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Save me, O God, by thy name, and wudge me by thy strength. Psalm 54:1.

## Staggering, Etc.

By adopting the state-wide election law governing all sub-divisions of government in the state, the North Carolina General Assembly of 1971 accomplished two major aims:

1) To honor the long-continuing plea of local governmental units (county boards, district boards such as school and water districts, city and town commissions) for more home rule; and

2) To get a morass of local legislation out of the General Assembly's own hair.

Other legislation was put on the books for the same purpose, such as the state-wide law now governing street improvements policies.

Cities now have the power to change their charters in some respects, including those pertaining to elections.

However, rather strict ground rules have been set up for the election set-up changes, among them the 90-day notice clause which abrogated the Kings Mountain commission's resolution of Monday night which would have created a staggered term system of electing city commissioners.

The same requirement would have abrogated, had Commissioner Jonas Bridges' motion been adopted, the resolution to restore election by plurality, rather than majority, after an absence of 26 years.

The Herald, having opposed historically staggered terms, and having supported the demise of plurality electing in 1947, is rather glad of the current result.

Before re-stating its reasons for these positions, the Herald will acknowledge there are creditable arguments on both sides of both issues. Governmental systems are much less important than the men or women manning the positions of government.

But...

A review of the results in the federal governmental election is worthwhile. Most admit to the political, physical, financial, and, yea, spiritual hardships of those gentlemen in the United States House of Representatives who, if they wish re-election, must be off and running again before they get their seats well-warmed. House members terms are for two years.

Yet, from the standpoint of the citizens, which Congressman, Representative or Senator, is most responsive to the needs of his constituents? The answer is patent. That fellow who must get re-endorsed at the polls biennially, not the Senator who gets a six-year lease to his Washington office.

Staggered terms lead to stagnation of the governmental function.

Election by plurality has basic political overtones usually inimical to the elective well-being of the poorer candidate, the challenger, and, conversely, enhancing the chances of the machine candidate who can count on a bloc of a "sure" number of votes.

How many race horses would have won (or not) had the leader at the mile post been declared winner in a mile-and-an-eighth race?

That reminds of plurality voting. No personal preferences are involved in the Herald's thinking, for on that basis the Herald would have won some and lost some. Unlike baseball, the Herald can't of any political elections being rained out.

The Herald has further regarded those pressing for staggered terms a matter of undemocracy, believing that most communities large and small can produce good men and true to fill the elective slots. In Kings Mountain, that means seven out of 8,456 souls.

## Salt In Wounds?

The Herald was surprised sometime ago when it noted a citizen had purchased a building permit to demolish a building, the particular one being a derelict of which the city was well-rid.

Further surprise was occasioned when repair items, such as re-roofing required permits and accompanying fees.

Even less liked was the one appearing in this week's permit list which showed a citizen, having suffered the misfortune of a fire, had to purchase a building permit to repair the damage.

On principle, the city would do well to remove these categories from the fee schedule.

## Well-Done, NBC

The National Broadcasting Company's Tuesday night documentary on the Watergate affair is one of the better presentations view recently.

The news editors spliced up a film clip, both from its morgue and from latest interviews and information in most interesting form and, for the most part, unbiased form.

Certain editorial points were plainly spoken, others inferred.

Among the plain: Landslide victories by presidents (perhaps also governors and mayors) aren't necessarily good for the commonwealth. President Nixon's actions, since last November when he won 49 of 50 states, were compared to President Franklin Roosevelt's after 1936, when FDR won 46 of 48. Point: Nixon ignored the Congress, Roosevelt sought to stiff-arm Congress in his abortive effort to pack the Supreme Court.

Some may have thought the oft-mentioned emphasis on the Quale poll results a bit over-done.

But the Herald believes, as does NBC, that the vast majority of Americans want the needed balance between executive and legislative branches of the federal establishment restored.

