

Established 1889

The Kings Mountain Herald

206 South Piedmont Ave. Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086

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
Miss Elizabeth Stewart Circulation Manager and Society Editor
Gary Stewart Sports Editor, News
Miss Debole Thornburg Clerk, Bookkeeper

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Allen Myers Paul Jackson
Roger Brown Herbert M. Hunter

Rocky Martin

MAIL SUBSCRIPTION RATES PAYABLE IN ADVANCE
In North Carolina and South Carolina
One year \$4; six months \$2.25; three months \$1.50; school year \$3.
(Subscription in North Carolina subject to three percent sales tax.)
In All Other States
One year \$5; six months \$3; three months \$1.75; school year \$3.75.
PLUS NORTH CAROLINA SALES TAX

TELEPHONE NUMBER — 739-5441

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Ephesians 4:23.

On Revenue-Sharing

Local level governments, including the City of Kings Mountain and County of Cleveland, have not received firm official word on their shares under this new federal program, whereby federal monies are appropriated to the states and their sub-divisions.

However, according to the schedule of grants published as "best information" in the November issue of "We the People of North Carolina", Kings Mountain's share will be slightly in excess of \$125,000, including a round-figure \$123,000 for its Cleveland County being, and another \$2100 from its Gaston County spill-over in East Kings Mountain.

The revenue-sharing law provides for continuing annual grants over a five-year period.

The state can use its \$45.6 million as it wishes.

Local level governments are limited to expenditures in eight areas. Major specific exception is that none of the local government funds can be expended for public education, it being reasoned that federal appropriations for public education at the local level are already quite heavy under other legislation.

State Treasurer Edwin M. Gill has warned both the General Assembly, regarding the state grant, and local governments, regarding theirs, against using the funds to launch long-term new programs which would exceed the five-year term with continuing requirements for funds.

The Congress, in its wisdom, might continue revenue-sharing after the five years, and the Congress, in its wisdom, might not.

Mr. Gill's advice, as is customary, is most sound.

Treat the money, Treasurer Gill advises, as the windfall it is.

His advice, undoubtedly, will be well-heeded in North Carolina 1) because of the man giving it and 2) the progressive-conservative tenor of North Carolina thinking, where promising gubernatorial candidates tell the people where the money is to be obtained. For example, in 1960 Terry Sanford said the teachers could be paid out of a tobacco tax, which Governor Sanford couldn't sell, but he switched gears to an expanded sales tax, to implement; in 1948, Kerr Scott would get the rural population out of the dust and mud via a bond issue which would be paid for through an expanded gasoline tax (that's what happened); in 1963, Bob Scott said he'd keep his commitments via a tobacco tax, met the commitments, but had to compromise with a lesser tobacco tax, augmented by a soft drink crown tax.

On Mr. Gill's stature as a true professional in North Carolina fiscal stature: His service in state government dates to 1929 and the administration of Governor O. Max Gardner, served by Mr. Gill as personal secretary from 1931-33, after two years as a representative from Scotland County. He served Governors Broughton and Cherry as commissioner of revenue after working for Governors Ehringhaus and Hoy as commissioner of paroles. He was director of internal revenue at Greensboro for three years until appointed state treasurer by Governor Umstead in 1953, which office he has held the 19 years since. North Carolina's high credit rating reflects his ability as a money manager.

Local Connection

A Kings Mountain native, Representative Hunter Warlick, of Hickory, has been chosen by his Republican conferees as minority leader of the North Carolina House of Representatives for the upcoming 1953 session.

Mr. Warlick, son of Mrs. C. E. Warlick and the late Mr. Warlick of Kings Mountain, easily won re-election to a third term as a representative of Catawba County, attesting to the high regard in which he is held by his neighbors and their judgment as to his service during two regular and one special

Clean-Up Matter

Whatever is required, local level action of General Assembly action in Raleigh, the voting question concerning East Kings Mountain residents—citizens of Gaston County, but also of the City of Kings Mountain and Kings Mountain school district—must be resolved.

Taxation without representation, rallying cry of the colonists against the British crown nearly 200 years ago, is no more right today than then.

Forty families, implying a potential of 80 citizens, currently are disenfranchised in district school matters.

Though, under new since 1971 state law, next Saturday's will be the last district school bond election to be offered, these citizens should be enfranchised to ballot their opinions on Cleveland County matters effecting them, if any.

