



Frank Hamrick

The death of Frank Hamrick removed from the community a man who loved Kings Mountain and spent his life here working for his fellowman.

Before his retirement, Frank worked for many years as a mechanic for Grigg Garage, located behind the old Herald Building downtown and in that part of town where Myers Printing stands today. At one time or another most everyone went to Grigg Garage to have an automobile repaired and Frank worked a lot of vehicles during his life time.

Since his retirement, Frank became an active volunteer at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center and the residents looked forward to his daily visits where he always tried to cheer up a patient, tell a funny story, or try to give help where it was needed. He also became active in American Legion Post 155 and was one of its most loyal and staunch supporters, elected to the office of Post Commander last spring. He loved what the American Legion represented and was a voice for veterans and their families wherever he went. After a serious illness and surgery, he told The Herald that he didn't plan to ever give up and he had faith that he would be able to return to an active life. He made calls from his bedside about American Legion activities and in support of veterans. His good humor, friendliness were well known. He was devoted to his wife and family, church and community and a Christian gentleman who will be missed by all who knew him.

Big Step For Realtors

Congratulations to the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors who were officially chartered Monday night -- an important step for the real estate and community.

Local realtors had worked for years to organize a local group and now offer a strong arm and "the voice of real estate in the community", as the state president of the organization so aptly said in his Charter Night address.

Many people have worked for this "dream", beginning many years ago when there were only a few realtors in the area, including the late J. Wilson Crawford, first president of the Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation, and Hal S. Plonk, the "dean" of realtors in the area.

Ruby M. Alexander, the first woman realtor in the area and first president of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors, and Larry Hamrick, Sr., Board Secretary, Bob Maner Board Treasurer, Hal Plonk, Board Vice President, and Directors Charlie Carpenter, Charlene Ellis and Donald Crawford, and all members are to be commended for a giant step taken for Kings Mountain and the Greater Kings Mountain area.

LOOKING BACK

From the Thursday, Feb. 14, 1957 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald.

The City Board of Commissioners voted Thursday to petition the State Legislature for permission to set the maximum salary of the Kings Mountain Mayor to \$6,000 a year and to pay the solicitor \$100 per month.

Kings Mountain Building & Loan Association will hold open house Tuesday afternoon in celebration of its Golden Anniversary.

A Bessemer City mother of six, Mrs. Willie McClure, 35, delivered triplets early last Friday morning at Kings Mountain Hospital. Her attending physicians, Dr. Kenneth McGill, Dr. John McGill and Dr. Craig Jones reported that mother and babies were "doing fine".

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce now numbers 68 members, according to a report given at a recent meeting by the Secretary, Dr. L.T. Anderson.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY:

12:00 - Kings Mountain Rotary Club at Holiday Inn.
6:45 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at Kings Mountain Country Club.

TUESDAY:

7:30 p.m. - American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 at the American Legion Building. Program by three state chairmen. Hostesses: Arlene Barrett and Lib Stewart.

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Congressman Broyhill Like A Breath Of Fresh Air

WASHINGTON, D.C. - At a time in our history when corruption, waste and Abscams have become common place in politics, Congressman Jim Broyhill is like a breath of fresh air.

It's no wonder young voters and old alike have become weary of some of the people they have elected to represent them. It's not only hot air that drifts down from our nation's capital - it's often the ill winds of down right corruption. Those of us in Gaston, Cleveland, Catawba, Watauga, Avery, Burke, and Caldwell Counties, who look to Jim Broyhill for leadership can count ourselves lucky. Jim Broyhill is a leader.

Jim Broyhill was elected in 1962 and took office in 1963. The Democrats have tried everything possible to defeat him, including Gerrymandering the districts three times. Jim has had to win election in a total of 19 counties, because of the redistricting efforts of the Democrats. I think they have about given up trying to defeat Jim Broyhill.

