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Reunion Good Time For Reminiscing

The Class of 1931, where are they today? Some of them returned to Kings Mountain for a reunion with the Classes of 1928, 1929 and 1930 Friday. Some faces were familiar, some were not. Everybody had a good time reminiscing about the good old days.

Hilliard Black, who was the pharmacist in the class play, "Romeo and Juliet" tried to look the part of the character he portrayed 53 years ago but on Friday he wasn't dispensing potions to the tragic lovers. He was handing out Tic-Tac candies for "ringing in the ears, gout, rheumatism, arthritis, anything that ails you." He stole the show as he got on his knees to dispense his pills and humor to the ladyfolk. I have some good memories", said Hilliard, whose wife, Mary, was also a classmate. The classes were small back then but produced many useful citizens, at least one admiral, newspaper writer, pilot, and business leaders of many communities. Some of the grads live as far away as California, home of Wriston Carpenter who was here for the reunion, retired U.S. Navy Admiral.

They had memories of the Great Depression, President Herbert Hoover's visit to Kings Mountain, and many good and bad times.

Julian Krawcheck, now of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was not able to attend the reunion because he and his wife left May 11 on a charter flight to France. "If I could afford it I would say to h— with Europe and head for K.M. That's long to be reunited with 56 years, with my classmates of 1928 and old friends and associations generally", he wrote friends.

Krawcheck's reminisces in his letter to classmate Hal Plonk. The Krawchecks have been married 43½ years. He underwent triple bypass heart surgery in 1977 shortly before retiring from the Cleveland Press (now retired also).

As you might recall, the Krawcheck family lived in Kings Mountain for just a few brief years in the mid and late twenties, but a good chunk of my heart has always resided there. My years there, 1926 to 1930, were my teenage years—a time no man can forget. I started dating girls (oh boy!) in Kings Mountain, and I played in "The Mountaineers" dance orchestra with Percy Dilling, Tom Fulton, Peachie Smith, Harry Keeter, Vera Cornwall, Nick and Jibby Moss, and one or two others. Furthermore, I got my first newspaper byline over a sports story in the short-lived Kings Mountain News, a rival of the older and stiff-necked Herald. My assignment was to write a first-hand report of the K.M. - Boiling Springs Junior College football game played at Boiling Springs in 1927. As a scrub left guard on the squad, I spent most of the game on the bench or helping the headlinesman and didn't get into the game until the final play. I suppose Coach Christenberry felt I couldn't do too much injury to the team at that late stage. In any event, we lost to the much larger and more mature Boiling Springs team, 54 to 0.

"If memory serves, my "classic" first paragraph on the story read something like this: "Outweighed 30 pounds to the man and handicapped by a broiling sun, Kings Mountain's courageous Mountaineers were nosed out by the behemoths of Boiling Springs last Friday, 54 to 0." Of course, the broiling sun did not handicap the other team!

"You can see from this beginning that my memory is still pretty good. In that connection, I can't resist the temptation to jot down a few memories of vintage Kings Mountain as I knew it. Please, your indulgence.

"First and foremost, there is the recollection of Sam Suber, the restaurateur, running up and down the football sidelines yelling, "Baralyze 'em, boys—Baralyze 'em!"; and then treating both visitors and home team to country-style steak dinners at his restaurant after the home games. On one such occasion, after K.M. had defeated Lincolnton, 19 to 6, Sam seated the two teams facing each other across a long table, and the players spent the evening glaring at each other. My cousin, Melvin Karesh, who played end for Lincolnton, thought it strange that he couldn't sit beside his blood cousin at the dinner, but he and the other visitors were much too polite to make an issue of it.

"And I remember the high school swingers gathering after school at the drug store on Railroad Ave. (two doors from my mother's store) to sip chocolate malts and toasted cheese sandwiches brushed with melted butter, and listening to the latest records by Paul Whiteman, Jean Goldkette and Tom Waring....Also I recall, with gratitude, Mrs. Lula Weire, the marvelous English teacher who introduced us to English literature and good grammar — and her associate, Miss Humphrey (or Humphreys), who taught history so well that it remains my favorite subject to this day...

"I think of the 1928 Senior Class Picnic at Crowders Mountain when, after a tortuous climb to the top, I clambered down with my date, Frances Plonk, only to have to climb up again to retrieve the coat she had left on the mountain top. Did I ever get razzed about that?...Then there was the time our dance band played a date at a pavilion outside Lincolnton and replaced Vera Cornwall on piano with Elmer Templeton of Gastonia because some of us thought it wasn't "bigtime" for a male band to have a girl pianist. Percy Dilling was so angry over the decision that he wouldn't make the trip with the rest of us....Who else remembers the slick-fielding shortstop, Adam Hord, on the high school baseball team going on to start with an International League team (Montreal, I think) and everybody predicting that he would wind up in the Major Leagues? Wasn't long-legged Hal Plonk the catcher on the same K.M. team?...And, come to think of it, wasn't

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Watchers Of Eclipse Should Take Caution

Area residents should get a good look at the May 30 solar eclipse which will cross into the United States near New Orleans, cross Atlanta and follow I-85 near Greenville and Spartanburg and on into North Carolina.

There won't be another eclipse here for 33 years, so for many of us, it will be our last chance to see a near total eclipse.

But, don't attempt to look at the eclipse with the naked eye. Over 100 cases of eye injuries were reported after the eclipse of March, 1970 because people attempted to look at it with the naked eye, through camera viewfinders, telescopes and binoculars.