The city commission has authorized the mayor to name a committee to study and make recommendations on the pay of the seven. Commissioner Jonas Bridges remarked that the mayor at \$8400 per year earns less than most of the department heads. The commissioners earn \$900 per year. Both mayor and commissioners are underpaid.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, who has been elected a director of the National Association of Educational Secretaries.

## What Ain't Up?

Price-wise, that is, in consumer goods, and about everything else.

The steel folk and auto makers were among the first of the big industry boys to post notices of proposed increases.

A local restaurant raised the price of its buffet, cut the caliber of its entrees and took away the Roquefort dressing canister at the tossed salad vat.

The television folk took the nation to Colorado where one entrepreneur in the feed-lot business has two small lots—each housing 100,000 head.

Some government bonds are yielding fractions over nine percent, and unfortunately Uncle Sam is the nation's biggest borrower.

Anyone for hot-house gardening?

How about that pet fancier (a lady she is) and her latest acquisition, a boa constrictor. She bought him as a baby and now he's grown to four feet. He rooms with her and her roommates at college. Hurrah for Women's Lib! P. S. And the snake ain't half grown!

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Around and about...

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Gearing an election under the vasty new ground rules which became operative July 1 and apply for the first time to a Kings Mountain election has proved, thus far, interestingly intriguing and sometimes frustrating.

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Alex Brock, chairman of the state board of elections, got three long distance calls concerning the new rules from Kings Mountain Tuesday and Wednesday, causing City Clerk Joe McDaniel to wonder aloud just how many queries Brock would receive before the final votes are counted and polls closed in cities and towns all over North Carolina.

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At any rate the calls from Kings Mountain were quite productive, confirming some interpretations of the new law, and answering questions yet unresolved after close perusal of the election law statutes (a quite thick book).

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One question, to which close perusal had given no clue, now answered: newly elected municipal officials all over North Carolina will take oaths of office on the first Monday in December.

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The new election law, standardizing municipal elections state-wide, became effective last January 1. It extended the term of the present city administration by six months and two weeks, approximately.

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The newly created city elections board, Brooks Tate, Mrs. Betty Merritt and Rev. M. L. Campbelle, met Tuesday, and expects to complete this week appointment of the election officials who will conduct the voting at the old Ward polling places on October 9 and again on November 6, should run-offs occur. In the latter event, Kings Mountain voters would cast two ballots on the same day, since there are elections at county precincts to determine state-wide issues. Also a November 6 election item at the county precincts in Number 4 Township, will be a school board election for one member of the board.

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Renee Goins, who is working for the city this summer and, in recent weeks, devoting the great bulk of her time to work for the elections board, is a rising junior at Appalachian, majoring in political science. She wants to be a city manager.

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The New York Times Sunday sports page devoted almost two pages of copy to the great Babe Ruth. John Drebing, long time top sports writer for the Times, who covered the Yankees at home and abroad for 33 years, did a reminiscing feature.

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To the latter-day Thomases who doubt that the Babe took two called strikes then pointed to the place he'd swat the next Charley Root pitch over the fence and did, Drebing wrote, "If that didn't happen, Ruth and I weren't in the same ball park." Of course, both were. I was 12 at the time and never doubted. I was glued to the radio and remember the amazed announcer's reportage.

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Drebing added something I'd never heard before.

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Ruth had done the same thing in the final game of the 1928 World Series. It wasn't on a two-strike, no-ball situation, but the Babe did point to his home run spot and slammed it over.

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To add the clincher, Ruth made an "impossible" one-handed running catch in the outfield to end the game.

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Sports of the Times was devoted to Mrs. Ruth, who was to be in Monroe this week for the Babe Ruth tournament. Another feature detailed the Babe's in-out-record at a home in Baltimore. The last entry: he's going to play baseball for Baltimore.

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### A DIFFERENT VACATION

Speaking of vacations, did you see that article in last Sunday's News and Observer about the two families who switched homes for their vacations?

