

Established 1889 The Kings Mountain Herald. 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.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE By MARTIN HARMON Kays Gary, who has just parted company with the Charlotte Observer, will live soon at Hound Ears, the combination golf-ski club and residential development between Boone and Blowing Rock.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL THE TRIBUTES PAID TO DEMOCRACY IS THE LITTLE MAN WALKING INTO THE LITTLE BOOTH, WITH A LITTLE PENCIL MAKING A LITTLE CROSS ON A LITTLE BIT OF PAPER - SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log VISITING HOURS 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m. PATIENTS IN KINGS MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL AS OF NOON WEDNESDAY:

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE Withold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Proverbs 3:27

Hard To Write A news story related recently that the legislative study commission had torn up efforts to date at writing a proposed constitutional amendment which would permit cities to levy two tax rates, one based on providing all city services, the other on providing only some of the services.

Quicker The Better Officials of Kings Mountain Nursing and Convalescent Center hope to launch construction of a 50-bed facility in the spring of 1969. It was announced last week that the corporation hopes to obtain federal agency financing of the center.

It is no problem to understand the difficulty in writing such a law, nor the difficulty such provision will place on tax collecting administrators for the cities. It sounds, on face, like bad law and bad policy. How such a policy would help the "hard-pressed cities" - and this is the prime reason for existence of the study commission - is hard to see.

No public announcement has been made as to how much equity financing the Center corporation will require, nor how much stock in the corporation has been sold, twin facts which should aid the stock sale. Few citizens need to be told of the need for such a center and the vast majority are completely sympathetic to the proposal.

And how would the law apply to the City of Kings Mountain, e.g., with taxes on real and personal property providing only ten to twelve percent of operating revenues per year, in comparison to the City of Charlotte, where the tax take is a quite major budgetary item? Time was when it was mighty difficult - too difficult - for a city to expand its limits. That has been changed and the result is fair to the annexed as well as the annexor.

It is true that a large amount of "gift" commitments have been made to Kings Mountain Hospital, but, as incorporated, the nursing-convalescent center was a profit-making venture, which, properly managed, should certainly show results in black ink. One John Deane, 58, an English carpenter, recently was granted a divorce by a judge of the high court on what in America would be labeled "mental cruelty".

Letter to the Editor In this country of ours, I have been brought up to believe that democracy rules in our land. Under this headline DEMOCRACY follows a long list of freedoms including "freedom of speech" and at this moment I would like to exercise this one. Last night, I witnessed a scene at the Kings Mountain High School football game which has disturbed me through the night and day up to now. One of the players on the team, No. 78 to be more specific, injured his right leg while playing football. Being only a spectator and having no medical experience, I couldn't possibly elaborate on the extent of the injury.

Lady's Last Word The newspaper reporter was explicit. John had had enough. Everytime he arrived home from work, after due and deserved pause at the pub (bar or tavern in the USA), he was attacked, verbally and otherwise, by his good wife Florence. John deposed that he ordered himself to strategic retreat in these circumstances. Granting the divorce, Judge Lane declared, "Had he continued to live under those circumstances he might have had some sort of breakdown." And, oh, by the way, the grantor of John's divorce was Mrs. Justice Elizabeth Lane, only high court justice in the land. Congratulations to Mrs. L. E. Hinnant on her recent election as director, District III, North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution.

Several years ago I took a busman's holiday and dropped by the Observer to chat with the friends there, among them Kays. To my greeting, "How you doin'?", Kays replied, "Not much, I'm bored stiff, haven't enough to do." He explained that his regular stint had been reduced to "knocking out the column five days per week". I suggested that he was still doing special assignment reporting, such as hurricanes, and he said, "Mighty little."

That's the way it goes. The old fire horse (or fireman) gets the going fever when the alarm bell rings. Kays had been doing just that for years, first at the Shelby Star, where he was news editor, sports editor, feature writer, etc., etc. Of course, it suited his line, his raise and his personality. Kays, if one knows his father, W. R. Gary, is truly a chip off the paternal block, which neither could deny.

Kays has flirted with changes of situation before. In 1950, U.S. Representative - elect Woodrow Wilson Jones, now federal Judge Jones, sought Kays' services on his Washington staff. Since he's been at the Observer and subsequent to his and Tom McKnight's "Long Sam" promotion of a few years ago, Kays declined a working partnership with McKnight at the Mooresville Tribune, one of the state's best weekly newspapers.