The annular eclipse will last from about 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Only a small ring of the sun will be visible around the moon. Maximum coverage of the sun occurs around 12:30 p.m.

A solar eclipse occurs at the time of the new moon, when the moon passes directly between the sun and earth. This does not happen every month because the orbit of the moon around the earth is tilted compared to the orbit of the earth around the sun. The moon and sun appear to be about the same size because of their distance from us—the sun is actually about 400 times larger than the moon, but it's also about 400 times further away.

When these distances change and the moon appears larger than the sun, it can completely cover the sun in a total eclipse, but an annular eclipse occurs when the moon is "smaller" and leaves the ring, or annulus, of sunlight visible.

Even the small ring of sunlight will cause eye damage if seen directly and could leave a permanent picture of it burned on your retina.

One way to see the eclipse safely is with a shoebox. Punch a pinhole in one end of the box, and inside the opposite end attach a white card. Cut a hole in one side of the box to see the card, put the lid on it, and point the pinhole at the sun. An image of the sun will appear on the card.

Solar projection is another good method of viewing the eclipse. Cap one lens on a pair of binoculars, hold a white card about a foot behind the binoculars, and without looking through them, point the binoculars at the sun. The image will be projected on the card.

When the eclipse reaches its climax, the temperature will fall as much as 10 degrees near the centerline and animals will act as if night is falling. Some bright stars may be visible near the centerline at mid-eclipse.

The next solar eclipse to cross the Carolinas will be on August 21, 2017.

For lovers of night-time soaps, many questions were left hanging as some of television's best-loved shows left the air for the summer last week.

Who shot J.R.? Was it Cliff Barnes, who when he left his home did not know that his new oil crew had struck it big in the Atlantic, but felt only that J.R. had beaten him for good?

Or was it Peter? Or Sue Ellen? Or Clayton? Or Edgar Randolph? Or better yet, was the man shot in the last episode of Dallas even J.R.? Could it have been Bobby?

And, on Falcon Crest, will the whole Channing gang be wiped out as they travel to Italy to spread Julia's ashes over the ancestor's vineyards? The real question might be, how many will survive to face Angela's wrath next fall. We all know Angela's too evil to die.

What the answer is to those questions, of course, no one knows. But I do know the answer to one question—or at least some dreams—of those who watch the daytime soap opera "As The World Turns."

Most people are hoping that Steve and Betsy will wed while they're vacationing in Greece. And that's exactly what's going to happen.

Their eyes glued to the set on May 31 and June 1.

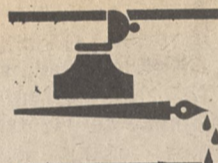


Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart



WEDDING OF THE YEAR - Steve Andropolous and Betsy Montgomery, portrayed by Frank Rynyeon and Meg Ryan, marry in a spectacular Greek Orthodox ceremony May 31 and June 1 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on WBTV Channel 3.



Letters To The Editor

Story Needs Correcting

To The Editor:

I am writing to point out an oversight in your news feature "Harris, Cashion Primary Winners" from the May 10 Kings Mountain Herald. You state that the incumbents in the 43rd House District face no Republican opposition in the November general election. This is incor-

rect, as Dennis Ligon from Lattimore filed for that race and is actively campaigning for election.

Thank you for your attention to this error.

Yours Truly,
John Cabiness

EDITORIAL

A Good Idea, But It Lacks Support

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss has a good idea but we doubt the Gastonia Airport Authority will agree with him that a new regional airport near Kings Mountain will be the location answer they're looking for now.

The Authority has looked for months for possible relocation sites for its Union Road Airport but so far no proposal has met with even near-unanimous approval.

Moss wants the Authority to at least consider the concept of a regional facility, near Kings Mountain, with access to I-85 and U.S. 74 and 29 to benefit the four surrounding counties. He also believes that an airport in this area that could draw traffic from a large area is more economically viable than the small airports now in existence in each of the counties, Gaston and Cleveland in this state and York and

Cherokee in South Carolina. Instead of everyone spending money on a small strip, Moss believes we should all get together and build a regional airport to ease the crowded situation which may soon apply at the new Douglas Airport. The long term economic effect of a regional airport would be a boon to all of us, he says.

Kings Mountain is only eight miles from Gastonia but Authority Chairman Pat Craig has been quoted as saying that "It's too far away. It would be difficult for Gastonia." However, Craig says it will take at least six months to complete environmental impact and economic impact studies on four possible airport sites, which do not include Kings Mountain. Craig says there is plenty of time to hear more suggestions.

We hope the Mayor will present his regional airport ideas, in the meantime.



SIGN AUTOGRAPHS-Ruth Black Cloninger, left, and Mary Black admire the autographed picture of Supt. B.N. Barnes which alumni presented to the retired schools superintendent Friday and signed by the KMHS reunion classes of 1928-32.

Grover Art Winners Named

Student art winners at Grover used their favorite subjects to win top awards in the recent Student Art Show.

The winners in the annual art contest were:

First Grade: David Cromer, first; Hart Wells, second, and Chastity Sanders, third.

Second Grade: Heather Perry, first; Phoutosinq Silaphet, second, and Michael Kennum, third.

Third Grade: Wendell Burris, first; Thomas Weaver, second; and Harry Garner, third.

Fourth Grade: Andy Turner, first; Paige Brown, second; and Kim Black, third.

Fifth Grade: Rodney Black, first place; Brad Ellis, second place, and Scottie Hopper, third place.