A family from Hertford, a small town on the Perquimans river in northeastern North Carolina, traded homes with a New York City family. The city folks got to live in a riverfront country estate for two weeks, while the Tar Heels got a taste of life in multicultural Manhattan. The switch was worked out through the Vacation Exchange Club, Inc., an organization set up to plan vacations that enable persons from different parts of the country to experience new lifestyles for a few days each year.

It's an intriguing idea for vacationing, and one of the best things about it is the cost—it's relatively inexpensive since the exchange involves no charge for lodging. It's simply a matter of moving your family into new quarters for a week or so.

The idea has been tossed about before, but why couldn't Johnston county farm families get in on this vacation-exchange action? Many city folks would like nothing better than to spend a week or two on an honest-to-goodness Eastern Carolina farm instead of fighting grueling crowds at beach and mountain "retreats." And maybe there's a local farm family or two who'd like to spend some time in a big city to see what urban life is all about (after all the crops are harvested and sold, of course).

Perhaps our chamber of commerce and the state's travel and promotion division could work something out to promote rural Tar Heel tourism.—Smithfield Herald.

### WE, TOO, CAN HELP

Volunteer firemen in our county never cease to amaze us with their interest and enthusiasm for the county's and the state's better welfare.

We have previously paid tribute to their contribution to the public safety of our county, along with the contributions of rescue squad members, sheriff's reserve and other groups.

We single out volunteer firemen in this instance because they are engaged in a fund-raising drive that hopefully will result in \$50,000 from all over the state to go towards construction of a burn treatment center at the university of North Carolina School of Medicine. Other volunteers groups in our county have been active in other campaigns.

Now, consider this. Our volunteer firemen spend their own time to train themselves to fight fires; they keep themselves ready to answer fire alarms at any time of the day or night, work days and holidays. But they never did stop at this, since to have also kept themselves busy department and to a man, they with projects to finance trucks and other equipment for the protection of their neighbors.

But, seeing a need for a burn treatment center—a specialized center where the most serious burn victims can be treated by highly-trained personnel and with the aid of sophisticated equipment, our county's volunteer firemen have also joined the effort to help provide that assistance to the peoples of the state.

It behooves the rest of us, who benefit from these firemen's unselfishness, to show our appreciation by contributing to this latest instance of man's helping his fellow man. After all, if the volunteer firemen can give of their time and energy above and beyond the fire-fighting capability they represent, then the rest of us can and should feel willing to support this effort.

In the same breath, we might add, the burn center itself is a worthy goal. Let's help.—Shelby Daily Star.

### QUOTES OLD AND NEW

Old burglars never die. They just steal away in the night.—Shelby Friedman.

Too many people think the worst thing about crime is getting caught.—Roy L. Smith.

It is just as easy to form a good habit as a bad one. It is just as hard to break a good habit as a bad one. So get the good ones and keep them.—William McKinley.

Nothing is wonderful when you get used to it.—E. W. Howe.

Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power.—George Bernard Shaw.

My son is very aggressive—he's always hitting other children. I don't understand why; I hit him every time he does it.—Bruce D. Grossman.

### GENERATION GAP

You're not going to get anywhere telling your teenager that his hair looks like a mop. He probably doesn't know what a mop is.—Atlanta Journal.

### CRACKS IN FIRST AMENDMENT

Critical fractures in the cornerstone (keystone?) First Amendment to the Constitution are beginning to appear. Unfortunately, we have become so inured to stories of bugging, surveillance, espionage in politics and elsewhere that few voices of protest have been heard from the press.

For many months it seemed the press' greatest cause for alarm were the subpoenas and the jailing of newsmen for refusing to divulge their confidential sources of information. That was, and still is, a serious matter. But now we are told of:

1. Wiretaps on telephones of reporters who were the recipients of leaked information, or who were considered "unfriendly";  
 2. FBI checks and surveillance of newsmen for the same and additional reasons;  
 3. Internal Revenue Service audits of reporters' income taxes when their stories, whether factual or not, were not deemed to be favorable.