Jim not only keeps offices in Washington, he also maintains an office and staff in Gastonia, Hickory and Lenoir. Marianne Williams has opened the doors of the Congressman's office in Gastonia for 12 years. When you want Jim Broyhill, you can find him. He's not on his way to Europe on a free trip at the taxpayer's expense, or hiding out in a congressional cloak room.

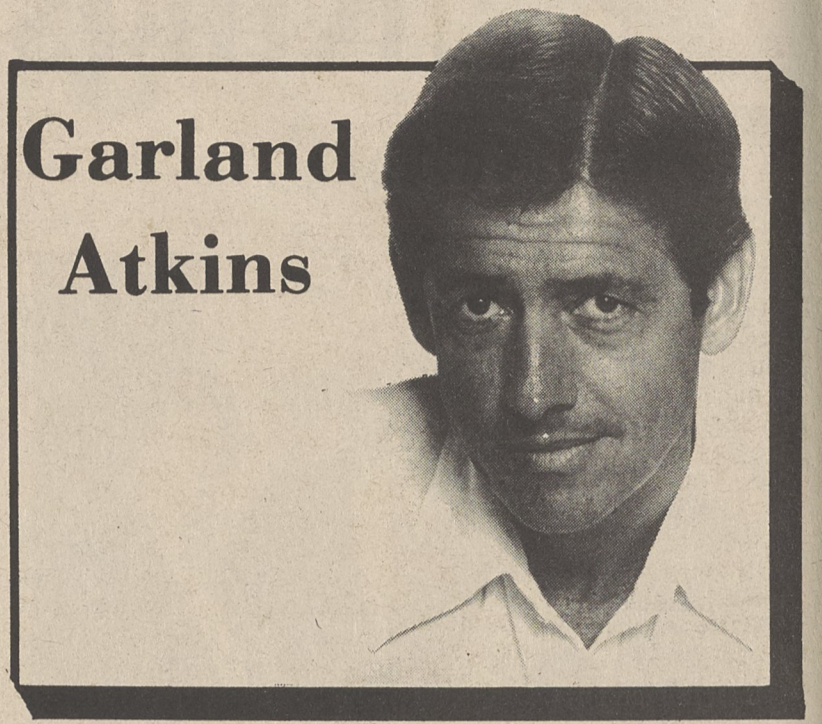
His staff in Washington is always accomodating. It consists of Lynn Clayton, Susan Asmus, Gail Davies, Theresa Lang, Kevin Brown, Barbara Clements, Lisa Foley and Damon Pike. If you need something, his staff is always ready to help. Kim Hutchens is the active member of the Broyhill staff that works in the entire district.

Jim Broyhill is now one of the ten most influential members of Congress. He has earned the respect of not only his constituents, but his peers.

Dr. W.W. Dickson, Dr. Bill Current, and Wesley Styers ran Jim Broyhill's campaign in Gaston County from the beginning. They were wise enough to see a good man and they have stuck with him often when the Republicans were struggling in this area.

Jim Broyhill has always supported small business and has always opened his ears to our problems. At a time when the textile industry is struggling due to foreign imports - who is listening and working for you - Jim Broyhill.

Garland Atkins



I dare say there is not a congressman in Washington that is more accessible than Jim Broyhill. He is pleasant, but forceful. He is also dapper and handsome. He looks the part.

Jim and his lovely wife, Louise publish a cook book every two years listing some of their favorite recipes. That's appropriate, for if you ever want to know "What's cooking" in Washington, call Jim and he'll tell you. He has no secret ingredients.

With him as chef, you can sleep well.

There is a great deal of unpleasant news that comes out of

Washington, a puzzle that has many complicated pieces. One of the uncomplicated pieces to that puzzle is Jim Broyhill. Out of all the fifty states we in this area can hold our heads highest - we have the best Representative in Washington.

DAR Celebrates U.S. History

The encouragement of public interest in American History, particularly that history relating to the birth of our great nation, is an important area of Daughters of American Revolution activity, and Kings Mountain's Colonel Frederick Ham-bright Chapter, like other chapters throughout the country, choose February as the month to sponsor essay contests in the schools.