Since the city will continue to conduct its own elections, and, presumably hose for seats on the board of education, there is no disenfranchisement in election of members of the board of education.

Mack Lee Conner

The death of Mack Lee Conner removed from Kings Mountain a venerable citizen of 87 years and a man who was held in high respect by his community.

After spending eight years at the Gastonia Ridge Mill as an overseer, Mr. Conner transferred his services to the "old Dilling", now Phenix plant of Burlington Industries, which he served for 30 in the same capacity.

"Mr. Mack", as younger friends addressed him, was a gentleman of friendly and easy-going temperament.

One citizen stated it, "Mr. Mack liked people and they liked him."

Perhaps no other compliment could be higher, conforming as it does to the Biblical commandment.

Carlton Leaves Field

In his earlier days in Kings Mountain, punctuated by a tour of duty with the Marines during the Korean War when Art Welner spelled him for a year, Football Coach Everett (Shu) Carlton had his troubles.

Talent was thin, touchdowns were few, and victories scarce like hen's teeth.

Coach Carlton was a tough taskmaster. Marine influence, or not, Coach Carlton brooked no soldiering nor lip. The Coach did the talking and sometimes with expletives certainly related to marine corps environment, for which Mr. Carlton obtained criticism in certain quarters.

The record shows Coach Carlton's methods had meaning.

The high school Mountaineers started winning football games and Coach Carlton graduated to Gastonia in the wake of winning games and conference championships. After one of these seasons, Mr. Carlton was hands-down, unanimous choice for the Jaycee "Young Man of the Year Award".

He continued his winning ways in Gastonia, compiling an enviable record. Now, he's decided to hang up his cleats and go into administration as principal of the high school he's been serving as coach.

It's rather safe to guess that, under Principal Carlton, discipline and decorum of Gaston's Ashbrook high school students will not deteriorate.

On coaching tenures via the Charlotte Observer's Sports Editor Bob Quincy: Bill Dooley at North Carolina, hardly a gray-beard with six years at the helm of the football Tar Heels, has more longevity than the other coaches in the Atlantic Coast Conference combined. It's no wonder the league of football coaches is labeled the ulcer league.

Congratulations to him on his election as minority leader.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

An able and knowledgeable IBM salesman, 20,000 items in inventory, seven salesmen on the road, and five delivery trucks made Kendall Medicine Company, the Shelby wholesaler, a computer operation.

m-m

So said President Rush Hamrick at the Kings Mountain Lions club at the recent meeting.

m-m

My first close scrutiny of the modern computer occurred something over five years ago. The Mayor and I were in Raleigh for a public hearing the particular committee of the General Assembly was conducting on the proposal to marry the public utilities and REA as far as electrical business was concerned, meantime, leaving the power-selling cities high-and-dry. As far as results accomplished in that direction, His Honor the Mayor and the Editor might as well have saved the time and trouble, not to mention the mile-and-a-half walk into Apex when the petrol ran out.

m-m

Other phases of the trip were both productive and enjoyable.

m-m

Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., esquired us to the state computer center, where the machinery occupied the whole of one large floor. Punched cards seemed to be coming out from every direction. After the general tour, we were presented to the young man (I guessed him to be about age 19 or 20), and he proceeded to explain, reminiscent of the old song, of how you punched in here (at the keyboard) and why it came out there (the endpoint punched card).

m-m

The ignorant editor was having a bit of difficulty understanding, indeed, left the premises still not understanding how the young man knew what to punch. After phrasing the question three times, I was embarrassed to ask further.

m-m

Five-plus years later, Rush supplied the answer. Quite simple: The machine is programmed! There's a proper key to punch—before the digits for amounts, or otherwise—to establish the category, accounts receivable, paychecks, sales, incoming inventory, deliveries, etc., ad infinitum.

m-m

Rush compared the computer to development of the airplane. The fascination early-day folk had for the chugging, smoke-gurgling train engine, was transferred to the air. Rail yard talk became conversations about beacon lights (remember the flashing light at what's now the Oxford Industries corner at York Road and Floyd, and the navigational light at the top of the Kings Mountain peak more recently removed?), landing lights, night flights, zero ceilings, plane manufacturers, DC 3's and pilots.

m-m

The new lingo, says Rush, concerns computers, systems directors, systems operators, and punch cards. In short, he declared, "Now we go for the keyboard."

m-m

The computer fellows call themselves advisers on management consultant data systems. He jested, "They once called themselves management consultants, synonyms for 'damn fools away from home'."