Let us not develop any false hope that because these things finally have come to light there will be an end to it all and they will never happen again. They never should have happened in the first place, and unless there is a restatement of the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the government agencies in question—by Congress—the precedent no matter how revolting will always be with us.—Editor & Publisher.

### VICTORY IS WITHIN

Occasionally a most heart-warming little newspaper story hits one right in the eye—standing out on the printed page like a gem among the dreary stories of the desert.

A story about a person or happening to inspire even the most calloused soul and bring him a fresh appreciation of the magnificence of the human spirit.

Take the item from Atlanta, Ga., which tells of the high school graduation, with honors, of a 53-year-old former school janitor who used to pause outside classrooms to overhear lectures.

Thomas Banks shunned a special class for adults to attend regular classes with teenagers at Roosevelt high school. He finished with a perfect average and a full scholarship to Clark college. There can be no defeat in life for such people. Victory is within.—Beaumont (Tex.) Enterprise-Journal.

### HM-M-M!

Colonel Sanders' Kentucky Fried Chicken is opening an outlet in Hong Kong. There are already a number of them in Japan. Presumably, the Asiatic chicken is also fingerickn good.—Norfolk (Va.) Virginia-Pilot.

### ALL-SEASON SUIT

Separate summer and winter wardrobes may be a thing of the past in the near future.

Latest news from the textile field is the development of a fabric which responds automatically to temperature changes. As the temperature rises, the fabric gets thinner and cooler; as the temperature drops, it increases in thickness and warmth.

The secret is in hollow filaments or pillow-shaped pockets in the fabric which holds liquids and gases. As the gases come out of the liquid under cooling temperatures, the pockets expand. Then, when warmed, the gases dissolve back into the liquid and the pockets shrink to their original volume.

Although not yet on the market, the new fabric has many potential uses. A carpet underlay has been successfully tested, for example. Other possibilities are blankets that will be comfortable at any temperature or draperies that get heavier as the temperature outside the window cools.

Warm-cool clothing could be a boon to people like mountain climbers, who go through extreme temperature changes in a short time. The might also enjoy the comfort of tents and sleeping bags that get warmer as the night gets colder.—NEA.

## Trace Elements Are Needed

RALEIGH. — Zinc, manganese, chromium, cobalt and selenium are words that may soon become familiar to you, even if you've never had a chemistry course.

Scientists are finding that these trace elements are needed nutrients, important in our diet, says Diane Fistori, extension food specialist, North Carolina State University.

By choosing foods from the Four Food groups, you can be reasonably sure of getting adequate amounts of these elements, the specialist says. Green leafy vegetables, fresh fruits, whose grains and organ and lean meats all contain generous amounts, with a well-balanced diet, the risk of deficiency is slight.

However, all the trace elements are known to cause injury at high level of intake, Miss Fistori cautions. Don't take food supplements to supply any of these elements without the recommendation of a physician.

## HOSPITAL LOG

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 Hubert G. Clemmons  
 Mrs. Robert S. Curry  
 Mrs. Martha R. Deese  
 Thomas A. Hambright  
 William Howard Jackson  
 Mrs. Lula Bell Johnson  
 Mrs. Daisy P. Ledford  
 Eddie D. Mason  
 George W. Mauney  
 Walter M. Moorhead  
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 Mrs. Julia B. McDaniel  
 Mrs. Rufus Phifer  
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 Robert T. Ruff  
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 Mrs. Maggie B. Dixon  
 Willie L. Erwood  
 Mrs. Gary H. Morrow  
 Jerry Dean Peterson  
 Harry L. Webb  
 Mrs. Lueteacher S. Carthen  
 Mrs. Ronald H. Hawkins  
 Mrs. Mary R. Hill  
 Joseph Lee Murray  
 Mrs. Bertie B. Thompson

### ADMITTED THURSDAY

Lawrence Guy, 401 N. Popular St., Gastonia.  
 Mrs. Vivkie B. Patterson, Rt. 1, Box 135, City.  
 Mrs. Trula J. Payseur, 212 W. Va. Avenue, B. C.  
 Mrs. J. L. Terres, Rt. 2, Capps Rd., B. C.

