted in the literary humanism that carried over from the industrial revolution, who tended to regard mechanistic technology as automatically dehumanizing to the individual."

He also might have added that the wedding of the arts and science is marked as much by a sense of fun as it is the spirit of scientific research. How else could one account for the engaging qualities of Nam June Paik's absurd, akimbo robot "K" that will be seen shuffling across the floor at the London show? Or Edward Tchnatowicz's construction that turns its radar-like "head" toward its viewer and answers his questions with its own peculiar "voice."

The fun of the new art is that of a whiz kid's fancy. The uninitiated might wonder, Is this art? but he will have to admire the skill the new artists show in bending computers, complex circuitry, and cathode tubes in whatever direction their artistic whims lead.

—Christian Science Monitor

DISTAFF DEEDS

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Mrs. Ann Herndon, Grover.
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Mr. Stanley McEntire, 822 N. Piedmont Ave.
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ADMITTED SUNDAY
Mrs. Thomas Early, 309 Margrace.
Mrs. E. E. McMurray, Route 1, Grover.
Mr. Glenn Smith, Route 2.
Mrs. William F. Beam, 103 S. Kenwood Ave., Cherryville.
Mrs. Guy Carlson, Route 3, Shelby.

ADMITTED MONDAY
Mr. Raymond Joy, 603 Landing St.
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Mrs. Billy Charles Ballard, 409 Beech St.
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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1957 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Shuford K. Peeler of Charlotte has joined Foote Mineral Company here as a chemist.

Kings Mountain Carolina Throwing Company, Inc. has purchased equipment which will virtually double its production of nylon duflon yarn and hopes to have it in operation here about August 25th.

Miss Bobbie Barrett will begin a three-year term of overseas mission service as an educational worker in Japan for the Methodist church this fall.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Miss Phyllis Dean, Miss Mikie White and Miss Polly Page were chosen last week by the social committee of the Kings Mountain