m-m

Rush acknowledged that the Kendall folk have had their "fun" learning to manipulate their new-fangled machine, labeled his brother Gordon as the computer expert in the Kendall family, though he and the whole office crew has been subjected to training at Columbus, Ohio. On one occasion, the computer sent South Carolina's sales tax money, on sales in adjacent Cherokee County, to the North Carolina coffers. On another occasion the computer billed Suttle's Drug Store in Shelby for \$60 for a dozen toothbrushes. Albert complained, "Rush, we've been friends a long time, but that's stretching it a bit far."

m-m

Rush doesn't label the computer a "damn fool away from home", says it'll report, for example, whether the delivery trucks are moving too slow.

m-m

"No," he concluded, "it's not the machine. All the computer errors are human errors."

Viewpoints of Other Editors

JIM HOLSHOUSER FACES UNUSUALLY TOUGH TASK

The election of Jim Holshouser to be this state's first Republican governor in 70 years poses some crucial problems and also puts Mr. Holshouser on the spot as the first of his specie in many years. Yet, we are confident that with the cooperation and understanding of Tar Heels everywhere, Mr. Holshouser will lead this state to a higher and better things.

Obviously, years of Republican rancor about this and that in state government will crop up to meet Mr. Holshouser when he assumes the governor's mansion and office. Personally, he has promised no new taxes, of any kind, a shakeup in the Highway Commission and a guarantee that, under a Republican, there won't be any controversies over cronyism and political favors. These are obvious high standards to live up to, and all North Carolina will be watching.

At the same time, the unusual—perhaps precedent-setting—situation of a Republican governor dealing with a solidly Democratic Council of State and a heavily Democratic legislature will nag Mr. Holshouser for some months. If for no other reason than the novelty of the situation, Mr. Holshouser probably will not have a particularly easy beginning in office. We doubt seriously that Democratic legislation will pester him for political sakes, but we also doubt that Mr. Holshouser will have the easy sailing for his programs in the General Assembly that a Democrat might have. At the same time, we might point out that Lt. Gov-elect Hunt will be a full-time office holder and probably will become something of a rival for Gov. Holshouser with the General Assembly.

Despite Mr. Holshouser's experience in the legislature, the 1973 session will, in part, be a matter of ousting between executive and legislative. Mrs. Holshouser will, of course, already have the power of appointment to state boards and agencies, but this is one time that the governor cannot woo legislative support with appointments because of the party differential. The Governor, however, has considerable appointive powers, and from these appointments to the State Highway Commission and perhaps even to local elections boards by surrogate, Mr. Holshouser will derive his power.

JIM HUNT WANTS MORE PARKS

Figuring out how to spend \$157.7 million in federal revenue-sharing funds over the next two years in turning out to be something of a problem for the State of North Carolina. Lieutenant Governor-elect Jim Hunt offered one good solution for the problem—buying land for the state parks system.

There are plenty of ways that the money might be spent—either on existing needs, or in the real spirit of the revenue-sharing idea, on new programs and services that the state could not afford otherwise. But state government officials are wary, and rightly so, they do not want to commit the state to expensive new programs requiring continuing expenditures until they are more certain that the federal largesse will be a permanent thing.

An ideal investment would be something tangible, a permanent asset which the state would have for keeps, whatever the fate of the revenue-sharing program. Land for the state parks system would be such an investment.

Park-quality property is increasing rapidly in value as it becomes scarcer. The state would be wise to acquire all the parkland it can now, before the price climbs out of reach—as is already the case with some desirable sites.

There are many areas of unique natural beauty or environmental significance that should be part of the parks system but which will not be available at any price before long because they will be lost forever—covered up and destroyed by factories, parking lots, burger stands, and two-by-four vacation cottages. Even if no money could be spared for new park development, the raw sites should be at least preserved intact until funds are available.

Finally, there is not a single area of state government service which has been neglected so badly for so long, and needs attention more. Spending part of the revenue-sharing grant on parks would be a wise investment by any standard. Hunt's proposal merits serious consideration by the legislature.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

QUOTES OLD AND NEW

The best condition in life is not to be so rich as to be envied nor so poor as to be damned.—Josh Billings.

When ordering lunch, the big executives are just as indecisive as the rest of us.—William Feather.

THE FIREPLACE RITUAL

Now that the cold weather is upon us for good, the ritual of the fireplace is becoming part and parcel of many an evening at home. We say "ritual" because, of course, there's so much more to the process of having a fire than the act of sitting (dozing) beside one.