I was reminded of the Jones proffer last week when Kays announced his duties for the Carolinas Caribbean Corporation will be as chief assistant to his new boss, Grover Robbins, the Hound Ears maestro, who is state chairman of Tar Heel Businessmen for Humphrey. Announcement that Kays will be working for free stirred memories, too. The Robbins role for Humphrey is the same one Dwight Phillips, of Charlotte filed for Jack Kennedy in 1960. Relating his acceptance under arm-twisting by then Governor Luther Hodges, Phillips said he had accepted Hodges' "order" in spite of heavy work pressure and an heart attack, then had asked, "Governor, what am I to use for money?" Hodges reply: "Your own. You've got half of what's in North Carolina now." That's what Phillips was doing the night I and other businessmen were guests at Shelby dinner. Chairman Phillips picked up the tab for dinner and was the principal speaker.

Toured the Hound Ears development looking for the Scarr Morrison diggings on a recent Sunday and had stopped at the lodge for explicit instruction on Scarr's location. The royal treatment was accorded. A bell boy (Appalachian senior from Yadinville) was dispatched in company Volkswagen to lead us. Only Morrison at home was the dog, who greeted us but couldn't un-latch the door.

The home construction is all Swiss style, with much accent on A-frame style. One does not need a house but an stay at the Chalet for \$28 per day single. Here again, two can live cheaper than one, where the lowest rate is \$22 per person for a double. Service surcharge is 15 percent. For a family's month outing at one of the rentable chalets, its \$700, and an extra \$60 will get the tenant maid service, garbage pick-up and a wood chopper. Respectfully, Mrs. Walter Kinley

Viewpoints of Other Editors

REACHING FOR THE STARS When Apollo 7 takes off from Cape Kennedy, man will put his foot on the next, and much higher, rung of a ladder that will eventually take him to the stars. This first manned flight in the series to land men on the moon opens a new phase of human history. Men are learning to walk on other worlds. In time, they may even explore other solar systems.

This underlying meaning of the flight transcends the rivalry of the moon race or controversy over the American space program. That program has been a reaction to Soviet exploits. Many Americans feel it unwisely committed their country to spending too much too quickly in trying to beat the Russians to the moon.

We agree. A carefully conceived, more balanced effort would pay bigger dividends in the long run. But this is to argue over tactics. Whatever our reservations about America's present space program, we enthusiastically cheer Astronauts Walter M. Schirra Jr., Donn Eisele, and Walter Cunningham as they prepare to put the Apollo moonship through its paces.

And we have no fear for their safety. Conditions that allowed a tragic fire during an Apollo ground test have been corrected. Thorough planning, training, and the dedicated service of all involved have given America a perfect safety record for orbital flights themselves. We have no brief for the notion that nebulous "laws of chance" mean we have to expect disaster in orbit sooner or later. If anything, the statistics of the American flights reinforce our confidence that attention to safety will continue to pay off.

The times call for reaching out to the stars. Man has begun to demonstrate his capacity to do this. He cannot turn his back on his widening vision of the universe. Earth is too small a stage for the drama of his life. That's why we will be riding into orbit vacuously along with Astronauts Schirra, Eisele, and Cunningham as they open a new scene in that drama. Christian Science Monitor

CONVENTIONS AREN'T ALL BAD During and following national party conventions, one inevitably hears the complaint that the convention process is an undemocratic and inefficient instrument for selecting the country's leader. Agreed, the system is faulty. We would favor changing to a national primary system if a practical and reasonable one could be devised. But thus far we have heard no proposal which deals satisfactorily with certain serious obstacles (for example, who decides which candidates to list on the ballot?) and so we tend to cling to the evil with which we are familiar. The Constitution does not provide for the nominating convention. It emerged as a practical necessity of the system and became a key, though extra-legal, device for making the system work. And for all its weaknesses, the convention system should not be disparaged either as a democratic procedure or as a means of obtaining good candidates for office. Convention delegates represent a cross-section of American society. Because of their intense in-

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. R. S. Lennon, vice-president and cashier of First National Bank, was elected a director of the bank on Monday. The Kings Mountain school band returned from last week-end's Southeastern Band Festival at Bristol, Tennessee, on Sunday with a rating of 91.4 and a trophy in addition to memories of a very busy weekend.

By and large this system has produced—or rather, selected—strong men worthy of being president. We believe it has done so this year. The Detroit News

WATER SURVEY

At last Congress has authorized the National Water Commission which was proposed with extensive backing three years ago. Most of the delay was caused by the running fight over the Colorado River bill, and the Commission will be handicapped by one of the compromise provisions written into the settlement on the Colorado. Probably the major water question in the country is whether surplus flow in the Columbia River should be diverted to the arid Colorado River basin. Under the compromise this problem cannot even be studied officially during the next ten years. Nevertheless, the NWC will have an enormous task of surveying the Nation's water requirements and of studying water pollution and the more efficient use of existing resources. Technological advances such as desalting and weather modification will also come under scrutiny. The find-

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 Washington Post