Since February marks the birthday of two great American patriots, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, this month students in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in KM schools could take their choice of two subjects: The Contribution of Black Soldiers or Patriots During The American Revolution or The Statue of Liberty-The Lady With The Lamp.

Hilda Goforth, chairman of the DAR essay contest, said a total of 191 students from Grover, Bethware, Central, and KM Junior High wrote essays and submitted them for judging. The essays were to be handwritten in ink and each was judged for historical accuracy, adherence to subject, originality and organization of material, plus judges were interested in neatness, spelling and punctuation. If judges found information copied directly from a reference book, the essay was disqualified.

Bethware fifth grader Aaron Allen, son of Dr. Larry and Dianna Allen, won first place at Bethware School and wrote on James Armistead Lafayette, who was probably one of the little known Patriots.

The Herald will feature the essays of first place winners in these columns each week until all have been published.

Aaron's prize-winning essay follows:
"The Patriots of the Revolutionary War were identified as individuals who loved their country in freedom and opportunity enough to fight and die when necessary. The patriots were both black and white Americans.

"General Cornwallis, a very famous British leader, had a victory over General Gates and General Lafayette in South Carolina. It was during this battle time that the Americans were badly in need of intelligence, labor, cavalry, mounts, wagon drivers and support soldiers. General Lafayette suggested to General Washington that a friendship with black Americans would aid them with the battle with the British.

"James Armistead was one of these black Americans who

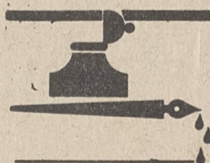


Lib Stewart

asked his master's permission to join the American cause and fight with General Lafayette. Armistead played a very important part in American success in the American Revolution. Little has been written about the heroic deeds of these good fighters.

"James Armistead began his service to General Lafayette in 1781. It was during this time that Lafayette and his forces were fighting General Cornwallis. Armistead served as a spy for Lafayette and Washington by pretending to fly Cornwallis with information that was damaging to the Americans. He played his part so well and was so convincing to General Cornwallis that his true identity was not known to Cornwallis until Cornwallis saw Armistead in Lafayette headquarters. James Armistead in 1786 expressed his love for General Lafayette by calling himself James Armistead Lafayette. Armistead was recognized by the General Assembly of Virginia for his heroic service by awarding him a veteran's pension in 1818. He was recognized as a veteran of the Revolution and a free man but was not a citizen.

"Many Americans, black and white, helped achieve independence for our country. Unfortunately, not many of the black patriots who participated in the Revolution were given credit for the part they played in the defeat of the British."



Letters To The Editor

Thanks For Community Support

To the editor:

On behalf of the White Plains Shrine Club, I would like to thank all the people of Kings Mountain and surrounding areas for their support of our fund-raising projects which we've held since organizing our club two years ago.

Without the public's support, we couldn't do a thing and I want to stress to all contributors that every cent you give to a Shriners' project goes to help children at our crippled children's hospitals and burned centers.

We've planned some more fund raising projects for this year and hope the fine people of this area will continue to support us. Our next event will be our second annual donkey basketball game March 2 at the Kings Mountain Recreation Center. There will be free donkey rides for the children from 5 until 7 p.m., and we will also be selling hamburgers and other items during this time. The ballgame will begin at 7:30.

Come and be with us for a very enjoyable night.

Sincerely,
Carl Champion, President
White Plains Shrine Club

Thanks For Story

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the nice write-up in The Herald of the pageant, "Heaven Bound".

We were interested to learn that one of the original performers, Mrs. James London, who played the part of a slave, is still alive. Her vivid memory and her collection of memorabilia gave us a fascinating afternoon recently.

The singing of the spirituals is something that I have not heard for years and takes me back to the cotton fields. What a thrill!

We look forward to seeing many Kings Mountain people at the Feb. 26th production at 8:15 p.m. in Cleveland Technical College Auditorium.

MARGARET RATTEREE