First, the wood itself has to be obtained—not always an easy task for the urban dweller. Most folks prefer nowadays to buy their wood by the truckload from their country brethren. But there is the occasional purist who can't enjoy his fire unless he has personally participated in the agony of cutting each piece.

Assuming some available woods can be found, therefore, this hearty soul buys, rents or borrows a chain saw and goes to work. Hours later, scratched and crusted, and deafer than before, he loads up his paltry cache—no larger, and probably quite a bit smaller, than the truck load he could have bought in town—and heads home.

But the problem's not ended there. Where to put the new load of wood? On the porch, the wood will stay dry, but more time is usually spent stumbling over the pile in the dark than in burning it. In the yard the prospects are better, at least until the first rain soaks it through.

The act of laying the first fire of the winter is, of course, a sacred event. Having tracked in a trail of leaves, bark and other detritus while carrying the kindling to the hearth, this same hearty soul takes axe in hand and heads out back to split the bigger pieces. Assuming the first swing doesn't bury the axe in the wood-ground, it buries it in the wood—from whence no manner of pulling, fancy footwork or incantation can remove it.

Once the wood is finally transported to the fireplace itself, the enthusiast applies his match to the paper beneath. The flames begin to rise upward, as does the smoke—first up the back of the fireplace, then to the top, then curling out and around the room, since in the excitement of the moment, no one remembered to open the flue.

But all is not lost. By reaching quickly into the fire and pushing the flue plate up by hand, the crisis can be averted. Unfortunately, the prospect of having one's hand, arm and sleeve covered with last year's soot cannot.

Even so, there is still time to enjoy the fire after all. The ritual is complete. No wonder the glowing fireplace enthusiast can be found dozing in a chair nearby. He has earned his rest—that is, until he awakes to discover the fire has died out.—Charlotte News.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

3, Clover Mrs. James E. Gantt, 400 N. Battleground Road, City
John Lewis, Jr., Route 1, Box 360, City

ADMITTED SATURDAY

Mrs. Paul S. Putnam, Route 1, City
Rochel Lee Conner, 941 Grace Street, City
Howard E. Green, Route 3, Box 226, City

ADMITTED SUNDAY

Mrs. J. R. Guess, Route 4, Box 48, Gastonia
Andrew A. Smith, 213 N. Sims St., City
Allen D. Guy, 401 N. Poplar Street, Gastonia

Mrs. Fred T. Logan, 502 N. 12th Street, Bessemer City

ADMITTED MONDAY

Robert L. Lineberry, Route 2, Bessemer City
Mrs. Donald B. Frye, Route 1, Box 431A, Bessemer City
Wilbur G. Smith, 819 Monroe Avenue, City

Mrs. Gaur W. Ross, 312 Amhurst Dr., City
Mrs. Charles W. Huffstickler, 312 E. 1st Avenue, Bessemer City
Mrs. R. V. Brooks, Route 1, Box 533B, Bessemer City

James Clyde Brown, 826 A St., Bessemer City
Moses Crank, Route 1, Box 412, City

Mrs. Willie Faust, 906 W. Carolina Ave., Bessemer City
Sheila Jean Phillips, Route 1, Aan Acres, Gastonia

ADMITTED THURSDAY

Mrs. Ferrie F. Hager, Route 2, Bessemer City
Mrs. Annie Mae Wilkie, 315 Walker St., City
Jessie Taylor, 102 S. City St., City

ADMITTED FRIDAY

Mrs. Margaret C. Farris, Route

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

A girl
can dream,
can't she?



This time you're absolutely going to save something out of your paycheck. But, then, you really do need that pantsuit, a new coat and, of course, that perfume Eric likes so much.

Before you know it, the money's gone... and all you've got saved are your dreams.

That's why the Payroll Savings Plan is such a good idea for a single girl. When you join, an amount you specify is set aside from your check and used to buy U.S. Savings Bonds. And, it's all done before you get your check—so you can't help

but save. U.S. Savings Bonds. To help you save more than dreams.



Now E Bonds pay 5 1/2% interest when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months (4% the first year). Bonds are replaced if lost, stolen, or destroyed. When needed they can be cashed at your bank. Interest is not subject to state or local income taxes, and federal tax may be deferred until redemption.

Take stock in America.

Now Bonds mature in less than six years.