### ADMITTED FRIDAY

Mrs. John H. Kelley, Rt. 2, Box 546 Dallas.  
 John E. Skipper, 304 S. 13th St., B. C.

### ADMITTED SATURDAY

Mrs. Fred M. Arrowood, 302 W. Washington Avenue, B. C.  
 Mrs. James A. Limbaugh, Rt. 1, Box 174, City.  
 William Thomas Mock, 130 W. Dixon Blvd. Shelby.  
 Charles O. Woods, 512 N. Oakland, Gastonia.  
 Clifford W. Tanner, 1254 Hudson Avenue, Gastonia.  
 John W. Turney, 502 N. Elm St., Cherryville.

### ADMITTED SUNDAY

William A. Clack, 106 Wells St., City.  
 Floyd D. Ledford, 114 Walker St., City.  
 Mrs. Bruce Henderson, 214 W. Washington Avenue, B. C.  
 Aruold Lee Reese, Box 592, B. C.

Mrs. Raymond Smith, 110 N. Sims St., City.  
 Mrs. Floyd E. Huffstetler, Rt. 1, B. C.

### ADMITTED MONDAY

Gary C. Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 87, City.  
 Tabatha Jean Jefferies, 204 McConnell Cherryville St., Clover.  
 Prince H. Johnson, 716 A Street, B. C.  
 Mrs. Laura Baily, Rt. 2, Box 326, City.  
 Hubert Carl Mayes, 503 E. Ridge St., City.

### ADMITTED TUESDAY

Clifford E. Rippey, Rt. 3, Box 317, City.  
 Mrs. Flay D. Huffstetler, Rt. 1, Box 508, B. C.  
 Doris G. Littlejohn, 814 W. Gold St., City.  
 Mrs. Robert R. Dameron, 608 N. 13th St., B. C.  
 Mrs. James P. Rogers, Rt. 1, Box 372 B, City.  
 Delton Postell, 716 York Rd., City.

Roy L. Pearson, 803 Katherine Ave., City.  
 Mrs. Frank C. Robinson, Rt. 2, Box 49421, York.  
 Mrs. Ora D. Mauney, 2809 Goble St., Gastonia.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1963 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The 16th annual Bethware Community barbecue will be held on the grounds of Bethware school Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

Veteran cemetery superintendent Sam R. Suber, 78, is resigning, effective March 1. He has been employed by the City of Kings Mountain for 22 years.

Dr. Frank Sincow, Navy flight surgeon, is expected to arrive Thursday to join Dr. John C. McGill and Dr. Charles Adams in the practice of medicine.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

An exchange of marriage vows at 5 p.m. Sunday united Patricia Jeanette Owens and Charles Dean Preston.

Bethlehem Baptist church was the setting Sunday for a 12 noon wedding in which Miss Jo Ann Yates became the bride of Larry Donald Morrow.

## Birth

## Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bell, Route 1 Box 10, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday August 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Cobb, Rt. 1 Box 246, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, August 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Stewart, Rt. 2 Box 270, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, August 9, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Gobble, 503 S. Sherman St., Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, August 9, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmon R. Jeffries, 204 McConnell St., Clover, S. C. announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, August 10, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Navy, 812 Church St., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, August 11, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henderson (Bruce) 214 W. Washington Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, August 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Huffstetler, Route 1, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, August 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Dameron, 608 N. 13th Street, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Rogers, Rt. 1, Box 372-B, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

## Bowling, Anyone? Call This Lady

If anyone would be interested in duck pin bowling once a week to be held at the Kannapolis YMCA on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 or 7:30, please contact Betty Hullender at 739-5852.

The bowling league is open to both men and women.

## Johnson Graduates At Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla. — Navy Airman Recruit Marion W. Johnson, son of Mrs. Myrtle E. Johnson of 6 Bennett Drive, Kings Mountain, N. C., graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center here.

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